

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:938  
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SETTING UP OF CASHEW BOARD  
SURESH KODIKUNNIL

**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether there is no institution controlled by the Government to protect the interests of cashew growers;
- (b) if so, whether the Government propose to set up a cashew board for promoting cashew cultivation and production of large quantity of raw cashew in the country; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the time by which it is likely to be set up?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a): No, Sir. The Directorate of Cashew and Cocoa Development, Cochin, under the Ministry of Agriculture is providing support for the development of cashew in the country. The National Research Centre for Cashew, Puthur under the Indian Council of Agricultural Research is providing research support for the cashew sector. The Cashew Export Promotion Council, Cochin under the Ministry of Commerce is involved in the export of cashewnuts.

(b)&(c): In view of the position explained at (a) above, there is no proposal of the Government to set up a Cashew Board.