

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

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1867**  
**TO BE ANSWERED ON 30<sup>th</sup> JULY,2018**

**RESTRUCTURING OF RUBBER BOARD**

1867. SHRI ANTO ANTONY:

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

- (a) whether the Government has decided to restructure the Rubber Board and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (b) whether the Government has any statistics regarding the funds released to the Rubber Board;
- (c) if so, the details of funds released to the Rubber Board during the last ten years, year-wise;
- (d) whether the Government has any records regarding the funds provided to rubber growers under various schemes/ subsidies and if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) whether the Government has any plan to provide more funds to the Rubber Board for various purposes including assistance to rubber growers and 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): As per the direction of the Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance it has been decided to restructure the Commodity Boards including Rubber Board, in order to reduce the establishment/operational expenditure and to ensure the smooth and effective functioning of the Boards.

(b) &(c):The details of funds released to Rubber Board during the last 10 years are given in Annexure.

(d):The major financial assistance provided through Rubber Board to rubber growers directly has been subsidy for new planting and replanting of rubber. The details of planting grant for new planting/replanting released to rubber growers are given below:

Year	Planting grant released to growers by the Rubber Board (Rs. in Crore)		
	Other than North East	North East	Total
2015-16	13.43	16.21	29.64
2016-17	7.57	8.58	16.15

Year	Planting grant released to growers by the Rubber Board (Rs. in Crore)		
	Other than North East	North East	Total
2017-18	0.83	3.23	4.06

- (e): For the Medium Term Framework (2017-18 to 2019-20), an amount of Rs. 721.98 crores have been approved for Rubber Board which includes assistance to rubber growers.

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**Annexure**

**Annexure referred to in reply to parts (b) & (c) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 1867 for 30.7.2018**

Year	Funds released to Rubber Board (Rs. Crore)
2008-09	126.33
2009-10	141.92
2010-11	170.00
2011-12	195.81
2012-13	185.00
2013-14	194.58
2014-15	208.50
2015-16	201.74
2016-17	148.75
2017-18	185.00

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