

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

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RUBBER INDUSTRY
Gangaram Shri Awale Jaywant

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

- (a) whether the Government has implemented any plan for the promotion of Rubber Industry and production of Rubber across the country including Tripura;
- (b) if so, the extent to which these States have been able to increase the production of rubber during the last three years;
- (c) the details of the production during the said period, State-wise and year-wise;
- (d) whether there has been an increase in the net plantation area for rubber during the said period; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof alongwith the benefits accrued to various sections of the society including Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes?

Answer

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

a): Yes, Madam. The government has been implementing various schemes under five year plans for the promotion of natural rubber industry across the country including Tripura.

b) The production of natural rubber in India during the last three years is as under:-

Year Production (Tonne)

2008-09 8,64,500

2009-10 8,31,400

2010-11 8,61,950

c) The details of natural rubber production during the last three years, state-wise and year-wise are as under :-

Production of Natural Rubber (Tonne)

State 2008-09 2009-10 2010-11

Kerala 7,83,485 7,45,510 7,70,580

Tamil Nadu 24,355 24,695 25,160

Tripura 23,280 25,080 25,875

Assam 6,395 7,071 8,050

Meghalaya 5,760 4,545 5,135

Nagaland 950 1,000 1,054

Manipur 568 630 730

Mizoram	145	136	189
Arunachal Pradesh	142	138	167
Karnataka	18,175	21,331	23,705
A&N Islands	297	311	312
Goa	338	351	361
Maharashtra	83	70	72
Orissa	165	177	177
West Bengal	326	319	319
Andhra Pradesh	36	36	64
Total	8,64,500	8,31,400	8,61,950

(d) & (e) Yes, Madam. There has been an increase in the net plantation area by 49580 hectares during the said period. The increase in rubber planted area would increase natural rubber production eventually benefitting the country and all rubber industry stakeholders. Rubber cultivation generates a large number of direct and indirect employment by setting up of nurseries, production and distribution of plantation inputs, intercropping, bee keeping, rubber and rubber wood processing and its trading. Most of the beneficiaries of the development schemes in rubber sector implemented in Northeast especially, Tripura, are from tribal communities. Development schemes in the rubber sector include a component for tribal settlement through rubber cultivation implemented in collaboration with state governments. Rubber planting in states like Tripura has helped in restoring ecosystem of the region and in preventing further degradation of the soil already depleted through shifting cultivation.