

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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PRODUCTION OF RAW CASHEWNUT
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the target set for production of raw cashewnut during 2005-06;
- (b) whether the present trend shows decline in the production of raw cashewnut; and
- (c) if so, the reasons therefor and the remedial action proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA)

- (a) : the estimated target for production of raw cashewnut for the year 2005-06 is 6.25 lakh metric tonnes.
- (b): No, Sir. The raw cashewnut production in the country from the year 2003-04 shows a positive trend of increase in production. However, during the current year 2005-06, the production is likely to be lower due to unseasonal and heavy rains.
- (c): Under the National Horticulture Mission launched from May 2005 with total outlay of Rs.2300 crores during the Xth Plan, raw cashewnut is one of the focus crops for enhancement of its production through bringing in new areas, replanting senile area, introducing high yielding varieties etc. In addition Directorate of Cashewnut & Cocoa Development is also implementing replanting programmes in allocation with State Govt. Cashew/ Forest Corporations, in which a total area of 3300 ha will be covered with clones of high yielding varieties after removing old senile cashew plantation.