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The Trend

Production of Natural Rubber (NR) in the country during December 2007 increased to 111,730 tonnes as against the production of 101,680 tonnes during December 2006. The cumulative production during the first nine months of the current fiscal year was 620,060 tonnes compared to 662,385 tonnes during the corresponding period of the previous year registering a negative growth of 6.4%. The provisional estimate of NR production for January'08 is 104,000 tonnes.

Consumption of NR by the rubber goods manufacturing industry in the country during December'07 increased to 73,110 tonnes from 72,525 tonnes during November'07. The total consumption during the first three quarters of the current financial year was 642,570 tonnes as compared to 612,000 tonnes, registering a growth of 5.0%. The rate of growth in

consumption in the auto tyre manufacturing sector during the first nine months of the current financial year was 6.6% as against 4.0% attained during the same period of the previous year, where as the growth in the non-tyre sector was 2.9% compared to 0.4% in the same period of the previous year. The consumption provisionally estimated for January'08 is 73,000 tonnes.

Import of NR during December'07 was 9,974 tonnes compared to 10,920 tonnes during December'06. The cumulative import of NR during the first nine months of the year 2007-08 was 69,852 tonnes as against 45,266 tonnes during the corresponding period of the previous year. The country exported 5,047 tonnes of NR during December'07 as against 941 tonnes during December'06. The total export of NR during April'07 to December'07

decreased to 24,110 tonnes as against 51,616 tonnes during the same period of the previous year. Stock of NR at the end of December '07 was 192,410 tonnes.

Synthetic Rubber (SR) production during December'07 marginally increased to 8,912 tonnes from 8,709 tonnes during November'07. The aggregate production of SR during the first nine months of the year 2007-08 increased to 75,928 tonnes compared to 75,061 tonnes during the same period of the previous year. Consumption of SR nominally increased to 26,530 tonnes during December'07 as against 26,505 tonnes during November'07. The consumption of SR during the first three quarters of the current financial year increased to 222,860 tonnes as compared to 203,575 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		International		Domestic		Domestic		International	
February	2007	9421	9757	10605	11225	12204	9190	9313				
March	"	8933	9057	10050	10753	12095	8819	9157				
April	"	8877	8979	9870	10983	11503	8856	9139				
May	"	8564	8685	9638	10395	10611	8522	9127				
June	"	7980	8093	9226	10127	9748	7920	8774				
July	"	7796	7943	8420	9440	8790	7805	8237				
August	"	8499	8742	8690	10375	9228	8470	8498				
September	"	8577	8856	8737	10104	9733	8351	8587				
October	"	9210	9424	9130	10496	9877	8984	8907				
November	"	9358	9603	9868	10658	10803	9026	9323				
December	"	8922	9221	9833	10096	10600	8848	9644				
January	2008	9244	9432	10334	10296	11579	9303	10040				
February	"	9516	9687	10994	11216	12617	9565	10659				

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

(Metric Tonnes)						
Type-wise Production & Consumption of NR & SR	December 2007	December 2006	April 2007 to Dec. 2007	April 2006 to Dec. 2006	April 2006 to March 2007	Percentage increase (+)/ decrease(-) of (3) & (4)
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
Production						
Natural Rubber (NR)						
Ribbed Smoked Sheet (RSS)	85415	77280	449585	486125	612735	
Solid Block Rubber	10425	9420	71620	74340	98500	
Latex Concentrates (drc)	10580	9490	59270	61885	86780	
Pale Latex Crepes	255	285	1235	1380	2055	
Others	5055	5205	38350	38655	52825	
Total	111730	101680	620060	662385	852895	-6.4
Synthetic Rubber (SR)^P						
Styrene Butadiene (SBR)	1294	1094	11334	9100	12285	
Poly Butadiene(BR)	6648	6400	55735	53365	71730	
Others	970	988	8859	12596	15498	
Total	8912	8482	75928	75061	99513	1.2
Total NR & SR	120642	110162	695988	737446	952408	-5.6
Consumption*						
Natural Rubber (NR)						
Ribbed Smoked Sheet (RSS)	46430	46875	434365	429325	561580	
Solid Block Rubber	15410	10625	115650	92050	132755	
Latex Concentrates (drc)	6730	6305	56750	55615	76190	
Pale Latex Crepes	230	180	1755	1540	2170	
Others	4310	4240	34050	33470	47610	
Total	73110	68225	642570	612000	820305	5.0
Out of which Auto Tyre Manufacturers	42962	39180	366172	343395	462081	6.6
Synthetic Rubber (SR)^P						
Styrene Butadiene (SBR)	8680	7660	81000	74410	98170	
Poly Butadiene(BR)	8310	6245	66955	59550	79900	
Others	9540	7790	74905	69615	92760	
Total	26530	21695	222860	203575	270830	9.5
Out of which Auto Tyre Manufacturers	16800	13362	144528	128681	170809	12.3
Total NR & SR	99640	89920	865430	815575	1091135	6.1
Out of which Auto Tyre Manufacturers	59762	52542	510700	472076	632890	8.2

