

India is about 1,98,000 tonnes. The export of cashew kernel during 1991-92 was 64,692 tonnes.

(b). The State-wise production of cashewnut during 1991-92 is given below:-

<i>State</i>	<i>Production (MT)</i>
Kerala	143200
Karnataka	26750
• Andhra Pradesh	40360
Tamil Nadu	12710
Goa	14490
Maharashtra	31960
Orissa	31840
West Bengal	3660
Pondicherry	290
Tripura	50
Total	305310

(c) During 1992-93, it is proposed to bring additional area of 150 ha. under cashewnut in West Bengal under the Central Sector Programme.

community is likely to be given SC/ST status?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) Yes Sir.

Fisherman Community

679. SHRI SOBHANADREESWARA RAO VADDE: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether various organisations of fisherman community have been urging the Union Government to give Scheduled Caste/ Scheduled Tribe status to the people belonging to their community; and

(b) if so, the time by which the said

(b) The proposal is being considered alongwith similar other proposals in the context of the comprehensive revision of the lists of Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe. Any amendment in the existing lists can be done only by an Act of Parliament as laid down under Articles 341 (2) and 342 (2) of the Constitution.

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680. SHRI BIR SINGH MAHATO:
SHRI VIRENDER SINGH: