

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4973
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IODISED SALT IN THE MARKET
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government are aware that a large number of brand names of iodised salt are available in the market;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government have taken measures to check the quality of these brands of iodised salt and inform the general public;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI V. SREENIVASA PRASAD)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. Vacuum Iodised Salt is marketed in the brand names of Tata Salt and Nirma Shudh. Refined Iodised Salt is marketed in the brand names of Surya, Double Tota, Total, Annapurna, Nirala, Dandi, Bharat, Prime, Ankur, Captain Cook, Sea Gold, Trupthi, Sprinkel, Golden and Kristal. In addition, there are about 100 brands of non-refined Iodised Salt available in the market.

(c) & (d): Yes, Sir. The quality of Iodised Salt is tested checked by Office of Salt Commissioner at production level. At the retail level, the Health Department of the State Governments check the quality under the provisions of Prevention of Food Adulteration Act. Bureau of Indian Standards has also laid down the quality specifications for Iodised Salt.

(e) : Does not arise.