

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

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PRICE OF NATURAL RUBBER

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

- (a) whether the rise in prices of automobile tyres have been increasing due to rise in prices of natural rubber;
- (b) if so, the details of the rise in prices of automobile tyres each month since February this year;
- (c) whether the price of natural rubber in the International Market has come down during the past several weeks;
- (d) if so, whether the consuming industries is pressing for more imports; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof alongwith action taken in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY(SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

(a) : Yes Sir.

(b) : Retail Market Price of Passenger Car Tyre & Tube

(c) : Yes.

(d) and (e): As there are no quantitative restrictions on import of natural rubber since April, 2001, consuming industries are free to import any quantity of natural rubber through the open channel by paying the prevailing customs duty.