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Title: Need to set up Rubber Park in Pattanapuram Taluk, Kollam district, Kerala-Laid.

SHRI KODIKKUNNIL SURESH (MAVELIKKARA): I would like to mention that Pattanapuram Taluk, Kollam district, Kerala is a prominent area in rubber production. The marginal and large scale farmers are producing rubber in this area. The farming cooperation which is under the Kerala Government also produces rubber. The Rehabilitation Plantation Limited, which is the Government of India and the Kerala Government's joint venture public undertaking, is also producing large scale rubber in this area. Every year, huge quantity of rubber is produced in Pattanapuram Taluk.

There is one Rubber Park functioning at Irapuram Taluk in Ernakulam district in Kerala, which is doing excellent job. Lot of rubber products are being produced in this Rubber Park. Thousands of workers are getting employment through this Rubber Park.

At present, there is no rubber based industry in Pattanapuram Taluk. There is a long pending demand of the people of this area to set up a Rubber Park under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry in Pattanapuram Taluk. Then only, the rubber producers will get more benefit in Pattanapuram for their production.

Hence, I urge upon the Ministry of Commerce and Industry to set up a Rubber Park in Pattanapuram Taluk, Kollam district, Kerala.