

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY
DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL POLICY & PROMOTION**

LOK SABHA

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1204.
TO BE ANSWERED ON MONDAY, THE 24TH JULY, 2017.**

SALT PRODUCTION

1204. SHRIMATI NEELAM SONKER:

Will the Minister of **COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY** be pleased to state:

वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग मंत्री

- (a) the names of the States in the country which produces salt and the number of firms producing iodised salt;
- (b) the reasons for substantial increase in the price of salt during the last three years;
- (c) whether the production of salt has started declining in our country due to which the price of salt has increased; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the system developed by the Government for testing the quality of salt?

ANSWER

**वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग राज्यमंत्री (स्वतंत्र प्रभार)(श्रीमती निर्मला सीतारमण)
THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY
(SHRIMATI NIRMALA SITHARAMAN)**

- (a): A list of the States, producing common salt in the country, is at Annexure-I. Total number of salt iodisation units registered with Salt Commissioner's Organisation (SCO) is 671.
- (b): There has not been any substantial increase in the price of salt during the last three years.
- (c): No Madam. Salt production has been increasing continuously during the last three years.
- (d): Salt Testing Laboratories (STLs) have been established in major salt producing States for testing quality of salt.

ANNEXURE-I

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1204 FOR ANSWER ON 24TH JULY, 2017.

List of States producing common salt in the country

Sr. No.	Name of the State
1.	Andhra Pradesh
2.	Goa
3.	Gujarat
4.	Karnataka
5.	Maharashtra
6.	Odisha
7.	Rajasthan
8.	Tamil Nadu
9.	West Bengal
