

# **Anomaly in Indian Rubber Statistics**

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Thank you very much for your kind reply No. Secy/3/2019 dated 31<sup>st</sup> July 2019. I am very much grateful that you have accepted the need to publish the truth of right figures based on simple arithmetic and published right figures in the [Annual statistics for 2018-19](#) using formula method.

In this juncture, I would like to point out that, my grievance to publish exact figures in the monthly statistical news is yet to be resolved. It appears that you are adopting production estimates for preparing monthly statistics. Actually, you have to publish the monthly statistics which has to be ensuring approved formula incorporating import figures obtained from customs and DGFT, consumption, export, stock etc with dealers/processors and manufacturers through monthly returns. Production figures may be reconciled with estimate at appropriate level and publish correct data, then only your published data may be able to mitigate the grievances of farmers. If the farmers get right data they can assess the stock, requirement, need for increasing production, etc. This will mitigate the gap between supply and demand.

As per [monthly rubber statistical news Vol 78 No. 1 June 2019](#) published by the Rubber Board, arithmetical error is still continued using estimate figures deviating from approved formula.

The following table is an attempt reconciling the Annual Statistics for the year 2018-19 with monthly data published in rubber statistical news for the month of April 2019.

	<b>2018-19</b>	<b>April 2019</b>
<b>Opening stock</b>	<b>292000</b>	<b>308860</b>
<b>Production</b>	<b>651000</b>	<b>32000</b>
<b>Import</b>	<b>582351</b>	<b>34420</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>1525351</b>	<b>375280</b>
<b>Consumption</b>	<b>1211940</b>	<b>96500</b>
<b>Export</b>	<b>4551</b>	<b>685</b>
<b>Closing Stock</b>	<b>308860</b>	<b>278000</b>
<b>Error</b>	<b>Nil</b>	<b>95</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1525351</b>	<b>375280</b>

In the circumstances I would request that an error free monthly statistics tallying supply and demand sides rectifying the suppressed "Error" figures may be prepared and published so as to rectify incorrect data adopting formula method here after.

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