

[Translation]

**Transportation of Coal by Trucks  
meant for Moradabad**

4518. SHRI HAFIZ MOHD. SIDDIQ :  
Will the Minister of STEEL, MINES AND  
COAL be pleased to state :

(a) whether the coal meant for Moradabad district in Uttar Pradesh is mainly transported by trucks and not by trains as a result of which it becomes costlier and in turn escalates the production cost also;

(b) if so, the reasons for which coal is not transported by railway wagons; and

(c) the action being taken by Government to ensure transportation of coal meant for Moradabad by railways ?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL, MINES AND COAL (SHRI VASANT SATHE) : (a) Coal movement to Moradabad district and other districts of U.P. having rail handling facilities mainly takes place by rail. However, supply of wagons for coal movement is short of the requirement of various sectors. Therefore, consumers enjoying lower priority in rail movement are not able to move their full requirements by rail. They are required to supplement rail movement by road movement.

(b) The main reason is the inadequate supply of wagons by the Railways.

(c) The matter is being constantly pursued at all levels for increased wagon supply for adequate transportation of coal by rail to destinations all over the country.

[English]

**Production of Cashewnuts**

4519. SHRIMATI PHULRENU GUHA :  
Will the Minister of COMMERCE be  
pleased to state :

(a) the total area under cashew cultivation in the country and the latest production figure in different States;

(b) the domestic demand of cashewnut for the last three years;

(c) how much foreign exchange is earned by selling cashewnuts; and

(d) if so, the steps being taken to increase production of cashewnuts ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE  
MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. A.  
SANGMA) : (a) There is no official estimate of the area and production of cashew in India. However, the rough estimate of area and production in 1981-82 were as follows :

States	Area under Cashew cultivation (in hect.)	Production of Cashew (in M.T.)
Kerala	147363	118000
Karnataka	58299	18000
Andhra Pradesh	57279	20000
Tamil Nadu	94770	10500
Goa	44139	8500
Maharashtra	22692	10000
Orissa	48601	8000
West Bengal	6698	2500
Pondicherry	363	200
Tripura	839	60
Total	481043	195760

(b) The domestic demand of cashew nut is mainly from the Cashew processing industry which is export oriented and has an installed capacity of around 4.5 lakh tonnes per annum.

(c) According to the tentative figure compiled, the value of export of cashew kernels from India in 1984-85 has been Rs. 155 crores.

(d) A centrally sponsored scheme on package programme for Cashew nuts is being implemented in major cashew growing states. A World Bank aided cashewnut development project is in operation in the States of Kerala Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh and Orissa.