

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

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes the formation of any new Commodity Board so as to promote the production and export of that commodity;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of the Commodity Board which is presently looking after the Cashew Industry; and
- (d) the details of the schemes for the promotion of export of cashew and the foreign exchange earned from the export of cashew during the last three years?

**Answer**

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

(a)&(b) Yes, Madam. A proposal to form a Cashew Board by merging the activities of Cashew Export Promotion Council of India (CEPCI) under the Ministry of Commerce & Industry and Cashew Division of the Directorate of Cashew and Cocoa Development (DCCD) of the Ministry of Agriculture is planned. The Planning Commission in this connection had held two meetings on 9th December, 2009 and 14th June, 2011 with the Department of Commerce and the Ministry of Agriculture. Presently, a draft Note in the form of EFC is under preparation of this Ministry for seeking approval of the Expenditure Finance Committee of the Ministry of Finance and the Project Appraisal & Management Committee of the Planning Commission.

(c) Presently, there is no Commodity Board to look after the cashew industry. However, the Directorate of Cocoa & Cashewnut Development (DCCD) under the Ministry of Agriculture, looks after production related activities whereas the Cashew Export Promotion Council of India (CEPCI) sponsored by the Department of Commerce, looks after the export related activities of the cashew industry.

(d) Under the Plan scheme in the XI Five Year Plan, the Cashew Export Promotion Council of India was provided an assistance of Rs.9.02 crore for upgrading processing facilities. In addition, the Ministry of Commerce & Industry has put in place various schemes namely Market Development Assistance (MDA), Market Assistance Initiative (MAI), Assistance to State for Development Export infrastructure and Allied Activities (ASIDE), Vishesh Krishi and Gram Upaj Yojana, Focus Product Scheme, Focus Market Scheme, Town of Export Excellence etc. to boost export of agri products which includes cashew industry also. The foreign exchange earned from export of cashew and allied products during the last three years are given below:-

CASHEW KERNEL		CASHEWNUT SHELL LIQUID		TOTAL (CK+CNSL)	
YEAR	Qty Value	Qty Value	Qty Value	Qty Value	Qty Value
	(M.T) (Rs.Crs)	(M.T) (Rs.Crs)	(M.T) (Rs.Crs)	(M.T) (Rs.Crs)	(M.T) (Rs.Crs)
2008-09	109522 2988.40	9099 26.06	118621 3014.46		
2009-10	117991 2801.60	11227 27.62	129218 2829.22		
2010-11	91559 2598.15	11364 31.85	102923 2630.00		

Source : CEPCI, : Various Custom Houses