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The Trend

Production of Natural Rubber (NR) in the country during February 2008 increased to 54,520 tonnes as compared to 51,455 tonnes during February 2007. The aggregate production during April'07 to February'08 was 778,095 tonnes as against 810,290 tonnes during the corresponding period of the previous year, registering a negative growth of 4.0%. The production provisionally estimated for March'08 is 47,000 tonnes.

Consumption of NR by the rubber goods manufacturing sector during February'08 increased to 73,870 tonnes from 71,010 tonnes during January'08. The cumulative consumption during April'07 to February'08 was 787,450 tonnes compared to 750,015 tonnes during the corresponding period of the previous year, attaining a growth of 5.0%. The rate of growth in consumption in the auto

tyre manufacturing sector during April'07 to February'08 was 6.7 percent as against 4.2% growth during the same period of the previous year. However, during the above period, the non-tyre sector recorded a growth of 2.7% compared to 0.2% growth attained during the corresponding period of the previous year. The consumption provisionally estimated for March'08 is 74,000 tonnes.

India imported 5,142 tonnes of NR during February'08 as against 18,853 tonnes during February'07. The total import of NR during April'07 to February'08 was 83,731 tonnes as against 74,335 tonnes during the corresponding period of the previous year. The export of NR during February'08 was 14,642 tonnes as compared to 721 tonnes during February'07. The cumulative export of NR during April'07 to February'08

was 47,269 tonnes as against 52,993 tonnes during the corresponding period of the previous year. Stock of NR at the end of February'08 was 200,590 tonnes.

Production of Synthetic Rubber (SR) in the country during February'08 decreased to 7,737 tonnes from 8,719 tonnes during the previous month. The total production of SR during April'07 to February'08 increased to 92,384 tonnes as compared to 91,054 tonnes during the same period of the previous year. Consumption of SR slightly increased to 25,070 tonnes during February'08 as against 24,605 tonnes during January'08. The total consumption of SR during April'07 to February'08 increased to 272,535 tonnes with a growth rate of 10.2% as compared to 247,235 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	2007	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		
March	"	10152	10354	11354	11703	12613	10150	10759		
Average	2007-08	8891	9085	9611	10491	10622	8817	9308		
April	2008	10756	10965	11318	12313	12474	10683	10727		

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	February 2008	February 2007	April 2007 to Feb. 2008	April 2006 to Feb. 2007	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)	32285	31255	557955	588600	612735	
Solid Block Rubber	8730	7750	91115	92000	98500	
Latex Concentrates (drc)	8665	7530	79055	79075	86780	
Pale Latex Crepes	195	215	1670	1845	2055	
Others	4645	4705	48300	48770	52825	
Total	54520	51455	778095	810290	852895	-4.0
Synthetic Rubber (SR)^P						
Styrene Butadiene (SBR)	1291	1168	13900	11191	12285	
Poly Butadiene(BR)	5460	5695	67645	65330	71730	
Others	986	967	10839	14533	15498	
Total	7737	7830	92384	91054	99513	1.5
Total NR & SR	62257	59285	870479	901344	952408	-3.4
Consumption *						
Natural Rubber (NR)						
Ribbed Smoked Sheet (RSS)	49230	44295	529115	518035	561580	
Solid Block Rubber	13160	12840	142720	118110	132755	
Latex Concentrates (drc)	6650	6805	69740	68745	76190	
Pale Latex Crepes	210	190	2185	1930	2170	
Others	4620	4585	43690	43195	47610	
Total	73870	68715	787450	750015	820305	5.0
Out of which Auto Tyre Manufacturers	42472	37505	449430	421025	462081	6.7
Synthetic Rubber (SR)^P						
Styrene Butadiene (SBR)	9900	7680	100470	89760	98170	
Poly Butadiene(BR)	6920	6355	80975	72210	79900	
Others	8250	7540	91090	85265	92760	
Total	25070	21575	272535	247235	270830	10.2
Out of which Auto Tyre Manufacturers	16485	13312	176259	155771	170809	13.2
Total NR & SR	98940	90290	1059985	997250	1091135	6.3
Out of which Auto Tyre Manufacturers	58957	50817	625689	576796	632890	8.5

*: indigenous and imported

(Metric Tonnes)					
Production Consumption and stock of RR	February 2008 (1)	February 2007 (2)	April 2007 to Feb. 2008 (3)	April 2006 to Feb. 2007 (4)	April 2006 to March 2007 (5)
Reclaimed Rubber (RR)					
Production @	7255	6595	75910	71775	78495
Consumption	7130	6450	76080	71625	78435
Out of which Auto Tyre Manufacturers	2557	1987	24917	21711	23714
Stock with Manufacturers (end of month/year)	3565	3815			

@: indigenous purchase by manufacturers

Import/Export & Stock of NR & SR					
Import (p)					
Natural Rubber	5142	18853	83731	74335	89699
Synthetic Rubber	16625	13985	177455	156153	171998
Total NR & SR	21767	32838	261186	230488	261697
Export (p)					
Natural Rubber	14642	721	47269	52993	56545

Stock at the end of February 2008			
(Metric tonnes)			
Natural Rubber			
With Growers	59535	Ribbed Smoked sheet	141740
With Dealers & Processors	60660	Solid Block Rubber	21995
With Auto Tyre units [©]	64565	Latex(drc)	15930
With other manufacturing units	15830	Pale Latex Crepe	465
		Others	20460
Total	200590	Total	200590

©: including transit

Synthetic Rubber			
With Producers	5900 ^p		
With Auto Tyre units	15375	SBR	10370
With other manufacturing units	2525	Others	13430
Total	23800	Total	23800

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GRADEWISE EXPORT OF NATURAL RUBBER

Grade	2006-07		2007-08 ^P	
	Quantity in tonnes	% share	Quantity in tonnes	% share
RSS	31786	56.2	28675	47.6
LATEX	16056	28.4	22567	37.4
TSNR	8454	15.0	8240	13.7
OTHERS	249	0.4	798	1.3
TOTAL	56545	100.0	60280	100.0

COUNTRYWISE EXPORT OF NATURAL RUBBER

Grade	2006-07		2007-08 ^P	
	Quantity in tonnes	% share	Quantity in tonnes	% share
China	16592	29.3	20222	33.5
Malaysia	10412	18.4	12092	20.1
USA	1567	2.8	4888	8.1
Belgium	2324	4.1	2873	4.8
SriLanka	4760	8.4	2789	4.6
Italy	1503	2.7	2589	4.3
Germany	2658	4.7	2480	4.1
Turkey	1751	3.1	1178	2.0
Brazil	639	1.1	1177	2.0
UK	1238	2.2	1112	1.8
Spain	1204	2.1	1052	1.7
Pakistan	288	0.5	1036	1.7
Korea	608	1.1	776	1.3
Nepal	656	1.2	677	1.1
Netherland	501	0.9	642	1.1
Egypt	740	1.3	618	1.0
South Africa	625	1.1	501	0.8
Australia	382	0.7	420	0.7
Poland	819	1.4	374	0.6
Bulgaria	669	1.2	341	0.6
Singapore	304	0.5	306	0.5
Austria	-	0.0	279	0.5
UAE	668	1.2	218	0.4
Denmark	21	0.0	211	0.3
Syria	221	0.4	210	0.3
Vietnam	2641	4.7	208	0.3
Others	2755	4.9	1009	1.7
Total	56545	100.0	60280	100.0

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