

Cashewnuts Scheme in Kerala

7329. SHRI S. KRISHNAKUMAR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Centrally Sponsored Scheme for cashewnuts is in operation in Kerala;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the total amount allocated for this Scheme this year; and

(d) whether the production of cash-

ewnuts has increased after this scheme has been implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI NITISH KUMAR): (a) Yes, Sir. A Centrally Sponsored Scheme for cashewnut development has been in operation in Kerala during 7th Plan period. This programme is proposed to be implemented as Central Sector Scheme during this year.

(b) The Central Sector Scheme envisages the following programmes:—

<i>Sl. No.</i>	<i>Programme</i>	<i>Physical Target</i>
1	2	3
1.	Improvement of cashew by vegetative propagation and maintenance of scion banks (nos.)	13
2.	Area expansion by planting clonal materials (area in ha.)	100
3.	Production and distribution of clonal materials (Numbers)	16000
4.	Laying our demonstration plots (No. of plots)	350

(c) The total amount proposed this year for the above programmes for Kerala is Rs 4.8 lakh.

(d) Yes, Sir. The overall production of cashewnut in the State has increased from 1.27 lakh metric tonnes in 1984-85 to 1.37 lakh metric tonnes in 1989-90 because of implementation of Centrally Sponsored Scheme and other developmental measures taken up.

(a) the number of persons appointed through Employment Exchanges in the Census Department of Maharashtra during 1980-81;

(b) the number out of them who are still working on ad-hoc basis; and

(c) whether Government propose to regularise their services?

AD HOC Employees in Census Department of Maharashtra

7330. SHRI S.B. THORAT: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) 153 persons (including 66 on consolidated salary were appointed.