

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:92
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NATURAL RUBBER
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there has been a fall in the price of natural rubber in both the domestic as well as in the international markets;
- (b) if so, the details of the price of natural rubber both in the domestic as well as in the international markets during each of the last three years and the current year and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether there has been a decline in the production of natural rubber in the recent past and if so, the reasons therefor along with the quantum of natural rubber produced, consumed, exported and imported during the said period, country-wise;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to restrict the import of natural rubber and review the Tariff Rate Quota Scheme; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor along with the specific steps taken/being taken by the Government to protect the interests of the rubber growers?

Answer

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MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI ANAND SHARMA)

a)to e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.