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Title: Need to take steps to ensure remunerative price to the rubber growers in Kerala.

SHRI JOSE K. MANI (KOTTAYAM): I seek immediate intervention of the Union Government to arrest the downward trend of prices in the domestic rubber market spelling doom for the small and marginal farmers of Kerala.

With the rubber industry resorting to import rubber at cheap prices, made possible by slump in global rubber market, the rubber prices have come down steeply to Rs. 155 per kg causing panic among the domestic rubber farmers.

While allowing import at concessional tariff at 20% ad valorem later at Rs 20 per kg the Government has committed to take corrective measures to impose bond duty at 20% ad valorem.

I urge the Union Government to immediately intervene to bring succour to the distressed farmers in Kerala.

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