

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

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PRODUCTION AND IMPORT OF NATURAL RUBBER

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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) the quantity and value of natural rubber produced and imported in the country separately during the last three years and the current year alongwith the details of the import duty levied on the natural rubber during the said period;
- (b) whether the Government is considering raising of the import duty on natural rubber in order to check gradual fall in the prices of natural rubber in the domestic market;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) the details of price of natural rubber both in the international and domestic market during the last three years and the current year; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government to protect the interests of domestic rubber planters in the country?

Answer

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

(a): The quantity and value of natural rubber produced and imported in the country during three years and the current year alongwith the details of the import duty levied on the natural rubber during the said period are as under:-

Year	Production	Import	Import duty
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Quantity (tonne)	Value (Rs Crore)	Quantity (tonne)	Value (Rs Crore)
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2008-09	864500	8397	77762	937.20	Latex - 70%
					NR- 20% #Dry forms of NR

2009-10	831400	9132	177130	1602.15	Latex - 70%
					#Dry forms of NR - 20%

2010-11	861950	15698	188337	2906.79	Latex - 70%
					#Dry forms of NR - 20% (From 22nd December 2010)
					#Latex - 70%
					#Dry forms of NR- 20% or Rs.20/kg whichever is lower
					#Tariff rate quota (TRQ) import of 40,000 tonnes of dry forms of NR at 7.5% duty

2011-12 480700 10093 96830 2087.13 Latex - 70%

(April to October 2011) #Dry forms of NR- 20%
or Rs.20/kg whichever
is lower
#TRQ import of dry
forms of NR at 7.5%
duty for balance of
40,000 tonnes approved
in 2010-11 and not
imported so far.

(b) & (c): No, Madam. Currently, there is no proposal to raise import duty of Natural Rubber.

(d): The average of prices of NR both in the international and domestic markets during the last three years and the current year are as under

Year	Domestic RSS 4 (Rs/kg)	International RSS 3 (Rs/kg)
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2008-09	101.12	103.79
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2009-10	114.98	111.13
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2010-11	190.03	195.55
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2011-12	218.46	223.90
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(e): Schemes for the benefits of rubber growers are being implemented as components of 11th Five Year Plan Schemes. Schemes to make domestic growers globally competitive are being formulated for implementation under 12th Five Year Plan.