

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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AVAILABILITY OF SALT
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of production and availability of edible and industrial salt in the country during the last three years and current year, State-wise;
- (b) whether the storage and transport facility are sufficient to meet the demand of the industry;and
- (c) if so, the details thereof alongwith any assessment by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY (SHRI JYOTIRADITYA M. SCINDIA)

(a): Initially, only common salt is manufactured in the field. Subsequently, depending on the requirement, the common salt is required to be iodised for edible human consumption. For industrial purposes, the common salt is further processed by the salt manufacturers and upgraded as per the requirement of the concerned industries.

The details regarding state-wise production of edible iodised salt are given in Annexure-1.

Statistics regarding state-wise availability of edible and industrial salt are not maintained. Edible and industrial salt are transported from the salt manufacturing centres to various states in bulk for further distribution to meet their demands and requirements. Sufficient quantity of salt is available to meet the requirements as no scarcity has been reported from any part of the country.

(b) & (c): The storage and transport facilities are sufficient to meet the demands of the industry as no scarcity has been reported for edible and industrial salt from any part of the country during the last three years and the current year.