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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1492
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Synthetic Rubber Production

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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

- a. The steps taken by the Government to increase synthetic rubber production capacities to reduce dependence on other nations for raw materials;
- b. Whether the Government is aware that non-tyre users comprising of small and medium units producing hoses, pipes, conveyor belts, footwear, other countries are struggling to cope with the current rising prices of imported products;
- c. If so, the details thereof;
- d. Whether the Government has any plans to start manufacturing those synthetic rubber varieties which are chiefly imported; and
- e. If so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI
BHAGWANTH KHUBA)**

(a) to (e)

It is true that there is scarce domestic availability of feed-stock / main raw material, such as crude oil and natural gas which is required to manufacture synthetic rubber. However, due to investment friendly policies of the Government, during past six years, Indian companies have invested over Rs 4000 Cr in setting up production facilities of Synthetic Rubber. The new capacities which have come up are:

Styrene Butadiene Rubber – 270 KTA
Poly Butadiene Rubber - 120 KTA

Further, the production of the Butyl rubber has also started in India. As this sector is deregulated and unlicensed, the Indian private companies are investing in the sector based on the commercial opportunities.