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THE TREND

Natural Rubber (NR) production in the country during January 2011 slightly increased to 98,800 tonnes compared to the production of 97,500 tonnes during January 2010. The cumulative production during the first ten months of 2010-11 was 749,950 tonnes compared to 729,250 tonnes during the corresponding period of the previous year, registering a growth of 2.8%. The production provisionally estimated for February'11 is 57,600 tonnes.

Consumption of NR during January'11 marginally increased to 81,000 tonnes from 80,465 tonnes during December'10. The total consumption during April'10 to January'11 increased to 789,705 tonnes compared to 775,565 tonnes during the corresponding period of the

previous year, registering a growth of 1.8%. During the first ten months of the year 2010-11, the auto-tyre manufacturing sector showed a growth of 3.7% as against 12.3% during the corresponding period of the previous year. The consumption provisionally estimated for February'11 is 78,000 tonnes.

Rubber goods manufacturing industry in the country imported 8,644 tonnes during January'11 compared to 7,051 tonnes during January'10. The quantum of import of NR during the first ten months of the year 2010-11 was 164,330 tonnes as against 152,510 tonnes during the corresponding period of the previous year. The country exported 6,764 tonnes of NR during January'11, whereas the export of NR during January'10 was 2,906 tonnes. The cumulative export of NR during April'10 to January'11

was 14,057 tonnes as against 13,499 tonnes during the corresponding period of the previous year. Stock of NR at the end of January'11 was 324,265 tonnes.

Production of Synthetic Rubber (SR) during January'11 increased to 9,859 tonnes from 9,463 tonnes during December'10. The cumulative production of SR during the first ten months of the year 2010-11 increased to 91,463 tonnes compared to 89,512 tonnes during the same period of the previous year. Consumption of SR decreased to 35,260 tonnes during January'11 as against 35,865 tonnes during December'10. The consumption of SR during April'10 to January'11 increased to 341,880 tonnes compared to 281,965 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
March	2010	14782	14948	15084	15956	16949	14661	14374
April	"	16237	16418	17354	17286	17719	15871	14698
May	"	15708	15983	16715	16999	16628	14360	13069
June	"	16872	17087	16902	19603	17061	15241	13449
July	"	17750	18215	15680	20375	17070	15919	13513
August	"	17128	17952	15442	18512	17194	15440	14265
September	"	16206	16645	16199	18880	17809	15608	15514
October	"	17336	18112	17308	19753	18475	17743	16768
November	"	18844	19876	19614	21537	20555	19377	18746
December	"	19377	20188	21404	21980	23061	19673	20745
January	2011	21250	22160	25061	24915	24949	21725	23722
February	"	22600	23400	28153	24617	26653	23113	25247
March	"	21715	22002	24826	21543	24701	21646	21458
2010-11	Average	18419	19003	19555	20500	20156	17976	17600

Note: Domestic price refers to Kottayam market, international price for RSS 3 refers to Bangkok price since 3-5-2010 and international price of latex and SMR 20 to Kuala Lumpur market.

