

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

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SALE OF NON IODISED SALT

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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to promote the use of iron fortified iodised salt in the country particularly among women and children;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has estimated the quantity of iron fortified iodised salt needed for distribution among women and children in the country and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to make it mandatory to put a yellow logo on iodised salt as suggested by UNICEF and if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) whether the Government plan to ban the sale of non-iodised edible salt and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SUDIP BANDYOPADHYAY)

- (a)&(b) It has been decided to promote the use of double fortified salt (DFS) with iron and iodine. Department of Industrial Promotion and Policy has been mandated to promote manufacture of double fortified salt with private industry and cooperatives.
- (c) No such estimation has been made.
- (d) The smiling sun in yellow colour is already the official logo of National Iodine Deficiency Disorders Control Programme (NIDDCP) promoting consumption of adequately iodated salt at household.
- (e) At present, sale of non-iodated salt for direct human consumption in the country is prohibited in order to prevent and control iodine deficiency disorders.