

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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(DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE)

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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 842**  
ANSWERED ON 09/02/2024

**SCHEMES TO PROTECT CASHEW INDUSTRY**

842. DR. DHARMASTHALA VEERENDRA HEGGADE:

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

- (a) whether India is the Second largest producer and exporter of Cashew Nuts;
- (b) the major Cashew producing States in India;
- (c) the top export destinations for Indian Cashew Nuts and the steps taken towards exploring new markets for cashew in the international markets;
- (d) the value of Cashew exported from India from FY 2019 to 2023;
- (e) whether Government has any proposal to introduce a comprehensive Scheme for protection of cashew industry and if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) whether Government has approved any roadmap to extend the area of cashew cultivation in the country and if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY  
(SMT. ANUPRIYA PATEL)

(a) As per the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) statistics, India is the second largest producer of Cashew Nuts. Based on the value of exports during 2022, India is the 4<sup>th</sup> largest exporter of Cashew Nuts (source: ITC Trade Map).

(b) The major Cashew producing states in India are Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh, Odisha, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka and Kerala.

(c) to (e) The top export destinations for Indian Cashew Nuts are United Arab Emirates, Netherland, Japan, Saudi Arabia, Vietnam and Spain. The value of Cashew exported from India from 2019-20 to 2022-23 was USD 1796.64 Million.

The Agricultural & Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) has been entrusted with the task of export promotion of Cashew Nuts. As such, the Cashew exporters registered with APEDA are eligible for financial assistance under Agriculture & Processed Food Export Promotion Scheme of APEDA. The assistance is provided under various components of the scheme viz. Infrastructure Development, Quality Development and Market Development.

A Cashew Export Promotion Forum (EPF) has been constituted under the aegis of APEDA with the objective to make concerted efforts to identify, document particulars of, and reach out to stakeholders across the entire production/ supply chain of export of cashew & its value-added products for increasing exports significantly to the global market, through various interventions. APEDA has also been facilitating participation of cashew exporters in various international trade fairs and exhibitions in various countries, to enable expand exports to new markets also.

(f) Under the Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH), being implemented by the Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, cashew development programmes are undertaken in various cashew growing states.

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