

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
LOK SABHA**

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PRODUCTION OF SYNTHETIC RUBBER
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the consumption of synthetic rubber in the domestic industry has substantially increased;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the production of synthetic rubber in the country is constantly declining;
- (d) if not, the total quantum of synthetic rubber produced in the country during the current year; and
- (e) the quantity of synthetic rubber imported during the current year?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS (SHRI SRIKAJVT KUMAR JENA)

(a) to (e) The manufacture of various types of Synthetic Rubber is being done in the country and the production, import, export and consumption for the years 2007-08, 2008-09, and 2009-10 of Synthetic Rubber is as follows:

(Unit: MT)

Year	Production	Import	Exports	Consumption
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2007-08	105556	223855	12732	316679
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2008-09	96093	198775	12262	282606
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2009-10	105730	330900	17356	419274
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The consumption and production of Synthetic Rubber in the domestic industry is increasing mainly due to growth in the automotive sector. However, the decline in consumption and production in 2008-09 was due to global economic slowdown. The demand and consumption of Synthetic Rubber also depend on the availability and prices of natural rubber which is a substitute for synthetic rubber in various applications.