

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

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TRADE OF CASHEW  
Mahtab Shri Bhartruhari

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

- (a) the quantum of cashew exported and imported during each of the last three years and the current year;
- (b) whether the Government has conducted any research to increase the per hectare production of cashew during the said period;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether Government has received any requests from State Governments for the improvement of technology in the cashew industry;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to increase the per hectare production of cashew?

**Answer**

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

(a) The quantum of cashew exported and imported during the last three years and the current year is as given below:

Qty in Tonnes

2009-10 2010-11 2011-12 2012-13  
(April - May, 2012)

Export of Cashew	Kernels	117991	105755	131760	16369
Import of Raw Cashew	Nut	755959	529370	809371	94868

Source : DGCI&S, Kolkatta/CEPC

(b-c) Yes, Madam. The Directorate of Cashew Research, Puttur, Karnataka and other research centres in different cashew growing states are undertaking research work in developing new/ improved high yielding varieties, standardizing high density planting technology and developing pest management technologies for major pests of cashew like cashew stem, root borer, tea mosquito etc. for increasing the cashew production. Government is also extending assistance to exporters for implementation of Plan schemes for modernizing and upgrading the processing units through Cashew Export Promotion Council(CEPC).

(d) No Madam.

(e) Does not arise.

(f) The Directorate of Cashew nut and Cocoa Development (DCCD) under the Ministry of Agriculture is undertaking the following major programmes to increase the per hectare production of cashew:

1. New Planting of Cashew with high yielding varieties.
2. Replacing senile cashew plantations and replanting with high yielding varieties.
3. Establishment of cashew nurseries.
4. Publicity and crop promotion.