

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4260  
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CASHEW BOARD CENTRE  
Dhanaplan Shri K. P.

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

- (a) whether the Government has any plan to start Cashew Board Centre in Kerala; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b): Presently, the production related issues in respect of raw cashew nuts are looked after by the Directorate of Cashew nuts and Cocoa Development under Department of Agriculture & Cooperation whereas export related issues are looked after by the Cashew Export Promotion Council of India under Department of Commerce. The Planning Commission, who was asked by the Government to discuss with stakeholders the issues relating to formation of a Cashew Board, has in its meeting held on 14th June, 2011, taken a view that formation of a Cashew Board would provide the much needed platform for the future growth of cashew industry. The Planning Commission has been asked to outline the further steps involved in the formation of a Cashew Board.