

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

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 89**  
**TO BE ANSWERED ON 2<sup>nd</sup> FEBRUARY, 2022**

**CRISIS IN RUBBER SECTOR**

89. ADV. ADOOR PRAKASH:

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware of the crisis in rubber sector and the plight of small and marginal farmers due to fall in the price of natural rubber;
- (b) whether the Government has any plans to bring natural rubber under Minimum Support Price Scheme (MSP) Scheme and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has received recommendation of the task force on the rubber sector for considering natural rubber as agricultural crop and bring it under the MSP scheme; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the decision taken in this regard?

**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): Domestic Natural Rubber (NR) prices have increased in the country in the recent past. The average price of RSS4 grade sheet rubber for the period of April to December 2021 was Rs. 172.82 per kg compared to the yearly average of Rs. 141.85 per kg during 2020-21.

As domestic Natural Rubber is highly sensitive and is linked to prevailing international prices of natural rubber, the Government has been taking steps from time to time to ensure that domestic farmers get remunerative prices for their produce.

(b): No such proposal is under consideration of the Government.

(c) & (d): The task force on rubber sector has recommended treating Natural rubber (NR) as an agricultural product and its inclusion under Minimum Support Scheme (MSP). The Government of India fixes MSP for 25 agricultural crops. These prices are fixed on the basis of recommendations of the Commission for Agricultural Costs & Prices (CACP). Natural Rubber is not included in the selected 25 crops for which Minimum Support Price (MSP) is notified, as it does not fulfill most of the criteria for inclusion under MSP, and is not covered under the Comprehensive Scheme for studying the cost of cultivation of principal crops in India.

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