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The Trend

Natural Rubber (NR) production in the country during July 2006 increased to 65,500 tonnes compared to 53,455 tonnes during July 2005. The cumulative production during the first four months of the current year was 234,165 tonnes higher by 14.5% over the production during the corresponding period of the previous year. The provisional estimate of NR production for August'06 is 74,000 tonnes.

The rubber goods manufacturing industry in the country consumed 68,645 tonnes of NR during July'06 as against 65,585 tonnes during June'06. The total consumption for the first four months of the current year increased to 263,085 tonnes as against 260,745 tonnes recording a slight growth of 0.9% during the same period last

year. The growth in consumption in the auto tyre manufacturing sector during the first four months of the current year was 2.4% as against 8.7% obtained during the same period of the previous year. The consumption provisionally estimated for August'06 is 71,000 tonnes.

Import of NR in the country during July'06 was 5,011 tonnes as against 4,667 tonnes during July'05. The cumulative import of NR for the first four months was 21,398 tonnes as against 26,218 tonnes of NR imported for the corresponding period of the previous year. Export of NR during July'06 was 8,456 tonnes compared to 3,590 tonnes during July'05. The total export of NR during the first four months was 31,221 tonnes compared to 5,099 tonnes during the same

period of the previous year. Stock of NR at the end July'06 was 57,180 tonnes.

Production of Synthetic Rubber (SR) during July'06 increased to 8,780 tonnes from 8,570 tonnes during June'06. The aggregate production of SR during April'06 to July'06 increased to 35,305 tonnes as against 30,205 tonnes during the same period of the previous year. Consumption of SR increased to 23,180 tonnes during July'06 as against 22,520 tonnes during June'06. The cumulative consumption of SR during the first four months of the current year recorded an increase of 10.8% to 86,600 tonnes as compared to 78,145 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
September	2005	6034	7447	6958	8108	5898	6905
October	"	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

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	July 2006	July 2005	April 2006 to July 2006	April 2005 to July 2005	April 2005 to March 2006 (R)	Percentage increase (+)/ decrease(-) of (3) & (4)
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
Production						
Natural Rubber (NR)						
Ribbed Smoked Sheet (RSS)	47410	36915	168335	143315	566445	
Solid Block Rubber	8530	6690	27115	24855	92540	
Latex Concentrates (drc)	5820	6065	22915	22365	90950	
Pale Latex Crepes	130	225	460	715	2555	
Others	3610	3560	15340	13330	50135	
Total	65500	53455	234165	204580	802625	14.5
Synthetic Rubber (SR)^P						
Styrene Butadiene (SBR)	1470	1428	6304	5938	17602	
Poly Butadiene(BR)	6030	4780	23885	20080	67286	
Others	1280	965	5116	4187	12746	
Total	8780	7173	35305	30205	97634	16.9
Total NR & SR	74280	60628	269470	234785	900259	14.8
Consumption *						
Natural Rubber (NR)						
Ribbed Smoked Sheet (RSS)	46860	46105	183415	180820	561655	
Solid Block Rubber	11630	12110	41630	42440	115840	
Latex Concentrates (drc)	6145	6035	23200	22830	74670	
Pale Latex Crepes	160	185	630	700	2435	
Others	3850	4055	14210	13955	46510	
Total	68645	68490	263085	260745	801110	0.9
Out of which Auto Tyre Manufacturers	38469	38634	150250	146720	442921	2.4
Synthetic Rubber (SR)^P						
Styrene Butadiene (SBR)	8475	7075	32160	26395	80885	
Poly Butadiene(BR)	6655	6035	25830	22890	69080	
Others	8050	7275	28610	28860	87530	
Total	23180	20385	86600	78145	237495	10.8
Out of which Auto Tyre Manufacturers	15004	12353	55362	47057	141580	17.6
Total NR & SR	91825	88875	349685	338890	1038605	3.2
Out of which Auto Tyre Manufacturers	53473	50987	205612	193777	584501	6.1

*: indigenous and imported

R- revised

(Metric Tonnes)					
Production Consumption and stock of RR	July 2006 (1)	July 2005 (2)	April 2006 to July 2006 (3)	April 2005 to July 2005 (4)	April 2005 to March 2006 (5)
Reclaimed Rubber (RR)					
Production @	6115	6220	25065	25495	76645
Consumption	6380	6305	25610	25370	76535
Out of which Auto Tyre Manufacturers	2001	1918	7737	7288	21978
Stock with Manufacturers (end of month/year)	3120	3715			
@: indigenous purchase by manufacturers					
Import / Export & Stock of NR & SR					
Import (p)					
Natural Rubber	5011	4667	21398	26218	45285
Synthetic Rubber	12845	10110	49615	37320	132118
Total NR & SR	17856	14777	71013	63538	177403
Export (p)					
Natural Rubber	8456	3590	31221	5099	73830
Stock at the end of July 2006 (Metric tonnes)					
Natural Rubber					
With Growers		11400	Ribbed Smoked sheet		27940
With Dealers & Processors		12525	Solid Block Rubber		9490
With Auto Tyre units©		28676	Latex(drc)		7240
With other manufacturing units		4579	Pale Latex Crepe		480
			Others		12030
Total		57180	Total		57180
©: including transit					
Synthetic Rubber					
Producers		7375p			
With Auto Tyre units		14025	SBR		10425
With other manufacturing units		2645	Others		13620
Total		24045	Total		24045

p:provisional

VALUE OF NATURAL RUBBER IMPORTED FROM VARIOUS COUNTRIES (‘000 Rs)

Year	China	Indonesia	Malaysia	Myanmar	Singapore	Sri Lanka	Thailand	Vietnam	Others	Total
1995-96	56016	70181	1141140	7837	317905	214590	906974	—	69780	2784423
1996-97	—	17928	325100	—	82858	216554	331804	—	30128	1004372
1997-98	2614	119429	423509	12902	26832	87125	524961	5051	14196	1216619
1998-99	5745	88911	199578	44422	84364	41458	371530	14658	60996	911662
1999-00	4975	53004	94027	20161	29499	46717	247477	60467	16877	573204
2000-01	17	27960	90242	6926	18177	13774	87944	30736	28057	303833
2001-02	767	181686	566886	35536	62030	22253	502364	40077	33048	1444647
2002-03	—	167159	277285	2091	35129	17988	401996	64761	26595	993004
2003-04	2214	330766	1062183	10487	12808	20402	632631	84650	45250	2201391
2004-05 (p)	294	699837	1547563	29284	28398	146269	1715954	102830	20661	4291090
2005-06 (p)	1119	1028083	540487	176637	65398	121370	550728	245762	15541	2745125

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