

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1933
TO BE ANSWERED ON 30th JULY,2018

PRODUCTION AND IMPORT-EXPORT OF CASHEW

1933. SHRI M. CHANDRAKASI:

Will the Minister of **COMMERCE & INDUSTRY** (वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग मंत्री) be pleased to state:

- the details of quantum of cashew production, export and import of raw cashew in the country during the last five years;
- whether it is a fact that cashew processing industry in the country is facing hardships due to declining domestic cashew production and flourishing international cashew market; and
- if so, the steps being taken or proposed to be taken to protect the interests of domestic cashew market?

ANSWER

वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री सी. आर. चौधरी)

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
(SHRI C. R. CHAUDHARY)

- the details of quantum of cashew production, export and import of raw cashew in the country during the last five years is as under :-

Production of Raw Cashew Nut

Year	Production of Raw Cashewnut (Lakh MT)
2013-14	7.36
2014-15	7.25
2015-16	6.70
2016-17	7.79
2017-18	8.17

(Source: DCCD)

India's Export and Import of CASHEW NUTS FRESH/DRIED IN SHELL (ITCHS Code 080131)

Year	Export		Import	
	Quantity (in Ton)	Value (in Million USD)	Quantity (in Ton)	Value (in Million USD)
2013-14	3,900.77	4.03	776334	773.81
2014-15	15,637.75	21.79	933190	1087.16
2015-16	7,014.40	11.34	961665	1339.34
2016-17	9,773.37	19.45	774513	1346.58
2017-18*	5,542.90	10.34	654024	1418.63

(Source: DGCI&S

* Figures of 2017-18 are provisional only)

(b) & (c) The production of raw cashew nuts in India during 2017-18 has increased to all time high at 8.17 Lakh Metric Ton and registered growth of 4% compared to previous production of 7.79 Lakh Metric Ton and 21 % increase compared to 2015-16 production of 6.70 Lakh Metric Ton.

However, due to shortage of sufficient quantity of raw cashew nut and higher price for raw cashew nut in the international market, it is reported that the cashew industry is facing the prospect of a demand - supply gap, as the total requirement of raw cashew nut is estimated at 17 lakh Metric Ton .

With regard to steps for increasing production of Raw Cashew Nut, Ministry of Agriculture and Farmer's Welfare (MoA&FW) under Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH) and Rashtriya Krishi Vikash Yojana (RKVY), has drawn up strategies to increase domestic production by massive area expansion of cashew and replacing of senile cashew plantations with high yielding varieties in traditional and non-traditional states.
