

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5411
ANSWERED ON:22.12.2000
DISEASES AFFECTING COFFEE CROP
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether coffee crop is vulnerable to many disease in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Hemileia Vastatrix has been a cause of concern;
- (d) whether Indian Council of Agricultural Research has carried out any research work to control the aforesaid diseases particularly Hemileia Vastatrix so as to protect the coffee crop;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) the steps taken by the Government of protect the coffee crops from such diseases?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY

(SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH)

(a) to (f) : A statement is laid on the Table of the House. -2-
STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (f) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.5411 ANSWER
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(a) & (b) Yes, Sir. Coffee is vulnerable to many diseases caused by Fungal Pathogens. The major diseases affecting coffee are Leaf Rust, Black Rot, Anthracnose, Root Diseases, Stem Disease, Collar Rot and Brown Eye Spot etc.

(c) Fungus Hemileia Vastatrix is specific to coffee and is a major disease of Arabica Coffee occurring all over the coffee growing tracts of many coffee producing countries including India.

(d) & (e) No, Sir. Research on coffee including the management of the disease of coffee is being carried out by the Coffee Board.

(f) The Research Department of Coffee Board has been constantly carrying out research on the various diseases affecting coffee and their control measures including evolving Leaf Rust tolerant varieties of Arabica & standardise control measures. So far, 12 varieties of Arabica have been released, which show different degrees of tolerance to Leaf Rust. Besides, control measures for other major diseases have also been advocated by the Board to Coffee Growing Community. Continuous, research on evaluation and standardisation of spray schedule, spray volume, chemical dosage etc. is being conducted on various proprietary formulations.