## GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

# LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2283 TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 14<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2023

### NATURAL RUBBER AS AN AGRICULTURAL CROP

#### 2283. SHRI ANTO ANTONY:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any plan to include natural rubber as an agricultural crop;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government in this regard;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether the Government has received any requests for declaration of natural rubber as an agricultural crop; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the response of the Government in this regard?

#### **ANSWER**

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE) कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री (SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a to e) Various representations for inclusion of rubber as an agricultural crop have been received in Rubber Board, Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Government of India. However, after examination, it has been found that Natural Rubber is not an agricultural crop, and therefore, there is no proposal in Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare to include it as an agricultural crop.

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