

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5953  
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CASHEW PLANTATION  
ANANTA NAYAK

**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) the total area brought under cashew plantation in Orissa as on March 31,2002;
- (b) whether the Government are aware of the distress sale of cashew in the State; and
- (c) if so, the steps taken to protect the cashew growers and to regulate the market for cashew?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

- (a): So far, an area of 1.110 lakh hectares have been brought under cashew plantation in Orissa.
- (b) & (c): The Government has not received any report about distress sale of cashew in Orissa. However, under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme on Macro Management in Agriculture – Supplementation/Complementation of State Efforts through Work Plans, there is provision for development of cashew including financial assistance for development of market infrastructure for cashew in non-traditional areas. Under this Scheme, the State Government can prioritize their activities depending upon the felt needs.