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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2828
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 18TH MARCH, 2025

CASHEW PRODUCTIVITY ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM

2828. SHRI CAPTAIN VIRIATO FERNANDES:

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

- (a) whether the Government is implementing any Cashew Productivity Enhancement Program in South Goa, considering its economic importance particularly in talukas like Sanguem, Quepem and Canacone;
- (b) if so, the details of funds which have been allocated under the Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH);
- (c) whether any financial incentives or direct support are being provided for setting up processing units to add value to Goan cashew production; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण राज्य मंत्री (SHRI RAMNATH THAKUR)

(a) & (b): Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH), a Centrally Sponsored Scheme is being implemented during XII Plan w.e.f. 2014-15, under Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare for holistic growth of the horticulture sector covering fruits, vegetables, root and tuber crops, mushrooms, spices, flowers, aromatic plants, coconut, cashew and cocoa. All States and Union Territories (UTs) including Goa are covered under MIDH scheme.

The details of cost norms and pattern of assistance for area expansion under Cashew nut are given at **Annexure- I**. Programmes for the development of cashew under MIDH are also implemented through Directorate of Cashewnut and Cocoa Development (DCCD),

Kochi. The Directorate is implementing programmes for improving production and productivity through new planting programme by using high yielding varieties covering an area of 90 hectare (new) and 88 hectare (maintenance of previous year) with financial outlay of Rs.14.34 lakhs during the year 2024-25 for South Goa. However, the details of funds allocated to State Horticulture Mission, Goa to support production of Cashew nut during 2021-22 to 2023-24 are given at **Annexure-II**.

Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR)- Directorate of Cashew Research, Puttur under All India Coordinated Research Project on Cashew under Scheduled Caste Sub Plan (SCSP)/ Tribal Sub Plan (TSP) Programmes is conducting programmes for promotion of the Goan released cashew varieties in South Goa. Frontline Demonstrations (FLDs) in Gaondongrim and Satorlim villages of Canacona Talukas are being supported and monitored to promote the cashewnut.

(c) & (d): The details of cost norms and pattern of assistance for minimal processing unit and secondary processing unit for value addition of horticulture crops including cashew nut are given at **Annexure- III**.

Annexure-I

| Item | Cost Norms* | Pattern of Assistance# |
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| Plantation crops (For a maximum area of 2 hectare (ha) per beneficiary). The component is to be integrated with drip in case drip is not proposed under MIDH scheme, then it should be converged with other scheme. | | |
| Cashew | | |
| (a) Without drip Irrigation (i) Regular Spacing (drip should be in converged with other schemes) | Rs 75,000 /ha. | Assistance @40% in general areas for an area upto 2 ha. on pro-rata basis for meeting the expenditure on planting material and other input cost of in 2instalments of 60:40 subject to survival rate of 80% in 2nd year. In the case of North-Eastern (NE) & Himalayan States, Scheduled areas, vibrant villages, Andaman & Nicobar and Lakshadweep Islands, assistance will be @ 50% for an area upto 2 ha. on pro rata basis. |
| (ii) With Intercropping | Rs 50,000 /ha. | Assistance @40% in general areas for an area upto 2 ha. on pro-rata basis for meeting the expenditure on planting material and other input cost of in 2instalments of 60:40 subject to survival rate of 80% in 2nd year. In the case of NE & Himalayan States, Scheduled areas, vibrant villages, Andaman & Nicobar and Lakshadweep Islands, assistance will be @ 50% for an area upto2 ha. on pro rata basis. |
| (iii) High Density (Minimum 400 plants per hectare) (Cashew Only) | Rs. 1.5 lakh/ha | Assistance @40% in general areas for an area upto 2 ha. on pro rata basis for meeting the expenditure on planting material and other input cost of in 2 instalments of 60:40 subject to survival rate of 80% in 2nd year. In the case of NE & Himalayan States, Scheduled areas, vibrant villages, Andaman & Nicobar and Lakshadweep Islands, assistance will be @ 50% for an area upto 2 ha. on pro-rata basis. |
| (b) With drip irrigation | As per PDMC norms | In addition to basic cost i.e. without drip irrigation as mentioned above, assistance for establishment of drip irrigation system would be available as per the Per Drop More Crop (PDMC) norms to all States including NE & Himalayan States, Scheduled areas, vibrant villages, Andaman & Nicobar and Lakshadweep Islands. |

Annexure-II

Details of funds allocated to State Horticulture Mission, Goa to support production of Cashew are as given below :-

(Rs. in Lakh)

| Year | Funds allocated for plantation and maintenance of Cashew |
|-------------|---|
| 2021-22 | 27.59 |
| 2022-23 | 35.75 |
| 2023-24 | 35.95 |

Annexure-III

| Item | Cost Norms* | Pattern of Assistance# |
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| Primary/ Minimal Processing Unit (This component will be considered only integrated with other components of MIDH Scheme) | Rs. 35.00 lakh/unit | Credit linked back-ended assistance @ 35% in General areas and 50% in the case of NE & Himalayan States, Scheduled areas, vibrant villages, Andaman & Nicobar and Lakshadweep Islands. |
| Secondary Processing units for Value addition | Rs. 100 lakh/unit | Assistance @ 35% in General areas and 50% in the case of NE & Himalayan States, Scheduled areas, vibrant villages, Andaman & Nicobar and Lakshadweep Islands. |
