

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2218
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REQUIREMENT/ PRODUCTION OF RAW CASHEW
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the requirement of raw cashew has been increased in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government to increase the production of raw cashew in the country;
- (c) whether the Government of Kerala has submitted any representation for Special Fund for the expansion of cashew plantation in the State; and
- (d) if so, the reaction of the Union Government thereto?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. The requirement of raw cashew has increased in the country over the years.

Cashew processing units in the country has increased to 1801 in 2004-05 from 1329 in 2002-03 to meet the increasing demand of cashew in the country. A Centrally Sponsored Scheme of National Horticulture Mission which was launched during 2004-05 addresses area expansion, production and productivity improvement of horticultural crops including cashew nut. Under the Scheme, massive programmes for increasing the production of cashew by area expansion, new plantation development, replanting/rejuvenation of old and senile plantation have been under taken in various States for which an outlay of Rs. 416.0 lakh has been earmarked for the year 2006-07.

(c) & (d): No, Sir.