

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 503
TO BE ANSWERED ON 05th FEBRUARY, 2020

VARIOUS COLLABORATIONS WITH THE RUBBER BOARD

503. SHRI ANTO ANTONY:

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

- (a) the details of the present staff strength of the Rubber Board, along with the category of officers and employees of the Board;
- (b) whether the Rubber Board has been in collaboration with the armed forces for the production of materials required for the army, navy and air force and with the Space Research Organization for facilitating research and manufacturing/production of space vehicles, satellites and rockets, etc.;
- (c) if so, details thereof;
- (d) whether the aviation industry and the Space Research Organisation of the country or foreign countries are dependent on natural rubber produced in the country; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग मंत्री (श्री पीयूष गोयल)
THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

(a): The present actual staff strength of the Rubber Board is as under:

Staff strength of Rubber Board	
Group	No of staff
Group A	196
Group B	534
Group C	542
Total	1272

(b) & (c): Rubber Board has been offering consultancy services to armed forces like Indian Army, Air Force, Navy, Border Security Force (BSF) and their allied agencies like BEML Ltd, Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO), Mazagon Dock, etc. The Board also undertakes quality control measures of the vendor supplied rubber components to defence sector.

(d) & (e) : Natural rubber (NR) is used for various critical applications. Aircraft tyres are made of NR due to high level of heat resistance. Large sized tyres need a relatively high proportion of NR. NR based components are essential for space research. NR for all industrial purposes can be sourced from domestic or external sources. Aviation industry and Space Research Organisations of foreign countries depend on international markets for NR supply.
