

**Additional Stevedoring Licence in
Cochin Port**

10272. PROF. K.V. THOMAS: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to give additional stevedoring licence in Cochin Port; and

(b) whether restricted stevedoring licence is proposed to be given to steamer agents?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI K.P. UNNIKRISHNAN): (a) and (b). Cochin Port Trust has received two new applications for issue of stevedoring licences. These have been kept pending in view of the undertaking given by the Cochin Port Trust before the High Court of Kerala, in a Writ Petition filed by the United Stevedores Association, Cochin challenging the amendments to Cochin Dock Workers (Regulation of Employment) Scheme 1959, that no new licences will be issued without obtaining

orders from the Court. The question of issue of stevedoring licences to the eligible applicants including steamer agents can be considered by the Port on the basis of the orders of the High Court.

Use of DDT for Agricultural Purposes

10273. SHRI P. NARSA REDDY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) then quantity of DDT made available for agricultural purposes in the country during the last three years, year-wise; and

(b) the percentage of its use in agriculture as compared to other fertilizers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI NITISH KUMAR): (a) and (b). The quantity of DDT made available for use and its percentage as compared to other fertilisers used in Agriculture during the last three years is as under:—

<i>S.No.</i>	<i>Year</i>	<i>Quantity (M.T. of DDT in Tech. grade)</i>	<i>DDT as Percentage of total quantity of N+P+K fertilisers)</i>
1.	1986-87	270	0.00312%
2.	1987-88	379	0.00431%
3.	1988-89 (Estimated)	413	0.00374%

**Participative Development Strategy for
Farm Sector**

10274. SHRI DHARMESH PRASAD VARMA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated a plan for participative development strategy for farm sector; and

(b) if so, the salient features of the scheme?