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THE TREND

India produced 62,000 tonnes of natural rubber (NR) during February 2017 compared to 37,000 tonnes produced during the same month a year ago. The total output during the 11 months ended February 2017 is estimated at 636,000 tonnes with a growth of 20.2 per cent on year. Accounting a quantity of 55,000 tonnes estimated to have produced during March 2017, the total output for 2016-17 would be 691,000 tonnes, significantly up 23 per cent from 2015-16.

The country consumed 87,500 tonnes of NR during February 2017 as against 84,600 tonnes consumed during January 2017. The total quantity consumed during the 11 months to February 2017 was up 4.6 per cent on year, contributed by 5.9 per cent rise in auto-tyre sector and 2.1 per cent rise in general rubber goods sector. Preliminary estimate suggests that a quantity of 95,000 tonnes was consumed during March 2017 making the total during the year ended March 2017 at 1,043,075 tonnes, up 4.9 per cent on year.

India imported 15,690 tonnes of NR during February 2017, compared to the quantity of 31,864 tonnes landed during

the same month a year ago. The total volume imported during the 11 months ended February 2017 was 400,893 tonnes as compared to 430,351 tonnes imported during the same period a year ago. India exported 6,212 tonnes of NR during February 2017 as against 161 tonnes during February 2016. The quantity of NR exported during the 11 months to February 2017 was markedly up at 16,064 tonnes compared to 832 tonnes exported during the same period in the previous year.

Based on the above trends in production, consumption, import and export, the total stock with growers, traders, processors and manufacturers at the end of February 2017 is estimated at 280,000 tonnes.

Turning to synthetic rubber (SR), the domestic production increased 16.4%, year-over-year, to 205,821 tonnes during the eleven months ended February 2017. The domestic consumption of SR rose 8.2%, year-over-year, to 546,530 tonnes during the same period.

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
2016-17		12995	13549	13178	14851	14794	11922	10913
April	2017	13939	14339	14625	15688	15885	12522	10701

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

(Metric Tonnes)

Type-wise Production & Consumption of NR & SR	February 2017	February 2016	April 2016 to February 2017	April 2015 to February 2016	April 2015 to March 2016	Percentage increase (+)/ decrease(-) of (3) & (4)
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
PRODUCTION						
Natural Rubber (NR)						
Ribbed Smoked Sheet (RSS)	41345	19050	445025	357775	375495	
Solid Block Rubber	11200	9281	94635	84055	92785	
Latex Concentrates (drc)	7805	7309	69915	66255	71835	
Others	1650	1360	26425	20915	21885	
Total	62000	37000	636000	529000	562000	20.2
Synthetic Rubber (SR)^P						
Styrene Butadiene (SBR)	8257	7724	91312	66201	76999	
Poly Butadiene(BR)	9320	5919	105707	100607	111807	
Others	850	850	8802	9950	11039	
Total	18427	14493	205821	176758	199845	16.4
Total NR & SR	80427	51493	841821	705758	761845	19.3
CONSUMPTION *						
Natural Rubber (NR)						
Ribbed Smoked Sheet (RSS)	43350	40100	437680	414080	459570	
Solid Block Rubber	35615	34870	412400	391755	426215	
Latex Concentrates (drc)	6645	7550	75910	80190	86530	
Others	1890	1800	22085	20210	22100	
Total	87500	84320	948075	906235	994415	4.6
Out of which Auto Tyre Manufacturers	59439	55321	640711	605195	663495	5.9
Synthetic Rubber (SR)^P						
Styrene Butadiene (SBR)	22250	21490	254220	228710	250610	
Poly Butadiene(BR)	14125	14190	169395	156730	172155	
Others	11615	9920	122915	119735	130605	
Total	47990	45600	546530	505175	553370	8.2
Out of which Auto Tyre Manufacturers	33050	31382	380312	344054	377090	10.5
Total NR & SR	135490	129920	1494605	1411410	1547785	5.9
Out of which Auto Tyre Manufacturers	92489	86703	1021023	949249	1040585	7.6

*: indigenous and imported

PRODUCTION CONSUMPTION AND STOCK OF RR

(Metric Tonnes)

Production Consumption and stock of RR	February 2017	February 2016	April 2016 to February 2017	April 2015 to February 2016	April 2015 to March 2016
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
Reclaimed Rubber (RR)					
Production @	9685	9520	112510	108300	119210
Consumption	9480	9950	109965	108470	118410
Out of which Auto Tyre Manufacturers	3834	4158	45090	44294	48613
Stock with Manufacturers (end of month/year)	10685	7170			
@: indigenous purchase by manufacturers					
IMPORT/EXPORT & STOCK OF NR & SR					
Import (p)					
Natural Rubber	15690	31864	400893	430351	458374
Synthetic Rubber	30823	25822	340884	321003	351301
Total NR & SR	46513	57686	741777	751354	809675
Export (p)					
Natural Rubber	6212	161	16064	832	865

STOCK AT THE END OF FEBRUARY 2017

(Metric tonnes)

Natural Rubber			
With Growers	73000	Ribbed Smoked Sheet	188470
With Dealers & Processors	88000	Solid Block Rubber	44000
With Auto Tyre units©	98460	Latex(drc)	23780
With other manufacturing units	20540	Others	23750
Total	280000	Total	280000
©: including transit			
Synthetic Rubber			
With Producers	13905		
With Auto Tyre units	35965	SBR	32525
With other manufacturing units	11400	Others	28745
Total	61270	Total	61270

p:provisional

IMPORT OF DIFFERENT FORMS OF NR DURING FEBRUARY 2017 (Tonnes)		
TYPE	Quantity	% Share
RSS Grades	1025	6.5
Solid Block Rubber	14644	93.4
Latex Concentrates (drc)	21	0.1
Others	--	0.0
Total	15690	100

TYPE-WISE EXPORT OF NR DURING FEBRUARY 2017 (Tonnes)		
Type	Quantity	% share
RSS Grades	221	3.6
Solid Block Rubber	1758	28.3
Latex Concentrates (drc)	4177	67.2
Others	56	0.9
Total	6212	100