

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

**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2444 (H)**  
**TO BE ANSWERED ON 08<sup>th</sup> AUGUST, 2018**

**CULTIVATION OF RUBBER IN KONKAN REGION**

2444(H). SHRI NARAYAN RANE:

Will the Minister of **COMMERCE & INDUSTRY** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the land along the border area of Sindhudurg, Ratnagiri, Goa and Karnataka is highly fertile and the weather and ample availability of water is suitable for the cultivation of rubber;
- (b) if so, whether the Central Government has taken or proposed to take any special step for the cultivation of crops, particularly rubber crops, in the fertile land of Konkan region; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

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

- (a) The land along the border area of Sindhudurg, Ratnagiri, Goa and Karnataka is moderately suitable for natural rubber (NR) cultivation.
- (b) to (c) The Rubber Board has been providing assistance for planting NR in non-traditional regions including Konkan region. Rates of financial assistance for new planting and replanting along with eligibility conditions in Medium Term Framework (MTF) (2017-18 to 2019-20) are given as under:

<i>Region</i>	<i>Rate of assistance</i>	<i>Eligibility</i>
Non-traditional region including Konkan region	Rs 40,000 (Rs 35,000 per ha and Rs 5000 per ha for use of certified planting materials)	Upto 2 ha for growers owning upto 5 ha

Further, the Ministry of Rural Development, Govt. of India has agreed to extend the activities of rubber plantation development in the State of Maharashtra in convergence with MGNREGA

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