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The Trend

Natural Rubber (NR) production in India during May 2006 increased to 56,500 tonnes compared to 53,010 tonnes during May 2005. The cumulative production during the first two months of the current year was 111,055 tonnes compared to 101,500 tonnes during the corresponding period of the previous year registering an increase of 9.4% due to favourable weather conditions and higher price. The production provisionally estimated for June'06 is 57,500 tonnes.

Consumption of NR by the rubber goods manufacturing industry in the country during May'06 increased to 65,005 tonnes from 63,850 tonnes during April'06. The total consumption for the first two months of the current year increased to

128,855 tonnes as against 127,510 tonnes registering a growth of only 1.1%. Out of this, the consumption in the auto tyre sector was 74,486 tonnes as compared to 72,183 tonnes recording a growth of 3.2% as against 10.2% achieved during the same period of the previous year. The consumption provisionally estimated for June'06 is 65,500 tonnes.

Import of NR in the country during May'06 was 6,511 tonnes as against 4,844 tonnes during May'05. The cumulative import during the first two months was 9,950 tonnes as against 12,252 tonnes during the corresponding period of the previous year. Export of NR during May'06 was 6,801 tonnes compared to 476 tonnes during May'05. The total export of NR during April'06 and

May'06 was 12,864 tonnes compared to 777 tonnes during the same period of the previous year. Stock of NR at the end May'06 was 74,150 tonnes.

Production of Synthetic Rubber (SR) during May'06 increased to 9,040 tonnes from 8,915 tonnes during April'06. The total production of SR during April'06 and May'06 increased to 17,955 tonnes as against 15,120 tonnes during the same period of the previous year. Consumption of SR increased to 20,860 tonnes during May'06 as against 20,040 tonnes during April'06. The total consumption of SR during the first two months of the current year was 40,900 tonnes as against 38,645 tonnes during the corresponding period of the previous year.

Price of Natural Rubber (Rupees per quintal)

Month/year		RSS 4		RSS 3		Latex (60% drc)		ISNR 20	SMR 20
		Domestic	International	Domestic	International	Domestic	International	Domestic	International
July	2005	6562	7260	7024	7990	5860	6193		
August	"	6084	7053	7079	7741	5577	6241		
September	"	6034	7447	6958	8108	5898	6905		
October	"	6555	7644	7651	8637	6378	7342		
November	"	6566	7366	7605	8389	6360	7182		
December	"	6886	7666	8199	8699	6657	7472		
January	2006	7360	8287	8986	9292	7145	7809		
February	"	8045	9211	10067	11007	7941	8561		
March	"	8069	9246	9933	11165	7978	8508		
April	"	8634	9695	10481	11182	8482	8768		
May	"	9841	10998	12177	12421	9418	9786		
June	"	10692	12484	13189	13814	9966	10825		
July	"	9821	11710	13350	13374	9464	10742		

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

May 2006

May 2005

April & May 2006

April & May 2005

April 2005 to March 2006

Percentage increase (+)/ decrease (-) of (3) & (4) of (5) (6)

(1)

(2)

(3)

(4)

(5)

(6)

Production

Natural Rubber (NR)

Ribbed Smoked Sheet (RSS)

Solid Block Rubber

Latex Concentrates (drc)

Pale Latex Crepes

Others

Total

40080

38025

79530

73345

569490

6465

5715

11525

10175

90510

5830

5145

11795

9975

84935

120

205

245

310

2555

4005

3920

7960

7695

55135

56500

53010

111055

101500

802625

9.4

Synthetic Rubber (SR)^P

Styrene Butadiene (SBR)

Poly Butadiene(BR)

Others

Total

1711

1460

3228

2918

17602

6110

4520

12325

10050

67286

1219

1320

2402

2152

12746

9040

7300

17955

15120

97634

18.8

Total NR & SR

65540

60310

129010

116620

900259

10.6

Consumption

Natural Rubber (NR)

Ribbed Smoked Sheet (RSS)

Solid Block Rubber

Latex Concentrates (drc)

