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Title: Need to raise the import duty on rubber.

SHRI P. KARUNAKARAN (KASARGOD): The drastic decline in the price of the natural rubber has worsened the situation for rubber growers in India especially in Kerala. The price of rubber per kilo has come down to 90 from 240 two years back. This is due to the uncontrolled import of the synthetic rubber from foreign countries. Though a number of discussions have been held with the government but no substantial action has been taken. Hence, the condition of the rubber farmers is becoming very serious. Therefore, I request the government to take immediate steps to raise the import duty of Rubber and provide support price to farmers to compensate their loss.