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## The Trend

**N**atural Rubber (NR) production in the country during February 2007 decreased to 47,560 tonnes compared to 51,505 tonnes during February 2006. The cumulative production during April'06 to February'07 of the current financial year was 806,395 tonnes as against the production of 756,735 tonnes registering a growth of 6.6 percent during the corresponding period of the previous year. The production provisionally estimated for March'07 is 46,500 tonnes.

Consumption of NR during February '07 decreased to 68,715 tonnes from 69,300 tonnes during January'07. The total consumption during the first eleven months of the year 2006-07 was 750,015 tonnes as compared to 732,555 tonnes, with a growth of 2.4 percent during the same period last year. The growth in consumption in the

auto tyre manufacturing sector during April'06 to February'07 was 3.9 percent as against 9.1 percent achieved during the same period of the previous year, whereas the growth in the non-tyre sector was 0.5 percent compared to 2.4 percent attained in the same period of the previous year. The consumption provisionally estimated for March '07 is 70,000 tonnes.

Import of NR in the country during February'07 increased to 17,736 tonnes as compared to 1,470 tonnes during February'06. The total import during the first eleven months of the current year was 72,021 tonnes as against 42,710 tonnes during the corresponding period of the previous year. The export of NR during February'07 was only 720 tonnes compared to 5,850 tonnes during February'06. The cumulative export of NR during April'06 to February'07

was 52,993 tonnes as against 65,383 tonnes during the same period of the previous year. Stock of NR at the end of February'07 was 173,590 tonnes.

Synthetic Rubber (SR) production in the country decreased to 7,971 tonnes during February'07 from 8,304 tonnes during the previous month. The cumulative production of SR during April'06 to February'07 has increased to 92,460 tonnes over the production of 88,454 tonnes during the corresponding period of the last year registering a growth of 4.5 percent. Consumption of SR decreased to 21,575 tonnes during February'07 from 22,085 tonnes during January'07. The total consumption of SR during the first eleven months of the current year showed an increase of 14.4 percent to 247,235 tonnes as against 216,035 tonnes during the corresponding period of the previous year.

### 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
April	2006	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
April	"	8877	8979	9870	10983	11503	8856	9139

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.

<b>(Metric Tonnes)</b>						
Type-wise Production & Consumption of NR & SR	February 2007	February 2006	April 2006 to Feb. 2007	April 2005 to Feb. 2006	April 2005 to March 2006	Percentage increase (+)/ decrease(-) of (3) & (4)
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
<b>Production</b>						
<b>Natural Rubber (NR)</b>						
Ribbed Smoked Sheet (RSS)	28710	29785	589795	539855	566445	
Solid Block Rubber	7395	8870	90145	85175	92540	
Latex Concentrates (drc)	6535	8030	75840	83445	90950	
Pale Latex Crepes	215	180	1845	2380	2555	
Others	4705	4640	48770	45880	50135	
<b>Total</b>	<b>47560</b>	<b>51505</b>	<b>806395</b>	<b>756735</b>	<b>802625</b>	<b>6.6</b>
<b>Synthetic Rubber (SR)<sup>p</sup></b>						
Styrene Butadiene (SBR)	1644	1457	16417	15959	17602	
Poly Butadiene(BR)	5695	5620	65330	60936	67286	
Others	632	906	10713	11559	12746	
<b>Total</b>	<b>7971</b>	<b>7983</b>	<b>92460</b>	<b>88454</b>	<b>97634</b>	<b>4.5</b>
<b>Total NR &amp; SR</b>	<b>55531</b>	<b>59488</b>	<b>898855</b>	<b>845189</b>	<b>900259</b>	<b>6.3</b>
<b>Consumption *</b>						
<b>Natural Rubber (NR)</b>						
Ribbed Smoked Sheet (RSS)	44795	47010	520345	514385	561655	
Solid Block Rubber	12340	8080	115800	106680	115840	
Latex Concentrates (drc)	6805	6875	68745	67200	74670	
Pale Latex Crepes	190	200	1930	2100	2435	
Others	4585	4505	43195	42190	46510	
<b>Total</b>	<b>68715</b>	<b>66670</b>	<b>750015</b>	<b>732555</b>	<b>801110</b>	<b>2.4</b>
Out of which Auto Tyre Manufacturers	37678	35365	419910	404085	442921	<b>3.9</b>
<b>Synthetic Rubber (SR)<sup>p</sup></b>						
Styrene Butadiene (SBR)	7680	6520	89760	73400	80885	
Poly Butadiene(BR)	6355	5475	72210	62220	69080	
Others	7540	7120	85265	80415	87530	
<b>Total</b>	<b>21575</b>	<b>19115</b>	<b>247235</b>	<b>216035</b>	<b>237495</b>	<b>14.4</b>
Out of which Auto Tyre Manufacturers	13316	11093	155633	128272	141580	<b>21.3</b>
<b>Total NR &amp; SR</b>	<b>90290</b>	<b>85785</b>	<b>997250</b>	<b>948590</b>	<b>1038605</b>	<b>5.1</b>
Out of which Auto Tyre Manufacturers	50994	46458	575543	532357	584501	<b>8.1</b>

