

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

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5533**  
**TO BE ANSWERED ON 02<sup>nd</sup> APRIL, 2018**

**BUDGETORY ALLOCATION TO RUBBER BOARD**

5533. SHRI JOSE K. MANI:

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

- (a) whether it is true that most of the budgetary allocation to the Rubber Board is spent as establishment expenditure on the wages and allowances of the staff, leaving only a small portion of the total allocation for the welfare of rubber farmers;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has taken steps to optimize the establishment expenditure of the Rubber Board and/or extend financial assistance to the Board to ensure sufficient spending on the stakeholders; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री सी. आर. चौधरी)

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

(a) & (b): Yes Madam. Around 77 percent of the total budgetary allocation of the Rubber Board is spent on establishment expenditure, which results in lesser allocation for implementation of the various activities to be taken up for development of Natural Rubber sector including the welfare of rubber farmers. Details are at **Annexure**.

(c) & (d): Several steps have been taken by the Rubber Board to optimise its establishment expenditure which inter-alia includes reorganization / restructuring of offices and establishment, reduction of sanctioned staff strength, centralization of salary and wage payments and merger of different departments in Head office. Efforts have also been made for more budgetary allocation to the Rubber Board and increase of Internal and Extra Budgetary Resources (IEBR) of the Rubber Board.

Besides, Rubber Board is also carrying out developmental activities to support growers through convergence of schemes with Central and State Ministries/agencies. For instance, the Rubber Board implemented skill development activities under Pradhan Mantri Kisan Vikas Yojana (PMKVY) in 2017-18 with an outlay of Rs. 6.17 crores. Further a scheme "Rubber Production Incentive Scheme" is under implementation by Govt. of Kerala for providing financial support to rubber growers in which the difference between the Scheme Reference Price of Rs. 150/per kg. and the daily market price is credited to the bank account of the farmer directly on the basis of purchase bills. The Scheme is operated through Rubber Producers Societies (RPS) promoted by Rubber Board.

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## Medium Term Framework (2017-18 to 2019-20)

<b>Components and approved outlay (Rs Crore)</b>					
<b>S. No</b>	<b>Component</b>	<b>2017-18</b>	<b>2018-19</b>	<b>2019-20</b>	<b>Total</b>
1.	Rubber Plantation Development & Extension	25.02	31.27	40.33	96.62
2.	Rubber Research	3.00	4.31	6.76	14.07
3.	Support for processing & marketing, infrastructure development and specialised services	7.99	9.11	8.35	25.45
4.	Human Resources Development	3.00	3.94	4.87	11.81
5.	Pending liability	18.00	0	0	18.00
6.	Salary & Pension	142.67	152.66	163.35	458.68
7.	Increase in salary due to 7 <sup>th</sup> CPC	9.43	10.09	10.80	30.32
8.	Increase in allowance due to 7 <sup>th</sup> CPC	5.00	5.35	5.72	16.07
9.	Arrear of 7 <sup>th</sup> CPC	14.96	0	0	14.96
10.	Establishment Cost (other than salary & Pension)	12.00	12.00	12.00	36.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>241.07</b>	<b>228.73</b>	<b>252.18</b>	<b>721.98</b>

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