

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

- (a) the quantum of cashew produced in Kerala during each of the last three years and thereafter;
- (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 Kerala?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

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

Year Production in MT

2002-03	90,000
2003-04	95,000
2004-05	64,000

(Source: Department of Agriculture & Cooperation)

(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) and (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 Kerala. Similarly, there is a potential for increasing the utilization of the installed processing capacity in the State and consequently of the export of cashew from the State of Kerala.

(e): Under the National Horticulture Mission for increasing production and productivity of raw cashew nut, several schemes are being implemented such as area expansion, integrated pest management, organic farming, transfer of technology programmes, production of nucleus planting materials of high yielding and export oriented varieties and their further multiplication and distribution through State Department Nurseries and dissemination of technical information through seminars, workshops and training programmes.

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 Kerala are eligible to avail assistance under these schemes.