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CASHEW EXPORT / PRODUCTION
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) the total quantum of cashew produced in Orissa during each of the last three years;
- (b) the quantum of cashew exported during the said period;
- (c) whether there is a vast scope to increase production and export of cashew from the State;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps taken to promote production and export of cashew from Orissa?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGO VAN)

- (a): The total quantity of cashewnut produced in Orissa during the last three years is as under:

Year Production in MT

2002-03	70,000
2003-04	71,000
2004-05	74,000

(Source: Directorate of Cashewnut & Cocoa Development)

- (b) The total quantity of cashew kernels exported from India during the last three years is given below

Year Quantity (MT) _

2002-03	1,04,137
2003-04	1,00,828
2004-05	1,26,667

(Source: Cashew Export Promotion Council of India)

(c)- (d): Yes, Sir. There is further scope for the expansion of area under new plantation development and replanting of senile plantation with high yielding varieties of cashew from the State of Orissa. Similarly, there is a potential for processing and export of cashew from the Orissa State

(e) In order to increase production/productivity of horticulture crops including cashew in the country, the Government of India has launched a Centrally Sponsored Scheme 'National Horticulture Mission'. Under this, several programmes for area expansion, rejuvenation, production of planting material, post harvest infrastructure etc. are being undertaken in the State of Orissa. For boosting export of cashewnut, the Cashew Export Promotion Council of India, Kochi is undertaking several export promotion programmes under various schemes of the Government of India. Cashew exporters from all over the country including from Orissa are eligible to avail assistance under these schemes.