

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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INTEGRATED ACTION PLAN FOR CASHEW INDUSTRY
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether the Government proposes to take up any integrated action plan for resolving problems affecting cash crops in the country especially in Kerala ;
- (b) If so, the details thereof ;
- (c) Whether the Union Government has any plan for cashew industry in Kerala ; and
- (d) If so, the details thereof ?

Answer

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

(a)&(b) : Yes, an Integrated Action Plan for replantation/ rejuvenation programme for pepper, cardamom and cashew for XIth Plan is being formulated by Ministry of Commerce with the National Horticulture Mission to boost production and productivity of these crops in the country including Kerala State.

(c) & (d): Area expansion under cashew and replantation of senile areas of cashew over an area of 75,000 ha and 1,00,000 ha respectively, is proposed to be covered under Integrated Action Plan during a period of five years in all cashew growing States including Kerala to boost production and productivity of cashew in the country and also to sustain the cashew industry.