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THE TREND

Production of Natural Rubber (NR) in the country during January 2012 increased to 102,500 tonnes as against the production of 98,800 tonnes during January 2011. The cumulative production during April 2011 to January 2012 was 784,400 tonnes compared to 749,950 tonnes during the corresponding period of the previous year registering a growth of 4.6%. The provisional estimate of NR production for February'12 is 61,000 tonnes.

The rubber goods manufacturing industry in the country consumed 82,535 tonnes of NR during January 2012 compared to 84,795 tonnes during December'11. The total consumption during the first ten months of 2011-12 was 801,750 tonnes as against 789,705 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 April'11 to January'12 was 5.8% as against 3.7% attained during the same period of the previous year, whereas non-tyre sector registered a negative growth of 5.7% compared to a negative growth of 1.3% during the corresponding period of the previous year. The consumption of NR for February'12 is provisionally estimated as 80,500 tonnes.

Import of NR during January'12 was 26,375 tonnes compared to 8,163 tonnes during January'11. The aggregate import of NR during the first ten months of the current fiscal year was 162,927 tonnes as against 174,626 tonnes during the corresponding period of the previous year. The country exported 1,007 tonnes of NR during January'12 as against 6,664 tonnes during January'11.

The cumulative export of NR during April'11 to January'12 was 23,635 tonnes as against 13,957 tonnes during the same period of the previous year. Stock of NR at the end of January'12 was 267,000 tonnes.

Synthetic Rubber (SR) production during January'12 was 10,414 tonnes compared to 10,503 tonnes during December'11. The aggregate production of SR during the first ten months of 2011-12 increased to 92,895 tonnes compared to 91,363 tonnes during the same period of the previous year. Consumption of SR decreased to 34,385 tonnes during January'12 as against 37,315 tonnes during December'11. However, consumption of SR during April'11 to January'12 increased to 352,395 tonnes compared to 341,880 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	2011	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
March	"	19141	19344	20101	21367	21805	19125	18721
Average	2011-12	20453	20805	20915	21364	21625	20130	19502

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	January 2012	January 2011	April 2011 to Jan. 2012	April 2010 to Jan. 2011	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)	78085	73050	576370	547055	618960	
Solid Block Rubber	11775	11905	100545	96360	117830	
Latex Concentrates (drc)	7420	8425	63490	62890	76065	
Others	5220	5420	43995	43645	49095	
Total	102500	98800	784400	749950	861950	4.6
Synthetic Rubber (SR)^p						
Styrene Butadiene (SBR)	2137	1824	16015	16368	19994	
Poly Butadiene(BR)	6780	6780	66030	63655	75905	
Others	1497	1255	10850	11340	14441	
Total	10414	9859	92895	91363	110340	1.7
Total NR & SR	112914	108659	877295	841313	972290	4.3
CONSUMPTION *						
Natural Rubber (NR)						
Ribbed Smoked Sheet (RSS)	51080	53885	512835	494780	607455	
Solid Block Rubber	23625	18260	204910	206470	235130	
Latex Concentrates (drc)	5850	6605	61155	64960	77380	
Others	1980	2250	22850	23495	27750	
Total	82535	81000	801750	789705	947715	1.5
Out of which Auto Tyre Manufacturers	54260	51609	525608	496808	597623	5.8
Synthetic Rubber (SR)^p						
Styrene Butadiene (SBR)	15605	15430	152985	145610	174855	
Poly Butadiene(BR)	11620	11370	110825	103045	125305	
Others	7160	8460	88585	93225	111670	
Total	34385	35260	352395	341880	411830	3.1
Out of which Auto Tyre Manufacturers	24920	26218	256118	247427	298414	3.5
Total NR & SR	116920	116260	1154145	1131585	1359545	2.0
Out of which Auto Tyre Manufacturers	79180	77827	781726	744235	896037	5.0

*: indigenous and imported

(Metric Tonnes)					
Production Consumption and stock of RR	January 2012 (1)	January 2011 (2)	April 2011 to Jan. 2012 (3)	April 2010 to Jan. 2011 (4)	April 2010 to March 2011 (5)
Reclaimed Rubber (RR)					
Production @	8915	8300	84990	83370	99960
Consumption	8785	8565	84410	83180	100290
Out of which Auto Tyre Manufacturers	3625	3535	34915	33502	40511
Stock with Manufacturers (end of month/year)	5530	5470			

@: indigenous purchase by manufacturers

IMPORT/EXPORT & STOCK OF NR & SR					
Import (p)					
Natural Rubber	26375	8163	162927	174626	188337
Synthetic Rubber	23340	22836	269630	251979	302030
Total NR & SR	49715	30999	432557	426605	490367
Export (p)					
Natural Rubber	1007	6664	23635	13957	29851

STOCK AT THE END OF JANUARY 2012^R			
(Metric tonnes)			
Natural Rubber			
With Growers	98400	Ribbed Smoked Sheet	194650
With Dealers & Processors	102840	Solid Block Rubber	24825
With Auto Tyre units©	42260	Latex(drc)	16480
With other manufacturing units	23500	Others	31045
Total	267000	Total	267000

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Synthetic Rubber			
With Producers	6510		
With Auto Tyre units	32945	SBR	21360
With other manufacturing units	6525	Others	24620
Total	45980	Total	45980

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PRODUCTION OF NATURAL RUBBER IN ANRPC MEMBER COUNTRIES

Quantity ('000 tonnes)					
Country	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011 ^(p)
Thailand	3056	3090	3164	3252	3569
Indonesia	2755	2751	2440	2735	3013
Malaysia	1200	1072	857	939	996
India	811	881	820	851	893
Vietnam	606	660	711	752	812
China	588	548	643	665	707
Sri Lanka	118	129	137	153	158
Philippines	101	103	98	99	106
Cambodia	19	19	35	42	51
Total	9254	9253	8905	9488	10305

AVERAGE ANNUAL YIELD (Kg per hectare of Tapped Area)

Country	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011 ^(p)
Thailand	1723	1698	1704	1711	1798
Indonesia	993	994	901	986	1080
Malaysia	1420	1430	1450	1480	1493
India	1767	1903	1752	1784	1819
Vietnam	1603	1654	1698	1712	1720
China	1168	1053	1187	1143	1161
Sri Lanka	1247	1382	1437	1527	1558
Philippines	1567	1581	1574	1420	1373
Cambodia	1112	1181	982	1099	1135

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