

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2649
ANSWERED ON 05/08/2025

RUBBER CONSUMPTION

2649. SHRI V K SREEKANDAN:

Will the Minister of **COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY** (वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग मंत्री) be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the natural rubber consumption is projected to reach 20 lakh tonnes by 2030 and there is a need to accelerate domestic production, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether it is also true that in the financial year 2025, domestic natural rubber production stood at 8.7 lakh tonnes, while consumption was 14.1 lakh tonnes, resulting in a deficit of over 5 lakh tonnes, if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is a fact that a significant opportunity lies in improving production by tapping nearly two lakh hectares of untapped rubber plantations, including one lakh hectares in Kerala alone, if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether it is also true that there is a need for sustained long term investments in plantation development, tapping and productivity enhancement; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof along with the steps being taken by the Rubber Board of India in this regard?

ANSWER

वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग मंत्रालय में राज्यमंत्री (श्री जितिन प्रसाद)

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
(SHRI JITIN PRASADA)

(a) to (e) Natural rubber consumption in India for the year 2024-25 was reported by Rubber Board to be 14.10 lakh MT and the natural rubber production in the same period stood at 8.75 lakh MT. Keeping in view the consumption requirements of natural rubber in the country, the Government, through Rubber Board, is implementing the Scheme "Sustainable and Inclusive Development of Natural Rubber Sector" under which various activities are undertaken to increase the productivity and production of natural rubber in the country. Under the scheme, Rubber Board provides financial / technical assistance for inter alia planting / replanting of natural rubber in both traditional and non-traditional areas, rain guarding, promotion of good agricultural practices and disease control.

In order to boost production, Rubber Board also takes steps for reducing untapped plantations which inter alia include providing support for replantation of senile plantations and training, capacity building & welfare measures for tappers.

Further, as a measure towards development of new rubber plantations, a project is being implemented by Rubber Board in collaboration with Automotive Tyre Manufacturers Association (ATMA) in the North East for developing rubber plantations in 200,000 ha area. Under this project, so far natural rubber has been planted in 150,915 ha area in the North East region.
