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THE TREND

India is estimated to have produced 64,000 tonnes of natural rubber (NR) during November 2017, down 1.5 per cent from the same month a year ago. The total output during the eight months ended November 2017 was 446,000 tonnes, up 3.2 per cent from the same period in the previous year. The production preliminarily estimated for December 2017 is 76,000 tonnes, up from 70,000 tonnes produced during the same month a year ago.

The country has consumed 96,500 tonnes of NR during November 2017, up 8.4% from the quantity of 89,000 tonnes consumed a month ago. The total quantity consumed during April to November 2017 was up 3.4%, year-over-year, at 714,460 tonnes. This represents a 6.3% rise in the dominant auto-tyre manufacturing sector and 2.6% fall in the general rubber goods sector. According to preliminary estimate, the country has consumed 94,500 tonnes of NR during December 2017.

The country imported 33,944 tonnes of NR during November 2017 making the total volume of imports during the period from April to November 2017 at 297,165 tonnes as against 335,848 tonnes imported during April to November 2016. The total volume of NR exports during April to November 2017 was 4,971 tonnes compared to 1290 tonnes exported during the same period a year ago.

Based on the above estimated figures of production, consumption, import and export, the total stock held by all stakeholders of the industry, as at the end of November 2017, is estimated at 264,000 tonnes.

Coming to synthetic rubber (SR) sector, the domestic production rose 37.9 per cent on year to 203,206 tonnes during the period from April to November 2017. During the same period, the total consumption of SR rose 2.4 per cent on year to 409,120 tonnes.

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
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
July	"	13027	13300	11315	15290	13178	12495	9706
August	"	12571	13063	11775	13685	13747	11414	9783
September	"	13102	13424	11977	13993	14313	11743	10269
October	"	12767	13060	10889	13807	12772	11200	9414
November	"	12290	12587	10298	13788	12508	10689	9184
December	"	12794	13082	10455	15283	12633	11365	9309
January	2018	12285	12746	10755	14787	12937	11352	9602

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	November 2017	November 2016	April 2017 to November 2017	April 2016 to November 2016	April 2016 to March 2017	Percentage increase (+)/ decrease(-) of (3) & (4)
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
PRODUCTION						
Natural Rubber (NR)						
Ribbed Smoked Sheet (RSS)	43835	44985	316985	301265	473375	
Solid Block Rubber	10655	9335	68330	60845	106560	
Latex Concentrates (drc)	7090	7700	43145	50395	83200	
Others	2420	2980	17540	19495	27865	
Total	64000	65000	446000	432000	691000	3.2
Synthetic Rubber (SR)^P						
Styrene Butadiene (SBR)	20200	6616	127206	61959	96637	
Poly Butadiene(BR)	9380	9620	71680	79057	116557	
Others	675	673	4320	6304	9550	
Total	30255	16909	203206	147320	222744	37.9
Total NR & SR	94255	81909	649206	579320	913744	12.1
CONSUMPTION *						
Natural Rubber (NR)						
Ribbed Smoked Sheet (RSS)	43045	37375	332920	315810	486470	
Solid Block Rubber	44605	41255	314295	303875	451240	
Latex Concentrates (drc)	6670	7050	50860	54655	82100	
Others	2180	2085	16385	16355	24265	
Total	96500	87765	714460	690695	1044075	3.4
Out of which Auto Tyre Manufacturers	66411	59043	497328	467879	707335	6.3
Synthetic Rubber (SR)^P						
Styrene Butadiene (SBR)	26990	23150	197700	185690	278800	
Poly Butadiene(BR)	16190	15450	119450	124935	184720	
Others	11670	11055	91970	88745	135060	
Total	54850	49655	409120	399370	598580	2.4
Out of which Auto Tyre Manufacturers	37782	34284	284502	279281	417728	1.9
Total NR & SR	151350	137420	1123580	1090065	1642655	3.1
Out of which Auto Tyre Manufacturers	104193	93327	781830	747160	1125063	4.6

*: indigenous and imported

PRODUCTION CONSUMPTION AND STOCK OF RR

(Metric Tonnes)

Production Consumption and stock of RR	November 2017	November 2016	April 2017 to November 2017	April 2016 to November 2016	April 2016 to March 2017
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
Reclaimed Rubber (RR)					
Production @	11400	10440	85215	82900	122895
Consumption	11475	10530	84650	80635	120235
Out of which Auto Tyre Manufacturers	4132	4076	33317	33535	49635
Stock with Manufacturers (end of month/year)	11365	10405			
@: indigenous purchase by manufacturers					
IMPORT/EXPORT & STOCK OF NR & SR					
Import (p)					
Natural Rubber	33944	40831	297165	335848	426188
Synthetic Rubber	27620	32526	228709	258260	379791
Total NR & SR	61564	73357	525874	594108	805979
Export (p)					
Natural Rubber	284	640	4971	1290	20920

STOCK AT THE END OF NOVEMBER 2017

(Metric tonnes)

Natural Rubber			
With Growers	82000	Ribbed Smoked Sheet	165000
With Dealers & Processors	87000	Solid Block Rubber	58800
With Auto Tyre units©	72000	Latex(drc)	15750
With other manufacturing units	23000	Others	24450
Total	264000	Total	264000
©: including transit			
Synthetic Rubber			
With Producers ^(d)	25625		
With Auto Tyre units	40260	SBR	62735
With other manufacturing units	21960	Others	25110
Total	87845	Total	87845

p:provisional

^(d) : including their accredited stockists

IMPORT OF DIFFERENT FORMS OF NR DURING NOVEMBER 2017 ^P (Tonnes)		
TYPE	Quantity	% Share
RSS Grades	4368	12.87
Solid Block Rubber	29471	86.82
Latex Concentrates (drc)	105	0.31
Others	0	0.00
Total	33944	100

^P: provisional

TYPE-WISE EXPORT OF NR DURING NOVEMBER 2017 ^P (Tonnes)		
Type	Quantity	% share
RSS Grades	12	4.23
Solid Block Rubber	202	71.13
Latex Concentrates (drc)	54	19.01
Others	16	5.63
Total	284	100

^P: provisional