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

### LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1215 ANSWERED ON 03/12/2024

#### CENTRALIZED DATABASE FOR RUBBER PLANTATIONS

#### 1215. SHRI V K SREEKANDAN:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Rubber Board is creating a centralized database for rubber plantations across the country to establish a deforestation-free chain of rubber products, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether Rubber Board is also developing a traceability system to monitor export of natural rubber product, if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether a centralized database is needed to ensure the marketability of rubber products due to the European Union Deforestation Regulation w.e.f. 01.01.2025 and if so the details thereof?

#### **ANSWER**

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्रालय में मंत्री (श्री पीयूष गोयल)

# THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

(a) to (c) Rubber Board has engaged a service provider for mapping rubber area in India and is also developing a traceability system for rubber and rubber products exported from India. A centralized database and traceability system will help in improving transparency and marketability of the product in various markets including EU.

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