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## THE TREND

India is estimated to have produced 78,000 tonnes of natural rubber (NR) during December 2018. The total output during the first three quarters of the fiscal (i.e., April to December 2018) fell 7.1 per cent to 487,000 tonnes from the same period a year ago. The production preliminarily estimated for January 2019 is 75,000 tonnes, up 2.7 per cent from 73,000 tonnes produced during the same month a year ago.

The country consumed 105,480 tonnes of NR during December 2018 up 5.6 % from the quantity of 99,860 tonnes consumed a month ago (November 2018). A total quantity of 921,940 tonnes was consumed during April to December 2018, up 13.3 per cent from the same period in the previous year. The consumption increased 16.2 per cent in auto-tyre sector and 6.4 per cent in general rubber goods sector. Preliminary estimate suggests that the country consumed 97,000 tonnes of NR during January 2019.

India imported 42,714 tonnes of NR during December 2018 making the total volume landed in the country during April to December 2018 at 449,108 tonnes compared to

333,321 tonnes landed during the same period a year ago. The country exported 517 tonnes of NR during December 2018 compared to 20 tonnes shipped during the same month a year ago. The total volume exported during April to December 2018 was revised as 3,720 tonnes compared to 4,991 tonnes exported during the same period in the previous year.

Taking into account the trends in production, consumption, import and export, it is estimated that growers, traders, processors and consumers in the country had held a total stock of 276,000 tonnes of NR at the end of December 2018 compared to 271,000 tonne of stock held at the same point of time a year ago.

As regards synthetic rubber (SR), the country produced 31,571 tonnes during December 2018. A total quantity of 281,427 tonnes was produced during April to December 2018 representing a 19.1 per cent rise on year. The country consumed 59,655 tonnes of SR during December 2018 making the total during April to December 2018 at 522,675 tonnes, up 12.2 per cent on year.

### 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
February	2018	12054	12413	10963	14385	12733	10993	9421
March	"	12137	12438	11286	14090	13297	11426	9389
April	2018	11790	12012	11343	13678	12742	10787	9077
May	"	12194	12419	11808	14640	14053	11959	9715
June	"	12263	12646	10920	14550	12615	12112	9382
July	"	12687	12919	10308	14077	11927	12782	9093
August	"	13074	13267	10320	16308	11682	13055	9343
September	"	12683	13048	10451	17073	12077	12361	9638
October	"	12314	12780	10556	16273	12015	11536	9748
November	"	11676	12156	9772	13922	11092	11020	8902
December	"	11831	12196	10116	14558	10810	11263	8914
January	2019	12018	12466	11202	14622	11435	11657	9568
February	"	11820	12433	11554	13880	12140	11600	9903

