

Need to establish a minimum support price for natural rubber-Laid

SHRI ANTO ANTONY (PATHANAMTHITTA): I would like to draw the attention of the Government towards the urgent need to establish a Minimum Support Price (MSP) of ₹300 per kg for natural rubber. This action is vital to provide essential support to rubber farmers who are facing challenges due to fluctuating market prices. Furthermore, it is crucial to enhance the representation of rubber processing units and farmers in the Rubber Board to ensure their voices are considered in policy-making. Some traders and industrialists are trying to create a scenario that there is shortage of natural rubber in the domestic market and are demanding large-scale import of natural rubber from the Government to crush the price of natural rubber in the domestic market. I urge the Government to implement import restrictions on rubber to safeguard our domestic industry and ensure fair pricing. These measures will offer much-needed relief to farmers, bring stability to the market, and foster the growth of our rubber sector.