

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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LOK SABHA**

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Financial Assistance to Rubber Producers and SHGs

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

- (a) whether the Rubber Board provides financial assistance to rubber producers and Self Help Groups (SHGs) in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the number of rubber producers and SHGs benefited therefrom in Karnataka during the last three years?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b): Rubber Board implements the scheme "Sustainable and inclusive development of natural rubber sector" under the 12th Plan to support, inter-alia, the rubber producers and Self Help Groups (SHGs). SHGs are attached to Rubber Producers Societies (RPS) which are village level voluntary forums of small growers promoted by Rubber Board. The scheme includes planting subsidy @ Rs. 25000/- per ha. for new planting and replanting in traditional areas, Rs. 35000/- in non-traditional areas and North-East States. Besides this, assistance is given for productivity enhancement, Farmer Group Formation & Empowerment and Farm mechanisation in traditional and non-traditional states. Similarly, in North Eastern States, support is given for block planting under Integrated village level rubber development, boundary protection, processing & quality upgradation etc.

(c): The number of rubber producers (growers) benefited in Karnataka during the last three years is 22,122. The number of RPSs/SHGs benefited in Karnataka during the last three years is 99.

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