

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY  
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PRODUCTION AND EXPORT OF CASHEW NUTS  
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**Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:**

- (a) the details regarding quantity and value of cashew nut produced and exported during the last three years;
- (b) whether the cashew exports have drastically reduced over the years;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether the Government has taken steps to boost the production and exports of cashew nuts and whether any targets were fixed for the same;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

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

(a) : The details of production of raw cashew nuts and export of Cashew kernels from India for the last three years as per Directorate of Cashewnut & Cocoa Development (DCCD), Ministry of Agriculture, and Cashews Export Promotion Council of India (CEPCI), are as under:-

Year Production in Value Exports Metric Rs.in Crores  
Metric Tons (in Tons)

2007-08	665000	N.A.	114345	2289.02
2008-09	695000	N.A.	109522	2988.40
2009-10	613000	N.A.	108120	2905.82

NA: Not available

(b) & (c): There has been a marginal decline in exports in the last three years from 1, 14,345 MT in 2007-08 to 1, 08,120 MT in 2009-10. However, in terms of value, realizations in 2009-10 are higher than the year 2007-08.

(d) to (f): DCCD which is responsible for production issues, has undertaken various projects for re-plantation, area expansion under new cultivation, production improvement, incentives to the farmers etc.

The CEPCI under the Department of Commerce (DoC) are implementing a scheme titled "Modernization and Diversification Scheme" with following four components under the 11th Five Year Plan to boost the exports of this sector:-

- (a) Process upgradation/modernization of Cashew Processing Units;
- (b) Setting up facilities for Value Addition/Consumer Packing of Cashew Kernels;
- (c) Adoption of new Packaging System; and
- (d) Implementation of Internationally accepted Quality Certification Systems like ISO/HACCP/Organic.

In addition, there are various other schemes under DoC title Marketing Development Assistance (MDA), Market Access Initiatives (MAI) and Assistance to States for Infrastructure Development of Export (ASIDE) etc. aimed at promoting exports/Infrastructure Development etc.