

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) the area under cashew cultivation of the country at present alongwith the yield derived therefrom, State-wise;
- (b) the quantum of import and export of cashew recorded during the last three years;
- (c) whether the Ministry has conducted any research for the development for new hybrid cashew plants;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken in this regard;
- (e) whether the Government has received any request from State Governments for the improvement of cashew industry; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a)& (b) : The area, production and productivity of cashew for the year 2009-10 and export & import for the years 2007-08, 2008-09 and 2009-10 are at Annexure-I.

(c)& (d) : The Department of Agriculture and Cooperation in consultation with the Directorate of Cashew Research, Puttur under Indian Council of Agricultural, Research, Centres of All India Coordinated Research Project on Cashew and State Agriculture Universities have released and recommended 30 high yielding varieties of cashew for multiplication in the country.

(e)& (f) : A scheme on up-gradation of existing old cashew processing units in India has been sanctioned under NHM to be executed in the state of West Bengal, Orissa, Andhra Pradesh, and Tamil Nadu for a total cost of Rs.56.00 lakhs during the year 2010-11. Recently, the Govt. has received a request for financial assistance for International brand building & new market development in Russia and China from the Kerala State Cashew Development Corporation Ltd.