

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

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

- (a) the total production of natural rubber in the country during each of the last three years and the current year;
- (b) whether India has been importing rubber from neighbouring countries;
- (c) if so, the quantity of rubber imported during each of the last three years and the current year alongwith the details of tax levied on such imports, country-wise including Malaysia;
- (d) whether import of cheap rubber has affected the domestic growers; and
- (e) if so, the corrective measures taken by the Government to help the affected domestic rubber growers?

Answer

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

(a)to(c) : The details of total production of natural rubber (NR) in the country, quantity of rubber imported, country-wise including Malaysia and the estimated tax levied on imported NR during each of the last three years and current year are as under:

Year of NR (tonnes)	Production of NR (tonnes)	Import of NR (tonnes)	Indo-nesia	Thai-land	Mala-ysia	Viet-nam	Sri Lanka	Others	Estimated tax levied on imported NR	Total
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2005-06 802,625 17205 9575 9293 3464 1550 4198 45285 2.20

2006-07 852,895 39404 32254 4839 3311 7644 2347 89799 5.15

2007-08 825,345 36694 33975 3905 3005 7277 1538 86394 3.94

2008-09 574,865 16990 31125 3094 1132 3143 438 55922 1.38

(April-October) #

Provisional. The figure shown against the production of NR in the country during 2008-09 relates to April -November, 2008.

(d) and (e) : Untimely import of cheap NR often depresses domestic prices. Group approach is promoted in processing and marketing of rubber. Temporary suspension of futures trading has been withdrawn with effect from 01.12.2008. Import of NR is regularly monitored. Export of NR is promoted.