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PRODUCTIVITY AND QUALITY OF RUBBER
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Rubber Board has submitted any proposal/project to improve the productivity and quality of natural rubber; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the response of the Government thereto?

Answer

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

(a) and (b): The Rubber Board had submitted several proposals under 11th Five Year Plan for improving productivity and quality of natural rubber in the traditional and non-traditional rubber growing regions. Government has approved six schemes with a total outlay of Rs. 611.40 crore being implemented by Rubber Board during the 11th Five Year Plan. The main objectives pursued in the natural rubber (NR) sector during the 11th Plan are fostering international competitiveness in quality of NR and cost of production, processing and marketing with special focus on socio-economic development of rubber growing regions, rural development and grower empowerment mainly through group approach. The schemes have components like research, training, replanting, distribution of plantation inputs, setting up of agro-management units, generation and distribution of quality planting materials, assistance to improve processing and quality of NR, etc., to enhance productivity and quality of NR.