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THE TREND

India's output of natural rubber (NR) substantially increased during January 2017 to 72,000 tonne from 52,000 tonne produced in the same month a year ago. The total output during the 10 months ended January 2017 showed a 16.7% rise on year to 574,000 tonne. Preliminary estimation suggested that the NR production during February 2017 is 61,000 tonne.

Rubber goods manufacturing units in the country consumed a total quantity of 84,600 tonne of NR during January 2017, down 0.8 per cent from December 2016. However, consumption registered a 4.7 per cent annualised rise to 860,575 tonne during the 10 months ended January 2017. It is preliminarily estimated that a quantity of 86,500 tonne was consumed during February 2017, up 2.3 per cent from January 2017.

A total volume of 385,203 tonne of NR is estimated to have

imported into the country during the 10 months ended January 2017 compared to 398,487 tonne imported during the same period in the previous year. In the export front, the volume increased to 9,852 tonne during the 10 months ended January 2017 from 671 tonne shipped during the same period in the previous year.

The above trends in production, consumption, import and export imply that January 2017 has ended up with a closing stock of 277,000 tonne which includes the quantity held by growers, traders, processors and manufacturers.

Turning to synthetic rubber (SR), a total quantity of 187,394 tonne was produced during the 10 months ended January 2017, up 15.5 per cent from the quantity produced in the same period in the previous year. Consumption of SR rose by an annualised 8.5 per cent to 498,540 tonne during April 2016 to January 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
March	2016	10590	10812	9776	13108	11398	10275	8651
April	"	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

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	January 2017	January 2016	April 2016 to January 2017	April 2015 to January 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)	49510	32047	403680	338725	375495	
Solid Block Rubber	11220	9515	83435	74774	92785	
Latex Concentrates (drc)	8520	8548	62110	58946	71835	
Others	2750	1890	24775	19555	21885	
Total	72000	52000	574000	492000	562000	16.7
Synthetic Rubber (SR)^P						
Styrene Butadiene (SBR)	10926	6647	83055	58477	76999	
Poly Butadiene(BR)	9260	4667	96387	94688	111807	
Others	730	988	7952	9100	11039	
Total	20916	12302	187394	162265	199845	15.5
Total NR & SR	92916	64302	761394	654265	761845	16.4
CONSUMPTION *						
Natural Rubber (NR)						
Ribbed Smoked Sheet (RSS)	40495	38800	394330	373980	459570	
Solid Block Rubber	35335	36435	376785	356885	426215	
Latex Concentrates (drc)	6920	7850	69265	72640	86530	
Others	1850	1790	20195	18410	22100	
Total	84600	84875	860575	821915	994415	4.7
Out of which Auto Tyre Manufacturers	56314	56042	581272	549874	663495	5.7
Synthetic Rubber (SR)^P						
Styrene Butadiene (SBR)	23080	21200	231970	207220	250610	
Poly Butadiene(BR)	15075	14000	155270	142540	172155	
Others	11555	10660	111300	109815	130605	
Total	49710	45860	498540	459575	553370	8.5
Out of which Auto Tyre Manufacturers	34004	31325	347262	312672	377090	11.1
Total NR & SR	134310	130735	1359115	1281490	1547785	6.1
Out of which Auto Tyre Manufacturers	90318	87367	928534	862546	1040585	7.7

*: indigenous and imported

PRODUCTION CONSUMPTION AND STOCK OF RR

(Metric Tonnes)

Production Consumption and stock of RR	January 2017	January 2016	April 2016 to January 2017	April 2015 to January 2016	April 2015 to March 2016
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
Reclaimed Rubber (RR)					
Production @	9875	10145	102825	98780	119210
Consumption	9705	9700	100485	98520	118410
Out of which Auto Tyre Manufacturers	3694	3882	41256	40136	48613
Stock with Manufacturers (end of month/year)	10480	7600			

@: indigenous purchase by manufacturers

IMPORT/EXPORT & STOCK OF NR & SR**Import (p)**

Natural Rubber	24279	39512	385203	398487	458374
Synthetic Rubber	29329	27853	310061	295181	351301
Total NR & SR	53608	67365	695264	693668	809675

Export (p)

Natural Rubber	6329	214	9852	671	865
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STOCK AT THE END OF JANUARY 2017

(Metric tonnes)

Natural Rubber

With Growers	77000	Ribbed Smoked Sheet	185000
With Dealers & Processors	91000	Solid Block Rubber	50000
With Auto Tyre units©	90075	Latex(drc)	20500
With other manufacturing units	18925	Others	21500
Total	277000		277000

©: including transit

Synthetic Rubber

With Producers	10990		
With Auto Tyre units	37220	SBR	32340
With other manufacturing units	11800	Others	27670
Total	60010		60010

p:provisional

IMPORT OF DIFFERENT FORMS OF NR DURING JANUARY 2017 (Tonnes)		
TYPE	Quantity	% Share
RSS Grades	2642	10.9
Solid Block Rubber	21619	89.0
Latex Concentrates (drc)	0	0.0
Others	18	0.1
Total	24279	100

TYPE-WISE EXPORT OF NR DURING JANUARY 2017 (Tonnes)		
Type	Quantity	% share
RSS Grades	86	1.4
Solid Block Rubber	2428	38.4
Latex Concentrates (drc)	3775	59.6
Others	40	0.6
Total	6329	100