

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY
DEPARTMENT FOR PROMOTION OF INDUSTRY AND INTERNAL TRADE
LOK SABHA**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2627.
TO BE ANSWERED ON TUESDAY, THE 16TH DECEMBER, 2025.**

HANDING OVER OF SALT LAND

2627. SHRI MATHESWARAN V S:

Will the Minister of **COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY** be pleased to state:

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- (a) whether the Salt Department which comes under Ministry of Commerce and Industry is not complying with order of Supreme Court in SLP (C) 4632 of 2021 dated 13.10.2025 where the court specifically directed to hand over the salt land to the successful bidder/ Intervenor;
- (b) whether any representation have been received by Salt Commissioner, Jaipur and Deputy Salt Commissioner, Chennai to comply the order of Supreme Court in SLP (C) 4632 of 2021 dated 13.10.2025, if so, the details thereof including the details of action taken on the representation;
- (c) whether the Government is aware of the fact that not a single salt is manufactured for past twenty years in Salt Circle, Odisha which causing loss the Government, despite there being valid tender process held in accordance with law; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY
(SHRI JITIN PRASADA)**

- (a) & (b):** A representation dated 24.10.2025 has been received by Salt Commissioner Organization whereby the order of Hon'ble Supreme Court dated 13.10.2025 in SLP (C) 4632 of 2021 has been referred and the Department has been requested for transfer of 946.736 acres of Salt land in Humma Salt circle, Odisha on lease basis. However, the Hon'ble Supreme Court has granted liberty to the Central Government to decide on the matter as per law. No specific direction has been issued by the Hon'ble Supreme Court for compliance by this Department.
- (c) & (d):** As per available data, around 2,94,765 MT salt has been produced in the last 20 years in Humma Salt Circle, Odisha.