

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY
(DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE)

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1859
TO BE ANSWERED ON 30th JULY, 2018

IMPORT OF RUBBER CUP LUMPS

1859. SHRI C.N. JAYADEVAN:

Will the Minister of **COMMERCE & INDUSTRY** (वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग मंत्री) be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is considering a proposal to import raw cup lumps of natural rubber after fixing standards to cup lumps rubber by the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS);
- (b) if so, whether the Government is aware that no country permit import of cup lump rubber fearing spread of disease and the rubber growers in the country are facing severe pressure due to declining rubber prices;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto;
- (d) whether it is a fact that the Kerala Government has demanded to drop any move to import natural rubber in any form; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof along with the reaction of the Government thereto?

ANSWER

वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री सी. आर. चौधरी)

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
(SHRI C. R. CHAUDHARY)

[a] to [c]: No such proposal to import raw cup lumps of natural rubber is under consideration in this Department.

[d] and [e]: The Government of Kerala has represented to drop any move by BIS to standardise cup lumps that would lead to imports at the risk of spread of diseases in the country. BIS has formed a panel consisting of experts from tyre industry, officials of Rubber Board and other external experts to formulate a standard in Field Coagulum. After detailed discussion, it was decided that "formulation of product standard on the subject is not feasible due to variable properties of cup lump with time, age, locations and heterogeneous nature of the product. However, guidelines/protocols/good practices may be formulated, to improve the quality, after detailed study and collection of data of at least three seasons [three summer, three winter etc] from all regions for further deliberations on the subject".
