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Title: Need to set up a university for studies on rubber cultivation and product development research in the country.

SHRI JOSE K. MANI (KOTTAYAM): Natural rubber has been a commodity of both economic and commercial importance, providing sustenance to more than a million of small and marginal farmers. India is known for its high yield of latex, among the top rubber growing countries in the world. India by sheer dint of research and innovation under the aegis of Rubber Board, holds technological edge in meeting the needs of the industry in core sectors like automobile, aeronautical and also consumer durables and eco-friendly toys, surgical gloves, prophylactics etc.

Rubber plants are known to be eco-compliant aiding absorption of CO² emissions and is therefore ideal for cultivation and propagation in India, which has its WTO protocol obligations to meet on emissions causing global warming.

Taking a Cue from the Centre's new initiatives in setting up sector specific universities serving petroleum, railways, sports, maritime affairs and the like, harnessing youth power, etc. I propose that a University providing studies on rubber be set up to educate and train new entrants keen to serve in the field of rubber cultivation and product development/research. I have already mooted this point, while intervening in the debate on General Budget proposals 2014-15. I would, therefore, urge the Ministry of Commerce to take initiative in this direction.

श्री वृजभूषण शरण सिंह (फैसरगंज) : महोदया, सदन के एक माननीय सदस्य के विशेषाधिकार छनन का जोटिस दिया गया है।...(व्याप्तिगत)