

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

LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 127
TO BE ANSWERED ON 10th FEBRUARY, 2021

RUBBER INDUSTRY

*127. SHRI PRADYUT BORDOLOI:

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

- (a) the steps taken by the Government to establish rubber industries in Assam and the total number of industries proposed to be opened by the Government to achieve the desired target;
- (b) the district-wise details of nine Primary Processing Centres established/proposed to be established to promote rubber plantation in Assam; and
- (c) the State-wise details of the amount invested in developing rubber plantation in the North-Eastern region of the country during the last three years and the amount proposed to be invested during the next five years?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (c) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 127 FOR ANSWER ON 10th FEBRUARY, 2021 REGARDING “RUBBER INDUSTRY”.

(a) Government of India through Rubber Board is implementing the ‘Sustainable and Inclusive Development of Natural Rubber Sector’ scheme for undertaking various developmental and research activities for increasing natural rubber production in the country. Rubber Board provides technical support for establishing rubber based industries in the country. At present there are six rubber products manufacturing industries in Assam for manufacturing rubber products like tread rubber, rubberized coir foams and healthcare products. There is no specific target for establishing rubber industries in Assam.

(b) Under the “Chief Minister Samagra Gramya Unnayan Yojana (CMSGUY)”, Government of Assam has approved a project in 2019-20 for the construction of nine Primary Processing Centres for processing of natural rubber. The objective of the project is to enhance the quality of natural rubber produced by small growers through group processing under the aegis of Rubber Producers Societies (RPS) for ensuring better price to rubber growers. The district -wise details are as under:

Proposed Primary Processing Centres in Assam		
	<i>District</i>	<i>Rubber Producers' Society (RPS)</i>
1	Bongaigaon	Ghilaguri RPS
2	Chirang	Rwikhati RPS
3	Goalpara	Mung RPS
4	Golaghat	Doyang RPS
5	Karbi Anglong	Chesongkiri Ajirong RPS
6	-do-	Thongnokbe RPS
7	Kokrajhar	Bakshamara RPS
8	-do-	Chwtwng RPS
9	Udalguri	Mwndang RPS

(c) State-wise break-up of amount spent by Rubber Board in North East Region during the last three years is as under:

Amount spent by Rubber Board in North East Region during the last three years (Rs. Crore)				
Sl. No.	State	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
1	Assam	12.66	11.85	14.21
2	Tripura	11.34	10.61	12.84
3	Meghalaya	3.64	3.40	3.93
4	Nagaland	1.08	1.02	3.52
5	Arunachal Pradesh	0.62	0.59	1.76
6	Manipur	0.66	0.61	0.41
7	Mizoram	0.53	0.49	0.27
Total amount		30.53	28.57	36.94

To tap the potential of new rubber plantation in North Eastern states, a collaborative project for developing rubber plantations in 2,00,000 ha in North East in public-private partnership (PPP) mode with State Governments, financial institutions and Rubber Board along with tyre companies has been envisaged. Apart from accelerating new rubber plantation development the project focusses on quality improvement of NR and skill development activities.
