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THE TREND

Natural Rubber (NR) production in the country during February 2012 was 64,000 tonnes compared to 57,600 tonnes during February 2011. The cumulative production during April 2011 to February 2012 was 848,400 tonnes compared to 807,550 tonnes during the corresponding period of the previous year registering a growth of 5.1%. The provisional estimate of NR production for March'12 is 55,300 tonnes.

Consumption of NR by the rubber goods manufacturing sector in the country during February 2012 was 80,265 tonnes as against 82,535 tonnes during January 2012. The aggregate consumption during April 2011 to February 2012 was 882,015 tonnes compared to 867,705 tonnes during the corresponding period of the

previous year, registering a growth of 1.6%. The rate of growth in consumption in the auto tyre manufacturing sector during the first eleven months of 2011-12 was 5.8% as against 3.6% attained during the same period of the previous year, whereas non-tyre sector registered a negative growth of 5.4 % compared to a negative growth of 0.9 % during the corresponding period of the previous year. The consumption of NR for March'12 is provisionally estimated as 84,500 tonnes.

The country imported 22,924 tonnes of NR during February'12 compared to 8,458 tonnes during February'11. The cumulative import of NR during April'11 to February'12 was 185,851 tonnes as against 183,084 tonnes during the corresponding period of the previous year. The country exported only 951 tonnes of NR during February'12 as against 7,951 tonnes during February'11. The

cumulative export of NR during April'11 to February'12 was 24,681 tonnes as against 21,908 tonnes during the same period of the previous year. Stock of NR at the end of February'12 was 244,000 tonnes.

Synthetic Rubber (SR) production during February'12 was 9,569 tonnes compared to 10,414 tonnes during January'12. The aggregate production of SR during the first eleven months of 2011-12 increased to 102,464 tonnes compared to 100,997 tonnes during the same period of the previous year. Consumption of SR slightly increased to 34,675 tonnes during February'12 as against 34,385 tonnes during January'12. The total consumption of SR during April'11 to February'12 increased to 387,070 tonnes compared to 375,805 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
April	2011	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
April	2012	19546	19680	20052	21087	21417	19523	18811

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	February 2012	February 2011	April 2011 to Feb. 2012	April 2010 to Feb. 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)	45070	36240	621440	583295	618960	
Solid Block Rubber	9670	11870	110215	108230	117830	
Latex Concentrates (drc)	6380	6600	69870	69490	76065	
Others	2880	2890	46875	46535	49095	
Total	64000	57600	848400	807550	861950	5.1
Synthetic Rubber (SR)^p						
Styrene Butadiene (SBR)	1702	1963	17717	18331	19994	
Poly Butadiene(BR)	6425	6150	72455	69805	75905	
Others	1442	1521	12292	12861	14441	
Total	9569	9634	102464	100997	110340	1.5
Total NR & SR	73569	67234	950864	908547	972290	4.7
CONSUMPTION *						
Natural Rubber (NR)						
Ribbed Smoked Sheet (RSS)	50270	54785	563105	549565	607455	
Solid Block Rubber	21995	15075	226905	221545	235130	
Latex Concentrates (drc)	6110	6130	67265	71090	77380	
Others	1890	2010	24740	25505	27750	
Total	80265	78000	882015	867705	947715	1.6
Out of which Auto Tyre Manufacturers	52040	49149	577648	545957	597623	5.8
Synthetic Rubber (SR)^p						
Styrene Butadiene (SBR)	15775	14325	168760	159935	174855	
Poly Butadiene(BR)	11645	10690	122470	113735	125305	
Others	7255	8910	95840	102135	111670	
Total	34675	33925	387070	375805	411830	3.0
Out of which Auto Tyre Manufacturers	24850	24692	280968	272119	298414	3.3
Total NR & SR	114940	111925	1269085	1243510	1359545	2.1
Out of which Auto Tyre Manufacturers	76890	73841	858616	818076	896037	5.0

*: indigenous and imported

(Metric Tonnes)					
Production Consumption and stock of RR	February 2012 (1)	February 2011 (2)	April 2011 to Feb. 2012 (3)	April 2010 to Feb. 2011 (4)	April 2010 to March 2011 (5)
Reclaimed Rubber (RR)					
Production @	9280	8120	94270	91490	99960
Consumption	9105	8490	93515	91670	100290
Out of which Auto Tyre Manufacturers	3655	3439	38570	36941	40511
Stock with Manufacturers (end of month/year)	5705	5100			

@: indigenous purchase by manufacturers

IMPORT/EXPORT & STOCK OF NR & SR					
Import (p)					
Natural Rubber	22924	8458	185851	183084	188337
Synthetic Rubber	27695	23776	297325	275755	302030
Total NR & SR	50619	32234	483176	458839	490367
Export (p)					
Natural Rubber	951	7951	24681	21908	29851

STOCK AT THE END OF FEBRUARY 2012^R			
(Metric tonnes)			
Natural Rubber			
With Growers	75150	Ribbed Smoked Sheet	170830
With Dealers & Processors	98250	Solid Block Rubber	25450
With Auto Tyre units©	46585	Latex(drc)	17990
With other manufacturing units	24015	Others	29730
Total	244000	Total	244000

©: including transit

R:Revised

Synthetic Rubber			
With Producers	6120		
With Auto Tyre units	36305	SBR	22225
With other manufacturing units	6145	Others	26345
Total	48570	Total	48570

p:provisional

TYPE-WISE EXPORT OF NATURAL RUBBER

Type	2011-12p		2010-11	
	Quantity in Tonnes	% share	Quantity in Tonnes	% share
RSS	9471	34.9	13150	44.1
Solid Block Rubber	953	3.5	4993	16.7
Latex concentrates(drc)	15127	55.7	10717	35.9
Others	1594	5.9	991	3.3
Total	27145	100.0	29851	100.0

COUNTRY-WISE EXPORT OF NATURAL RUBBER

Country	2011-12p		2010-11	
	Quantity in Tonnes	% share	Quantity in Tonnes	% share
Sri Lanka	6623	24.4	2619	8.8
Malaysia	4273	15.7	6555	22.0
China	2890	10.6	8463	28.3
Germany	2732	10.1	1375	4.6
Brazil	2598	9.6	1406	4.7
Italy	2366	8.7	1035	3.5
Belgium	1613	5.9	950	3.2
Spain	982	3.6	644	2.1
Nepal	432	1.6	409	1.4
Indonesia	415	1.5	313	1.0
Pakistan	359	1.3	1641	5.5
Egypt	311	1.2	395	1.3
Turkey	265	1.0	348	1.2
USA	254	0.9	1075	3.6
Netherland	214	0.8	83	0.3
UAE	187	0.7	105	0.3
Russia	127	0.5	85	0.3
Singapore	114	0.4	95	0.3
Bahrain	96	0.4	16	0.1
Australia	84	0.3	238	0.8
Others	210	0.8	2001	6.7
Total	27145	100.0	29851	100.0

p: provisional