

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY
DEPARTMENT FOR PROMOTION OF INDUSTRY AND INTERNAL TRADE
LOK SABHA**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.763.
TO BE ANSWERED ON WEDNESDAY, THE 26TH JUNE, 2019.**

INDUSTRIAL PARK FOR RUBBER UNITS

763. ADV. ADOOR PRAKASH:

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

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- (a) whether Government is considering opening more industrial parks for rubber based units under 'Make in India' programme;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) if not, whether Government is likely to consider the same; and
- (d) the details of measures taken by the Government to help the farmers struggling for survival?

ANSWER

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**THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY
(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)**

- (a): No proposal of opening industrial parks for rubber based units is under consideration of the Government.
- (b) & (c): Not applicable.
- (d): Developmental and research activities for supporting natural rubber sector for the welfare of growers are carried out through Rubber Board through the scheme "Sustainable and Inclusive Development of Natural Rubber Sector" in the Medium Term Framework (MTF) (2017-18 to 2019-20). The development activities include financial and technical assistance for planting, supply of quality planting materials, support for grower forums and training and skill development programme. Natural Rubber (NR) prices have been at relatively low levels during the recent years in domestic and international markets. The domestic NR prices are highly sensitive to import of NR. Hence, to regulate the import of NR, the Government has increased the duty on import of dry rubber from "20% or Rs. 30 per kg whichever is lower" to "25% or Rs. 30 per kg whichever is lower" with effect from 30.4.2015 in order to create demand for locally produced rubber. The Government has also reduced the period of utilization of imported dry rubber under advance licensing scheme from 18 months to 6 months.
