

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1320
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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 taken any steps for exporting of natural rubber;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the total amount of surplus natural rubber available in the open market; and
- (d) the details of the domestic consumption of natural rubber in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN)

- (a) & (b): Export of Natural Rubber is free in the EXIM Policy (1997-2002). Besides, the Rubber Board has been encouraging export of Natural Rubber through various promotional measures.
- (c): A surplus stock around 1,35,000 tonnes of Natural Rubber was estimated to be available in the market at the end of January 2000.
- (d): The consumption of Natural Rubber during 1999-2000 is estimated at 6.28 lakh tonnes.