

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY
(DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE)

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1337
ANSWERED ON 11/02/2025

PRICE OF NATURAL RUBBER

1337. SHRI N K PREMACHANDRAN:

Will the Minister of **COMMERCE & INDUSTRY** (वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग मंत्री) be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has noticed the distress caused to the economy of Kerala consequent to the price fall of natural rubber;
- (b) if so, the details of action taken by the Government;
- (c) whether the Government has conducted any study regarding the reason for cause of decline in price of plantation crops in Kerala;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and action taken by the Government to protect the farmers in Kerala;
- (e) whether the Government proposes to change the import policy so as to protect the price of plantation crops and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (f) whether the Government proposes to implement special scheme for providing production to the rubber farmers in Kerala, if so, the details thereof;
- (g) whether the Government proposes to impose anti-dumping duty on Natural rubber imported; and
- (h) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री जितिन प्रसाद)

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
(SHRI JITIN PRASADA)

(a) & (b) The average price of natural rubber (RSS 4 grade) in Kottayam, Kerala during April to December, 2024-25 was Rs 202.04 per kg compared to an average price of Rs 151.88 per kg during the same period of FY 2023-24, an increase of 33.03%.

(c) & (d) The prices of plantation crops such as tea, natural rubber, coffee & cardamom (small) in Kerala during April to December, 2024-25 have been higher than the prices in the corresponding period of 2023-24. During the period April to December 2024-25, the average auction price of tea in Cochin, Kerala increased by 18.17%, the average auction price of cardamom (small) in Kerala increased by 49.44%, the average farmgate prices of arabica uncured dry processed cherry coffee in Kerala increased by 32.54% and the average farmgate

prices of robusta un-cured dry processed cherry coffee in Kerala increased by 55.99% compared to prices in the same period of 2023-24.

(e) The all India prices of plantation crops such natural rubber, tea, coffee and cardamom (small) during the period April to December, 2024-25 have been higher than the prices in the corresponding period of 2023-24. Considering the production, import and price trends of these commodities, currently no change in the import policy is under consideration.

(f) Government of India through Rubber Board is implementing the scheme “Sustainable and Inclusive Development of Natural Rubber Sector” for the benefit of natural rubber sector in the country including Kerala. Under the scheme, Rubber Board provides financial/technical assistance *inter alia* for planting/re-planting of natural rubber, rain guarding, promotion of good agricultural practices and prevention of diseases in order to improve the productivity and production of natural rubber.

(g) & (h) The Government considers anti-dumping measures on the basis of application filed by domestic industry. Currently, there is no ongoing investigation or pending application requesting for trade remedial measures on Natural Rubber with Directorate General of Trade Remedies.
