

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY  
LOK SABHA**

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SALT UNITS IN RAJASTHAN  
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**Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether Rajasthan is the largest producer of salt in the country;
- (b) if so, the location-wise details of salt units in the State;
- (c) whether the smaller salt producers in Rajasthan are unable to sell their produce directly or they do not have loading facility at their disposal and or a result thereof, they are not getting remunerative prices for their produce;
- (d) if so, whether Rajasthan Government has requested the Union Government to look into this problem; and
- (e) if so, the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY(SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO)

(a) & (b): No, Sir. Rajasthan is the third largest producer of salt after Gujarat and Tamil Nadu. Location wise details of salt units in Rajasthan are as under:-

Sl. No.	Location	No. of Units
1.	Phalodi	455
2.	Pokaran	43
3.	Didwana	5
4.	Sujangarh	43
5.	Kuchamancity	41
6.	Nawacity & Rajas	926
7.	Sambhar Lake	1
8.	Pachpadra	150
Total		1664

(c) The average production of salt in the State is 15 lakh tonnes out of which about 6.24 lakh tonnes of iodized salt is moved to different consuming States for edible use under Zonal Scheme by rail & road and about 6.75 lakh tonnes of salt moves for industrial use. The salt producing areas viz. Sambhar, Nawa, Govindi Marwar, Kuchamancity and Phalodi have loading facilities and the manufacturers are utilizing the same for disposing their produce at remunerative prices.

(d) The Government of Rajasthan have requested Ministry of Railways, Government of India for the following facilities for the salt manufacturers:-

- (i) Piecemeal loading at all loading stations.
  - (ii) Reservation of zonal quota to salt manufacturers.
  - (iii) Piecemeal rake loading facilities at the Railway stations within a distance of 200 Kms.
  - (iv) Provision of additional linkage to Rajasthan for transportation of salt, and
  - (v) Salt loading facilities.
- (e) Most of the issues raised by the Government of Rajasthan have already been addressed. The following steps have been taken:-
- (i) The common salt manufacturers who have installed iodization plants are provided with quota under zonal scheme for removal of their produce.
  - (ii) Under Zonal Scheme linkage have been provided from Rajasthan to the various consuming States i.e. Bihar, Jharkhand, Delhi etc. Wagon is allotted to the salt producing States based on their common salt production.
  - (iii) Salt producing areas in the State have been providing with loading facilities.