

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

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

- (a) the details regarding import of natural rubber during the last three years;
- (b) whether there has been any study on the natural rubber component in the tyres imported;
- (c) if so, the details thereof during the last three years;
- (d) whether the import of finished tyre has impacted domestic natural rubber sector;and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and corrective steps taken to mitigate this impact?

Answer

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

(a): The details regarding import of natural rubber during the last three years are as under:-

Year Import of NR

Volume (Tonne) Value (Rs. Crore)

2007-08 86394 788.9

2008-09 77762 937.2

2009-10 176756 1602.1

(b) & (c): Yes, Madam. Natural Rubber content of truck/bus and car tyres imported during the last three years is as under:-

Year Import of truck/bus Import of car tyres NR content in imported truck/
tyres ('000 units) ('000 units) bus and car tyres (tonne)

2007-08 1327.94 1626.78 32800

2008-09 1106.82 2778.09 29800

2009-10 1362.01 2993.87 35900

Source: Automotive Tyre Manufacturers Association, New Delhi.

(d) & (e): Indirect import of natural rubber(NR) through tyres formed 38.0, 38.3 and 20.3 per cent of direct import of NR in 2007-08, 2008-09 and 2009-10 respectively as compared to 8.2 per cent in 2002-03. Anti-dumping duties were imposed on bias truck and bus tyre import from China and Thailand by Customs Notification No. 88/2007 dated 24th July 2007. Recommendations regarding anti-dumping duties on bias truck and bus tyres from China and Thailand based on Mid-Term Review have been issued by Directorate General of Anti-Dumping & Allied Duties vide Notification dated 26th August 2010 of the Department of Commerce. Anti-dumping duties were also imposed on radial truck and bus tyre import from China and Thailand by Customs Notification No. 12/2010 dated 19th February 2010. Keeping in view the interest of all the stakeholders, specially the small growers and sustainable existence of the Rubber Sector as a whole, the entire situation including the price trends, import trends and supply of natural rubber in the domestic market is closely monitored by the Government.