GOVERNMENT OF INDIA COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1956 ANSWERED ON:22.11.2010 PRODUCTION OF CASHEWNUTS Sampath Shri Anirudhan

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

- (a) the details regarding production of cashewnuts during the last three years; and
- (b) the measures being taken by the Government to attain self-sufficiency in the production of raw cashewnuts?

Answer

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

(a) The details of production of raw cashew-nuts for the last three years are as under:-

Production (000 MT)

2007-08 2008-09 2009-10

665.0 695.0 613.0

Source: Directorate of Cashew-nut & Cocoa Development (DCCD), M/o Agriculture & Cooperation

(b) The Government has contemplated various developmental measures to attain self-sufficiency in the production of raw cashewnuts in the States. The Directorate of Cashew-nut & Cocoa Development (DCCD), M/o Agriculture has implemented the measures under National Horticulture Mission and in the North- Eastern States under Technology Mission. New plantation development and replanting of old senile and uneconomical cashew gardens with high yielding varieties are the major activities of the States for increasing production of cashew with supporting programmes like establishment of nurseries, frontline technology demonstrations, popularising utilization of cashew apple, publicity for the promotion of crop, pest and disease management, human resources development, promotion of integrated nutrition management, organic farming and evaluation of the impact of production technologies and information upgradation.