



**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, North, South and South West 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 60 years, the Mill gradually lost out to competition from newly established private ginning units in the area. The Cooperative Society went through a slump, but things changed in 1996 with a decision to diversity. its potential, the North Eastern Regional Agricultural Marketing Corporation [NERAMAC] revived the Society, collaborating with it in a cashew project. Initially, the mill procured and 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.



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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. A new automatic cashew peeling machine, compressor, cashew nut hand cutter along with 40 KVA Generator set were installed in 2015 to assist in the smooth processing and yield of cashew nut.

The Mill procured and processed 7000 quintals of raw cotton during the year 1998-99 being the highest quantity in the history of the Mill and also the Officer-in-charge of the Mill was appointed as Honorary Member of the Council for World Trade and Industrial Development , Delhi and thereafter Gold Medal was awarded being the Transworld Trade fare Selection Awards during the year 1979.



The mill is working all the year round with the cashew nut processing and cotton ginning works besides its marketing activities of black pepper, dry arecanut etc and has also participated in various State Level exhibitions, Festival exhibition, India International Trade Fare, New Delhi and also in the International Cooperative Alliance Expo- 2010 at Bangalore and is well known for its cashew nut products. The mill is under the stage of diversification of its activities and proper funding is required to make it potentially viable and self-reliant.

#### **Brief Profile of the Society:**

Name	:	Garo Hills Cooperative Ginning Mills and Oil Mills Ltd
Headquarter	:	Phulbari, West Garo Hills
Registration No. and Date	:	No. 809 of 1954 Dtd. 19.11.1954
Membership	:	Male – 130 ; Female - 04 ; Total - 134
Chairman	:	Deputy Commissioner, West Garo Hills District, Tura.
Secretary – cum - Manager	:	Shri. B.P. Modak
Paid-up Share Capital	:	` 3,09,55,305.00
Business Turnover	:	` 1,99,26,100.00
Working Results	:	` 2,81,704.00

