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## THE TREND

The production of natural rubber (NR) in India is estimated at 48,000 tonnes during April 2017, significantly up 23.1 per cent from the same month a year ago. Preliminary estimate for May 2017 is 50,000 tonnes compared with 46,000 tonnes produced during the same month in the previous year.

The NR consumption during April 2017 fell by 7.3 per cent to 89,000 tonnes from 96,000 tonnes during March 2017. According to preliminary estimate, the country has consumed 88,000 tonnes of NR during May 2017, down 1.1 per cent from April 2017.

The country imported 24,290 tonnes of NR during April 2017 as against 34,550 tonnes during the same month a year ago. According to preliminary estimate, the volume imported

during May 2017 was 37,256 tonnes compared to 35,445 tonnes during May 2016. The country exported 2,240 tonnes of NR during April 2017 as against 91 tonnes exported during April 2016.

The above trends in production, consumption, imports and exports suggest that a total quantity of 250,000 tonnes of NR was held as stock at the end of April 2017, distributed among growers, processors, traders and manufacturers.

Coming to synthetic rubber (SR), production came down during April 2017 to 15,794 tonnes from the quantity of 16,923 tonnes produced during March 2017. The consumption of synthetic rubber also fell to 47,875 tonnes in April 2017 from 52,050 tonnes consumed a month ago (March 2017).

### PRICE OF NATURAL RUBBER ( Rupees per 100 Kg)

Month/year		RSS 5	RSS 4	RSS 3	Latex(60% drc)		ISNR 20	SMR 20
		Domestic		International	Domestic	International	Domestic	International
April	2016	12834	13062	11416	17163	13680	12225	9930
May	"	12774	13076	11231	16978	13602	11714	9137
June	"	13010	13375	10556	16485	12392	11500	8558
July	"	13856	14177	11788	15653	12442	11936	8656
August	"	13354	13850	11305	13587	12383	11477	8719
September	"	11450	12142	10814	12153	12588	9728	9124
October	"	11115	11692	11253	11963	13225	9848	9916
November	"	11782	12214	12677	12575	14212	10964	11271
December	"	12757	13370	15105	13817	15860	12243	12971
January	2017	13920	14666	17654	14968	18370	13683	14843
February	"	14929	15942	18451	16930	20372	14565	14804
March	"	14156	15024	15889	15935	18407	13183	13025
April	"	13939	14339	14625	15688	15885	12522	10701
May	"	12815	13073	14165	15595	15940	11916	9859
June	"	11971	12238	11627	15410	14623	11089	9228

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

## PRODUCTION AND CONSUMPTION OF NR & SR

(Tonnes)

Type-wise Production & Consumption of NR & SR	April 2017	April 2016	April 2016 to March 2017	April 2015 to March 2016	Percentage increase (+)/ decrease(-) of (3) & (4)
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
<b>PRODUCTION</b>					
<b>Natural Rubber (NR)</b>					
Ribbed Smoked Sheet (RSS)	33695	25975	473375	375495	
Solid Block Rubber	7755	6935	106560	92785	
Latex Concentrates (drc)	4600	4910	83200	71835	
Others	1950	1180	27865	21885	
<b>Total</b>	<b>48000</b>	<b>39000</b>	<b>691000</b>	<b>562000</b>	<b>23.0</b>
<b>Synthetic Rubber (SR)<sup>p</sup></b>					
Styrene Butadiene (SBR)	9056	10732	96637	76999	
Poly Butadiene(BR)	6550	10400	116557	111807	
Others	188	958	9550	11039	
<b>Total</b>	<b>15794</b>	<b>22090</b>	<b>222744</b>	<b>199845</b>	<b>11.5</b>
<b>Total NR &amp; SR</b>	<b>63794</b>	<b>61090</b>	<b>913744</b>	<b>761845</b>	<b>19.9</b>
<b>CONSUMPTION *</b>					
<b>Natural Rubber (NR)</b>					
Ribbed Smoked Sheet (RSS)	47835	41300	486470	459570	
Solid Block Rubber	33250	34165	451240	426215	
Latex Concentrates (drc)	5875	6475	82100	86530	
Others	2040	1810	24265	22100	
<b>Total</b>	<b>89000</b>	<b>83750</b>	<b>1044075</b>	<b>994415</b>	<b>5.0</b>
Out of which Auto Tyre Manufacturers	62892	56084	707335	663495	6.6
<b>Synthetic Rubber (SR)<sup>p</sup></b>					
Styrene Butadiene (SBR)	22615	20925	278800	250610	
Poly Butadiene(BR)	14010	14990	184720	172155	
Others	11250	11135	135060	130605	
<b>Total</b>	<b>47875</b>	<b>47050</b>	<b>598580</b>	<b>553370</b>	<b>8.2</b>
Out of which Auto Tyre Manufacturers	33594	32574	417728	377090	10.8
<b>Total NR &amp; SR</b>	<b>136875</b>	<b>130800</b>	<b>1642655</b>	<b>1547785</b>	<b>6.1</b>
Out of which Auto Tyre Manufacturers	96486	88658	1125063	1040585	8.1

\*: indigenous and imported

**PRODUCTION CONSUMPTION AND STOCK OF RR**

(Tonnes)

Production Consumption and stock of RR	April 2017	April 2016	April 2016 to March 2017	April 2015 to to March 2016
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
<b>Reclaimed Rubber (RR)</b>				
Production @	10530	9600	122895	119210
Consumption	10020	9625	120235	118410
Out of which Auto Tyre Manufacturers	4309	4240	49635	48613
Stock with Manufacturers (end of month/year)	11310	8115		

@: indigenous purchase by manufacturers

**IMPORT/EXPORT & STOCK OF NR & SR**

<b>Import (p)</b>				
Natural Rubber	24290	34550	426434	458374
Synthetic Rubber	34931	27400	379791	351301
<b>Total NR &amp; SR</b>	<b>59221</b>	<b>61950</b>	<b>806225</b>	<b>809675</b>
<b>Export (p)</b>				
Natural Rubber	2240	91	20920	865

**STOCK AT THE END OF APRIL 2017**

(Metric tonnes)

<b>Natural Rubber</b>			
With Growers	56000	Ribbed Smoked Sheet	166595
With Dealers & Processors	88000	Solid Block Rubber	46150
With Auto Tyre units©	85600	Latex(drc)	11650
With other manufacturing units	20400	Others	25605
<b>Total</b>	<b>250000</b>		<b>250000</b>
©: including transit			
<b>Synthetic Rubber</b>			
With Producers	26075		
With Auto Tyre units	32485	SBR	36040
With other manufacturing units	9340	Others	31860
<b>Total</b>	<b>67900</b>		<b>67900</b>

p:provisional

TYPE-WISE PRODUCTION OF NATURAL RUBBER (Tonnes)			
TYPE	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17p
RSS Grades	451090	375495	473375
Solid Block Rubber	98865	92785	106560
Latex Concentrates(drc)	66520	71835	83200
Others	28525	21885	27865
<b>Total</b>	<b>645000</b>	<b>562000</b>	<b>691000</b>

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TYPE-WISE CONSUMPTION OF NATURAL RUBBER (Tonnes)			
TYPE	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17p
RSS Grades	518440	459570	486470
Solid Block Rubber	394240	426215	451240
Latex Concentrates(drc)	86005	86530	82100
Others	22225	22100	24265
<b>Total</b>	<b>1020910</b>	<b>994415</b>	<b>1044075</b>

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