

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2053
ANSWERED ON:04.08.2000
EARNING FROM CASHEW EXPORT
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have noted the increase of export earnings from cashew kernel and other cashew products;
- (b) if so, the status of each cash crops and agricultural produce in terms of export earnings; and
- (c) the steps being taken to improve export earnings through cashew export?

Answer

MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN)

- (a) Yes, Sir.
- (b) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.
- (c) Some of the steps taken/proposed to be taken for enhancement of exports of cashew and export earnings include:
 1. Providing assistance for raising small and large nurseries for production of good quality planting material, upgradation of technical knowhow of farmers through demonstrations, trainings and publicity, rejuvenation of old cashew plantations, area expansion, improving productivity and training of farmers.
 2. Grant of financial assistance for improved packaging, strengthening of quality control and modernization of processing units.
 3. Arranging promotional campaigns such as buyer-seller meets and participation in important international fairs and exhibitions.
 4. Providing assistance in development of data base and dissemination of market information.
 5. Providing assistance for setting up of laboratories for testing of products to ensure quality, technology transfer, process upgradation and product development.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (B) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2053 TO BE ANSWERED ON 4.8.2000 REGARDING EARNING FROM CASHEW EXPORT

EXPORT EARNINGS FROM CASH CROPS AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS

April -March, 1999-2000 Value (Rs. Lakhs)

ITEM Value (US\$ Mil.)

CASH CROPS

Tobacco	99252.67	233.54
Spices	170192	400.45
Cashew	245361.1	577.32
Sugar	1076.54	2.53
Tea	176577.49	415.48
Coffee	136406.81	320.96
Cotton	8067.09	18.98

OTHER AGRO PRODUCTS

Pulses	40492.17	95.28
Rice	310537.04	730.68
Cereals	311352.7	732.59
Sesame & Niger Seeds	37169.6	87.46
HPS Groundnut	18322.7	43.11
Guargum Meal	81864.34	192.62
Oil Meals	160323.84	377.23
Shellac	8197.08	19.29
Floriculture & Seeds	15793.72	37.16
Fruits & Vegetables	64149.86	150.94

1US\$=Rs.42.50
Source:DGCI&S