

## **GARO HILLS COOPERATIVE COTTON GINNING MILLS AND OIL MILLS LTD.**



The Garo Hills Cooperative Ginning Mills and Oil Mills, at Phulbari, was established on 30.11.1954; its area of operation at the time included the composite districts of East, West and South Garo Hills. It started with 182 members. In order to tap the available cotton and mustard locally grown in the district, and to augment the livelihood local farmers, the mill was set up. The initiative also effectively reduced the prevailing exploitative practices of Middle Men.

However, over a span of 50 years, the Mill gradually lost out to competition from newly established private ginning units in the area. The cooperative went through a slump, but things changed in 1996 with a decision to diversify. Realising its potential, the North Eastern Regional Agricultural Marketing Corporation [NERAMAC] revived the Society, collaborating with it in a cashew processing project. Initially, the mill procured and processed 1350 quintals of cashew. Subsequently, in 2003-04 a Memorandum of Understanding was signed with a private party from Dhubri on a 60:40 profit share basis, further expanding its activities by procuring and processing approximately 6000 quintals of raw cashew; this was followed with arrangements to market the finished product from the mill itself.

With the rise in cashew production, the mill has taken advantage of the demand for raw cashew, being exported to other parts of the country to be processed. The mill started massive processing of raw cashew, currently engaging at least 100 local labourers for the processing, which also provides livelihood opportunities for them. With the diversification into procurement, processing and



marketing of cashew, the mill now capably competes with other private industries in the surrounding areas, providing employment to locals through its drying, segregating, peeling,

conditioning and roasting processes. The 6J cashew nut variety is in high demand and known for its superior quality.



Name : Garo Hills Cooperative Cotton Ginning Mills & Oil Mills Ltd.,  
Phulbari, West Garo Hills

Year of Formation: 1954

Membership :

PACS	Marketing Societies	Others	Individuals	Govt.	Total
17	10	27	127	1	182

Chairman : Deputy Commissioner, West Garo Hills

Secretary : Shri. B.P. Modak,  
Assistant Registrar of Cooperative Societies, Tura

Total Share Capital: ₹ 2,37,43,305

Business Turnover: ₹ 1,36,78,270

Working Result: ₹ 3,66,032