

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE & FARMERS WELFARE

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 659
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 05/12/2025

**NEW PLANTATION DEVELOPMENT FOR COCOA AND CASHEW IN ANDHRA
PRADESH**

659. SHRI MASTHAN RAO YADAV BEEDHA:

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

(a) whether the Ministry, along with the Directorate of Cashewnut and Cocoa Development (DCCD) under the Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH), has undertaken new plantation development for cocoa and cashew in Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) if so, the details thereof, and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
(SHRI RAMNATH THAKUR)

(a) & (b): Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH), a Centrally Sponsored Scheme is being implemented w.e.f. 2014-15, for holistic growth of the horticulture sector covering fruits, vegetables, root and tuber crops, mushrooms, spices, flowers, aromatic & medicinal plants, coconut, cashew, cocoa and bamboo. All States and UTs are covered under MIDH scheme. The Directorate of Cashewnut and Cocoa Development (DCCD), Kochi under the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare, has undertaken new planting programmes for cashew and cocoa under MIDH Scheme. Since 2015-16, a total area of 1,232 hectares under cashew and 671 hectares under cocoa has been brought under new planting in the State of Andhra Pradesh.

The Directorate has also established/ upgraded six (06) nurseries for production of quality planting material of cashew and cocoa. In addition, DCCD is also implementing several productivity enhancement and technology transfer programmes in the State, including seminars and fairs, exposure visits and training programmes for farmers and value-addition trainings in collaboration with State Agricultural Universities and State Departments.
