

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

LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3459  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 21<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER, 2015

RUBBER CULTIVATION

3459. SHRI ANTO ANTONY:

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

- the total area under rubber plantations in the country at present, State/ UT-wise;
- whether there has been a decline in rubber cultivation during the last three years and the current year;
- if so, the details thereof alongwith the reasons therefor; and
- the steps taken by the Government to promote rubber cultivation in the country?

ANSWER

वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग राज्य मंत्री (श्रीमती निर्मला सीतारमण)(स्वतंत्र प्रभार )  
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY  
(INDEPENDENT CHARGE)  
(SMT. NIRMALA SITHARAMAN)

- (a): The total area under rubber plantations in the country during 2014-15 is 795,135 ha (provisional). State /UT-wise details are as under:

State/UT	Area (Hectares) (Provisional)
Kerala	549955
Tamil Nadu	20925
Tripura	75070
Assam	51795
Meghalaya	14775
Nagaland	14235
Manipur	3955
Mizoram	3550
Arunachal Pradesh	4065
Karnataka	49210
A&N Islands	805
Goa	1165
Maharashtra	2310
Odisha	1840
West Bengal	850
Andhra Pradesh	630

<b>State/UT</b>	<b>Area (Hectares) (Provisional)</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>795135</b>

(b) & (c): The information as available indicates a decline in the new planting of rubber in the last three years. This is attributable inter alia, to several factors including pressure on domestic prices caused by surplus stock in international markets and asymmetry in the type of rubber demanded by the domestic manufacturers vis- a- vis available domestic production. The details of new planting and replanting of rubber is as under:

<b>Year</b>	<b>New planting (ha)</b>	<b>Replanting (ha)</b>	<b>Total planting (ha)</b>
2012-13	23500	11000	34500
2013-14 p	21000	15000	36000
2014-15 p	17000	15000	32000

p- Provisional.

(d): Several programmes covering research, extension and provision of financial assistance are implemented through the Rubber Board to increase rubber production through new planting, replanting of uneconomic plantations and productivity enhancement. The scale of financial assistance for new planting and replanting during the period of 12<sup>th</sup> Five year plan is as follows:

<b>Region</b>	<b>Planting subsidy in 12<sup>th</sup> Plan</b>
Traditional region	Rs. 25,000 per ha
Non-traditional region other than NE	Rs.35,000 per ha (planting subsidy - Rs.30000, reimbursement of cost of planting material- Rs.5000)
NE region	Rs.35,000 per ha (planting subsidy - Rs.30000, reimbursement of cost of planting material- Rs.5000)

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