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The Trend

Production of Natural Rubber (NR) in the country during January 2007 increased to 96,450 tonnes compared to 93,510 tonnes during January 2006. The cumulative production during the first ten months of the current financial year was 758,835 tonnes as against the production of 705,230 tonnes registering a growth of 7.6 percent during the corresponding period of the previous year. The production provisionally estimated for February '07 is 47,500 tonnes.

Consumption of NR during January '07 slightly increased to 69,300 tonnes from 68,225 tonnes during December '06. The total consumption during April '06 to January '07 was 681,300 tonnes as compared to 665,885 tonnes, with a growth of only 2.3 percent during the same period last year. The growth in consumption in the auto tyre manufacturing sector during the first ten months of the current year was 3.7

percent as against 9.2 percent achieved during the same period of the previous year and the growth in the non-tyre sector was 0.6 percent compared to 2.5 percent in the same period of the previous year. The consumption provisionally estimated for February '07 is 69,000 tonnes.

Rubber goods manufacturing industry in the country imported 9,876 tonnes of NR during January '07 compared to 294 tonnes during January '06. The total import during the first ten months of the current year was 54,284 tonnes as against 41,240 tonnes during the corresponding period of the previous year. The export of NR during January '07 was 624 tonnes compared to 4,670 tonnes during January '06. The cumulative export of NR for the first ten months of the current year was 51,910 tonnes as against 59,533 tonnes during the same period of the previous year. Stock of NR at the end January '07 was 177,780 tonnes.

Production of Synthetic Rubber (SR) in the country marginally decreased to 8,304 tonnes during January '07 from 8,623 tonnes during December '06. The total production of SR during April '06 to January '07 has increased to 84,489 tonnes over the production of 80,471 tonnes during the corresponding period of the last year recording 5.0 percent growth. Consumption of SR increased to 22,085 tonnes during January '07 from 21,695 tonnes during December '06. The total consumption of SR during the first ten months of the current year showed an increase of 14.6 percent to 225,660 tonnes as against 196,920 tonnes during the corresponding period of the previous year.

The trend in the prices of different grades of NR at Kottayam market for the period from March '06 to March '07 is given below.

Price of Natural Rubber (Rupees per quintal)

Month/year		RSS 5	RSS 4	RSS 3	Latex (60% drc)		ISNR 20	SMR 20
		Domestic		International	Domestic	International	Domestic	International
March	2006	7963	8069	9246	9933	11165	7978	8508
April	"	8508	8634	9695	10481	11182	8482	8768
May	"	9542	9841	10998	12177	12421	9418	9786
June	"	10218	10692	12484	13189	13814	9966	10825
July	"	9589	9821	11710	13350	13374	9464	10742
August	"	8911	9182	10303	12408	10827	8828	10011
September	"	7974	8169	8480	11120	8515	7869	8438
October	"	8507	8709	8463	9976	9275	8286	8328
November	"	8016	8260	7426	9359	8147	7860	7274
December	"	8294	8615	7811	9374	8369	8208	7299
January	2007	9132	9716	9319	10866	10377	9055	8556
February	"	9421	9757	10605	11225	12204	9190	9313
March	"	8933	9057	10050	10753	12095	8819	9157

Note: Domestic price refers to Kottayam market, international price for RSS 3 refers to Bangkok market and that of latex and SMR 20 to Kuala Lumpur market.

