

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

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ASSISTANCE TO RUBBER FARMERS
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is steep fall in the prices of natural rubber in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the reasons therefor,
- (c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to provide assistance to the rubber farmers;
- (d) whether the re-plantation rate of natural rubber is declining in the recent years;
- (e) if so, the details thereof alongwith the reasons therefor;
- (f) whether the Government proposes to extend financial assistance to increase rubber production and for re-plantation in the existing acreage;
- (g) if so,the details thereof alongwith the total acreage of land identified and the amount allocated for the same,State-wise;and
- (h) the estimated increase in the production of rubber as a result thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUS TRY (SHRI KAMAL NATH)

- (a) to (h): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.