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(DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE)

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1772
TO BE ANSWERED ON 08th DECEMBER, 2021

PRODUCTION OF NATURAL RUBBER

1772. SHRI JAGDAMBIKA PAL:

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

- (a) the State-wise details of production of natural rubber in India, year-wise for the last four years;
- (b) the export and import trends of India's natural rubber for the last four years and the estimates of market size of natural rubber in India;
- (c) whether the market of natural rubber is expected to grow in the coming years and if so, the details therefor along with the details of largest consumers of rubber in India;
- (d) whether India's natural rubber production is likely to fall sharply due to heavy rains this year;
- (e) if so, the details thereof along with its impact on import of rubber; and
- (f) whether the Government is going to tackle this issue of low production of natural rubber due to heavy rains 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 state-wise details of production of natural rubber in India, year-wise for the last four years are as under:

State-wise production of natural rubber (Tonne)				
State	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
Kerala	540775	492500	533500	519500
Tamil Nadu	21110	21500	21600	19710
Tripura	50500	52300	61950	73780
Assam	23300	25200	30350	34130

State-wise production of natural rubber (Tonne)				
State	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
Meghalaya	9050	9300	9350	9540
Karnataka	38300	38900	41550	43860
Other states	10965	11300	13700	14480
Total	694000	651000	712000	715000

(Source: Rubber Board)

(b): The export & import trends of India's natural rubber and estimate of market size of the industry as indicated by consumption of natural rubber for the last four years are as under:

Export, Import and Consumption of natural rubber (Tonne)				
	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
Export	5072	4551	12872	11343
Import	469760	582351	457223	410478
Consumption	1112210	1211940	1134120	1096410

(Source: Rubber Board)

(c): The market of natural rubber is expected to grow in the coming years. The expected natural rubber consumption for the year 2021-22 is 12,40,000 tonnes. The largest consumer of rubber is tyre sector. The details are as under:

Consumption of natural rubber (Tonne)				
	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
Tyre	772162	864022	756265	780588
Non-tyre	340048	347918	377855	315822
Total	1112210	1211940	1134120	1096410

(Source: Rubber Board)

(d) to (f) : No sharp fall in natural rubber production is envisaged due to heavy rain this year. However, as a proactive initiative, Government through Rubber Board, is promoting rain-guarding in rubber plantations for uninterrupted tapping on rainy days.

The import of natural rubber during 2021-22 is projected at 420,000 tonnes.
