

Press Release From Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs Department, Namchi District
Coordination Meeting Held to Ensure Compliance with Government Norms on Sale of Loose Iodised Salt
Namchi, September 16 : A coordination meeting with wholesalers and stakeholders involved in the sale of loose iodised salt in Namchi District was held at the chamber of the District Civil Supplies Officer (DCSO), Namchi, today.

The meeting was convened in compliance with the directives issued by the Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs Department, Government of Sikkim, vide Head Office Letter No. 555/F&CSD dated December 11, 2024, and subsequent Letter No. 30/F&CSD dated June 8, 2026.

The meeting was attended by DCSO Namchi Tenzing Bhutia; In-charge, Namchi Food Godown, Bijay Rai; Food Inspectors Neema Tamang and Dipesh Rana; Assistant Supply Inspectors Amrita Kalikotey and Udesch Hang Limboo; and representatives of the wholesale trade and other stakeholders.

The meeting commenced with a welcome address by Food Inspector Neema Tamang, who extended greetings to all the stakeholders present.

Addressing the gathering, DCSO Namchi Tenzing Bhutia apprised the stakeholders of the directives received from the Head Office regarding the regularisation of the sale of loose iodised salt as prescribed by the Government of Sikkim. He informed the participants that samples of the prescribed iodised salt, along with the relevant departmental communications, had also been provided to the wholesalers for their reference and compliance.

The DCSO emphasised the importance of ensuring that only salt meeting the prescribed standards is made available for human and domestic animal consumption. He stated that the Government of Sikkim has consistently accorded priority to public health and animal welfare, and therefore, the prescribed standards must be adhered to by all stakeholders in their entirety.

During the meeting, In-charge, Namchi Food Godown, Bijay Rai, placed before the house the details of the existing stock of loose salt available with the wholesalers. The stakeholders were instructed to replace the existing stock with the prescribed loose iodised salt upon its exhaustion. It was further clarified that the prescribed loose iodised salt must not be substituted with any other variety, and any unauthorised sale would invite action as per the prevailing rules and norms.

The existing stock of loose salt reported by the wholesalers was as follows:

1. Rajesh Gupta - Jorethang Road -10 quintals
2. Manju Amma Store - Upper Ghurpisey -6.5 quintals
3. Jawahar Prasad - Bhutia Busty -7.5 quintals
4. Pendu Kumar Gupta - Bhutia Busty -Nil
5. Anita Devi - Bhutia Busty -5 quintals
6. Jai Shankar Prasad - Lower Ghurpisey -Nil
7. Sandeep Gupta - Bhutia Busty -2.5 quintals
8. Amber Kumar Gupta - Bhutia Busty- Nil |

The meeting also discussed the need for stakeholders to maintain adequate stocks of sugar to prevent any possibility of black marketing, particularly in the event of fluctuations in sugar prices. The stakeholders were directed to log in to the Food Stock Monitoring Portal and update the daily stock position of sugar regularly.

In his concluding remarks, DCSO Namchi urged all stakeholders to strictly adhere to the guidelines and directives of the department, which would be shared with them, and to extend their cooperation in ensuring the availability of essential commodities to the public in a regulated and transparent manner.

He further informed the gathering that similar coordination meetings would be conducted with stakeholders in Jorethang, Melli, Namthang, Temi and Ravangla.

The meeting concluded with light refreshments and a vote of thanks proposed by Assistant Supply Inspector Amrita Kalikotey