

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2638
TO BE ANSWERED ON 14TH MARCH, 2016

RUBBER PRODUCTION

2638. SHRI ARKA KESHARI DEO:

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

- (a) whether the rubber production in the country has increased during the current financial year;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has any plan to import more rubber from other rubber producing countries during the year 2016-17; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

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) & (b) Natural Rubber (NR) production in the country is estimated to have decreased by 12.7 % during April 2015 to January 2016 as compared with production during April 2014 to January 2015.
- (c) & (d) Import of rubber is primarily dependent on requirement of the industry and the gap between production and consumption. There is no licensing for import of NR except under Advance Licensing route at zero duty for re export purposes. Hence, the Government does not have any control over import of NR from specific rubber producing countries except in terms of tariffs subject to bound rates.
