

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA**

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RAW CASHEW
Rajendran Shri P.

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the requirement of raw cashew in the country has increased;
- (b) if so, the details of 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 of Kerala; and
- (d) if so, the action taken by the Government on the matter?

Answer

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

(a)&(b)Yes Sir. The Directorate of Cashew & Cocoa Development under the Ministry of Agriculture is implementing various programmes for development of cashew cultivation in India.

(c)&(d)The Government has received a proposal from Government of Kerala for revival/ rejuvenation of various agricultural crops which also included proposal for revival of plantation crops in Kerala. The Union Cabinet has, on a proposal made to the Agricultural Department, already approved a special rehabilitation package in this regard for farmers in 31 disturbed districts of Andhra Pradesh, Kerala, Karnataka and Maharashtra. The Cabinet has also approved the approach suggested by the Agriculture Department with respect to rejuvenation of plantations, which includes cashew also.