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THE TREND

Natural Rubber (NR) production in the country during January 2010 increased to 97,500 tonnes compared to the production of 91,900 tonnes during January 2009. The cumulative production during the first ten months of 2009-10 was 729,250 tonnes compared to 767,905 tonnes during the corresponding period of the previous year, registering a negative growth of 5.0%. The production provisionally estimated for February'10 is 51,500 tonnes.

Consumption of NR during January'10 slightly increased to 80,500 tonnes from 80,250 tonnes during December'09. The total consumption during April'09 to January'10 increased to 775,565 tonnes compared to 726,000 tonnes during the corresponding period of the

previous year, registering a growth of 6.8%. During the first ten months of the year 2009-10, the auto-tyre manufacturing sector showed a growth of 12.3% as against 4.1% during the corresponding period of the previous year. The consumption provisionally estimated for February'10 is 75,500 tonnes.

Rubber goods manufacturing industry in the country imported 7,645 tonnes during January'10 compared to 5,153 tonnes during January'09. The quantum of import of NR during the first ten months of the year 2009-10 was 147,745 tonnes as against 68,605 tonnes during the corresponding period of the previous year. The country exported 2,716 tonnes of NR during January'10, whereas the export of NR during January'09 was 1,475 tonnes. The

total export of NR during April'09 to January'10 was 13,252 tonnes as against 42,707 tonnes during the corresponding period of the previous year. Stock of NR at the end of January'10 was 286,920 tonnes.

Production of Synthetic Rubber (SR) during January'10 increased to 10,249 tonnes from 8,912 tonnes during December'09. The cumulative production of SR during the first ten months of the year 2009-10 increased to 89,512 tonnes compared to 80,196 tonnes during the same period of the previous year. Consumption of SR also increased to 33,445 tonnes during January'10 as against 31,725 tonnes during December'09. The consumption of SR during April'09 to January'10 increased to 281,965 tonnes compared to 242,255 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	2009	7448	7583	7388	9540	10277	7250	7096
April	"	9309	9488	8189	11528	9948	9066	7740
May	"	9546	9805	8300	11877	9640	9218	7855
June	"	9676	9913	8109	13744	8856	9076	7683
July	"	9619	9819	8505	13763	8999	8824	8046
August	"	10049	10250	9925	13004	10660	9425	9168
September	"	10266	10651	10569	11632	11021	9651	9953
October	"	10389	10898	11103	11759	11197	9749	10506
November	"	10816	11302	11893	11642	11961	10557	11353
December	"	12900	13430	13048	13383	13515	12712	12793
January	2010	13217	13772	14163	14803	15066	13213	13677
February	"	13404	13700	14465	14864	16038	13285	13840
March	"	14782	14948	15084	15956	16949	14661	14374
2009-10 (Average)		11164	11498	11113	13163	11988	10786	10582

Note: Domestic price refers to Kottayam market, international price for RSS 3 refers to SICOM price from 23-1-2009 and that of latex and SMR 20 to Kuala Lumpur market.

(Metric Tonnes)						
Type-wise Production & Consumption of NR & SR	January 2010 (1)	January 2009 (2)	April 2009 to Jan. 2010 (3)	April 2008 to Jan. 2009 (4)	April 2008 to March 2009 (5)	Percentage increase (+)/ decrease(-) of (3) & (4) of (6)
RODUCTION						
Natural Rubber (NR)						
Ribbed Smoked Sheet (RSS)	69935	69125	518005	557955	617125	
Solid Block Rubber	12925	9220	100690	92930	110275	
Latex Concentrates (drc)	8920	9100	69765	74985	88070	
Others	5720	4455	40790	42035	49030	
Total	97500	91900	729250	767905	864500	-5.0
Synthetic Rubber (SR)^p						
Styrene Butadiene (SBR)	2208	916	14683	9174	12523	
Poly Butadiene(BR)	6650	6060	60969	61158	71758	
Others	1391	1087	13860	9864	12458	
Total	10249	8063	89512	80196	96739	11.6
Total NR & SR	107749	99963	818762	848101	961239	-3.5
CONSUMPTION *						
Natural Rubber (NR)						
Ribbed Smoked Sheet (RSS)	58275	43855	511420	498825	597440	
Solid Block Rubber	12445	9540	164980	122365	146060	
Latex Concentrates (drc)	7225	7050	67860	65610	80520	
Others	2555	3600	31305	39200	47700	
Total	80500	64045	775565	726000	871720	6.8
Out of which Auto Tyre Manufacturers	51363	34893	479066	426639	508121	12.3
Synthetic Rubber (SR)^p						
Styrene Butadiene (SBR)	13270	7905	112065	91765	111745	
Poly Butadiene(BR)	10505	5590	85790	68455	82740	
Others	9670	8760	84110	82035	98465	
Total	33445	22255	281965	242255	292950	16.4
Out of which Auto Tyre Manufacturers	23069	12267	193441	154904	185094	24.9
Total NR & SR	113945	86300	1057530	968255	1164670	9.2
Out of which Auto Tyre Manufacturers	74432	47160	672507	581543	693215	15.6

*: indigenous and imported

(Metric Tonnes)					
Production Consumption and stock of RR	January 2010 (1)	January 2009 (2)	April 2009 to Jan. 2010 (3)	April 2008 to Jan. 2009 (4)	April 2008 to March 2009 (5)
Reclaimed Rubber (RR)					
Production @	8145	6685	77960	72300	86390
Consumption	8045	6580	76705	71840	86030
Out of which Auto Tyre Manufacturers	3280	2121	28030	24338	29191
Stock with Manufacturers (end of month/year)	5250	4095			

@: indigenous purchase by manufacturers

IMPORT/EXPORT & STOCK OF NR & SR					
Import (p)					
Natural Rubber	7645	5153	147745	68605	77762
Synthetic Rubber	22336	11490	203341	165830	190630
Total NR & SR	29981	16643	351086	234435	268392
Export (p)					
Natural Rubber	2716	1475	13252	42707	46926

STOCK AT THE END OF JANUARY 2010			
(Metric tonnes)			
Natural Rubber			
With Growers	126190	Ribbed Smoked Sheet	212675
With Dealers & Processors	97465	Solid Block Rubber	27805
With Auto Tyre units©	46320	Latex(drc)	10750
With other manufacturing units	16945	Others	35690
Total	286920	Total	286920

©: including transit

Synthetic Rubber			
With Producers	6264 ^p		
With Auto Tyre units	25757	SBR	19540
With other manufacturing units	4534	Others	17015
Total	36555	Total	36555

p:provisional

DISTRIBUTION OF MANUFACTURERS ACCORDING TO THEIR TOTAL CONSUMPTION OF RUBBER DURING 2008-09p

Consumption Group	No. of Manufacturers	Consumption (Tonnes)			
		Natural Rubber	Synthetic Rubber	Reclaimed Rubber	Total
A	1510	10120	1408	385	11913
B	1620	59884	11481	3300	74665
C	645	43640	10475	3973	58088
D	422	105566	43584	22124	171274
E	59	32922	5792	4153	42867
F	71	619588	220210	52095	891893
Total	4327	871720	292950	86030	1250700

DISTRIBUTION OF MANUFACTURERS ACCORDING TO THEIR CONSUMPTION OF NATURAL RUBBER DURING 2008-09p

Consumption Group	No. of Manufacturers	Consumption (Tonnes)
A	1655	9610
B	1691	56236
C	483	39606
D	388	114204
E	54	39090
F	56	612974
Total	4327	871720

p: provisional

- Note:-
- 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