

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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CASHEW INDUSTRY
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any proposal to reopen the factories under the Cashew Development Corporation in the States;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government have appointed any task force for the development of the Cashew Industry, as assured on the floor of the House;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, reasons for delay in implementation?

Answer

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

(a) No. Sir.

(b) Does not arise

(c)to(e) Yes, Sir. A Steering Committee has been constituted by the Ministry of Agriculture, Department of Agriculture & Cooperation. The Committee has been set up with a view to take a holistic approach on cashew development in the country including trade, import and export with active involvement of all concerned agencies.