

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
LOK SABHA**

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IMPORT DUTY ON NATURAL RUBBER
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any plan to reduce the import duty on Natural rubber;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of the price of Natural Rubber in Domestic and International Market during the past three years, year-wise; and
- (d) whether reduction in import duty will cause fall in price of Natural Rubber due to large scale import of the Natural Rubber ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM)

(a)&(b) Yes, Sir. A proposal for allowing imports of a limited quantity of natural rubber at a lower rate of customs duty is under consideration of the Government.

(c) The annual average prices of natural rubber for 2007-08, 2008-09, 2009-10 in the domestic and international markets in Rs. per kilogram are as under:

Year/Month	Domestic (RSS-4 at Kottayam)	International (RSS-3 at Bangkok)
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2007-08	90.85	96.75
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2008-09	101.02	103.79
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2009-10	114.98	111.13
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(d) Since only a limited quantity of natural rubber is proposed to be allowed to be imported at concessional rate of customs duty, the long-term impact of this measure on the overall prices in the domestic market is not likely to be significant.