

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 663
TO BE ANSWERED ON 26th JUNE, 2019

NEW NATIONAL RUBBER POLICY

663. SHRI ANTO ANTONY:

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

- (a) whether the Government is formulating a new National Rubber Policy in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof including the salient features of the policy;
- (c) whether the Government has taken into consideration the opinion of all stakeholders in this regard;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the new policy will help the natural rubber growers in the country and if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) the other steps taken/being taken by the Government for the welfare of natural rubber growers?

ANSWER

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**THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)**

(a)& (b):The Department of Commerce already brought out the National Rubber Policy in March 2019. The National Rubber Policy includes several provisions to support the natural rubber (NR) production sector and the entire rubber industry value chain. The Policy covers new planting and replanting of rubber, support for growers, processing and marketing of natural rubber, labour shortage, grower forums, external trade, Centre-State integrated strategies, research, training, rubber product manufacturing and export, climate change concerns, carbon market etc.

(c) to (e):National Rubber Policy is based on the short term and long term strategies identified by the Task Force constituted on the rubber sector for mitigating problems faced by rubber growers in the country. The Task Force held extensive consultations with various stakeholders of rubber sector. Prior to the notification of the National Rubber Policy, stakeholder views were obtained. The policy is expected to benefit natural rubber growers and promote the natural rubber production sector.

(f): Developmental and research activities for supporting NR sector for the welfare of growers are carried out through Rubber Board by implementing the scheme “Sustainable and Inclusive Development of Natural Rubber Sector” in the Medium Term Framework(MTF)(2017-18 to 2019-20). The Developmental activities include financial and technical assistance for planting, supply of quality planting materials, support for grower forums, training and skill development programme.
