

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

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2475.
TO BE ANSWERED ON TUESDAY, THE 06TH AUGUST, 2024.**

SALT FARMING OCCUPATION

2475. SHRI CHANDUBHAI CHHAGANBHAI SHIHORA:

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

वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग मंत्री

- (a) whether measures are being taken by the Government to ensure employment and livelihood for the Agariya families facing great difficulties in their farming occupation in Surendranagar district and in extension area of rann of Morbi district where the salt farming is carried out at a major scale; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री जितिन प्रसाद)

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

- (a) & (b):** Salt Commissioner Organisation (SCO) under Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade does not have salt producing land in either of the districts of Surendranagar and Morbi. SCO has a small non-salt producing land of 4.56 acres in Surendranagar district for the purpose of office accommodation. Further, employment and livelihood for Agariya families does not come under the purview of SCO. However, as welfare measures, SCO conducts General Health – cum Eye Camps for benefit of Agariyas and their families and awards the children of Agariyas to meet expenses of books and stationery.
