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Construction of a Coal Berth at Paradip Port

7357. SHRID. AMAT: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Paradip Port may lose substantial business if a separate coal berth is not constructed there;

(b) if so, whether there is any proposal for construction of such berth;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the total quantity of coal imported and exported through Paradip Port per annum?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI K.P. UNNIKRISHNAN): (a) and (b). A study for setting up mechanised coal handling facilities for coastal movement of thermal coal from Paradip has been made. This includes construction of berths also.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) The provisional figures of total quantity of coal handled during 1989-90 are as under;—

(in lakh metric tonne)

(i)	Import (Un loaded)	14.00
(ii)	Export (loaded) (Coastal movement)	12.91

Leaf-Rot Disease Affecting Coconut Production in Kerala

7358. PROF. P.J. KURIEN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the production of Coconut in Kerala has suffered on account of the leaf-rot disease;

(b) if so, the annual loss occurring due to this disease;

(c) whether any effective remedy has been found for this disease; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI NITISH KUMAR):

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Annual loss due to leaf-rot disease has not been estimated separately. However, this disease is invariably found to be associated with the root-wilt disease prevalent in Kerala for which the annual loss estimated is 968 million nuts.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Sequential spraying with Bordeaux mixture (1%), Dithane M-45 (0.3%), and Fytolan (0.3%) ensures effective control of the leaf-rot disease.

Proposals for Declaration of National Highways

7359. PROF. P.J. KURIEN:
SHRI H.C. SRIKANTIAH:
SHRI THAN SINGH JATAV:

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state: