

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:298  
ANSWERED ON:08.08.2003  
PRODUCTION OF RUBBER  
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**Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:**

- (a) the names of the States producing rubber at present;
- (b) the achievements made by the States in cultivation and production of rubber during the Ninth Five Year Plan, year-wise and State-wise;
- (c) the amount provided to these States by the Union Government for cultivation of rubber during the above period;
- (d) whether the production of natural rubber is much less than the demand of the country;
- (e) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (f) the details of the schemes proposed to be taken to encourage the cultivation and to boost the production of rubber; and
- (g) the steps taken by the Union Government to compete with foreign countries in production of rubber and to safeguard the interests of the rubber growers?

**Answer**

MINISTER FOR COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY)

(a) to (g) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (g) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 298  
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(a) & (b) Presently Natural Rubber(NR) is produced in 16 States. Names of the States alongwith year-wise achievements made by these States in cultivation and production of rubber during the 9th Five Year Plan, are annexed.

(c) Since rubber cultivation is a subject of the Union, no funds are allotted to the State Governments directly. During the Ninth Five Year Plan an amount of Rs. 139.70 crore has been spent by the Union of India for cultivation/plantation development of natural rubber.

(d) & (e) The country has achieved near self sufficiency in Natural Rubber production. During the Ninth Five Year Plan period, the total production of rubber was 30,72,945 tonnes as against consumption of 30,61,160 tonnes.

(f) & (g) Government of India, through Rubber Board is implementing a number of schemes for the development of the rubber sector. The schemes include financial/technical assistance to the growers, processors and exporters for :

- increasing production of NR through expansion of area, enhancement of productivity,
- improving the quality of produce to achieve competitiveness in the global markets
- promoting agricultural and technological research in the interest of industry and
- promoting export of Natural Rubber.

During the 10th Plan Period, the Board is implementing seven schemes viz., Rubber Plantation Development Scheme; Research on Natural Rubber; Processing, Quality Up-gradation and Product Diversification Scheme; Export Promotion of NR; Market Development; Human Resource Development; and Rubber Development in the North East Region.

The 10th Plan Schemes being implemented aim at the overall development of the natural rubber sector and making Indian rubber globally competitive both in terms of quality and cost. For achieving this, financial and technical support is provided to small holdings for adopting latest agro-management practices. Special educational and training programmes are being implemented to inculcate quality consciousness among small rubber producers.

Annexure referred to in reply to parts (a) & (b) of Lok Sabha Starred Question No.298 for answer on 8.8.2003

## STATE-WISE AREA UNDER RUBBER CULTIVATION (In Hectares)

State	1997-98	1998-99	1999-00	2000-01	2001-02	
Kerala	465282	469924	472900	474365	475039	
Tamil Nadu	18470	18631	18659	18710	18704	
Karnataka		18475	19323	19565	19735	20017
Tripura		22582	24120	25380	26495	27947
Assam	10060	10805	11644	12117	12806	
Meghalaya	3757	3958	3683	4029	4354	
Nagaland		1287	1416	1615	1791	2024
Mizoram		628	671	543	585	619
Manipur	1308	1401	1610	1588	1698	
A&N		989	931	931	931	960
Goa		924	939	839	872	843
Orissa		149	358	408	493	517
Maharashtra		305	163	180	189	165
Arunachal Pradesh		128	161	244	280	323
West Bengal		115	158	285	388	430
Andhra Pradesh		75	82	98	102	109
Total		544534	553041	558584	562670	566555

## STATEWISE PRODUCTION OF NATURAL RUBBER (in Tonnes)

State	1997-98	1998-99	1999-00	2000-01	2001-02	
Kerala	541935	559099	572820	579866	580350	
Tamil Nadu	19175	20263	21134	21611	21631	
Karnataka	12150	12549	13115	13368	13465	
Tripura	7631	8588	9312	9740	10304	
A & N Islands		603	680	700	700	397
Assam	1623	1785	2867	2456	1755	
Meghalaya	287	1424	1690	1717	2378	
Nagaland	120	167	159	285	393	
Mizoram			7	59	3	64
Manipur	69	136	115	198	198	63
Goa	146	210	215	309	314	
Maharashtra		29	45	74	34	47
Orissa	10	13	6	12	26	
Arunachal Pradesh		43	24	24	16	42
West Bengal		2	30	28	36	
Andhra Pradesh			2	1	1	1
Grand Total	583830	605045	622265	630405	631400	