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| Guntur           | B-1 |
| Vadodara         | B-1 |
| Ludhiana         | B-1 |
| Agra             | B-1 |
| Nashik           | B-1 |
| Kakinada         | B-1 |
| Raipur           | B-1 |
| Madurai          | B-1 |
| Varanasi         | B-1 |
| Rajkot           | B-1 |
| Rajahmundry      | B-1 |
| Jabalpur         | B-1 |
| Jamshedpur       | B-1 |
| Allahabad        | B-1 |
| Amritsar         | B-1 |
| Asansol          | B-1 |
| Dhanbad          | B-1 |
| ALL OTHER CITIES | B-2 |

**Adverse effect of import of rubber on its price**

1716. SHRI JOY ABRAHAM: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the import of natural and synthetic rubber has adversely affected the price of natural rubber produced in the country depriving rubber cultivators a remunerative price;

(b) if so, the details of the existing import policy regarding natural rubber with the rate of import duty and import incentives;

(c) the details of natural rubber and synthetic rubber imported from 1 April, 2012 to 31 January, 2013, both under Advance Licence and Open General Licence with quantity, rate of import duty and the ports involved for the imports;

(d) whether Government has offered any incentives to promote export of natural rubber; and

(e) if so, the quantity of natural rubber exported during 1 April, 2012 to 31 January, 2013?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) and (b) Import of natural rubber (NR) has adversely affected the price of NR produced in the country. India meets around 75% of its synthetic rubber (SR) requirements through import and substitution between NR and SR is mainly on technical grounds. Hence import of SR usually does not adversely affect the prices of NR produced in the country. NR and SR can be imported through duty paid channel and other duty free channels provided for product exporters as incentives. The duty free channels are Advance Authorisation Scheme (AAS), Duty Free Import Authorisation Scheme (DFIAS) and Duty Entitlement Passbook (DEPB) Scheme.

(c) NR import from 1st April, 2012 to 31st January, 2013 was 197,113 Tonnes. The details of channel-wise and port-wise import of NR are given hereunder:

*Channel-wise import of NR during April, 2012-January, 2013*

**Natural Rubber**

| Channel                               | Quantity (Tonne) |
|---------------------------------------|------------------|
| Advance Authorisation Scheme (AAS)    | 92590            |
| Duty Paid                             | 92224            |
| Duty Entitlement Passbook Scheme      | 7334             |
| Duty Free Import Authorisation Scheme | 3409             |
| Others                                | 1556             |
| TOTAL                                 | 197113           |

*Port-wise import of NR during April, 2012- January, 2013*

| Port    | Quantity (Tonne) |
|---------|------------------|
| Mumbai  | 78766            |
| Chennai | 60448            |
| Cochin  | 11277            |
| Kolkata | 8890             |
| Others  | 37732            |
| TOTAL   | 197113           |

The existing rate of customs duty on import of dry form of Natural Rubber is 20% or Rs. 20/- per kg whichever is lower. The import duty on latex is 70% or Rs.49/- per kg whichever is lower. The applied rate of custom duty for Synthetic Rubber is 10%, except Butyl Rubber for which duty is 5%. Statistics on channel and port wise import of Synthetic Rubber are, however, not readily available.

(d) and (e) "Indian Natural Rubber" branded NR was included in the Market Linked Focus Product Scheme (MLFPS) vide Director General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) Public Notice No. 3 (RE2012)/2009-14 dated 5 June, 2012. Under this scheme, branded rubber is incentivized at 2% of Free On Board (F.O.B) value when exported to the linked markets (Malaysia, China, Turkey, Brazil, Belgium, Italy, Spain, Germany, Sri Lanka, Bulgaria, Austria, Korea, Mexico, Israel, Singapore, Indonesia, Portugal, Argentina, Australia and USA). There is no other incentive for export of NR. Export of NR during 1st April, 2012 to 31st January, 2013 was 15,632 Tonnes. Out of this 7542 tonnes were branded rubber.

**Slow down of industrial growth rate**

1717. SHRI N.K. SINGH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that according to the quick estimates of Index of Industrial Production (IIP) for the month of December, 2012, the monthly growth rates of the manufacturing sector for December, 2012 was negative 0.7 percent, as against a growth of 2.8 percent in 2011;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;