

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-1927
TO BE ANSWERED ON 23/12/2022

DEMAND FOR CASHEW NUT SHELLS

1927. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that oil can be extracted from cashew nut shells;
- (b) if so, the demand for cashew nut shells in the country and other countries in the world;
- (c) details of cashew nut producing States in the country and production thereof during the last five years, year-wise and State-wise;
- (d) whether it is a fact that extracting oil from cashew nut shells is also creating huge employment; and
- (e) if so, the manner in which Government is planning to push the production of oil from cashew nut shells in the country, especially in Andhra Pradesh?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

(SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a) & (b): Yes, The demand of Cashewnut Shell Liquid (CNSL) has been increased since 2020 as it is widely used as a furnace oil in the Industry. The export volumes of CNSL from India during the Financial Year 2021-22 was 4944 MT fetching foreign exchange equivalent of Rs.32.50 Cr. The export of CNSL to other countries for last 5 years is at **Annexure-I**.

(c): The details of state wise and year wise production of raw Cashewnut in India is at **Annexure-II**.

(d) & (e): Yes. It generates substantial employment generation in the Industry. Extraction/ production of Cashewnut oil (CNSL) is mainly depended on production and processing of rawnuts. When quantity of rawnut enhances, it leads to increase in production of Cashewnut oil (CNSL). In Andhra Pradesh, to increase production of rawnuts, the total area of 15,006 ha have been brought under Cashew under Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH) & Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY) scheme of Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare from 2005-06 to 2021-22. Further, Srikakulam district in Andhra Pradesh is also having 12 processing units for extraction of Cashewnut oil (CNSL).

Annexure-I**EXPORT OF CASHEW NUT SHELL LIQUID & CARDANOL FROM INDIA DURING 2017-18 TO 2021-22**

Countries	2017-18		2018-19		2019-20		2020-21		2021-22	
	M.T	Rs.Crs	MT	Rs.Crs	M.T	Rs.Crs	M.T	Rs.Crs.	M.T	Rs.Crs.
Korea Rep.	4185	15.79	2038	9.28	2830	11.17	1991	7.53	1742	8.94
Belgium	390	3.7	496	4.57	495	4.92	380	4.66	584	6.19
Spain	492	2.14	347	2.06	222	1.22	206	0.99	261	1.93
Taiwan	368	1.81	338	1.94	176	0.94	88	0.46	66	0.55
USA	471	1.03	59	0.49	141	1.19	159	1.46	256	2.56
United Kingdom	153	0.71	95	0.45	119	0.56	160	0.88	239	1.48
Japan	266	0.92	171	0.69	108	0.42	89	0.38	345	1.67
Singapore	107	0.59	153	0.89	102	0.54	123	0.71	84	0.60
Italy	97	0.34	188	0.75	51	0.19	0	0	274	1.83
Netherland	66	0.27	88	0.41	44	0.19	67	0.31	66	0.37
Mexico	30	0.16	76	0.49	23	0.08	59	0.28	59	0.39
Slovenia	236	0.8	473	2.03	20	0.11	78	0.34	41	0.16
China	1014	2.22	505	1.37	0	0	0	0	285	1.61
Poland	51	0.2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Others	400	1.95	273	1.43	274	1.56	334	1.72	641	4.22
Total	8325	32.63	5300	26.85	4605	23.09	3735	19.72	4944	32.50
Source: DGCI&S, Kolkata										

Annexure-II**Production of Cashewnut in the country for last 5 years -State wise**

in '000 MT

Sl. No.	STATE/UT's	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22 (3rd Adv.Est.)
1	ANDHRA PRADESH	111.4	116.9	109.9	115.4	121.2	127.2
2	ASSAM	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1
3	CHHATTISGARH	9.3	9.8	21.6	19.4	20.4	21.4
4	GUJARAT	6.5	6.5	6.1	6.1	6.4	6.7
5	JHARKHAND	5.8	6.1	5.8	5.8	6.1	6.4
6	KARNATAKA	85.1	89.4	84.1	70.6	74.2	74.9
7	KERALA	84.0	88.2	82.9	69.6	73.1	71.8
8	MAHARASHTRA	256.6	269.4	215.6	181.1	190.2	189.7
9	MANIPUR	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3
10	MEGHALAYA	5.8	6.1	5.8	9.5	10.0	10.0
11	NAGALAND	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
12	ODISHA	93.9	98.6	92.7	110.0	115.5	121.3
13	TAMIL NADU	67.7	71.0	66.8	70.1	73.6	77.3
14	TRIPURA	3.5	3.5	3.2	3.2	3.4	3.4
15	WEST BENGAL	13.0	13.0	12.2	11.0	11.5	12.8
16	OTHERS	0.2	36.4	34.2	29.0	30.5	27.1
	TOTAL	744.7	817.0	742.7	702.7	738.0	751.8
