

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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Subsidies for Rubber Sector
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- a) whether the Government has not revised the scale of subsidies and other inputs for new planting and replanting of rubber for more than last ten years;
- b) if so, the reasons therefor along with the corrective measures taken in this regard;
- c) whether the Government proposes for expansion of rubber to North-Eastern (NE) region States, other than the Tripura where the soil and climatic condition has been found suitable for rubber cultivation; and
- d) if so, the details thereof along with the fiscal and physical plan chalked out for the next ten years?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) (SMT. NIRMALA SITHARAMAN)

(a) & (b): No, Madam. The subsidy rates have been raised during the 12th Plan to Rs.25,000 per hectare in the traditional region and Rs.35,000 per hectare in the non-traditional region, respectively covering 8% and 15% of the development costs.

(c) & (d): Expansion of rubber cultivation to North East states is an approved activity under the 12th Plan. The target for expansion of rubber cultivation with financial assistance in NE region states other than Tripura is 16,000 ha under 12th Plan. The potential area available in NE states for rubber cultivation is estimated provisionally at around 300,000 ha. Fiscal and physical plans of the special rubber plantation development schemes have not been finalized, yet as the discussions with State Government and concerned Ministries are in process.
