

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

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FALL IN PRICES OF CASHEW  
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**Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:**

- (a) the average realization of Indian cashew in the international market for the year 2002-03 in comparison to the realization in the first quarter of the year 2003-04;
- (b) the reasons for fall in prices, if any;
- (c) the details of the ongoing schemes to improve quality standards and packaging systems; and
- (d) the grants-in-aid assistance given to cashew processing units for modernization during the last three years and the current year?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI S.B. MOOKHERJEE)

(a) & (b): The average realization of Indian cashew in the International market during the year 2002-03 was Rs.185.62 per kg. In the first quarter of 2003-04, it was Rs.187.22 per kg. Thus there is no fall in price of cashew in international market during first quarter of this year as compared to last year.

(c) & (d): During the year 2000-01, the Cashew Export Promotion Council disbursed to cashew processing units an amount of Rs.89,75,018/- for modernization, ISO 9000 and acquisition of latest packaging system. The amount disbursed for the above activities during the year 2001-02 was Rs. 1,72,90,701/-. During the Xth Plan a scheme titled 'Integrated Scheme for the Cashew Quality' is under implementation. No amount has been released for the scheme as yet.