

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5406
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EXPORT OF NATURAL RUBBER
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have received any proposal from the Government of Kerala for exporting natural rubber;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government have procured natural rubber through STC;
- (d) if so the quantity procured during the last year;
- (e) whether the Government propose to declare the floor price for rubber; and
- (f) if so, by when?

Answer

MINISTER OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY

(SHRI MURASOLI MARAN)

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir. Government of Kerala had sought financial assistance for export of 50,000 Kgs. of natural rubber. However, in view of the heavy losses being incurred by the Government in the procurement of natural rubber by STC on Government account, it has not been found possible to finance the export of natural rubber by the Government of India. Export of natural rubber is already free in the EXIM Policy.

(c) & (d) During the year 1999-2000, STC has procured 8689 MTs of natural rubber.

(e) & (f) Price of rubber is determined by the market forces of demand and supply. Government of India is taking all possible measures to help the rubber growers to get a remunerative price for their produce. Therefore, fixation of floor price of rubber has not been considered necessary.