

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4872
ANSWERED ON 01/04/2025

MSP FOR NATURAL RUBBER

4872. 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 plan to bring natural rubber under Minimum Support Price (MSP) Scheme, if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether the Government received recommendation of the task force on the rubber sector for considering natural rubber as agricultural crop and bring it under the MSP scheme, if so, the details thereof and the decision taken thereon?

ANSWER

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री जितिन प्रसाद)

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
(SHRI JITIN PRASADA)

(a) The average price of natural rubber (RSS 4 grade) in Kottayam, Kerala during the period April to February, 2024-25 was Rs 200.04 per kg compared to an average price of Rs 153.75 per kg during the same period of FY 2023-24, an increase of 30.11%.

(b) & (c) A Task force on Rubber sector was constituted in 2018 and its recommendations were considered at that time. The Government fixes Minimum Support Prices (MSPs) for 22 mandated agriculture crops on the basis of the recommendations of the Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices (CACP), after considering the views of state Governments and Central Ministries/Departments concerned. The 22 mandated crops include 14 Kharif crops viz., paddy, jowar, bajra, maize, ragi, tur(arhar), moong, urad, groundnut, soyabean, sunflower, sesamum, nigerseed, cotton and 6 Rabi crops viz., wheat, barley, gram, masur (lentil), rapeseed & mustard, safflower and two commercial crops viz., jute and copra. Currently Natural rubber is not included in the 22 mandated agricultural crops for Minimum support Prices (MSPs).
