

Sixteenth Loksabha

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Title: Need to revise Standard Input Output Norms (SION) for import of natural rubber - Laid.

ADV. JOICE GEORGE (IDUKKI): The natural rubber currently being used for making tyres is much lower than what it was at the time of fixing the Standard Input Output Norms (SION) for Tyre exports. It should be noted that the tyre companies have been enjoying a very wrong SION for the rubber imports that they are doing duty-free. The companies are using this SION for import of natural rubber and are importing twice the quantity of natural rubber than actually consumed. This needs a detailed study by the Government, as the Government suffers huge loss of revenue by way of the importers using the current SION to import larger quantity than what is required without paying duty. Moreover, the SION revision will safeguard rubber farmers too. Hence, I urge upon the Government to revise SION for import of natural rubber against export of tyres.

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