

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2495
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. PRODUCTION OF SALT
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) the production cost of the ordinary salt per tonne produced in the coastal States;
- (b) the cost incurred for iodizing the salt per tonne;
- (c) the average per kilogram price of the iodized salt being sold in the country;
- (d) the per year consumption of salt in the country;
- (e) the cost of iodized salt being consumed in the country at present; and
- (f) the number of multinational companies engaged in the production of salt and the annual turnover thereof ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR)

- (a) : The production cost of ordinary common salt in the coastal States ranges from Rs.90 to Rs.400 per tonne.
- (b) : Cost of iodization of ordinary common salt is around Rs.100 per tonne.
- (c) : The average price of iodized salt being sold in the country varies from Rs.3.00 to Rs.9.00 per kg.
- (d) : The consumption of salt in the country during 2005 is estimated at 146.44 lakh tonnes.
- (e) : Total value of iodized salt consumed during the year 2005 is estimated to be around Rs.2055 crores.
- (f) : There is no multinational company engaged in the production of iodized salt.