

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

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PRICE CONTROL ON NATURAL RUBBER  
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**Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:**

- (a) the quantum and value of natural rubber imported during the last three years;
- (b) whether the Government has received any proposal for price control on natural rubber through removal of import duties, fixing a price band and banning future trade in the commodity; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof alongwith the action taken by the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY(SHRI JYOTIRADITYA M. SCINDIA)

(a): The details of quantum and value of natural rubber(NR) imported during the last three years are as under:

Year	Quantity of NR imported (tonnes)	Value of NR import (Rs. Crore)	Value of NR import (Million USD)
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2007-08	86394	788.9	195.8
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2008-09	77762	937.2	203.9
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2009-10	176756	1602.1	337.3
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(b)& (c): Yes Madam.The Government has received representations from rubber consuming industrial organisations/Associations for reduction in import duty on Natural Rubber, fixing a price band and banning futures trading in rubber. Recently, in pursuance of the directions of the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi on the writ petitions filed by these Associations, a panel of Experts has been constituted to hear all these representationists and examine the issues, keeping in view the interest of all the stakeholders.