

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

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3413
TO BE ANSWERED ON 31st MARCH, 2023

RUBBER IMPORT IN INDIA

3413. SHRI ELAMARAM KAREEM:

Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of quantity of natural and compound rubber was imported by India during each year since 2018;
- (b) the maximum import duty applicable to ASEAN countries and the amount of natural and compound rubber imported from ASEAN countries since 2018;
- (c) which are the other countries from where India imported rubber in this period, country wise quantity in each year; and
- (d) whether Government will announce MSP for rubber in light of the difficulties faced by the rubber farmers, if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY

(SMT. ANUPRIYA PATEL)

- (a) Quantity of natural rubber (NR) [HS 4001] and Compounded rubber [HS 4005] imported by India from 2018-19 are as under:

Import of Natural Rubber and Compounded rubber		
Year	Import of NR (Quantity in Tonne)	Import of compounded rubber (Quantity in Tonne)
2018-19	582,351	73,068
2019-20	457,223	101,703
2020-21	410,478	95,566
2021-22	546,369	114,638

(Source : Rubber Board)

(b) The import duty applicable to ASEAN countries for import of natural rubber and compounded rubber is as under:

Applicable duty on import of Natural Rubber and Compounded Rubber from ASEAN countries	
<u>Natural Rubber</u>	
HS 400110	70%
HS 400121	} 25% or Rs.30 per kg whichever is less
HS 400122	
HS 400129	
HS 400130	0%
<u>Compounded Rubber</u>	
HS 400510	0%
HS 400520	} 5%
HS 400591	
HS 400599	

(source : Rubber Board)

Details of import of Natural Rubber and Compounded Rubber from ASEAN countries from 2018-19 to 2021-22 is as under:

Import of Natural Rubber and Compounded Rubber from ASEAN countries (Quantity in tonne)				
Year	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22
Natural Rubber	540599	418381	351693	443732
Compound Rubber	30784	52165	52021	62186

(source : Rubber Board)

(c) Details of country-wise import of Natural Rubber and Compounded Rubber from other countries from 2018-19 to 2021-22 is as under:

Import of Natural Rubber from other countries (Quantity in tonne)				
Year/ Country	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22
Bangladesh	3221	5558	1663	3544
Cote d'Ivoire	34594	27056	46226	75081
Nigeria	504	907	424	1654
Sri Lanka	1264	1201	307	114
Cameroon	303	0	202	40
Ghana	0	2923	8691	20507
Others	1866	1197	1276	1697
Total	41752	38842	58789	102637

(source : Rubber Board)

Import of Compounded Rubber from other countries (Quantity in tonne)				
Country	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22
U S A	21264	19924	20996	29822
KOREA RP	3816	3017	3244	2980
CANADA	2380	7408	4874	2885
GERMANY	3599	3047	2731	2715
ITALY	2002	3058	2969	2645
BELGIUM	658	1529	1869	1783
CHINA P RP	649	843	800	1770
JAPAN	1295	1715	1659	1760
NETHERLAND	2303	3437	990	1043
U K	1495	1079	572	898
SOUTH AFRICA	493	764	414	891
U ARAB EMTS	20	486	986	859
OTHERS	2310	3232	1442	2400
TOTAL	42284	49538	43545	52452

(source : Rubber Board)

(d) Government of India, presently, fixes Minimum Support Price (MSP) for 25 agricultural crops. These prices are fixed on the basis of recommendations of the Commission for Agricultural Costs & Prices (CACP), views of State Governments and other supply situations of various crops in domestic and world markets, etc. Crops considered under MSP are generally major agricultural commodities which are widely grown and have large area under cultivation, are generally items of mass consumption with fairly long shelf life or/and necessary for food security. As Natural Rubber does not fulfill most of the criteria for inclusion under MSP, hence, this is not included in the mandated crops for MSP.
