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THE TREND

Natural Rubber (NR) production in India increased by 4.0% to 105,000 tonnes during January 2024, from 101,000 tonnes produced during the same month last year. The cumulative NR produced during April to January 2024 was 739,000 tonnes, increased by 1.9% from the quantity 725,000 tonnes produced during the same period in the previous year. NR production preliminarily estimated for February 2024 is 71,000 tonnes.

Rubber goods manufacturing industry in the country consumed a quantity of 114,000 tonnes of NR during January 2024 compared to 116,000 tonnes of NR consumed during December 2023. The cumulative NR consumed during the period April to January 2024 increased by 5.4% to 1179,000 tonnes compared to 1119,000 tonnes consumed during the same period last year. The general rubber goods sector showed an increase of 17.5% during April to January 2024 compared to the same period last year and at the same time auto-tyre segment showed an increase of 0.3% only. According to the preliminary estimate, the country has consumed 117,000 tonnes of NR during February 2024.

The country imported 41,355 tonnes of NR during January

2024 compared to 42,060 tonnes during the corresponding month of previous year. The cumulative NR import during April to January 2024 was 415,136 tonnes, decreased by 10.3% as against 462,807 tonnes imported during same period last year. India exported 861 tonnes of NR during January 2024 and the total volume of NR exported during April to January 2024 was 3,410 tonnes compared to 2,442 tonnes during the same period in the previous year.

A total stock of 404,000 tonnes of NR was estimated to have held with growers, traders, processors and consumers in the country at the end of January 2024.

The domestic Synthetic Rubber (SR) production was 47,460 tonnes during January 2024 making the total volume of SR produced during April to January 2024 at 454,054 tonnes increased by 18.1% from 384,447 tonnes produced during the same period in the last year. A quantity of 64,800 tonnes of SR was estimated to have consumed in the country during January 2024. The total SR consumption during April to January 2024 was 647,565 tonnes, increased by 1.9% from 635,540 tonnes consumed during the same period a year ago.

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	2023	14200	14528	14211	16405	16543	12657	11113
April	"	14873	15100	14322	19380	15568	13158	11181
May	"	15506	15796	14485	19986	15087	12785	11219
June	"	15218	15470	13999	20670	14972	12274	10980
July	"	15078	15394	13356	21842	14827	13213	10790
August	"	14308	14724	12839	20048	14347	12633	10780
September	"	14292	14667	13163	18305	14453	12876	11844
October	"	14667	14992	13893	19170	15800	13430	12089
November	"	15125	15352	14193	18600	16530	13698	12363
December	"	14900	15198	14431	17973	16277	13348	12186
January	2024	15538	15913	16247	19185	17610	13868	12817
February	"	16126	16518	18285	20173	20137	14448	12997
March	"	17288	17734	21239	21285	22057	15353	13713

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

(Tonnes)

Type-wise Production & Consumption of NR & SR	January 2024	January 2023	April 2023 to January 2024	April 2022 to January 2023	April 2022 to March 2023	Percentage increase (+)/ decrease (-) of (3) & (4)
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
PRODUCTION						
Natural Rubber (NR)						
Ribbed Smoked Sheet (RSS)	72900	71595	479300	476310	541195	
Solid Block Rubber	19750	17555	156170	144545	172710	
Latex Concentrates (drc)	10050	9720	84120	85965	104115	
Others	2300	2130	19410	18180	20980	
Total	105000	101000	739000	725000	839000	1.9
Synthetic Rubber (SR)^p						
Styrene Butadiene (SBR)	26410	24900	249218	202692	249063	
Poly Butadiene(BR)	11200	11300	111475	105200	126200	
Others	9850	9940	93361	76555	92355	
Total	47460	46140	454054	384447	467618	18.1
Total NR & SR	152460	147140	1193054	1109447	1306618	7.5
CONSUMPTION *						
Natural Rubber (NR)						
Ribbed Smoked Sheet (RSS)	53370	49205	479525	461325	559335	
Solid Block Rubber	48170	51265	582260	548050	658550	
Latex Concentrates (drc)	9600	9160	88905	82400	100190	
Others	2860	2370	28310	27225	31925	
Total	114000	112000	1179000	1119000	1350000	5.4
Out of which Auto Tyre Manufacturers	75630	77598	790916	788825	948395	0.3
Synthetic Rubber (SR)^p						
Styrene Butadiene (SBR)	33250	31175	321105	330455	392020	
Poly Butadiene(BR)	20200	19440	202970	198340	237270	
Others	11350	10995	123490	106745	130600	
Total	64800	61610	647565	635540	759890	1.9
Out of which Auto Tyre Manufacturers	44108	41552	440341	434583	517776	1.3
Total NR & SR	178800	173610	1826565	1754540	2109890	4.1
Out of which Auto Tyre Manufacturers	119738	119150	1231257	1223408	1466171	0.6

*: indigenous and imported

PRODUCTION CONSUMPTION AND STOCK OF RECLAIMED RUBBER (RR)

(Tonnes)

Production Consumption and stock of RR	January 2024 (1)	January 2023 (2)	April 2023 to January 2024 (3)	April 2022 to January 2023 (4)	April 2022 to March 2023 (5)
Reclaimed Rubber (RR)					
Production @	12995	11810	128675	132420	156710
Consumption	12775	12150	127700	131760	156065
Out of which Auto Tyre Manufacturers	4774	4153	46442	44932	53929
Stock with Manufacturers (end of month/year)	18340	17380			

@: indigenous purchase by manufacturers

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

Natural Rubber	41355	42060	415136	462807	528677
Synthetic Rubber	26714	25570	291744	292327	341279
Total NR & SR	68069	67630	706880	755134	869956

Export (p)

Natural Rubber	861	451	3410	2442	3700
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IMPORT OF DIFFERENT FORMS OF NR DURING JANUARY 2024p

(Tonnes)

Type	Quantity	% share
RSS Grades	1750	4.2
Solid Block Rubber	38750	93.7
Latex Concentrates (drc)	435	1.1
Others	420	1.0
Total	41355	100.0

EXPORT OF DIFFERENT FORMS OF NR DURING JANUARY 2024p

(Tonnes)

Type	Quantity	% share
RSS Grades	3	0.4
Solid Block Rubber	857	99.5
Latex Concentrates (drc)	1	0.1
Others	0	0.0
Total	861	100.0

p: provisional

STOCK OF NATURAL RUBBER AT THE END OF JANUARY 2024

(Tonnes)

Natural Rubber	Tradable	Non- tradable	Total Stock
With Growers	102000	26000	128000
With Dealers & Processors	108500	28000	136500
With Auto Tyre units©		96000	96000
With other manufacturing units		43500	43500
Total	210500	193500	404000

©: including stock in transit

TYPE-WISE STOCK OF NATURAL RUBBER AT THE END OF JANUARY 2024

(Tonnes)

Ribbed Smoked Sheet	278150
Solid Block Rubber	64550
Latex (drc)	31500
Others	29800
Total	404000

STOCK OF SYNTHETIC RUBBER AT THE END OF JANUARY 2024

(Tonnes)

Synthetic Rubber**

With Producers ^(d)	46695		
With Auto Tyre units	44500	SBR	87530
With other manufacturing units	44300	Others	47965
Total	135495	Total	135495

^(d): including their accredited stockists

**: including export