GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE LOK SABHA

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RUBBER PRODUCTION

2549. SMT. D K ARUNA:

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SHRI EATALA RAJENDER:

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

- (a) whether accelerating domestic Natural Rubber (NR) production is a national priority, especially in non-traditional regions like the North East and if so, the details thereof and the steps taken, results yielded, to date; and
- (b) whether India's natural rubber consumption is projected to reach 20 lakh tonnes by 2030 and there is a need to accelerate domestic production and if so, the corrective steps taken, encouragement being given in future to achieve goal of Viksit Bharat-2047 as part of it?

ANSWER

वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग मंत्रालय में राज्यमंत्री (श्री जितिन प्रसाद)

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

(a) & (b) The Natural Rubber consumption in India was reported by Rubber Board to be 14.10 Lakh Tonnes in 2024-25. Keeping in view the consumption requirements of natural rubber in the country, the Government, through Rubber Board, is implementing the Scheme "Sustainable and Inclusive Development of Natural Rubber Sector" under which various activities are undertaken to increase the productivity and production of natural rubber in the country. Under the scheme, Rubber Board provides financial / technical assistance for inter alia planting / replanting of natural rubber in both traditional and non-traditional areas, rain guarding, promotion of good agricultural practices and disease control.

Further, in order to boost production in the North Eastern region, a project is being implemented by Rubber Board in collaboration with Automotive Tyre Manufacturers Association (ATMA) in the North East for developing rubber plantations in 200,000 ha area. Under this project, so far natural rubber has been planted in 150,915 ha area in the North East region.
