

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:404  
ANSWERED ON:25.02.2000  
IMPORT OF RUBBER .  
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**Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government have decided to import natural rubber;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor and the total quantity of natural rubber imported during the current year;
- (c) whether the Government have received request from State Government of Kerala to stop the import of rubber; and
- (d) if so, details thereof and the action taken by the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN)

- (a) & (b): No, Sir. Import of Natural Rubber is in the Restricted List and is permitted only against a Licence as of now. During April - November 1999 a quantity of 13,149 tonnes of Natural Rubber has been imported.
- (c)&(d): Yes, Sir. Government of India has imposed a ban on import of Natural Rubber under the Advance Licence Scheme w.e.f. 20.2.1999.