

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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CASHEW NUT

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

- (a) the quantity and value of production and export of cashew nut and foreign exchange earned therefrom during each of the last three years;
- (b) whether the cashew nut export has declined drastically over the years;
- (c) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether there was downfall in export prices of cashew nut;
- (e) if so, the details thereof for the said period and reasons therefor; and
- (f) the steps taken to boost the export of cashew nut and also to prevent downfall in prices?

Answer

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

(a) The quantity and value of production and export of cashew nut and foreign exchange earned during the last three years was:

Year	Production (Raw cashew- nut) Qty. (MT)	Export (Cashew kernels) Value (Rs. Crs.)	Qty. (MT)	Value (Rs. Crs.)
2003-2004-	5,35,000	2247.00	1,00,828	1804.43
2004-2005-	5,44,000	2284.80	1,26,667	2709.24
2005-2006-	5,73,000	2406.60	1,14,143	2514.86
2006-07 - -	-	-	68,642	1436.81

(April-October, 2006)

(Source: Cashew Export Promotion Council of India and Directorate of Cashewnut & Cocoa Development)

The price for raw cashew nut has been taken at Rs. 42/- per kg.

(b)&(c) The export of cashew kernels from the country has marginally declined during 2005-06 as compared to 2004-05. Increasing competition from Vietnam who enjoys considerable governmental support besides having latest technology and machinery have affected our exports of cashew. In addition competition from other nuts like almonds, pistachios, hazelnuts and the vigorous promotional activities undertaken by these treenuts group has adversely affected the export of cashew kernels worldwide.

(d) No, Sir. The unit export price of cashew nut has shown an increase over the preceding years for the last three years is as indicated below:

Year	Average unit export price (Rs./kg.)
2003-04	178.96
2004-05	213.89
2005-06	220.33

(Source:CEPC)

(e) Does not arise.

(f) Traditional export promotion activities like participation in fairs, bringing out promotional literatures, etc. are being taken. Besides, during September, 2006, the Council organized KAJU INDIA, 2006, the first Buyer Seller Meet at Kovalam, Trivandrum. 245 delegates including 45 foreign delegates participated in the meet. The Council also proposes to participate in Food Ex., Tokyo, Japan during March, 2007. These would help the Indian cashew exporters to obtain more enquiries for their products, thereby increasing our exports from India.