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Title : Need to declare Minimum Support Price of Gaur, Moth, Dhania and Jeera cultivated in Rajasthan.

SHRI DUSHYANT SINGH (JHALAWAR): Rajasthan is a leading State in the production of Guar, Moth, Coriander (Dhaniya) and Cumin (Jeera). The State produces about 80% of the total produce of Guar in the country. The State ranks number one in the production of Moth in the country.

The average cultivated area of Moth during last five years is 8.69 lakh hectares – producing Moth 1.20 lakh MT per year, while in case of Guar the cultivated area is 20.56 lakh hectares and production is around 3.77 MT per year. The average cultivated area for Cumin and Coriander for the last five years is 2.35 and 1.6 lakh hectares respectively. The average production for Cumin and Coriander for the last five years is 0.75 and 1.68 MT respectively. The total area covered under these crop is approximately 4 lakh hectares approximately and 4 million farm families depend for their livelihood on these crops. Isabgol and Methi are also important medicinal and spice crops. The average growing area of Isabgol in the past five years is 8800 hectares of land with average production is 6000 MT. while the Methi is grown in 4,70,000 hectares and average production of about 54000 MT.

I therefore, urge upon the Government to declare Minimum Support Price for the above mentioned crops.

(vi) Need to take steps to solve the crisis in cashew industry due to

fall in the price of cashew kernels