

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

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

- (a) the details regarding demand and supply of natural rubber during the last three years;
- (b) whether the demand and supply gap of natural rubber is widening with the each passing year;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to bring more areas under Rubber plantation to bridge the gap between demand and supply of natural rubber in the country; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and steps being taken in this regard?

Answer

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

(a): Demand and supply details of natural rubber (In Tonnes) during the last three years are as under:-

Year	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10
Production	825,345	864,500	831,400
Consumption	861,455	871,720	930,565

(b) & (c): Yes, Madam. The fast growing rubber consuming sector in India is outpacing the growth in rubber production. Production and consumption of NR by 2020 are projected at 1.18 and 1.42 million tonnes respectively.

(d) & (e): Yes, Madam. Land available for rubber cultivation in the traditional rubber growing region, comprising of Kerala and Kanyakumari district of Tamil Nadu is nearing saturation. Hence focus of new planting activities will have to be on limited areas with moderately suitable agro climatic conditions in the non-traditional region. A scheme for doubling of rubber area in NE region in 10 years starting from 2007-08, by planting 60000 hectares, is under operation.