

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

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1805
ANSWERED ON 04/08/2023

IMPORT DUTY ON NATURAL AND COMPOUND RUBBER

1805. SHRI JOSE K. MANI:

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

- (a) the prices of natural rubber in the country over the last five years;
- (b) whether Government has any plan to increase the import duty on all dry forms of natural rubber and on compound rubber to a minimum of 50 per cent;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether Government has any plan to impose anti-dumping duty on natural rubber imported from Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) countries; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
(SMT. ANUPRIYA PATEL)

- (a) The yearly average prices of natural rubber (NR) in the domestic markets for the last five years are as under:

Year	Sheet Rubber (RSS 4 Kottayam) (Rs./Kg)	Block Rubber (ISNR 20 Kottayam) (Rs./Kg)	Latex (60% dry rubber content) (Kottayam) (Rs./Kg)
2018-19	125.95	118.72	88.66
2019-20	135.22	118.66	92.90
2020-21	141.85	120.43	96.06
2021-22	171.01	158.19	126.78
2022-23	156.52	144.31	103.94

(Source: Rubber Board)

(b)& (c): Presently, no such proposal is under consideration. The Government had increased the duty on import of dry rubber to 25% or Rs.30 per kg whichever is lower w.e.f. 30.04.2015, which is equal to WTO bound rate. Further, in the Union Budget 2023-24, the rate of custom duty on compound rubber has been increased from 10% to 25%.

(d)& (e): The Government considers anti-dumping measures on the basis of application filed by domestic industry. Currently, there is no application received/pending for initiation of anti-dumping investigation on natural rubber with Directorate General of Trade Remedies.
