

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4014  
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IMPACT OF EXPORT OF CASHEW UNDER VKUY  
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**Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the government has introduced Vishesh Krishi Upaj Yojana (VKUY) schemes;
- (b) if so, the details and objectives of the schemes;
- (c) whether the scheme is likely to have negative impact on the export of Cashew;
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government to protect the interest of Cashew exporters?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY ( SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGO VAN)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): The objective of the scheme is to promote export of fruits, vegetables, flowers, minor forest produce, dairy, poultry and their value added products, by incentivising exporters of such products. The details of the scheme are given in the book titled `Foreign Trade Policy 2004-09 updated as on 31.3.2005`.

(c), (d) & (e): No, Sir. Cashew is an item where significant imports of raw nuts are made which after processing is re-exported. The statistics available on Export Import of Department of Commerce reveals that imports of this commodity for the period April 2004 to December 2004 was to the tune of Rs. 1431/- Crores approximately and export of this commodity during the same period was to the tune of Rs. 1741/- Crores approximately. No restrictions have been imposed in the Foreign Trade Policy on export of this commodity.