GOVERNMENT OF INDIA COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4273 ANSWERED ON:06.12.2010 COCOA EXPORT Ramasubbu Shri S.

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

- (a) the total quantity of export of cocoa from the country during the last three years;
- (b) whether any steps are being taken to boost the export of the same in the coming years;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

(a) The total quantity of export of cocoa and cocoa products from the country during the last three year is as follows:-

Quantity in Metric Tonne 2007-08 385.84 2008-09 1519.26 2009-10 2362.08

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

(b) to (d) The export of cocoa from India is very meagre. Cocoa is an intercrop grown with either Coconut or Arecanut. The Government of India has envisaged developmental programmes to be implemented by the States and Directorate of Cashew & Cocoa Development under National Horticulture Mission 2010-11 to increase the production of cocoa in the country. Increased production is expected to boost the export of cocoa in the coming years.