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NATURAL RUBBER
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian rubber industry depends on the indigenous natural rubber for its existence and expansion, whereas the world has switched over to synthetics and newer polymers;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the measures being taken by the Government to develop technology for indigenous production of synthetics polymers and chemicals at reasonable price?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY(SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

(a), (b) and (c): The domestic rubber industry depends more on natural rubber (NR) whereas in the world consumption, the share of synthetic rubber is higher than that of natural rubber. The share of NR in indigenous and world consumption are as under:-

Share of NR in consumption (%)

Year India World

2004 77 42

2005 77 43

2006 75 43

Synthetic Rubber(SR) supplements and substitutes natural rubber and their application. The manufacture of SR is delicensed and deregulated. Domestic industry manufacture different types of synthetic rubbers like Styrene Butadiene Rubber (SBR), Poly Butadiene Rubber (PBR), Nitrile Butadiene Rubber (NBR), etc. The import of SR is under Open General License in the current Foreign Trade Policy.