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THE TREND

Production of Natural Rubber (NR) in the country during August 2009 decreased to 64,750 tonnes compared to 73,250 tonnes during August 2008. The cumulative production during the first five months of 2009-'10 was 274,325 tonnes as against 315,365 tonnes during the corresponding period of the previous year, registering a negative growth of 13.0% due to adverse climatic conditions prevailed in the state of Kerala. The production provisionally estimated for September'09 is 74,000 tonnes.

Consumption of NR during August'09 increased to 79,750 tonnes as against 78,910 tonnes during July'09. The total consumption for the first five months of the current fiscal year increased to 377,600 tonnes as against 368,690 tonnes during the

same period last year, recording a growth of 2.4%. As a mark of recovery from economic recession, the growth in consumption in the auto tyre manufacturing sector during the first five months of the current year registered a growth of 4.9%. The consumption provisionally estimated for September'09 is 79,000 tonnes.

Import of NR in the country during August'09 was 20,119 tonnes compared to 3,799 tonnes during August'08. The cumulative import of NR for the first five months of 2009-10 was 97,726 tonnes as against 28,068 tonnes during the same period of the previous year. The country exported only 58 tonnes of NR during August'09 compared to 3,047 tonnes during August'08. The total export of NR during April'09 to August'09 was only 960 tonnes

compared to 28,646 tonnes during the corresponding period of the previous year. Stock of NR at the end of August'09 was 189,785 tonnes.

Production of Synthetic Rubber (SR) during August'09 nominally increased to 9,645 tonnes from 9,637 tonnes during July'09. The cumulative production of SR during April'09 to August'09 increased to 44,037 tonnes as against 43,756 tonnes during the same period of the previous year. Consumption of SR slightly decreased to 26,990 tonnes during August'09 as against 27,035 tonnes during July'09. The total consumption of SR during the first five months of the current financial year was 131,945 tonnes compared to 124,355 tonnes during the corresponding period of the previous year, registering a growth of 6.1%.

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
October	2008	8831	9074	9963	10886	10640	8659	9320
November	"	7413	7681	8599	9230	10308	7393	8256
December	"	6279	6488	6156	7502	7732	6075	5921
January	2009	6874	7034	7449	9652	8885	6800	6922
February	"	6788	6903	7331	9543	9257	6633	6757
March	"	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

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	August 2009	August 2008	April 2009 to August 2009	April 2008 to August 2008	April 2008 to March 2009	Percentage increase (+)/ decrease(-) of (3) & (4) (6)
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
PRODUCTION						
Natural Rubber (NR)						
Ribbed Smoked Sheet (RSS)	43470	52855	187715	217720	617125	
Solid Block Rubber	9725	9540	41500	45665	110275	
Latex Concentrates (drc)	8065	6825	29320	33590	88070	
Others	3490	4030	15790	18390	49030	
Total	64750	73250	274325	315365	864500	-13.0
Synthetic Rubber (SR)^p						
Styrene Butadiene (SBR)	1862	1006	7419	6340	12523	
Poly Butadiene(BR)	6204	5890	29239	30710	71758	
Others	1579	885	7379	6706	12458	
Total	9645	7781	44037	43756	96739	0.6
Total NR & SR	74395	81031	318362	359121	961239	-11.3
CONSUMPTION *						
Natural Rubber (NR)						
Ribbed Smoked Sheet (RSS)	49605	54145	240890	253890	597440	
Solid Block Rubber	20650	12130	87620	65550	146060	
Latex Concentrates (drc)	6325	6150	31890	30395	80520	
Others	3170	3425	17200	18855	47700	
Total	79750	75850	377600	368690	871720	2.4
Out of which Auto Tyre Manufacturers	49602	42841	233664	222809	508121	4.9
Synthetic Rubber (SR)^p						
Styrene Butadiene (SBR)	10595	9205	52430	48535	111745	
Poly Butadiene(BR)	8330	7425	40050	38225	82740	
Others	8065	7680	39465	37595	98465	
Total	26990	24310	131945	124355	292950	6.1
Out of which Auto Tyre Manufacturers	19187	16571	89233	84020	185094	6.2
Total NR & SR	106740	100160	509545	493045	1164670	3.3
Out of which Auto Tyre Manufacturers	68789	59412	322897	306829	693215	5.2

*: indigenous and imported

(Metric Tonnes)					
Production Consumption and stock of RR	August 2009 (1)	August 2008 (2)	April 2009 to August 2009 (3)	April 2008 to August 2008 (4)	April 2008 to March 2009 (5)
Reclaimed Rubber (RR)					
Production @	7890	7235	37280	36410	86390
Consumption	7645	7215	36735	36345	86030
Out of which Auto Tyre Manufacturers	2932	2357	12967	12700	29191
Stock with Manufacturers (end of month/year)	4540	3700			

@: indigenous purchase by manufacturers

IMPORT/EXPORT & STOCK OF NR & SR					
Import (p)					
Natural Rubber	20119	3799	97726	28068	77616
Synthetic Rubber	19750	16110	94840	93000	190630
Total NR & SR	39869	19909	192566	121068	268246
Export (p)					
Natural Rubber	58	3047	960	28646	46926

STOCK AT THE END OF AUGUST 2009			
(Metric tonnes)			
Natural Rubber			
With Growers	82445	Ribbed Smoked Sheet	129975
With Dealers & Processors	54350	Solid Block Rubber	24705
With Auto Tyre units©	39670	Latex(drc)	9550
With other manufacturing units	13320	Others	25555
Total	189785	Total	189785

©: including transit

Synthetic Rubber			
With Producers	5110 ^p		
With Auto Tyre units	23340	SBR	19460
With other manufacturing units	4150	Others	13140
Total	32600	Total	32600

p:provisional

STATE-WISE TOTAL AREA AND PRODUCTION OF NATURAL RUBBER IN INDIA DURING-2008-09(P)

State	Area (ha)	Production(Tonnes)
Traditional Region		
Kerala	517475	783485
Tamil Nadu	19355	24355
Sub Total	536830	807840
Non-Traditional Region		
a) North Eastern Region		
Tripura	50070	23280
Assam	23705	6395
Meghalaya	7740	5760
Nagaland	3515	950
Manipur	2380	568
Mizoram	735	145
Arunachal Pradesh	720	142
Sub Total	88865	37240
b)Others		
Karnataka	32415	18175
A&N Islands	880	297
Goa	1010	338
Maharashtra	650	83
Orissa	570	165
West Bengal	580	326
Andhra Pradesh	180	36
Sub Total	36285	19420
Grand Total	661980	864500

p: Provisional.