

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY  
DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL POLICY & PROMOTION**

**LOK SABHA**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1013.  
TO BE ANSWERED ON MONDAY, THE 17<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 2018.**

**INDUSTRIAL PARKS**

**1013. SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN:**

Will the Minister of **COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY** be pleased to state:

**वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग मंत्री**

- (a) whether the Government considers opening more industrial parks for rubber based units under Make in India programme;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) if not, whether the Government will consider the same and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the details of measures taken by the Government to help the farmers struggling due to prices fall of natural rubber?

**ANSWER**

**वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग मंत्रालय में राज्यमंत्री (श्री सी.आर. चौधरी)**

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

- (a) & (b):** There is no such proposal under consideration of the Government.
- (c):** The Government has no proposal for considering opening of industrial parks for rubber based units.
- (d):** Details of measures taken by the Government to help the farmers struggling due to price fall of natural rubber are as under:
  - i) Domestic rubber prices are highly sensitive to import of natural rubber. To regulate the import of natural rubber, the Government has increased duty on import of dry rubber from “20% or Rs. 30 per kg whichever is lower” to “25% or Rs. 30 per kg whichever is lower” w.e.f. 30.4.2015 in order to create demand for locally produced rubber.

- ii) The Government has also reduced the period of utilization of imported dry rubber under advance licensing/ authorization scheme from 18 months to 6 months.
- iii) Director General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) has imposed port restriction on the import of Natural Rubber by restricting the port entry to Chennai and Nhava Sheva (Jawaharlal Nehru Port) since 20<sup>th</sup> January, 2016.
- iv) “Rubber Production Incentive Scheme” is under implementation in the major rubber growing State of Kerala for providing financial support to rubber growers under 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.

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