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

# LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2939 TO BE ANSWERED ON 15<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER. 2021

#### **RUBBER FARMERS**

#### 2939. SHRI THOMAS CHAZHIKADAN:

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware that rubber farmers in Kerala are not getting adequate price for their product vis-a-vis expenditure;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has any plans to provide subsidy to rubber farmers so that the farmers can get the price of rupees 250 per kg; and
- (d) 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) and (b): The rubber farmers in Kerala are getting adequate price for their product vis-a-vis expenditure. Domestic natural rubber prices have increased in the country in the recent past and the monthly average price for RSS 4 grade natural rubber in Kerala during November 2021 was Rs. 182.79 per kg. against the tentative cost of production i.e. Rs. 99.46 per kg, including all paid out costs, interest on working capital and depreciation of fixed assets.
- (c) and (d): No such proposal is under consideration of the Government.

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