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The Trend

Production of Natural Rubber (NR) in the country during August 2006 increased to 74,495 tonnes compared to 65,210 tonnes during August 2005. The cumulative production during April'06 to August'06 of the year 2006-07 was 308,660 tonnes compared to 269,790 tonnes during the corresponding period of the previous year which posted a growth of 14.4% due to conducive weather conditions and better price. The production provisionally estimated for September'06 is 73,500 tonnes.

There was an increase in consumption of NR during August'06 to 71,315 tonnes from 68,645 tonnes during July'06. The total consumption of NR by the rubber goods manufacturing industry during April'06 to August'06 was 334,400 tonnes as against 330,985 tonnes registering a growth of only 1%. The growth in consum-

ption by the auto tyre sector during the first five months of the year 2006-07 was 3% compared to 10.1% achieved during the same period of the previous year, whereas the non-tyre sector showed a negative growth of 1.5% as against 2.3% attained during the same period of the previous year. The consumption provisionally estimated for September'06 is 71,000 tonnes.

The import of NR during August'06 was 2,856 tonnes compared to 3,664 tonnes during August'05. The cumulative import of NR during the first five months was 24,254 tonnes as against 29,882 tonnes during the corresponding period of the previous year. Export of NR during August'06 was 10,226 tonnes as against 6311 tonnes during August'05. Due to the wide difference between domestic and international price, the total export of

NR during April'06 to August'06 increased to 41,356 tonnes compared to 11,410 tonnes during the same period of the previous year. Stock of NR at the end of August'06 was 53,530 tonnes.

Production of Synthetic Rubber (SR) during August'06 decreased to 7,770 tonnes from 8,780 tonnes during July'06. Cumulative production of SR during first five months increased to 43,075 tonnes as against 38,928 tonnes during the same period of the previous year. Consumption of SR increased to 24,050 tonnes during August'06 as against 23,180 tonnes during July'06. The total consumption of SR during the first five months of the current financial year was 110,650 tonnes as against 97,840 tonnes during the corresponding period of the previous year.

Price of Natural Rubber (Rupees per quintal)

Month/year		RSS 4	RSS 3	Latex (60% drc)		ISNR 20	SMR 20
		Domestic	International	Domestic	International	Domestic	International
October	2005	6555	7644	7651	8637	6378	7342
November	"	6566	7366	7605	8389	6360	7182
December	"	6886	7666	8199	8699	6657	7472
January	2006	7360	8287	8986	9292	7145	7809
February	"	8045	9211	10067	11007	7941	8561
March	"	8069	9246	9933	11165	7978	8508
April	"	8634	9695	10481	11182	8482	8768
May	"	9841	10998	12177	12421	9418	9786
June	"	10692	12484	13189	13814	9966	10825
July	"	9821	11710	13350	13374	9464	10742
August	"	9182	10303	12408	10827	8828	10011
September	"	8169	8480	11120	8515	7869	8438
October	"	8709	8463	9976	9275	8286	8328

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	August 2006	August 2005	April 2006 to August 2006	April 2005 to August 2005	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)	54070	46135	222405	189450	566445	
Solid Block Rubber	9465	7530	36580	32385	92540	
Latex Concentrates (drc)	6905	7380	29820	29745	90950	
Pale Latex Crepes	160	190	620	905	2555	
Others	3895	3975	19235	17305	50135	
Total	74495	65210	308660	269790	802625	14.4
Synthetic Rubber (SR)^p						
Styrene Butadiene (SBR)	1352	1738	7656	7676	17602	
Poly Butadiene(BR)	5330	5830	29215	25910	67286	
Others	1088	1155	6204	5342	12746	
Total	7770	8723	43075	38928	97634	10.7
Total NR & SR	82265	73933	351735	308718	900259	13.9
Consumption *						
Natural Rubber (NR)						
Ribbed Smoked Sheet (RSS)	50620	48320	234035	229140	561655	
Solid Block Rubber	11770	12820	53400	55260	115840	
Latex Concentrates (drc)	5590	5610	28790	28440	74670	
Pale Latex Crepes	155	195	785	895	2435	
Others	3180	3295	17390	17250	46510	
Total	71315	70240	334400	330985	801110	1.0
Out of which Auto Tyre Manufacturers	38784	36768	189034	183488	442921	3.0
Synthetic Rubber (SR)^p						
Styrene Butadiene (SBR)	9515	6880	41675	33275	80885	
Poly Butadiene(BR)	7250	5745	33080	28635	69080	
Others	7285	7070	35895	35930	87530	
Total	24050	19695	110650	97840	237495	13.1
Out of which Auto Tyre Manufacturers	15635	11684	70997	58741	141580	20.9
Total NR & SR	95365	89935	445050	428825	1038605	3.8
Out of which Auto Tyre Manufacturers	54419	48452	260031	242229	584501	7.3

*: indigenous and imported

(Metric Tonnes)					
Production Consumption and stock of RR	August 2006 (1)	August 2005 (2)	April 2006 to August 2006 (3)	April 2005 to August 2005 (4)	April 2005 to March 2006 (5)
Reclaimed Rubber (RR)					
Production @	6455	6280	31520	31775	76645
Consumption	6405	6205	32015	31575	76535
Out of which Auto Tyre Manufacturers	2024	1851	9761	9139	21978
Stock with Manufacturers (end of month/year)	3170	3790			
@: indigenous purchase by manufacturers					
Import / Export & Stock of NR & SR					
Import (p)					
Natural Rubber	2856	3664	24254	29882	45285
Synthetic Rubber	14935	10995	64550	48315	132118
Total NR & SR	17791	14659	88804	78197	177403
Export (p)					
Natural Rubber	10226	6311	41356	11410	73830
Stock at the end of August 2006 (Metric tonnes)					
Natural Rubber					
With Growers		11205	Ribbed Smoked sheet		25195
With Dealers & Processors		13260	Solid Block Rubber		7420
With Auto Tyre units©		23640	Latex(drc)		7740
With other manufacturing units		5425	Pale Latex Crepe		485
			Others		12690
Total		53530	Total		53530
©: including transit					
Synthetic Rubber					
Producers		7090p			
With Auto Tyre units		12770	SBR		9450
With other manufacturing units		2840	Others		13250
Total		22700	Total		22700

p:provisional

AREA & PRODUCTION OF NATURAL RUBBER IN MAIN PRODUCING COUNTRIES-2005(p)

COUNTRY	PLANTED AREA (‘000 ha)	PRODUCTION (‘000 Tonnes)
Thailand	2133	2937
Indonesia	3279	2271
Malaysia	1250	1126
India	594	772
Vietnam	465	509
China	600	428
Sri Lanka	129	104

STATE WISE AREA AND PRODUCTION OF NATURAL RUBBER IN INDIA DURING 2005-06(p)

STATE	AREA (ha)	PRODUCTION (Tonnes)
Traditional Region		
Kerala	494400	739225
Tamil Nadu	18715	23555
Sub Total	513115	762780
Non-Traditional Region		
a) North Eastern Region		
Tripura	33689	16322
Assam	14648	3372
Meghalaya	5060	3340
Nagaland	2274	548
Manipur	1829	119
Mizoram	507	77
Arunachal Pradesh	425	59
Sub Total	58432	23837
b) Others		
Karnataka	23153	14940
A&N Islands	762	266
Goa	704	525
Maharashtra	149	75
Orissa	465	84
West Bengal	523	118
Andhra Pradesh	107	0
Sub Total	25863	16008
Grand Total	597410	802625

p: Provisional.