

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

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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2302.
TO BE ANSWERED ON FRIDAY, THE 5TH AUGUST, 2022.**

SALT FARMERS

2302. SHRI B. LINGAIAH YADAV:

Will the Minister of **Commerce and Industry** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether salt farmers are gearing up to take up the harvest of their produce from the salt pans on a full scale, if so, the details thereof since 2017 onwards, State-wise; and
- (b) whether the devastating cyclonic storms including 'Asani' left the salt farmers shocked, washing out the entire produce in no time as the heavy rain induced by 'Asani' has come at the most inopportune time as the salt content in the pans has now been diluted, and smalltime farmers in many mandals depend upon private money lenders, if so, the details and present status thereof?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY
(SHRI SOM PARKASH)**

(a): The data on state-wise salt production since 2016-17 is shown below:-

State-wise Production of Salt during 2016-17 to 2021-22

(in lakh tonnes)

Sr.	State	Year					
		2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22
1	Gujarat	237.11	233.0	244.16	239.60	216.39	227.65
2	Tamil Nadu	24.0	23.62	23.99	22.31	23.93	17.21
3	Rajasthan	24.88	27.18	25.75	13.29	21.56	16.90
4	Andhra Pradesh	4.01	4.19	4.78	3.98	2.85	3.08
5	Maharashtra	1.52	1.30	1.40	1.23	0.70	0.94
6	West Bengal	0.14	0.07	0.07	0.05	0.06	0.11
7	Karnataka	0.14	0.10	0.12	0.15	0.13	0.09
8	Odisha	0.09	0.03	0.05	0.04	0.02	0.03
9	Goa	0.03	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.00
TOTAL		291.92	289.50	300.33	280.66	265.52	266.01

(b): The cyclone 'Asani' hit the bay of Bengal Coast in May 2022. However, no report on the damages faced by the Salt Works due to 'Asani' cyclone was received by the Ministry.
