

Anti-dumping probe against Chinese Rubber Chemicals

322. SHRI M.A.M. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have started any anti-dumping probe against imports of certain rubber chemicals from China;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the price of rubber chemicals in the domestic market and the price of Chinese rubber chemicals;

(d) the volume of rubber chemicals imported from China in terms of quantity and cost during the last two years, year-wise; and

(e) the losses incurred by the Indian firms on this account during the said period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Directorate General of Anti-Dumping and Allied Duties has initiated two investigations against import of certain rubber chemicals from the Peoples Republic of China. The first investigation initiated on 7th July 2004 covers four specific rubber chemicals i.e.:—

Generic Name	Chemical
MBT	2-Mercapto Benzothiazole
MBTS	Dibenzothiazole disulphide
CBS	N-cyclohexyl-2-benzothiazole sulphenamide
PVI	N-(Cyclohexylthio) pthalimide

The second investigation initiated on 17th August 2004 covers the following product imported from the Peoples Republic of China.

Generic Name	Chemical
MOR	N-oxydiethylene-2-benzothiazole sulphenamide (2-Morpholinothiobenzothiazole) (MBS)

(c) The import prices (landed value inclusive of customs duty) of rubber chemicals from PR China and the corresponding domestic prices during the last two years are as follows:

(in Rs. per Kg.)

Product	2002-03		2003-04	
	Landed value of imports	Domestic selling price	Landed value of imports	Domestic Selling price
MBT	94	103	83	103
MBTS	107	128	98	128
CBS	135	182	125	182
PVI	331	389	284	389
MOR	168	237	153	237

(Source : Import prices: Directorate General of Commercial Intelligence and Statistics (DGCI&S) and International Business Information System (IBIS)

Source : Domestic prices : Published price lists of the domestic producers)

(d) Total volume and value of imports of rubber chemicals from PR China during the last two years are as under:

(Volume in MT)

(Value in Rs. Lakhs)

Product	2002-03		Jan. to Dec. 2003	
	Volume	Value	Volume	Value
MBT	138.02	99.23	155.5	102.22
MBTS	116.02	95.08	201.05	157.67
CBS	214	220	332	331
PVI	27	68	136	305
MOR	243.00	311.30	175.50	212.72

(Source: DGCI&S and IBIS)

(e) The domestic industry in its application has alleged significant decline in profits during the last two years.