

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4062  
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DEVELOPMENT OF RUBBER PLANT  
Kharventhan Shri Salarapatty Kuppusamy

**Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government has implemented/propose to implement any scheme for development of rubber plantation in the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the amount earmarked for the same?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY ( SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGO VAN)

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir. The Government through Rubber Board is implementing seven Plan Schemes for development of rubber plantations in the country during the 10th plan period with an outlay of Rs. 415 crore. In 2005-06, the allocation for these schemes is as follows:

Name of Schemes      Budget sanctioned for 2005-06  
(Rs. crore)

Rubber Plantation Development	34.30
Research	11.00
Processing, quality upgradation & product diversification	16.09
Export Promotion of Natural Rubber	0.56
Market development	6.60
Human Resource Development	8.05
Rubber development in NE region.	20.00
Total	96.60

The programmes for the development of rubber plantation include assistance for purchase and distribution of critical inputs to the small growers through Rubber Producers' Societies, promoting formation of grassroots level organisations of farmers at village level, supporting Model Rubber Producers' Societies, maintenance of tribal plantations, implementing integrated village level rubber development programmes in non-traditional regions, assistance for irrigation and boundary protection, etc.