

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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PRODUCTION OF CASHEWNUT
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the production of cashewnut is likely to increase in the country including rural areas of Goa during the current year;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (c) whether the Government has provided financial assistance to the farmers of cashewnut growing States during the last three years and the current year and sanctioned/advanced loans for setting up of micro-industries for extracting juice from cashew shells; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TARIQ ANWAR)

(a) to (d): An increase in production of cashewnut is observed in the country including Goa during the current season. The state wise production of cashewnut is given at Annexure-I.

In order to enhance production and productivity of horticulture crops in the country including cashewnut, Department of Agriculture & Cooperation, Ministry of Agriculture is implementing Centrally Sponsored Schemes namely Horticulture Mission for North East and Himalayan States (HMNEH) and National Horticulture Mission (NHM). Under these missions, assistance is provided for establishment of nurseries for production of planting material, establishment of new gardens, rejuvenation of senile orchards, creation of water resources, transfer of technologies, post harvest management, marketing infrastructure, etc. Under HMNEH assistance is also provided for setting up of processing units for horticulture produce. Details of the financial assistance available is given at Annexure-II.