



The Trend

The country's Natural Rubber (NR) production increased to 49205 tonnes in June 2004 compared to 47035 tonnes in June 2003. The total production of NR during April to June 2004 was 144055 tonnes as against 142575 tonnes in the corresponding period of the previous year registering a marginal increase of 1.0% only. The production provisionally estimated for July 2004 is 53000 tonnes.

Consumption of NR also increased during June 2004 to 62640 tonnes from 60695 tonnes during May 2004. The total consumption for the first quarter of the current year increased to 182355 tonnes over the consumption of 172500 tonnes in the corresponding period of the previous year by 5.7%. The increase in consumption was mainly due to the auto tyre manufacturing sector, which recorded a growth of 10.4%. The quantity consumed by this sector during April to June 2004 was 99886 tonnes compared to 90481 tonnes during April to June 2003. The consumption provisionally estimated for July 2004 is 64000 tonnes.

The rubber goods manufacturing industry imported 7932 tonnes of NR during June 2004 making the total import of NR during April to

June 2004 at 18901 tonnes where as the total import of NR during the same period of the last year was 11429 tonnes. The export of NR during June 2004 was 1709 tonnes and the export from April to June 2004 was 4994 tonnes as against 4322 tonnes during April to June 2003. The total stock of NR at the end of June 2004 was 61500 tonnes.

There was an increase in the production of synthetic rubber (SR) during June 2004 to 7922 tonnes from 7542 tonnes during May 2004. The total production of SR during April to June 2004 was 23482 tonnes as against 18275 tonnes during April to June 2003 posting an increase of 28.5%. The consumption of SR increased to 19190 tonnes during June 2004 from 18745 tonnes during May 2004. The cumulative consumption of SR during the first quarter of the current year was 55485 tonnes showing 14.4% growth over the consumption of 48485 tonnes during the same period of the previous year.

The trend in the prices of different grades of NR at Kottayam market for the period from August 2003 to August 2004 is given below.

Table

		Price of Rubber in Kottavam Market						(Rupees per quintal)
Month		RSS 1	RSS 2	RSS 3	RSS 4	RSS 5	Latex (60%) (drc)	E B C 2x
August	2003	5024	4924	4824	4693	4490	5853	4402
September	2003	5152	5052	4952	4849	4655	6004	4506
October	2003	5494	5394	5294	5155	4978	6571	4858
November	2003	5716	5616	5516	5346	5148	7164	5124
December	2003	5659	5559	5459	5315	5092	6873	5038
January	2004	5510	5410	5310	5153	5014	6840	4997
February	2004	5587	5487	5387	5192	5087	6752	4980
March	2004	5944	5844	5744	5567	5436	6882	5389
April	2004	6163	6063	5963	5779	5673	7190	5496
May	2004	6232	6132	6032	5855	5749	7403	5579
June	2004	6678	6578	6478	6343	6113	7916	5794
July	2004	6911	6811	6711	6560	6271	8175	5889
August	2004	5982	5882	5782	5572	5358	6099	5142

(Metric Tonnes)						
	June 2004	June 2003	April 2004 to June 2004	April 2003 to June 2003	April 2003 to March 2004	Percentage increase (+)/ decrease (-) during Apr. 2004 to June 2004 compared to Apr. 2003 to June 2003
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
PRODUCTION						
NATURAL RUBBER						
Solid Block Rubber	5795	6775	16615	17665	91120	
Latex Concentrates (DRC)	4285	5715	12870	14665	77070	
Pale Latex Crepes	135	155	335	360	1765	
RSS	35440	30930	103390	99575	491405	
Others	3550	3460	10845	10310	50290	
Total	49205	47035	144055	142575	711650	(+)1.0
SYNTHETIC RUBBER (P)						
Styrene Butadiene (SBR)	1551	1580	4800	4352	18673	
Poly butadiene (BR)	5400	2850	15217	10600	55652	
Others	971	1257	3465	3323	14041	
Total	7922	5687	23482	18275	88366	(+) 28.5
Total NR & SR	57127	52722	167537	160850	800016	(+)4.2
CONSUMPTION*						
NATURAL RUBBER						
Solid Block Rubber	10260	8135	25645	20805	98205	
Latex Concentrates (DRC)	5695	5975	17155	17605	78660	
Pale Latex Crepe	125	235	485	605	2515	
RSS	43550	42970	129875	124525	501625	
Others	3010	2960	9195	8960	38595	
Total	62640	60275	182355	172500	719600	(+)5.7
Out of which Auto Tyre Manufacturers	34503	32110	99886	90481	378185	(+)10.4
SYNTHETIC RUBBER						
SBR	6610	5680	18710	16445	71030	
BR	5680	5040	16285	14590	61120	
Others	6900	6075	20490	17450	78040	
Total	19190	16795	55485	48485	210190	(+)14.4
Out of which Auto Tyre Manufacturers	11540	9565	32471	27095	119367	(+)19.8
Total NR & SR	81830	77070	237840	220985	929790	(+)7.6
Out of which Auto Tyre Manufacturers	46043	41675	132357	117576	497552	(+)12.6

- Indigenous and imported

		(Metric Tonnes)				
		June 2004	June 2003	April 2004 to June 2004	April 2003 to June 2003	April 2003 to March 2004
		(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
IMPORT (P)						
NATURAL RUBBER		7932	4519	18901	11429	44199
SYNTHETIC RUBBER						
SBR		3330	6265	11595	15370	64649
BR		290	455	1355	1100	8677
Others		3560	6348	14105	20909	100458
	Total	7180	13068	27055	37379	173784
	Total NR & SR	15112	17587	45956	48808	217983
		1709	1898	4994	4322	75905

EXPORT OF NR (P)

STOCK AT THE END OF JUNE 2004

NATURAL RUBBER	(Tonnes)		(Tonnes)
With Growers	8270	Ribbed Smoked Sheets	16485
With Dealers & Processors	20960	Estate Brown crepes and remilled crepes	4005
		Latex (drc)	10920
With Auto tyre units (C)	24308	Pale latex crepes	265
With Other manufacturing units (C)	7962	Block Rubber	17520
		Scraps (drc)	12200
		Other grades	105
	Total	61500	Total 61500

(Rounded)

(C: including transit)

SYNTHETIC RUBBER

Producers	8110 ^P	SBR	20910
Auto Tyre units	9540	Others	68780
Other manufacturing units	72040		
	Total	Total	89690
	89690		89690

RECLAIMED RUBBER

	June 2004	June 2003	April 2004 to June 2004	April 2003 to June 2003	April 2003 to March 2004
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
Production @	6055	5735	18170	16735	70990
Consumption	6015	5695	18015	16605	70460
Out of which Auto Tyre Manufacturers	1719	1401	4748	4017	18244
Stock with Manufacturers (end of month / year)	3615	3165			3580

@ Indigenous purchase by manufacturers
P – Provisional R – Revised

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

Country	1999-00	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04P
China	4975	17	767	2214
Indonesia	53004	27960	181686	167159	330766
Malaysia	94027	90242	566886	277285	1062183
Myanmar	20161	6926	35536	2091	10487
Singapore	29499	18177	62030	35129	12808
Sri Lanka	46717	13774	22253	17988	20402
Thailand	247477	87944	502364	401996	632631
Vietnam	60467	30736	40077	64761	84650
Others	16877	28057	33048	26595	45251
Total	573204	303833	1444647	993004	2201392

P – Provisional

Source: “Monthly Statistics of Foreign Trade of India”, published by DGCI & S Kolkata