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**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2429**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 13/03/2026

**PROMOTION OF HIGH VALUE CROPS IN ANDHRA PRADESH**

2429. SHRI SANA SATHISH BABU:

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

- (a) the area under cultivation of high-value crops such as cashew, coconut and cocoa, State-wise and district-wise in Andhra Pradesh and their share in total farm output;
- (b) the existing schemes aimed at enhancing productivity and farmers' income for these crops, with crop-wise funds allocated, released and utilised in Andhra Pradesh and beneficiary details, district-wise;
- (c) whether the current Union Budget proposes exclusive support for these crops or convergence with existing schemes and fund allocation for the same; and
- (d) the measures envisaged to improve productivity, diversify output and enhance farmers' income for these high value crops, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

(SHRI BHAGIRATH CHOUDHARY)

(a): The State-wise area under cultivation of cashew, coconut and cocoa for the year 2024-25 is at **Annexure-1**. The primary districts for cashew, coconut and cocoa cultivation in Andhra Pradesh along with area under cultivation in each district for the year 2024-25 are detailed in **Annexure-2**. The share of cashew, coconut and cocoa in the total farm output of Andhra Pradesh is 0.45%, 3.86% and 0.04% respectively.

(b): The Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH), plays a vital role for rise in the incomes of farmers/beneficiaries due to augmented production and productivity.

Under MIDH, a Centrally Sponsored Scheme, funds are being released to States/UTs and National Level Agencies as per the approved Annual Action Plan in two to four instalments during a financial year. Under the scheme, funds are not allocated and released specific crop-wise.

The funds allocated, released and expenditure reported by the State Government of Andhra Pradesh under MIDH scheme during the last two years are as under:

Year	(Rs. in crore)				
	Allocation			Released (Central Share)	Expenditure reported by the State during the year
	Central Share	State's Share	Total		
2024-25	65.00	43.33	108.33	51.13	23.79
2025-26	150.00	100.00	250.00	105.00	88.03

However, according to the Department of Horticulture, Government of Andhra Pradesh, for the year 2025-26, cashew-related projects were allocated Rs. 3.86 crore. Out of this amount, Rs. 2.42 crore was released, with 100% of the released funds (Rs. 2.42 crore) being utilized. A total of 3,616 beneficiaries received assistance. The major recipients of these funds are from the districts of Srikakulam, PVP Manyam, Eluru, Anakapalli, Kakinada, Vizianagaram and Alluri Seetharama Raju.

In case of cocoa related projects, Rs. 9.46 crore funds were allocated. Out of this amount, Rs. 5.55 crore was released and 100% of the released fund was utilized i.e. Rs 5.55 crore. Total 3394 beneficiaries received support. The major recipients of these funds are the districts of Eluru, East Godavari, PVP Manyam and Srikakulam.

Under Replantation and Rejuvenation of Coconut Gardens (utilization and maintenance) and laying out Demonstration Plots, financial assistance of Rs. 11.31 crore was targeted out of which Rs. 9.60 crore was achieved. Assistance was provided to 7153 beneficiaries majorly in the districts of DR.B.R.Ambedkar Konaseema, Srikakulam, Eluru, Vizianagaram and West Godavari.

(c): The Union Budget 2026-27 prioritizes high-value agriculture to boost farmer income and diversify from staples, allocating ₹350 crore for specialized crops including coconut, cashew and cocoa. Key initiatives include the Coconut Promotion Scheme for enhancing productivity and value addition.

(d): Under MIDH, the following measures have been envisaged to improve productivity, diversify output and enhance farmers' income:

- Increasing productivity through introduction of improved varieties, quality seeds and planting materials, protected cultivation, high density plantation, rejuvenation, precision farming and horticultural mechanization.
- Promoting Primary and minimal processing.
- Market Linkages: Market infrastructure such as mobile vending cart, retail outlet, primary and wholesale markets. Creating direct market/farmers market.
- Food & Nutritional Security: Increasing Area and Production of horticulture crops with high nutritional value. Promoting sustainable horticulture.

**Annexure-1**

**Statement Annexed to part (a) of Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 2429 due for answer on 13<sup>th</sup> March, 20026 regarding 'Promotion of high value crops in Andhra Pradesh'**

**State-wise area under cultivation of Cashew, Coconut and Cocoa in the country for 2024-25**

(Area in Thousand Ha)

Sl. No.	States	Cashew	Coconut	Cocoa
1	<b>Andhra Pradesh</b>	<b>201.02</b>	<b>108.48</b>	<b>47.06</b>
2	Arunachal Pradesh		0.10	
3	Assam	1.05	22.06	
4	Bihar		0.27	
5	Chhattisgarh	32.83	1.35	
6	Gujarat	14.42	28.20	
7	Jharkhand	15.58		
8	Karnataka	139.44	600.79	14.41
9	Kerala	112.52	754.00	19.22
10	Maharashtra	192.62	29.22	
11	Manipur	0.90	0.04	
12	Meghalaya	8.93		
13	Mizoram		0.03	
14	Nagaland	1.50	1.06	
15	Odisha	223.45	55.36	
16	Tamil Nadu	176.44	505.53	33.36
17	Telangana		1.34	
18	Tripura	4.25	4.98	
19	West Bengal	14.55	33.63	
20	Others	65.37	48.47	
<b>All India</b>		<b>1204.86</b>	<b>2194.92</b>	<b>114.04</b>

**Source:** Horticulture Statistics Unit, D/o Agriculture & Farmers Welfare

**Annexure-2**

**Statement Annexed to part (a) of Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 2429 due for answer on 13<sup>th</sup> March, 2026 regarding 'Promotion of high value crops in Andhra Pradesh'**

**The primary districts for cashew, coconut and cocoa cultivation in Andhra Pradesh along with area under cultivation in each district for the year 2024-25**

**Cashew**

<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>District</b>	<b>Area (in Ha)</b>
1	Parvathipuram Manyam	27123
2	Anakapalli	26157
3	Alluri Seetharamaraju	23718
4	Srikakulam	19900
5	Kakinada	11824
6	East Godavari	10863
7	Eluru	7953
8	Vizianagaram	5919
9	Bapatla	1511
10	Visakhapatnam	635

**Coconut**

<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>District</b>	<b>Area (in Ha)</b>
1	DR.B.R.Ambedkar Konaseema	41607
2	Srikakulam	15331
3	Eluru	13925
4	West Godavari	8936
5	East Godavari	8598
6	Anakapalli	8216
7	Vizianagaram	3487
8	Kakinada	3151
9	Chittoor	1602
10	Krishna	941

**Cocoa**

<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>District</b>	<b>Area (in Ha)</b>
1	Eluru	19791
2	East Godavari	9305
3	West Godavari	2556
4	DR.B.R.Ambedkar Konaseema	1758
5	Parvathipuram Manyam	597
6	Srikakulam	429
7	Anakapalli	288
8	Kakinada	245
9	Vizianagaram	170
10	Krishna	111

Source: D/o Horticulture, Government of Andhra Pradesh

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