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PRODUCTION AND EXPORTS OF CASHEW -NUTS  
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**Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:**

- (a) the details of production of cashew-nuts during the last three years and the current year, State-wise; and
- (b) the measures being taken by the Government to increase the production, quality and export of cashew-nuts and the outcome achieved thereon?

**Answer**

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

- (a) The details of production of raw cashew-nuts for the last three years and the current year, State-wise are as under :

State	Production (000 MT)			
	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Kerala	67.0	72.0	78.0	75.0
Karnataka	45.0	52.0	56.0	60.0
Goa	27.0	29.0	31.0	30.0
Maharashtra	183.0	197.0	210.0	225.0
Tamil Nadu	56.0	60.0	65.0	68.0
Andhra Pradesh	92.0	99.0	107.0	112.0
Orissa	78.0	84.0	90.0	95.0
West Bengal	10.0	10.0	10.0	11.0
Others	15.0	17.0	18.0	19.0
Total	573.0	620.0	665.0	695.0

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

- (b): The Government has taken development measures to increase the cashew production in the various States under National Horticulture Mission and in North-Eastern States under Technology Mission. The New plantation development and replanting old senile and uneconomical cashew gardens with high yielding varieties are the major activities of the States for increasing production.

The Cashew Export Promotion Council (CEPC) undertakes various export promotion programmes like participation in International food fairs, International Conventions & Seminars, sponsoring trade delegations, market surveys, disseminating trade enquiries, market information, publishing statistics & journals, organizing Buyer Seller Meets and implementing schemes for assisting exporters to improve quality of cashew kernels exported etc. under the MDA, MAI, ASIDE and Five Year Plan Schemes of the G.O.I.

There has been a drop in exports of 4.22% in volume and an increase of 31% in Rupee terms during 2008-09 as compared to 2007-08. Due to the prevailing global recession, the exports during the first seven months (April – October) during the current year recorded a decrease of 7.6% in quantity and 9.3% in value compared to the same period during 2008-09.