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THE TREND

Production of natural rubber (NR) in India fell 2.8% on year to 58,000 tonnes in May 2012. The first two months of the current fiscal has seen a 5.0% year-to-year fall, to 110,700 tonnes from the 116,500 tonnes a year ago. Preliminary estimate reveals that the production rose 4.7% on year to 62,000 tonnes in June which means that the first quarter would end up with a 1.7% fall from the previous year.

The country consumed 85,690 tonnes of NR during May 2012, up 4.8% from the quantity of 81,750 tonnes consumed in April 2012. Taking the first two months of the current fiscal, the consumption rose 3.7% to 167,440 tonnes from 161,495 tonnes a year ago. This growth was mainly driven by the auto-tyre manufacturing sector where the consumption grew

3.9% to 111,219 tonnes from 107,035 tonnes a year ago. According to preliminary estimate, the country has consumed 82,500 tonnes in June 2012, up 1.0% from June 2011, thereby making the first quarter's growth at 2.8% on year.

India has imported 20,884 tonnes of NR during May 2012 compared with 14,018 tonnes imported in May last year. The total volume imported during the first two months of the current fiscal came to 38,393 tonnes, showing a marked increase from the quantity of 19,617 tonnes imported during the same period a year ago. The volume of export of NR from the country fell during May 2012 to 1,420 tonnes from 3,031 tonnes during May last year. The total volume exported during April and May this year was 2,208 tonnes compared with the corresponding quantity of 5,245 tonnes in the

previous year. With the above trends in production, consumption, import and export, the closing stock estimated for May 2012 is 222,000 tonnes.

As regards synthetic rubber (SR), the production rose during May 2012 to 9,398 tonnes from the quantity of 8,285 tonnes a month ago. However, the first two months of the current fiscal year has witnessed the production falling to 17,683 tonnes from the corresponding figure of 18,730 tonnes in the previous year. The country's consumption of SR rose during May this year to 38,580 tonnes from 35,150 tonnes in April'12. The country consumed 73,730 tonnes of SR during the first two months of the current financial year, up 1.5% from the quantity of 72,630 tonnes consumed a year ago.

PRICE OF NATURAL RUBBER (Rupees per 100 Kg)

Month / year		RSS 5	RSS 4	RSS 3	Latex(60% drc)		ISNR 20	SMR 20
		Domestic		International	Domestic	International	Domestic	International
July	2011	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
March	"	19141	19344	20101	21367	21805	19125	18721
April	"	19546	19680	20052	21087	21417	19523	18811
May	"	19300	19433	20375	20991	21238	19364	18260
June	"	18408	18807	18996	21928	19729	18386	16031
July	"	17837	18427	17450	21853	19015	17614	15997

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	May 2012	May 2011	April 2012 & May 2012	April 2011 & May 2011	April 2011 to March 2012	Percentage increase (+)/ decrease(-) of (3) & (4) of (6)
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
PRODUCTION						
Natural Rubber (NR)						
Ribbed Smoked Sheet (RSS)	41910	41485	80480	83237	658200	
Solid Block Rubber	8570	8972	15555	16487	119815	
Latex Concentrates (drc)	4550	5588	8635	10001	76490	
Others	2970	3655	6030	6775	49195	
Total	58000	59700	110700	116500	903700	-5.0
Synthetic Rubber (SR)^p						
Styrene Butadiene (SBR)	1624	1799	2820	3314	18791	
Poly Butadiene(BR)	6800	6510	13100	13120	78745	
Others	974	1159	1763	2296	13063	
Total	9398	9468	17683	18730	110599	-5.6
Total NR & SR	67398	69168	128383	135230	1014299	-5.1
CONSUMPTION *						
Natural Rubber (NR)						
Ribbed Smoked Sheet (RSS)	54870	53415	108335	113235	616215	
Solid Block Rubber	22175	18055	42630	31260	248285	
Latex Concentrates (drc)	6150	6390	11590	12420	73190	
Others	2495	2260	4885	4580	26725	
Total	85690	80120	167440	161495	964415	3.7
Out of which Auto Tyre Manufacturers	57640	53066	111219	107035	631410	3.9
Synthetic Rubber (SR)^p						
Styrene Butadiene (SBR)	17520	14790	33305	30335	185265	
Poly Butadiene(BR)	12470	11720	24070	23080	134630	
Others	8590	9230	16355	19215	103455	
Total	38580	35740	73730	72630	423350	1.5
Out of which Auto Tyre Manufacturers	28126	26308	53960	54370	307365	-0.8
Total NR & SR	124270	115860	241170	234125	1387765	3.0
Out of which Auto Tyre Manufacturers	85766	79374	165179	161405	938775	2.3

*: indigenous and imported

(Metric Tonnes)					
Production Consumption and stock of RR	May 2012 (1)	May 2011 (2)	April 2012 & May 2012 (3)	April 2011 & May 2011 (4)	April 2011 to March 2012 (5)
Reclaimed Rubber (RR)					
Production @	9025	7695	17660	15985	103565
Consumption	9120	7945	17730	16085	102435
Out of which Auto Tyre Manufacturers	3783	3487	7465	6953	43178
Stock with Manufacturers (end of month/year)	6010	4850			

@: indigenous purchase by manufacturers

IMPORT/EXPORT & STOCK OF NR & SR					
Import (p)					
Natural Rubber	20884	14018	38393	19617	213785
Synthetic Rubber	29602	31497	56022	59365	327625
Total NR & SR	50486	45515	94415	78982	541410
Export (p)					
Natural Rubber	1420	3031	2208	5245	27145

STOCK AT THE END OF MAY 2012			
(Metric tonnes)			
Natural Rubber			
With Growers	60050	Ribbed Smoked Sheet	158165
With Dealers & Processors	93955	Solid Block Rubber	25205
With Auto Tyre units©	47025	Latex(drc)	14085
With other manufacturing units	20970	Others	24545
Total	222000	Total	222000

©: including transit

Synthetic Rubber			
With Producers	6500		
With Auto Tyre units	37520	SBR	22860
With other manufacturing units	6280	Others	27440
Total	50300	Total	50300

p:provisional

CATEGORY-WISE PRODUCTION OF TYRES

('000 numbers)

Year	2010-11	2011-12p	Growth (%)
Truck & Bus	15668	16085	3
Tractor	5423	5667	4
Passenger Car	26201	27141	4
Jeep	1500	1595	6
LCV	6029	6688	11
Motor Cycles	43118	44857	4
Scooter*	20140	22195	10
A.D.V	311	293	-6
OTR	191	196	3
Industrial	616	681	11
Total	119197	125398	5

CATEGORY-WISE PRODUCTION OF TUBES

('000 numbers)

Year	2010-11	2011-12p	Growth (%)
Truck & Bus	14990	15404	3
Tractor	2006	2149	7
Passenger Car	9127	8363	-8
Jeep	1746	1857	6
LCV	5232	5417	4
Motor Cycles	43156	45092	4
Scooter	16321	17177	5
A.D.V	198	166	-16
OTR	97	112	15
Industrial	74	100	35
Total	92947	95837	3

p: provisional *: including Moped

Source: Automotive Tyre Manufacturer's Association, New Delhi