GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY
(DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE)

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2777
TO BE ANSWERED ON 19th MARCH, 2021

CRISIS IN CASHEW INDUSTRY IN KORAPUT DISTRICT OF ODISHA

2777. SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW:

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

(a) whether Government has taken note of the crisis in the Cashew industry in Koraput district of Odisha;
(b) whether Government proposes to introduce a comprehensive scheme for the protection of Cashew industry and if so, details thereof along with the action taken by Government in this regard;
(c) whether it has come to the notice of Government that Cashew industries in the State of Odisha have been closed due to non-availability of raw Cashew nuts; and
(d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by Government to ensure availability of sufficient quantity of raw Cashew nuts to these industries?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
(SHRI HARDEEP SINGH PURI)

(a to d) Obtaining information on developments and trends related to various economic sectors, and suitably acting upon them, is an ongoing process. While the Government has no proposal to introduce a comprehensive scheme for protection of Cashew Industry at present, Directorate of Cashewnut and Cocoa Development under Ministry of Agriculture Cooperation and Farmers Welfare, is taking various steps for increasing production and productivity of cashew to bridge the gap between demand and supply of raw cashewnut. Financial and technical support has been extended under Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH) and Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY) for massive expansion of area under cashew cultivation especially in backward and tribal belts. National Horticulture Mission (NHM) of the Govt. of India has provided focused attention to cashew development in the country and has enhanced the production of rawnuts. New plantation development,

replanting of senile plantations, nursery establishment and upgradation, and transfer of technology programmes are major programmes under NHM/MIDH. A total of 3,26,410.76 Ha area in the country has been brought under new planting / replanting / rejuvenation programmes from 2005-06 to 2019-20, including 89,008.22 Ha area of the State of Odisha.

*****