

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1695
ANSWERED ON:07.03.2006
IODISED SALT
Ponnuswamy Shri Mohan

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

- (a) the names of the industries which are producing iodised salt in the country;
- (b) the import/export of salt during the last two years and thereafter alongwith foreign exchange earned/paid, State-wise;
- (c) whether the Government propose to modify the Salt Policy; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

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

(a): There are 807 iodised salt producing units registered with Salt Commissionerate. A statement showing the State-wise break-up of iodised salt producing units is given in Annexure-I.

(b): State-wise details of Import/Export of salt are not centrally maintained. A statement showing details of salt, Imported/Exported during the last 2 years and foreign exchange paid/earned is given in Annexure-II.

(c)&(d): No, Sir. Does not arise.

ANNEXURE -I

Statement referred to in Part (a) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No.1695 for answer on 7.3.2006 showing the State-wise break-up of iodised salt producing units

S.NO. STATE TOTAL NO. INSTALLED CAPACITY
OF PLANTS (IN '000TONNES)

1.	Andhra Pradesh	35	432
2.	Tamil Nadu	71	1349
3.	Gujarat	320	7476
4.	Rajasthan	299	1866
5.	Maharashtra	13	131
6.	Karnataka	5	32
7.	West Bengal	39	75
8.	Orissa	8	78
9.	Assam	3	71
10.	Nagaland	1	10
11.	Tripura	3	16
12.	Himachal Pradesh	1	12
13.	Jammu & Kashmir	5	64
14.	Uttar Pradesh	2	16
15.	Meghalaya	1	15
16.	Arunachal Pradesh	1	2
	Total	807	11645

ANNEXURE -II

Statement referred to in Part (b) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No.1695 for answer on 7.3.2006, showing the year-wise break-up of import/export of salt during the last 2 years and foreign exchange paid/earned.

Year Import Value. Export Value
(Quantity in (Rs. in (Quantity in (Rs. in
thousand Kg) lakhs) in thousand Kg) lakhs)

2003-04	21,604.53	406.88	370,518.05	4,851.80
2004-05	29,595.95	414.65	2,119,294.77	15,301.84
2005-06	6,524.71	94.26	1,134,835.95	8,530.59

(Upto Sept.)

Source : D.G.C.I.&S. Data.