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	December 2018	December 2017	April 2018 to December 2018	April 2017 to December 2017	April 2017 to March 2018	Percentage increase (+)/ decrease(-) of (3) & (4)
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
<b>PRODUCTION</b>						
<b>Natural Rubber (NR)</b>						
Ribbed Smoked Sheet (RSS)	57640	56500	332330	371600	478445	
Solid Block Rubber	10080	10805	84350	79865	114875	
Latex Concentrates (drc)	7100	7895	52485	52425	75070	
Others	3180	2800	17835	20110	25610	
<b>Total</b>	<b>78000</b>	<b>78000</b>	<b>487000</b>	<b>524000</b>	<b>694000</b>	<b>-7.1</b>
<b>Synthetic Rubber (SR)<sup>P</sup></b>						
Styrene Butadiene (SBR)	24070	22120	186241	149326	209938	
Poly Butadiene(BR)	7081	10000	91504	81680	113666	
Others	420	900	3682	5220	7617	
<b>Total</b>	<b>31571</b>	<b>33020</b>	<b>281427</b>	<b>236226</b>	<b>331221</b>	<b>19.1</b>
<b>Total NR &amp; SR</b>	<b>109571</b>	<b>111020</b>	<b>768427</b>	<b>760226</b>	<b>1025221</b>	<b>1.1</b>
<b>CONSUMPTION *</b>						
<b>Natural Rubber (NR)</b>						
Ribbed Smoked Sheet (RSS)	45985	44270	382045	377190	513710	
Solid Block Rubber	48975	46160	448420	360455	493410	
Latex Concentrates (drc)	8090	6880	70885	57740	79765	
Others	2430	2290	20590	18675	25325	
<b>Total</b>	<b>105480</b>	<b>99600</b>	<b>921940</b>	<b>814060</b>	<b>1112210</b>	<b>13.3</b>
Out of which Auto Tyre Manufacturers	75232	69606	659001	566992	772162	<b>16.2</b>
<b>Synthetic Rubber (SR)<sup>P</sup></b>						
Styrene Butadiene (SBR)	31805	28445	268425	226145	311555	
Poly Butadiene(BR)	16810	16695	150735	136145	184130	
Others	11040	11720	103515	103690	138290	
<b>Total</b>	<b>59655</b>	<b>56860</b>	<b>522675</b>	<b>465980</b>	<b>633975</b>	<b>12.2</b>
Out of which Auto Tyre Manufacturers	41267	39342	358368	324188	437754	10.5
<b>Total NR &amp; SR</b>	<b>165135</b>	<b>156460</b>	<b>1444615</b>	<b>1280040</b>	<b>1746185</b>	<b>12.9</b>
Out of which Auto Tyre Manufacturers	<b>116499</b>	<b>108948</b>	<b>1017369</b>	<b>891180</b>	<b>1209916</b>	<b>14.2</b>

\*: indigenous and imported

**PRODUCTION CONSUMPTION AND STOCK OF RR**

(Metric Tonnes)

Production Consumption and stock of RR	December 2018	December 2017	April 2018 to December 2018	April 2017 to December 2017	April 2017 to March 2018
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
<b>Reclaimed Rubber (RR)</b>					
Production @	12700	11980	108060	97195	131575
Consumption	12540	11800	106920	96450	130510
Out of which Auto Tyre Manufacturers	4663	4542	40227	37861	50866
Stock with Manufacturers (end of month/year)	13005	11545			
@: indigenous purchase by manufacturers					
<b>IMPORT/EXPORT &amp; STOCK OF NR &amp; SR</b>					
<b>Import (p)</b>					
Natural Rubber	42714	36136	449108	333321	469760
Synthetic Rubber	32974	27130	256403	255839	338189
<b>Total NR &amp; SR</b>	<b>75688</b>	<b>63266</b>	<b>705511</b>	<b>589160</b>	<b>807949</b>
<b>Export (p)</b>					
Natural Rubber	517	20	3720 <sup>R</sup>	4991	5072

R: Revised

**STOCK AT THE END OF DECEMBER 2018**

(Metric tonnes)

<b>Natural Rubber</b>			
With Growers	80000	Ribbed Smoked Sheet	164450
With Dealers & Processors	77000	Solid Block Rubber	67600
With Auto Tyre units©	98870	Latex(drc)	16560
With other manufacturing units	20130	Others	27390
<b>Total</b>	<b>276000</b>		<b>276000</b>
©: including transit			
<b>Synthetic Rubber</b>			
With Producers	29840		
With Auto Tyre units	40110	SBR	79755
With other manufacturing units	26560	Others	16755
<b>Total</b>	<b>96510</b>		<b>96510</b>

p:provisional

IMPORT OF DIFFERENT FORMS OF NR DURING DECEMBER 2018 <sup>p</sup> (Tonnes)		
TYPE	Quantity	% Share
RSS Grades	5098	11.9
Solid Block Rubber	36778	86.1
Latex Concentrates (drc)	803	1.9
Others	35	0.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>42714</b>	<b>100</b>

p:provisional

TYPE-WISE EXPORT OF NR DURING DECEMBER 2018 <sup>p</sup> (Tonnes)		
Type	Quantity	% share
RSS Grades	0	0.0
Solid Block Rubber	484	93.6
Latex Concentrates (drc)	33	6.4
Others	0	0.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>517</b>	<b>100</b>