(Metric Tonnes)						
Type-wise Production & Consumption of NR & SR	January 2011	January 2010	April 2010 to Jan.2011	April 2009 to Jan.2010	April 2009 to March 2010	Percentage increase (+)/ decrease(-) of (3) & (4)
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
PRODUCTION						
Natural Rubber (NR)						
Ribbed Smoked Sheet (RSS)	73050	69630	547055	516720	578650	
Solid Block Rubber	11905	12940	96360	100980	120780	
Latex Concentrates (drc)	8425	9210	62890	70760	85760	
Others	5420	5720	43645	40790	46210	
Total	98800	97500	749950	729250	831400	2.8
Synthetic Rubber (SR)^p						
Styrene Butadiene (SBR)	1824	2208	16368	14683	17997	
Poly Butadiene(BR)	6780	6650	63755	60969	72666	
Others	1255	1391	11340	13860	16080	
Total	9859	10249	91463	89512	106743	2.2
Total NR & SR	108659	107749	841413	818762	938143	2.8
CONSUMPTION *						
Natural Rubber (NR)						
Ribbed Smoked Sheet (RSS)	53885	58275	494780	511420	621435	
Solid Block Rubber	18260	12445	206470	164980	190545	
Latex Concentrates (drc)	6605	7225	64960	67860	82515	
Others	2250	2555	23495	31305	36070	
Total	81000	80500	789705	775565	930565	1.8
Out of which Auto Tyre Manufacturers	51609	51088	496779	478911	576210	3.7
Synthetic Rubber (SR)^p						
Styrene Butadiene (SBR)	15430	13270	145610	112065	138905	
Poly Butadiene(BR)	11370	10505	103045	85790	104465	
Others	8460	9670	93225	84110	104340	
Total	35260	33445	341880	281965	347710	21.2
Out of which Auto Tyre Manufacturers	26319	23225	247515	194068	238153	27.5
Total NR & SR	116260	113945	1131585	1057530	1278275	7.0
Out of which Auto Tyre Manufacturers	77928	74313	744294	672979	814363	10.6

*: indigenous and imported

(Metric Tonnes)					
Production Consumption and stock of RR	January 2011 (1)	January 2010 (2)	April 2010 to Jan.2011 (3)	April 2009 to Jan.2010 (4)	April 2009 to March 2010 (5)
Reclaimed Rubber (RR)					
Production @	8300	8145	83370	77960	93535
Consumption	8565	8045	83180	76705	92250
Out of which Auto Tyre Manufacturers	3535	3280	32808	28553	34968
Stock with Manufacturers (end of month/year)	5470	5250			

@: indigenous purchase by manufacturers

IMPORT/EXPORT & STOCK OF NR & SR

Import (p)					
Natural Rubber	8644	7051	164330	152510	176756
Synthetic Rubber	22836	22336	251979	203341	250210
Total NR & SR	31480	29387	416309	355851	426966
Export (p)					
Natural Rubber	6764	2906	14057	13499	25090

STOCK AT THE END OF JANUARY 2011

(Metric tonnes)			
Natural Rubber			
With Growers	132800	Ribbed Smoked Sheet	246270
With Dealers & Processors	115405	Solid Block Rubber	24030
With Auto Tyre units©	53210	Latex(drc)	12930
With other manufacturing units	22850	Others	41035
Total	324265	Total	324265

©: including transit

Synthetic Rubber			
With Producers	5280		
With Auto Tyre units	25820	SBR	19195
With other manufacturing units	5640	Others	17545
Total	36740	Total	36740

p:provisional

CLASSIFICATION OF MANUFACTURERS ACCORDING TO THEIR TOTAL CONSUMPTION OF RUBBER DURING 2009-10p

Consumption Group	No. of Manufacturers	CONSUMPTION (Tonnes)			
		Natural Rubber	Synthetic Rubber	Reclaimed Rubber	Total
A	1672	9160	1960	457	11577
B	1645	44850	9313	3966	58129
C	599	37593	11393	5589	54575
D	467	102640	41685	19663	163988
E	63	35129	7168	5951	48248
F	82	701193	276191	56624	1034008
Total	4528	930565	347710	92250	1370525

DISTRIBUTION OF MANUFACTURERS ACCORDING TO THEIR CONSUMPTION OF NATURAL RUBBER DURING 2009-10p

Consumption Group	No. of Manufacturers	Consumption (Tonnes)
A	1739	8215
B	1709	49119
C	520	37975
D	445	108442
E	48	33080
F	67	693734
Total	4528	930565

p: provisional

- A - 10 Tonnes & below
- B - Above 10 Tonnes and upto & including 50 Tonnes
- C - Above 50 Tonnes and upto & including 100 Tonnes
- D - Above 100 Tonnes and upto & including 500 Tonnes
- E - Above 500 Tonnes and upto & including 1000 Tonnes
- F - Above 1000 Tonnes