

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:936
ANSWERED ON:24.11.2000
EXPORT OF RUBBER
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) the measures taken by the Government to promote the export of rubber and rubber products from the country; and
(b) the production, consumption and export of rubber during each of the last two years?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH)

(a) & (b) : A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) & (b) OF THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 936 ANSWER ON 24TH NOVEMBER 2000 REGARDING EXPORT OF RUBBER.

The export of natural rubber is free under the EXIM Policy (1997-2002). Besides, the Rubber Board has been encouraging export of natural rubber through various promotional measures.

In addition to the ongoing efforts to boost the export of rubber products, a number of steps like continuing interaction with the trade & industry to identify and deal with problems related to exports, extension of Marketing Development Assistance to the exporting community for participation in trade fairs/ exhibitions and organization of buyer-seller meets and other market promotion activities, are being taken.

The production, consumption and export of rubber during the last two years was as under:-

| Year | Production (in Lkh Tonnes) | Consumption (in Lkh Tonnes) | Export (in Tonnes) |
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| 1998-99 | 6.05 | 5.92 | 1840 |
| 1999-2000 | 6.22 | 6.28 | 5989 |