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The Trend

Natural Rubber (NR) production in the country during July 2007 decreased to 39,590 tonnes compared to 65,500 tonnes during July 2006. There was 40% drop in production during July'07 in the country caused by vector borne disease such as chikungunya and other fevers in rubber plantation areas in the state coupled with heavy rain. The aggregate production during the first four months of the current year was 183,220 tonnes as against 234,165 tonnes during the corresponding period of the previous year, recording a negative growth of 21.8%. The provisional estimate of NR production for August'07 is 68,000 tonnes.

Consumption of NR by the rubber goods manufacturing industry in the country during July'07 increased to 72,070 tonnes as against 69,495 tonnes during June'07. The

cumulative consumption for the first four months of the current year increased to 272,810 tonnes as against 263,085 tonnes registering a growth of 3.7% 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 5.4% as against 2.6% obtained during the same period of the previous year. The consumption provisionally estimated for August'07 is 75,000 tonnes.

Import of NR in the country during July'07 was 3,890 tonnes as against 7,245 tonnes during July'06. The total import of NR for the first four months was 27,928 tonnes as against 23,954 tonnes during the same period of the previous year. The country exported 4,330 tonnes of NR during July'07 as compared to 8,497 tonnes during July'06. The total

export of NR during the first four months was 14,732 tonnes compared to 31,109 tonnes during the analogous period of the previous year. Stock of NR at the end of July '07 was 90,950 tonnes.

Production of Synthetic Rubber (SR) during July'07 marginally increased to 8,142 tonnes from 8,131 tonnes during June'07. The cumulative production of SR during April'07 to July'07 decreased to 32,748 tonnes as against 34,739 tonnes during the same period of the previous year. Consumption of SR increased to 24,175 tonnes during July'07 as against 23,340 tonnes during June'07. The total consumption of SR during the first four months of the current year recorded an increase of 8.2% to 93,715 tonnes as compared to 86,600 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
September 2006	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
May "	8564	8685	9638	10395	10611	8522	9127
June "	7980	8093	9226	10127	9748	7920	8774
July "	7796	7943	8420	9440	8790	7805	8237
August "	8499	8742	8690	10375	9228	8470	8498
September "	8577	8856	8737	10104	9733	8351	8587

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 2007	July 2006	April 2007 to July 2007	April 2006 to July 2006	April 2006 to March 2007	Percentage increase (+)/ decrease(-) of (3) & (4)
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
Production						
Natural Rubber (NR)						
Ribbed Smoked Sheet (RSS)	25945	47310	123335	168485	612735	
Solid Block Rubber	5395	8230	24675	28180	98500	
Latex Concentrates (drc)	4570	6220	19605	21700	86780	
Pale Latex Crepes	90	130	365	460	2055	
Others	3590	3610	15240	15340	52825	
Total	39590	65500	183220	234165	852895	-21.8
Synthetic Rubber (SR)^p						
Styrene Butadiene (SBR)	1127	995	4983	4404	12285	
Poly Butadiene(BR)	6040	6030	23840	23885	71730	
Others	975	1614	3925	6450	15498	
Total	8142	8639	32748	34739	99513	-5.7
Total NR & SR	47732	74139	215968	268904	952408	-19.7
Consumption*						
Natural Rubber (NR)						
Ribbed Smoked Sheet (RSS)	48280	46860	179815	185415	561580	
Solid Block Rubber	13630	11630	54530	39630	132755	
Latex Concentrates (drc)	6075	6145	23255	23200	76190	
Pale Latex Crepes	190	160	775	630	2170	
Others	3895	3850	14435	14210	47610	
Total	72070	68645	272810	263085	820305	3.7
Out of which Auto Tyre Manufacturers	41436	38130	158738	150557	462081	5.4
Synthetic Rubber (SR)^p						
Styrene Butadiene (SBR)	8920	8475	34315	32160	98170	
Poly Butadiene(BR)	7530	6655	30320	25830	79900	
Others	7725	8050	29080	28610	92760	
Total	24175	23180	93715	86600	270830	8.2
Out of which Auto Tyre Manufacturers	16461	15441	61870	55840	170809	10.8
Total NR & SR	96245	91825	366525	349685	1091135	4.8
Out of which Auto Tyre Manufacturers	57897	53571	220608	206397	632890	6.9

*: indigenous and imported

(Metric Tonnes)					
Production Consumption and stock of RR	July 2007 (1)	July 2006 (2)	April 2007 to July 2007 (3)	April 2006 to July 2006 (4)	April 2006 to March 2007 (5)
Reclaimed Rubber (RR)					
Production @	6895	6115	26425	25065	78495
Consumption	6875	6380	26590	25610	78435
Out of which Auto Tyre Manufacturers	2283	1991	8275	7815	23714
Stock with Manufacturers (end of month/year)	3570	3120			

@: indigenous purchase by manufacturers

Import/Export & Stock of NR & SR					
Import (p)					
Natural Rubber	3890	7245	27928	23954	89699
Synthetic Rubber	14825	12845	59960	49615	171998
Total NR & SR	18715	20090	87888	73569	261697
Export (p)					
Natural Rubber	4330	8497	14732	31109	56545

Stock at the end of July 2007			
(Metric tonnes)			
Natural Rubber			
With Growers	21390	Ribbed Smoked sheet	53290
With Dealers & Processors	21650	Solid Block Rubber	10205
With Auto Tyre units©	37600	Latex(drc)	10395
With other manufacturing units	10310	Pale Latex Crepe	495
		Others	16565
Total	90950	Total	90950

©: including transit

Synthetic Rubber			
With Producers	6610p		
With Auto Tyre units	15838	SBR	13880
With other manufacturing units	2957	Others	11525
Total	25405	Total	25405

p:provisional

FUTURE EXPANSION OF RUBBER AREA IN PRODUCING COUNTRIES

Thailand

The Rubber Research Institute of Thailand has identified 1,13,000 hectares of new area to be suitable for planting natural rubber. The area could be tapped within 7 years with an expected yield of 1,562 kg/ha per year. The total area under rubber in Thailand would be 24.08 lakh hectares from 22.95 lakh hectares in 2006.

Sri Lanka

Ministry of Plantations in Sri Lanka is planning to grow natural rubber in 40,000 hectares to meet the rising demand for the commodity. New rubber trees will be planted in 14 areas in the Hambanthota, Monaragala and Dadulla divisions. The rubber area in Sri Lanka has been declining over the years to reach 1,20,000 hectares in 2006.

Cambodia

The Cambodian experts have reported that they are intended to plant 70,000 hectares under rubber cultivation in the coming years. The Government estimated that by 2015, the planting areas in total would be 1,50,000 hectares from the existing 70,000 hectares in 2006 and production will increase to 1,50,000 tonnes.

Nigeria

The natural rubber area in Nigeria has been fallen sharply to an estimate of 1,45,000 hectares in recent years. The Federal Government of Nigeria have now planned to establish rubber plantations in Southern Caduna in Nigeria.

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