

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1268
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PRODUCTION AND EXPORT OF CASHEW
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) the total quantity and monetary value of cashew exported during the last three years;
- (b) the steps being taken to promote the export of cashew and the outcome achieved thereof;
- (c) whether the global recession has adversely affected the cashew export;
- (d) whether there is any proposal to set up a cashew Board; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the time by which the Board is likely to be set up?

Answer

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

(a): The total quantity and monetary value of cashew exported during the last three years are as under:-

Year	QTY (in M.T.)	VALUE (in Rs. Crs)
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2008-09	125486	2895.11
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2009-10	117453	2797.92
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2010-11 (Apr-Dec)	67792	1920.96
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Source : DGCI&S

(b) : The Cashew Export Promotion Council of India under the Department of Commerce has initiated various programmes including participation in International food fairs, International conventions and Seminars, sponsoring trade delegations, market surveys, disseminating trade enquiries and market information, publishing statistics and journals, organizing Buyer Seller Meets etc. It is also implementing schemes to promote cashew exports by assisting the exporters to improve processing technology, quality of cashew kernels etc. under the schemes of Department of Commerce namely, Marketing Development Assistance (MDA) , Market Assessment Initiatives (MAI), Assistance to States for Infrastructure Development of Exports (ASIDE) in addition to its Plan Schemes for the cashew exporters.

(c) : Yes, Madam.

(d) & (e): The Planning Commission (PC) was asked by the Government to discuss issues relating to setting up of Cashew Board with the Department of Commerce and Department of Agriculture and Cooperation. In its meeting held on 14th June, 2011, the PC took a view that formation of a Cashew Board would provide the much needed platform for the future growth of cashew industry. Accordingly, the Planning Commission has been asked to outline the next steps regarding the formation of Cashew Board.