(Metric Tonnes)						
Type-wise Production & Consumption of NR & SR	January 2007	January 2006	April 2006 to Jan. 2007	April 2005 to Jan. 2006	April 2005 to March 2006	Percentage increase (+)/ decrease(-) of (3) & (4)
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
Production						
Natural Rubber (NR)						
Ribbed Smoked Sheet (RSS)	72450	68300	561085	510070	566445	
Solid Block Rubber	9505	9650	82750	76305	92540	
Latex Concentrates (drc)	8835	9880	69305	75415	90950	
Pale Latex Crepes	250	320	1630	2200	2555	
Others	5410	5360	44065	41240	50135	
Total	96450	93510	758835	705230	802625	7.6
Synthetic Rubber (SR)^p						
Styrene Butadiene (SBR)	1398	1404	14773	14502	17602	
Poly Butadiene(BR)	6270	5730	59635	55316	67286	
Others	636	1160	10081	10653	12746	
Total	8304	8294	84489	80471	97634	5.0
Total NR & SR	104754	101804	843324	785701	900259	7.3
Consumption *						
Natural Rubber (NR)						
Ribbed Smoked Sheet (RSS)	44915	48430	475550	467375	561655	
Solid Block Rubber	12720	7950	103460	98600	115840	
Latex Concentrates (drc)	6325	6410	61940	60325	74670	
Pale Latex Crepes	200	205	1740	1900	2435	
Others	5140	4950	38610	37685	46510	
Total	69300	67945	681300	665885	801110	2.3
Out of which Auto Tyre Manufacturers	40011	38388	382232	368720	442921	3.7
Synthetic Rubber (SR)^p						
Styrene Butadiene (SBR)	7670	7145	82080	66880	80885	
Poly Butadiene(BR)	6305	5545	65855	56745	69080	
Others	8110	7370	77725	73295	87530	
Total	22085	20060	225660	196920	237495	14.6
Out of which Auto Tyre Manufacturers	13779	12173	142317	117179	141580	21.5
Total NR & SR	91385	88005	906960	862805	1038605	5.1
Out of which Auto Tyre Manufacturers	53790	50561	524549	485899	584501	8.0

*: indigenous and imported

(Metric Tonnes)					
Production Consumption and Stock of RR	January 2007 (1)	January 2006 (2)	April 2006 to Jan. 2007 (3)	April 2005 to Jan. 2006 (4)	April 2005 to March 2006 (5)
Reclaimed Rubber (RR)					
Production @	6510	6520	65180	64320	76645
Consumption	6635	6435	65175	64045	76535
Out of which Auto Tyre Manufacturers	1994	1745	19683	18115	21978
Stock with Manufacturers (end of month/year)	3670	3865			
@: indigenous purchase by manufacturers					
Import / Export & Stock of NR & SR					
Import (p)					
Natural Rubber	9876	294	54284	41240	45285
Synthetic Rubber	12375	12135	142168	107328	132118
Total NR & SR	22251	12429	196452	148568	177403
Export (p)					
Natural Rubber	624	4670	51910	59533	73830
Stock at the end of January 2007 (Metric tonnes)					
Natural Rubber					
With Growers		62075	Ribbed Smoked Sheet		129290
With Dealers & Processors		58095	Solid Block Rubber		19370
With Auto Tyre units©		44465	Latex(drc)		11960
With other manufacturing units		13145	Pale Latex Crepe		615
			Others		16545
Total		177780	Total		177780
©: including transit					
Synthetic Rubber					
Producers		8025p			
With Auto Tyre units		15985	SBR		13720
With other manufacturing units		2715	Others		13005
Total		26725	Total		26725

p:provisional

CONSUMPTION OF ALL KINDS OF RUBBER ACCORDING TO END PRODUCTS 2005 - 06 (Tonnes)

	NATURAL RUBBER	SYNTHETIC RUBBER	RECLAIMED RUBBER	TOTAL
1. Auto tyres & tubes*	422508	134243	16983	573734
2. Cycle tyres & tubes	91700	18153	21789	131642
3. Camel back	42227	11494	4442	58163
4. Footwears	67471	37689	6910	112070
5. Belts and hoses	41956	10747	5288	57991
6. Latex foam	34466	—	—	34466
7. Cables and wires	1453	1971	960	4384
8. Battery boxes	1801	2709	10223	14733
9. Dipped goods	34947	—	—	34947
10. Others	62581	20489	9940	93010
Total	801110	237495	76535	1115140

*: Includes Tractor, Aero, ADV and Off-the road

IMPORT DUTY ON RUBBER

ITEM	CUSTOMS DUTY		BOUND RATE
	2006 - 07	2007 - 08	
Natural Rubber (dry forms of rubber)	20%	20%	25%
Latex(drc)	70%	70%	unbounded
Poly Butadiene Rubber(PBR)	12.50%	10%	40%
Styrene Butadiene Rubber(SBR)	12.50%	10%	40%
Butyl Rubber	10%	5%	40%

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