

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

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CASHEW TRADE  
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**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 and if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) 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 (DR. E.M. SUDARSANA NATCHIAPPAN)

(a) The export of cashew kernels and import of Raw cashew nut for the last three years and the current year (Apr-Oct) is given below:-

Exports- Cashew Kernels		Imports- Raw Cashew Nut	
Qty	Value	Qty	Value
(M.T)	(Rs.Crs)	(M.T)	(Rs.Crs)
2010-11	105755	2819.39	529370
2011-12	130869	4383.82	809825
2012-13	100105	4046.23	892365
2013-14	72230	2954.58	602298
(Apr-Oct13)		3279.04	

Source : Cashew Export Promotion Council/ DGCI&S, Kolkatta

(b) & (c) Yes, Madam. Research on increasing production of cashew is being conducted by the Directorate of Cashew Research, Puttur, Karnataka and in All India Coordinated Research Centers for Cashew (AICRP) in various cashew growing states under the Indian Council of Agriculture Research (ICAR) as well under State Agriculture Universities. The Major Research achievements in production made by these centers are given below:-

- i. Total 40 high yielding varieties of cashew have been released so far from DCR and AICRP centres suitable for cultivation at different agro climatic conditions.
- ii. Agrotechniques for higher productivity are standardized.
- iii. Technique for commercial propagation of cashew by soft wood grafting has been standardized for quality planting material production.
- iv. Plant canopy management and top working were standardized for enhancing yield performance.
- v. High density planting technology has been standardized. High density orchards provide higher yield and net returns per unit area.
- vi. Integrated pest management technologies for cashew stem and root borer and tea mosquito bug the major pest of cashew has been developed.
- vii. Standardised integrated nutrient and water management practices for higher yield.

(d) No, Madam.

(e) The major cashew development schemes being implemented by the DCCD and State Horticulture Mission are:-

- a) Establishment of model cashew nurseries

- b) Establishment of new plantation on Cashew with high yielding varieties
- c) Replacing senile cashew plantations and replanting with high yielding varieties.
- d) Technology dissemination through Frontline technology demonstration
- e) Publicity and crop promotion activities.

Implementation of these programmes made significant impact in increasing the production cashew in the country. The production has been increased from 5.73 lakh MT in 2005-06 to 7.28 lakh MT in 2012-13 (27%).