\*: indigenous and imported

(Metric Tonnes)					
Production Consumption and Stock of RR	February 2007 (1)	February 2006 (2)	April 2006 to Feb. 2007 (3)	April 2005 to Feb. 2006 (4)	April 2005 to March 2006 (5)
<b>Reclaimed Rubber (RR)</b>					
Production @	6595	5950	71775	70270	76645
Consumption	6450	6120	71625	70165	76535
Out of which Auto Tyre Manufacturers	1988	1832	21671	19947	21978
Stock with Manufacturers (end of month/year)	3815	3695			
@: indigenous purchase by manufacturers					
Import / Export & Stock of NR & SR					
<b>Import (p)</b>					
Natural Rubber	17736	1470	72021	42710	45285
Synthetic Rubber	13985	11440	156153	118768	132118
<b>Total NR &amp; SR</b>	31721	12910	228174	161478	177403
<b>Export (p)</b>					
Natural Rubber	720	5850	52993	65383	73830
Stock at the end of February 2007 (Metric tonnes)					
<b>Natural Rubber</b>					
With Growers		53885	Ribbed Smoked Sheet		122690
With Dealers & Processors		55475	Solid Block Rubber		22180
With Auto Tyre units©		48667	Latex(drc)		11405
With other manufacturing units		15563	Pale Latex Crepe		640
			Others		16675
<b>Total</b>		<b>173590</b>	<b>Total</b>		<b>173590</b>
©: including transit					
<b>Synthetic Rubber</b>					
Producers		7530p			
With Auto Tyre units		16564	SBR		14550
With other manufacturing units		3011	Others		12555
<b>Total</b>		<b>27105</b>	<b>Total</b>		<b>27105</b>

p:provisional

## GRADEWISE EXPORT OF NATURAL RUBBER

(Tonnes)

Grade	2005-06	% share	2006-07p	% share
RSS	35187	47.7	31634	56.0
Latex	24153	32.7	16040	28.4
TSNR	13396	18.1	8454	15.0
Others	1094	1.5	360	0.6
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>73830</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>56488</b>	<b>100.0</b>

## COUNTRYWISE EXPORT OF NATURAL RUBBER

(Tonnes)

Country	2005-06	% share	2006-07p	% share
China	26521	35.9	16554	29.3
Malaysia	6363	8.6	10298	18.2
Sri Lanka	7556	10.2	4760	8.4
Germany	5680	7.7	2658	4.7
Vietnam	2271	3.1	2641	4.7
Belgium	2501	3.4	2324	4.1
Turkey	2355	3.2	1735	3.1
U.S.A.	1954	2.6	1567	2.8
Italy	1939	2.6	1502	2.7
U.K.	2098	2.8	1237	2.2
Spain	1634	2.2	1204	2.1
Poland	488	0.7	819	1.4
Egypt	841	1.1	740	1.3
Iran	535	0.7	687	1.2
Bulgaria	755	1.0	669	1.2
U.A.E.	915	1.2	668	1.2
Nepal	1201	1.6	656	1.2
Brazil	1700	2.3	639	1.1
South Africa	371	0.5	625	1.1
Korea	1360	1.8	608	1.1
Others	4792	6.5	3897	6.9
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>73830</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>56488</b>	<b>100.0</b>

p: provisional