

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

LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 488  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 06<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY, 2017

PRODUCTION AND IMPORT OF NATURAL RUBBER

488. **ADV. JOICE GEORGE:**

**SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN:**

Will the Minister of **COMMERCE & INDUSTRY** (वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग मंत्री ) be pleased to state:

- the details of total production, consumption and import of natural rubber in the country during the last three years;
- whether there is a sharp rise in the import of natural rubber during the said period and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- whether the Rubber Board has data about the cost of production of 1 kg natural rubber and if so, the details thereof; and
- whether there are any differences in the production of rubber in various States and if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

**ANSWER**

वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग राज्य मंत्री (श्रीमती निर्मला सीतारमण) (स्वतंत्र प्रभार)

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY  
(INDEPENDENT CHARGE)  
(SMT. NIRMALA SITHARAMAN)

- (a) & (b) The details of total production, consumption and import of Natural Rubber (NR) in the country during the last three years are as under:

Year	Production (Tonne)	Consumption (Tonne)	Import (Tonne)
2013-14	774,000	981,520	360,263
2014-15	645,000	1020,910	442,130
2015-16	562,000	994,415	458,374

The increase in import of NR into the country can be primarily attributed to the gap between production and consumption of NR in the country and lower prices of block rubber in international markets as compared to the sheet rubber in domestic market.

- (c) Cost of production of rubber varies from region to region and depends upon a number of factors such as labour wages, value of land, input costs, etc. Rubber Board has undertaken a study to work out the cost of production of Natural Rubber. However, final report has not yet been submitted.

(d) The details of production of NR in different states are as under :

**State-wise production of NR (Tonnes)**

<b>State</b>	<b>2013-14</b>	<b>2014-15</b>	<b>2015-16 (provisional)</b>
Kerala	6,48,220	5,07,700	4,38,630
Tripura	39,000	47,000	44,245
Karnataka	35,230	34,560	29,400
Tamil Nadu	25,000	23,785	19,495
Assam	13,600	17,310	14,560
Meghalaya	7,570	8,510	7,360
Nagaland	1,900	2,390	3,020
Manipur	1,065	1,150	1,660
Maharashtra	380	395	925
Goa	595	630	640
Mizoram	310	360	595
Others	1,130	1,210	1,470
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>7,74,000</b>	<b>6,45,000</b>	<b>5,62,000</b>

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