

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:372
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COCOA PRODUCTION
Galla Shri Jayadev

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that there is an increase in demand for cocoa in view of rapid increase in demand for dark chocolates in the world;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Andhra Pradesh is one of the leading cocoa producing States in the country; and
- (d) if so, whether the Government has launched any scheme to increase the cocoa production in the country and also make India cocoa hub for the world?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (DR. SANJEEV KUMAR BALYAN)

- (a) & (b): Yes, Madam. According to data from World Cocoa Foundation, the average annual growth in demand for Cocoa has been about 3% since 2008.
- (c): Yes, Madam, Andhra Pradesh is one of the leading Cocoa producing State in the country.
- (d): Cocoa is promoted under Centrally Sponsored Scheme i.e. Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH).