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THE TREND

Production of Natural Rubber (NR) in the country during December 2011 increased to 106,800 tonnes as against the production of 103,000 tonnes during December 2010. The cumulative production during the first nine months of the current fiscal year was 681,900 tonnes compared to 651,150 tonnes during the corresponding period of the previous year registering a growth of 4.7%. The provisional estimate of NR production for January'12 is 102,500 tonnes.

Consumption of NR by the rubber goods manufacturing industry in the country during December'11 was 84,795 tonnes compared to 82,440 tonnes during November'11. The total consumption during the first three quarters of the current financial year was 719,215 tonnes as against 708,705 tonnes during the corresponding period of the previous

year, registering a growth of 1.5%. The rate of growth in consumption in the auto tyre manufacturing sector during the first nine months of the current financial year was 5.9% as against 4.1% attained during the same period of the previous year, whereas non-tyre sector registered a negative growth of 5.9% compared to a negative growth of 1.4% in the same period of the previous year. The consumption provisionally estimated for January'12 is 82,000 tonnes.

Import of NR during December'11 was 24,593 tonnes compared to 13,805 tonnes during December'10. The cumulative import of NR during the first nine months of 2011-12 was 136,552 tonnes as against 166,463 tonnes during the corresponding period of the previous year. The country exported 1,077 tonnes of NR during December'11 as against 2,495 tonnes during December'10. The

total export of NR during April'11 to December'11 was 22,628 tonnes as against 7,293 tonnes during the same period of the previous year. Stock of NR at the end of December'11 was 262,000 tonnes.

Synthetic Rubber (SR) production during December'11 increased to 10,503 tonnes from 8,636 tonnes during November'11. The aggregate production of SR during the first nine months of 2011-12 increased to 82,481 tonnes compared to 81,504 tonnes during the same period of the previous year. Consumption of SR increased to 37,315 tonnes during December'11 as against 36,345 tonnes during November'11. The consumption of SR during the first three quarters of the current financial year increased to 318,010 tonnes compared to 306,620 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
February	2011	22600	23400	28153	24617	26653	23113	25247
March	"	21715	22002	24826	21543	24701	21646	21458
April	"	23568	23868	26071	23974	25976	23322	22235
May	"	22306	22523	23367	22622	23760	21520	20165
June	"	21950	22185	22577	23163	23089	21623	20314
July	"	20994	21242	21266	22877	21895	21002	20157
August	"	19917	20462	21356	21861	21912	20086	20705
September	"	20744	21459	21843	22253	22254	20879	21310
October	"	20931	21185	20252	21592	21348	20153	20051
November	"	19206	19502	17525	19236	18718	17740	16988
December	"	19683	20030	17938	18345	18733	18805	17430
January	2012	18556	19094	18639	18153	18700	18640	17663
February	"	18435	18764	20046	20920	21314	18666	18284

Note: Domestic price refers to Kottayam market, international RSS 3 refers to Bangkok price and international price of latex and SMR 20 to Kuala Lumpur market.

(Metric Tonnes)						
Type-wise Production & Consumption of NR & SR	December 2011	December 2010	April 2011 to Dec. 2011	April 2010 to Dec. 2010	April 2010 to March 2011	Percentage increase (+/ decrease(-) of (3) & (4) (6)
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
PRODUCTION						
Natural Rubber (NR)						
Ribbed Smoked Sheet (RSS)	80605	77735	498285	474005	618960	
Solid Block Rubber	12325	11270	88770	84455	117830	
Latex Concentrates (drc)	7900	7530	56070	54465	76065	
Others	5970	6465	38775	38225	49095	
Total	106800	103000	681900	651150	861950	4.7
Synthetic Rubber (SR)^p						
Styrene Butadiene (SBR)	2304	1973	13878	14544	19994	
Poly Butadiene(BR)	6900	6050	59250	56875	75905	
Others	1299	1440	9353	10085	14441	
Total	10503	9463	82481	81504	110340	1.2
Total NR & SR	117303	112463	764381	732654	972290	4.3
CONSUMPTION *						
Natural Rubber (NR)						
Ribbed Smoked Sheet (RSS)	56555	52210	461755	440895	607455	
Solid Block Rubber	19745	19130	181285	188210	235130	
Latex Concentrates (drc)	6110	6820	55305	58355	77380	
Others	2385	2305	20870	21245	27750	
Total	84795	80465	719215	708705	947715	1.5
Out of which Auto Tyre Manufacturers	57162	50906	471348	445199	597623	5.9
Synthetic Rubber (SR)^p						
Styrene Butadiene (SBR)	17205	15985	137380	130180	174855	
Poly Butadiene(BR)	12005	10935	99205	91675	125305	
Others	8105	8945	81425	84765	111670	
Total	37315	35865	318010	306620	411830	3.7
Out of which Auto Tyre Manufacturers	26915	26278	231198	221209	298414	4.5
Total NR & SR	122110	116330	1037225	1015325	1359545	2.2
Out of which Auto Tyre Manufacturers	84077	77184	702546	666408	896037	5.4

*: indigenous and imported

(Metric Tonnes)					
Production Consumption and stock of RR	December 2011 (1)	December 2010 (2)	April 2011 to Dec. 2011 (3)	April 2010 to Dec. 2010 (4)	April 2010 to March 2011 (5)
Reclaimed Rubber (RR)					
Production @	8830	8990	76075	75070	99960
Consumption	9160	8865	75625	74615	100290
Out of which Auto Tyre Manufacturers	3848	3517	31290	29967	40511
Stock with Manufacturers (end of month/year)	5400	5735			

@: indigenous purchase by manufacturers

IMPORT/EXPORT & STOCK OF NR & SR					
Import (p)					
Natural Rubber	24593	13805	136552	166463	188337
Synthetic Rubber	27557	25087	246290	229143	302030
Total NR & SR	52150	38892	382842	395606	490367
Export (p)					
Natural Rubber	1077	2495	22628	7293	29851

STOCK AT THE END OF DECEMBER 2011^R			
(Metric tonnes)			
Natural Rubber			
With Growers	108150	Ribbed Smoked Sheet	182950
With Dealers & Processors	95200	Solid Block Rubber	27175
With Auto Tyre units©	37390	Latex(drc)	15025
With other manufacturing units	21260	Others	36850
Total	262000	Total	262000

©: including transit

R: Revised

Synthetic Rubber			
With Producers	7935		
With Auto Tyre units	32105	SBR	21935
With other manufacturing units	6570	Others	24675
Total	46610	Total	46610

p:provisional

CONSUMPTION OF ALL KINDS OF RUBBER ACCORDING TO END PRODUCTS-2010-11p

(Tonnes)			
Products	Natural Rubber (NR)	Synthetic Rubber (SR)	Reclaimed Rubber (RR)
Auto tyres & tubes*	589760	285540	33890
Cycle tyres & tubes	87050	25190	27640
Camel back	43680	15700	6115
Footwears	62480	44910	8955
Belts and Hoses	43570	16720	7550
Latex foam	37765	—	—
Dipped goods	38925	—	—
Others	44485	23770	16140
Total	947715	411830	100290

*: includes Tractor, Aero, ADV and Off the road p: provisional

CONSUMPTION OF NR ACCORDING TO END PRODUCTS - 2010-11

