

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA**

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ADEQUATE AVAILABILITY OF IODISED SALT
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any target has been fixed for use of iodised salt only throughout the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the people living in many parts of the country have no access to iodised salt; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government to ensure adequate availability of the same?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE(DR. ANBUMANI RAMADOSS)

(a) & (b) The target fixed for production of iodised salt in the country during 2008-09 is 52 lakh MT.

(c) & (d) The production of iodised salt during 2007-08 was 49.61 lakh MT against the target of 50 Lakh MT. Thus the iodised salt is available in every part of the country. Further under the National Iodine Deficiency Disorders Control Programme, the Government is promoting the use of iodised salt for prevention and control of iodine deficiency disorders. Various prototype publicity materials in the form of posters and pamphlets were prepared by different agencies and distributed to all States/UTs. Besides this, extensive Information Education Communication (IEC) activities are being conducted through Doordarshan, All India Radio, Directorate of Field Publicity, Song & Drama Division, Directorate of Advertisement and Visual Publicity, State Health Directorates etc.