

The Minister of Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a)

	Quantity in tons	Average f.o.b. Price. (per ton)
1958-59	3,34,881	Rs. 14
1959-60	3,62,931	13 for contracts entered into by private trade.
		20 Shillings for State Trading Corporation contracts.

No exports are made to Japan from the Madras Port.

(b) 75,293 tons during January-March, 1960, at 20 Shillings per ton of 2,240 lbs. net delivered f.o.b. and trimmed. The price is subject to increase or reduction by (a) 1 shilling for every one per cent or *pro rata* more than 95 per cent, or less than 94 per cent, sodium chloride on wet basis; and (b) 2 shillings for every one per cent or *pro rata* more than 96 per cent or less than 91 per cent sodium chloride on wet basis.

(c) Half per cent on the f.o.b. value of goods shipped. The Commission is payable by Indian shippers.

Manufacture of Salt

1964. Shri Parulekar: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that manufacture of salt on the coast of Orissa was stopped in 1836;

(b) if so, for what reasons;

(c) whether efforts have been made by Government to manufacture salt containing 95 per cent sodium chloride on the coast of Orissa; and

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(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

The Minister of Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a) and (b). No definite information is available, but it appears that due to import of diverpool salt in the past, the salt industry in that region suffered a set back.

(c) Salt manufacture in Orissa is done in the private sector. All necessary facilities to manufacturers by way of free technical advice, establishment of a model salt farm at Sumadi for demonstration of scientific methods of manufacture and of an analytical laboratory of Humma for testing salt samples etc. have been provided by the Salt Department.

(d) Does not arise.

Price of Crushed and Uncrushed Salt

1965. Shri Parulekar: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) what is the average price of crushed and uncrushed salt per ton at the ports of Kutch and Saurashtra, which is despatched by railway to the States of West Bengal, Bihar, Orissa and Assam;

(b) what is the average railway freight and steamer freight per ton for salt despatched from these centres to each of these States; and

(c) what is the average price at which crushed and uncrushed salt is sold in each of these States?

The Minister of Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah):

	Rs.	
(a) Crushed	35.36 per ton	
Uncrushed	33.46 "	
(b) Railway freight	(per ton)	
With transhipment	Without transhipment	
from to M.G. to B.G.		
Bihar	Rs. 52.27	Rs. 51.99
West Bengal	„ 59.89	„ 60.98
	o Rs. 61.25	
Assam	Rs. 60.43	„ 69.69
Orissa	„ 61.52	