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The Trend

Natural Rubber (NR) production in the country during September 2006 increased to 73,550 tonnes compared to 70,895 tonnes during September 2005. The cumulative production during April'06 to September'06 for the year 2006-07 was 382,210 tonnes compared to 340,685 tonnes during the corresponding period of the previous year registering a growth of 12.2% due to favourable conditions and better price. The production provisionally estimated for October'06 is 83,000 tonnes.

Consumption of NR by the rubber goods manufacturing industry in the country during September'06 decreased to 69,580 tonnes from 71,315 tonnes during August'06. The total consumption of NR by the rubber goods manufacturing industry during April'06 to September'06 was 403,980 tonnes as against 397,120 tonnes

registering a growth of only 1.7%. The growth in consumption by the auto tyre sector during the first half of the year 2006-07 was 4.4% compared to 8.4% achieved during the same period of the previous year, whereas the non-tyre sector showed a negative growth of 1.5% as against 2.8% attained during the same period of the previous year. The consumption provisionally estimated for October'06 is 69,000 tonnes.

The import of NR during September'06 was 622 tonnes compared to 2,521 tonnes during September'05. The cumulative import of NR during the first six months was 24,931 tonnes as against 32,403 tonnes during the corresponding period of the previous year. Export of NR during September'06 was 6,150 tonnes as against 10,028 tonnes during September'05. The cumulative export of NR during April'06 to September'06

increased to 47,507 tonnes which was more than double compared to the export of 21,438 tonnes during the same period of the previous year. Stock of NR at the end of September'06 was 52,410 tonnes.

Production of Synthetic Rubber (SR) during September'06 increased to 8,061 tonnes from 7,770 tonnes during August'06. Cumulative production of SR during first half of the year increased to 51,136 tonnes compared to 46,727 tonnes during the same period of the previous year. Consumption of SR slightly increased to 24,205 tonnes during September'06 as against 24,050 tonnes during August'06. The total consumption of SR during the first six months of the current financial year increased to 134,855 tonnes as compared to 117,445 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	Domestic	International	Domestic	International
November	2005	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				
November	"	8260	7426	9359	8147	7860	7274				

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	September 2006	September 2005	April 2006 to Sept. 2006	April 2005 to Sept. 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)	52345	52350	274750	241800	566445	
Solid Block Rubber	10150	7160	46730	39545	92540	
Latex Concentrates (drc)	6830	7095	36650	36840	90950	
Pale Latex Crepes	135	150	755	1055	2555	
Others	4090	4140	23325	21445	50135	
Total	73550	70895	382210	340685	802625	12.2
Synthetic Rubber (SR)^p						
Styrene Butadiene (SBR)	1390	1546	9046	9222	17602	
Poly Butadiene(BR)	5620	5170	34835	31080	67286	
Others	1051	1083	7255	6425	12746	
Total	8061	7799	51136	46727	97634	9.4
Total NR & SR	81611	78694	433346	387412	900259	11.9
Consumption *						
Natural Rubber (NR)						
Ribbed Smoked Sheet (RSS)	49575	46725	283610	275865	561655	
Solid Block Rubber	9890	9485	63290	64745	115840	
Latex Concentrates (drc)	6025	5915	34815	34355	74670	
Pale Latex Crepes	180	205	965	1100	2435	
Others	3910	3805	21300	21055	46510	
Total	69580	66135	403980	397120	801110	1.7
Out of which Auto Tyre Manufacturers	37436	33496	226470	216984	442921	4.4
Synthetic Rubber (SR)^p						
Styrene Butadiene (SBR)	9370	6935	51045	40210	80885	
Poly Butadiene(BR)	7080	5635	40160	34270	69080	
Others	7755	7035	43650	42965	87530	
Total	24205	19605	134855	117445	237495	14.8
Out of which Auto Tyre Manufacturers	15728	11401	86725	70142	141580	23.6
Total NR & SR	93785	85740	538835	514565	1038605	4.7
Out of which Auto Tyre Manufacturers	53164	44897	313195	287126	584501	9.1

*: indigenous and imported

(Metric Tonnes)					
Production Consumption and stock of RR	September 2006 (1)	September 2005 (2)	April 2006 to Sept. 2006 (3)	April 2005 to Sept. 2005 (4)	April 2005 to March 2006 (5)
Reclaimed Rubber (RR)					
Production @	6730	6350	38250	38125	76645
Consumption	6505	6380	38520	37955	76535
Out of which Auto Tyre Manufacturers	2041	1898	11802	11037	21978
Stock with Manufacturers (end of month/year)	3395	3760			
@: indigenous purchase by manufacturers					
Import / Export & Stock of NR & SR					
Import (p)					
Natural Rubber	622	2521	24931	32403	45285
Synthetic Rubber	19090	12543	83640	60858	132118
Total NR & SR	19712	15064	108571	93261	177403
Export (p)					
Natural Rubber	6150	10028	47507	21438	73830
Stock at the end of September 2006 (Metric tonnes)					
Natural Rubber					
With Growers		10885	Ribbed Smoked sheet		23980
With Dealers & Processors		12895	Solid Block Rubber		7140
With Auto Tyre units©		22713	Latex(drc)		7970
With other manufacturing units		5917	Pale Latex Crepe		420
			Others		12900
Total		52410	Total		52410
©: including transit					
Synthetic Rubber					
Producers		7045p			
With Auto Tyre units		14994	SBR		10385
With other manufacturing units		3606	Others		15260
Total		25645	Total		25645

p:provisional

STATEWISE CONSUMPTION OF ALL KINDS OF RUBBER (2005-06)
(Tonnes)

SL No	STATE/UNION TERRITORY	NR	SR	RR	TOTAL
1	ANDHRA PRADESH	37209	15274	5419	57902
2	DELHI	15778	1949	1156	18883
3	GOA [^]	35192	5751	1010	41953
4	GUJARAT	48336	12869	1986	63191
5	HARYANA	48572	8875	1420	58867
6	JHARKAND	1197	284	160	1641
7	KARNATAKA	55404	16400	6499	78303
8	KERALA	135792	48666	8995	193453
9	MADHYA PRADESH**	30685	18914	3485	53084
10	MAHARASHTRA	106096	38698	12288	157082
11	ORISSA	31300	5969	249	37518
12	PONDICHERRY	2714	1956	115	4785
13	PUNJAB*	82813	10165	17723	110701
14	RAJASTHAN	54013	11540	1624	67177
15	TAMILNADU	49485	21868	6450	77803
16	UTTAR PRADESH++	32485	7578	4461	44524
17	WEST BENGAL	31087	10558	3435	45080
18	OTHERS	2952	181	60	3193
	TOTAL	801110	237495	76535	1115140

[^]: including Dadra and Nagarhaveli

^{*}:including Chandigarh

⁺⁺: including Uttaranchal

^{**}: including Chattisgarh

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