

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE  
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.625**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 06<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY, 2024

**PROBLEMS FACED BY CASHEW FARMERS**

625. SHRI RAM MOHAN NAIDU KINJARAPU:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware of the issues being faced by cashew farmers in Andhra Pradesh and if so, the details regarding the steps undertaken by the Union Government to address the plight of the cashew farmers;
- (b) whether the Government has received any proposal from the State Government of Andhra Pradesh regarding the ongoing crisis faced by cashew farmers and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has received any proposal from the State Government of Andhra Pradesh for setting up a Cashew Board under the Directorate of Cashewnut and Cocoa Development and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government has carried out any research into the Cashew Farmer's issues in Andhra Pradesh and considered a relief package for them; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री (SHRI ARJUN MUNDA)

(a): Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare is implementing Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH) for holistic development of horticulture which includes development of cashewnut through Directorate of Cashewnut and Cocoa Development (DCCD). The programmes implemented by DCCD include nursery programmes for supplying of planting material, establishment of new plantation, replacing senile plantations, Field Level Technology Demonstrations (FLTD), capacity building to increase the production and productivity of cashewnut in the country including Andhra Pradesh.

However, recently, farmers have been facing problems in the production of cashewnut due to biotic and abiotic problems like tea mosquito insect and cyclones etc. in the country including Andhra Pradesh.

(b): Proposal regarding crisis faced by farmers in Andhra Pradesh has not been received from the State Government of Andhra Pradesh.

(c): Proposal for setting up of Cashew Board under the DCCD has not been received from the State Government of Andhra Pradesh.

(d) & (e): Dr. YSR Horticultural University (YSRHU) - Cashew Research Station, Bapatla is conducting research work on cashew in Andhra Pradesh and has developed improved varieties of Cashew like BPP-5, BPP-8, BPP-9, BPP-10 and BPP-11 for higher productivity and improved yield. The Research Station, Bapatla is also producing cashew grafts of recommended varieties in significant quantity and distributing to the farmers and conducting various training programmes on modern cashew production technology to bring awareness among cashew farmers for adoption of improved varieties of cashew grafts in place of seedling origin plants.

The State Government of Andhra Pradesh has informed that during Titli Cyclone 23,823.48 hectares of Cashew orchards were damaged for which input subsidy of Rs. 4764.69 lakh was released to 70,445 farmers during 2020. An additional compensation was also provided @ Rs. 20,000/- per hectare to Cashew farmers for 20,168.85 hectares and an input subsidy of Rs. 3964.72 lakh was released to 64,413 farmers during 2022.

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