*: indigenous and imported

(Metric Tonnes)					
Production Consumption and stock of RR	December 2007 (1)	December 2006 (2)	April 2007 to Dec. 2007 (3)	April 2006 to Dec. 2006 (4)	April 2006 to March 2007 (5)
Reclaimed Rubber (RR)					
Production @	7280	6690	61535	58670	78495
Consumption	7210	6770	61900	58540	78435
Out of which Auto Tyre Manufacturers	2490	2107	20115	17731	23714
Stock with Manufacturers (end of month/year)	3370	3795			

@: indigenous purchase by manufacturers

Import/Export & Stock of NR & SR					
Import (p)					
Natural Rubber	9974	10920	69852	45266	89699
Synthetic Rubber	17335	12550	143825 ^R	129793	171998
Total NR & SR	27309	23470	213677	175059	261697
Export (p)					
Natural Rubber	5047	941	24110	51616	56545

Stock at the end of December 2007			
(Metric tonnes)			
Natural Rubber			
With Growers	70715	Ribbed Smoked sheet	136345
With Dealers & Processors	59580	Solid Block Rubber	21140
With Auto Tyre units©	46840	Latex(drc)	13925
With other manufacturing units	15275	Pale Latex Crepe	440
		Others	20560
Total	192410	Total	192410

©: including transit

Synthetic Rubber			
With Producers	5440p		
With Auto Tyre units	15395	SBR	13080
With other manufacturing units	2475	Others	10230
Total	23310	Total	23310

p:provisional, R-Revised

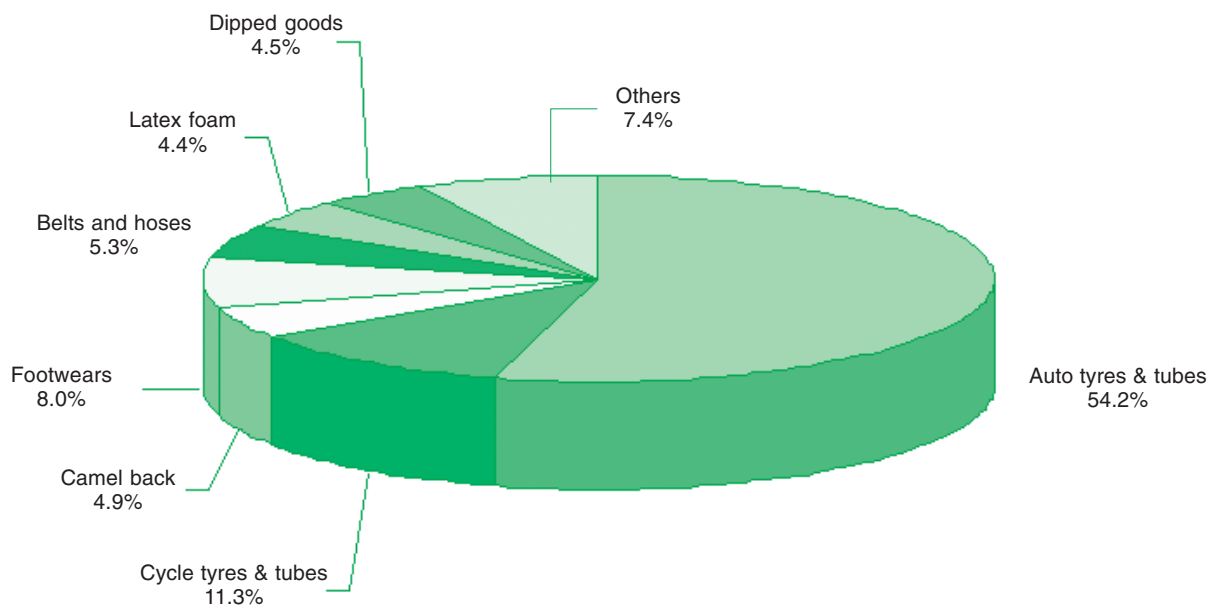
CONSUMPTION OF ALL KINDS OF RUBBER ACCORDING TO END PRODUCTS 2006-07

(TONNES)

	Natural Rubber	Synthetic Rubber	Reclaimed Rubber	Total
1 Auto tyres & tubes*	444928	159216	18431	622575
2 Cycle tyres & tubes	92587	21588	22649	136824
3 Camel back	40514	13370	4837	58721
4 Footwears	65617	40760	7025	113402
5 Belts and hoses	43136	12095	5534	60765
6 Latex foam	36410	-	-	36410
7 Cables and wires	1589	2074	988	4651
8 Battery boxes	1750	2855	10463	15068
9 Dipped goods	36495	-	-	36495
10 Others	57279	18872	8508	84659
Total	820305	270830	78435	1169570

* includes Tractor, Aero, ADV and off-the-road

CONSUMPTION OF NR ACCORDING TO END PRODUCTS 2006-07



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