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CASHEW TRADE
Paranjpe Shri Anand Prakash

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

- (a) whether the import of raw cashewnut is higher than the cashewnut kernel export in the year 2009-10;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the steps being taken by the Government to improve quality and face competition in export of cashewnuts?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JYOTIRADITYA M. SCINDIA)

(a&b): Yes, Madam. The import of raw cashew nuts is higher than the export of cashew kernels in the year 2009-10 and the details are given below:

Import/Export	Quantity (MT)	Value(Rs. in Crores)
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Import of raw Cashew nuts	752854	3037.35
Export of Cashew Kernels	108120	2905.82

Source : Various Customs Houses

The domestic production of raw cashew nuts is around 7 Lakh MT while our processing capacity is about 14 Lakh MT. Therefore, imported raw cashew nuts are required to fill the deficit of the domestic production and to meet the requirement of the processing units as well as for protecting the employment of thousands of cashew factory workers. More than 4 MT of raw cashew nuts are required to produce 1 MT of cashew kernels.

(c): The Government is implementing the various schemes for assisting cashew exporters to improve quality of exported cashew kernels under the MDA, MAI, ASIDE and Five year Plan and is also providing assistance to the exporters under various export promotion programmes like participation in International food fairs, International conventions & Seminars, sponsoring trade delegations, market surveys, disseminating trade enquiries, market information, publishing statistics & journals and organizing Buyer Seller Meets.