

Writ Petition No- W.P No. 525/2000

Subject- Lifting of ban on Non Iodised salt

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Status Report

This petition challenged the Government's notification made on 13.9.2009 to lift a ban imposed since 1992 on sale of non iodized salt. The petitioner pleaded for issuance of direction to the Government to immediately effect modification of the Order passed on 13.9.2000. The World Health Assembly, World Summit for children, SAARC Conference and UNICEF have shown concern about the prevalence of iodine deficiency diseases (IDD) and have been advocating the adoption of measures of iodization of salt.

In continuation of this case the Court allowed all interested parties to give their suggestions. The matter even went to the NHRC that advocated in favour of promoting iodised salt. While the matter was pending before the Court, the Government came out with a fresh ban on Nov 17, 2005 with an amendment to the Prevention of Food Adulteration Rules, 1955 saying 'no person shall sell or offer or expose for sale or have in his premises for purpose of sale, the common salt for direct human consumption unless the same is iodised.'

When the matter came up for the last hearing on 23.10.2008, the counsel submitted that the ban on sale of non-iodized salt has been reimposed, consequently this petition has become infructuous. The petition was therefore disposed of as having become infructuous.

Case Status: Disposed of

Date of Disposal: 23.10.2008