

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

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PRODUCTION OF NATURAL RUBBER  
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**Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:**

- (a) the details regarding quantity and value of production of natural rubber in the country, State-wise;
- (b) the details regarding total area under rubber cultivation in the country, Statewise; and
- (c) the measures being taken to increase production of natural rubber in the country, especially in the State of Orissa and the outcome achieved thereon?

**Answer**

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

(a)and(b) : The details regarding State-wise area under rubber cultivation, quantity and estimated value of production of Natural Rubber (NR) in the traditional and non-traditional regions during the year 2007-08 (p), are as under:-

State/region	Total area under rubber (hectare)	Natural rubber production (tonnes)	Estimated Value (Rs. million)
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1.Traditional Region

Kerala	512045	753135	68422
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Tamil Nadu	19410	23820	2164
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2. Non-Traditional Region

a) North Eastern Region

Tripura	41165	20299	1844
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Assam	18225	5108	464
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Meghalaya	6830	4199	382
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Nagaland	2697	769	70
Manipur	1914	364	33
Mizoram	551	110	10
Arunachal Pradesh	458	121	11
b) Others			
Karnataka	28830	16450	1495
Andaman & Nicobar Islands	729	218	20
Goa	986	323	29
Maharashtra	373	82	8
Orissa	528	114	10
West Bengal	548	197	18
Andhra Pradesh	111	36	3
Total	635400	825345	74983

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(c) : The measures to increase NR production in the country through extension of cultivation and productivity enhancement are being implemented through two 11th Plan Schemes, viz., Rubber Plantation Development (RPD) Scheme and Rubber Plantation Development Scheme for North-East. The RPD Scheme covers the traditional rubber growing regions and non-traditional regions other than North-East, including Orissa. The promotional measures include a subsidy of Rs 30,000 per hectare in non-traditional regions, which consists of planting subsidy, planting material grant and transportation grant, other than quality planting material generation and distribution and assistance for irrigation, boundary protection and soil conservation. The rubber planted area and production of NR in Orissa in 2007-08 were 528 ha and 114 tonnes respectively. The productivity of rubber in Orissa is lower than the national productivity due to relatively unfavourable agro-climatic conditions.