Pale Latex Crepes

Others

Total

47150

47525

92855

91160

561655

8615

8525

17420

18645

115840

5510

5260

11085

10485

74670

220

210

355

340

2435

3510

3430

7140

6880

46510

65005

64950

128855

127510

801110

1.1

Out of which Auto Tyre Manufacturers

37829

36241

74486

72183

442921

3.2

Synthetic Rubber (SR)^P

Styrene Butadiene (SBR)

Poly Butadiene(BR)

Others

Total

7770

6260

15360

12590

80885

6005

5460

12125

11330

69080

7085

7530

13415

14725

87530

20860

19250

40900

38645

237495

5.8

Out of which Auto Tyre Manufacturers

13028

11470

25735

23243

141580

10.7

Total NR & SR

85865

84200

169755

166155

1038605

2.2

Out of which Auto Tyre Manufacturers

50857

47711

100221

95426

584501

5.0

Reclaimed Rubber (RR) (Metric Tonnes)

Type-wise, production consumption & stock of RR	May 2006 (1)	May 2005 (2)	April & May 2006 (3)	April & May 2005 (4)	April 2005 to March 2006 (5)
Production @	6615	6490	12870	12950	76645
Consumption	6535	6465	12940	12855	76535
Out of which Auto Tyre Manufacturers	1989	1795	3905	3501	21978
Stock with Manufacturers (end of month/year)	3595	3685			
@: indigenous purchase by manufacturers					

Import/Export & Stock of NR & SR

Import (p)					
Natural Rubber	6511	4844	9950	12252	45285
Synthetic Rubber	11955	8905	22115	17785	132118
Total NR & SR	18466	13749	32065	30037	177403
Export (p)					
Natural Rubber	6801	476	12864	777	73830

Stock at the end of May 2006 # (Metric Tonnes)

Natural Rubber				
With Growers	14405	Ribbed Smoked sheet	40240	
With Dealers & Processors	17715	Solid Block Rubber	11690	
With Auto Tyre units©	35980	Latex(drc)	9815	
With other manufacturing units	6050	Pale Latex Crepe	500	
		Others	11905	
Total	74150	Total	74150	
©: including transit # Revised gradewise stock only				
Synthetic Rubber				
Producers	7485p			
With Auto Tyre units	14780	SBR	8650	
With other manufacturing units	2630	Others	16245	
Total	24895	Total	24895	

Consumption of Natural Rubber in Main Consuming Countries (In Thousand Tonnes)

Country	2000	2001	2002	2003p	2004p	2005p
China	1080	1215	1310	1485	1630	1826
U.S.A.	1195	974	1111	1079	1144	1159
Japan	752	729	749	784	815	857
India	638	631	680	717	745	789
Malaysia	364	401	408	421	403	387
Rep.of Korea	332	332	326	333	352	370
France	270	282	231	300	230	230
Thailand	243	253	278	299	319	330
Brazil	227	216	233	256	285	297
Germany	250	246	247	260	242	263
Spain	163	176	181	188	191	186
Indonesia	139	142	145	156	196	221
World*	7313	7219	7542	7963	8343	8777

Italics: estimated, *: including other countries

Source : "Rubber Statistical Bulletin" of the International Rubber Study Group.

Estimated Percapita Consumption of Natural and Synthetic Rubber (Kilograms)

Country	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004p	2005p
U.S.A.	11.8	9.9	10.5	10.2	10.4	10.5
Canada	12.5	11.5	12.2	11.6	11.7	11.9
Germany	10.8	10.6	10.4	10.6	10.3	10.9
France	13.4	12.6	11.8	13.2	10.8	9.6
U.K.	5.5	4.6	4.8	5.0	5.0	4.8
Japan	14.9	14.3	14.5	14.8	15.3	15.8
Australia	4.9	3.8	3.5	3.7	3.7	3.4
Italy	7.4	7.1	6.8	6.8	7.0	6.5
Brazil	3.3	3.1	3.3	3.4	3.8	3.8
China	2.0	2.2	2.4	2.8	3.1	3.4
India	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.9	0.9	0.9
World	3.0	2.8	3.0	3.1	3.2	3.2