

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4128
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ESTABLISHMENT OF CASHEW BAORD
Sampath Shri Anirudhan

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

- (a) whether the Government has received any proposal for the establishment of Cashew Board in the country;
- (b) the objectives likely to be achieved by the establishment of Cashew Board; and
- (c) the action taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) Yes, Madam.

(b) A study done by Indian Institute of Foreign Trade (IIFT) has suggested that an integrated/well coordinated institution will help to focus on all nodes of the value chain, to increase production to develop commercial orientation and to increase farmers' return and to ensure periodic sharing of information for the development of growers', processors and exporters.

(c) The Government is yet to take a final decision on the proposal to set up a Cashew Board in Kerala.