

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4615
TO BE ANSWERED ON 29th MARCH, 2023

NATURAL RUBBER

4615. ADV. DEAN KURIAKOSE:

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

- (a) whether the Ministry of Commerce has been allowing the WTO Bound Rate of 25% import duty;
- (b) if so, the quantum imported during the last five years and the quantum of import duty collected, year-wise;
- (c) whether the Government is considering to share a portion of the import duty so collected with rubber producing States like Kerala to subsidise rubber farmers in distress due to steep fall in the price of natural rubber, to fetch Rs. 250/- per kg. of natural rubber;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) the details of the cost of production per kg of natural rubber as per the recommendations of the Rubber Board/Agricultural Cost and Prices Commission; and
- (f) whether the Ministry has been allowing import of compound rubber and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्रीमती अनुप्रिया पटेल)

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
(SMT. ANUPRIYA PATEL)

(a): The bound rate of duty under Article 2 of the General Agreement for Tariff and Trade (GATT) 1994 in WTO for dry forms of natural rubber (NR) is 25%.

(b): The details regarding the quantum of natural rubber imported and import duty collected for the period 01st April, 2018 to 23rd March, 2023 are attached as Annexure.

(c) and (d): No such proposal is under consideration.

(e): The details of Cost of production of Natural Rubber (2021-22) as estimated by the Rubber Board is as under:-

Cost of production of natural rubber (2021-22)	
State	Cost (Rs/kg)
Assam	66.01
Karnataka	91.30
Kerala	90.64
Tripura	70.61
Cost: All paid out costs of labour and material inputs, interest on working capital and depreciation	
Tapping System: Once in three days	

(Source: Rubber Board)

(f): Compounded rubber is allowed to be imported under HS Code 4005 on payment of applicable import duty. In the Union Budget 2023-24, the rate of custom duty on compound rubber has been increased from 10 % to 25% or Rs. 30/kg (same as that on natural rubber).

Annexure referred to in reply to Part (b) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 4615 for answer on 29.03.2023.

Import details for 4 digit CTH(Custom Tariff Heading) 4001 for period 01-Apr-2018 to 23-Mar-2023

SL No.	Year	Quantity	Unit	Assessable Value(In Rs.)	Import Duty(In Rs.)
1	2018 - 2019	503755830.26	KGS	53341997571.41	10988251703.70
2	2018 - 2019	67962.731	MTS	4926114049	753703543.2
3	2018 - 2019	6	NOS	189939.9	9566.3
4	2018 - 2019	116	PCS	242766.1	9553.6
5	2019 - 2020	351793921.9	KGS	37605050418	6922313573
6	2019 - 2020	190703.633	MTS	9998906048	1804869262
7	2019 - 2020	508215	NOS	55833324.22	18868427.7
8	2019 - 2020	3.00	PAC	8674.97	537.70
9	2019 - 2020	300.00	PCS	554.27	187.80
10	2019 - 2020	1.00	UNT	9562.70	754.30
11	2020 - 2021	290939618.13	KGS	32155705699.13	4875249135.60
12	2020 - 2021	188340.066	MTS	10263809040	1725671921
13	2020 - 2021	1202	NOS	1929767.7	278973.2
14	2020 - 2021	570	PCS	104472.07	17697.2
15	2020 - 2021	20	SQM	243050.6	12845.5
16	2021 - 2022	372235235.3	KGS	52092000800	6657945222
17	2021 - 2022	119200.21	MTS	17484253942	2459114724
18	2021 - 2022	16608	NOS	2182581.67	271259.2
19	2021 - 2022	381.00	PCS	43514.45	16937.80
20	2021 - 2022	3.00	PRS	59.42	51.10
21	2022 - 2023	376906691.6	KGS	53832154526	7291757645
22	2022 - 2023	117549.753	MTS	17168992022	2510016372
23	2022 - 2023	151989	NOS	15451953.01	4398944.2
24	2022 - 2023	522	PCS	358250.91	4540.6
25	2022 - 2023	2	SET	249061.77	12522.4

Source: Department of Revenue
