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Dear Sir,

RUBBER ECONOMIC/ COST SURVEY 1997

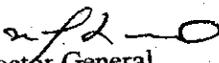
I earnestly request your full co-operation in successfully carrying out the above survey which is most important and essential to collect reliable statistics on Rubber Cultivation. Since this data will help the government in policy formulation, ultimately you will gain by supplying accurate information.

The present survey relates to your 1997/98 financial year. The attached questionnaire is quite similar to the earlier one and some detailed explanation about the different sections are given below. Please try to supply the detailed breakdown, but if they are not available please give the total.

- Section 1: Please complete it and check.
- Section 2: Concerns the acreage of rubber and other crops in the estate. Please enter acreage figures to the nearest whole hectare only.
- Section 3: Concerns the costs incurred in maintaining mature rubber.
- Section 4: Concerns the costs incurred in tapping and collecting latex and field scrap.
- Section 5: Concerns the costs of labour and materials relating to land preparation, planting and maintaining of young /immature rubber.
- Section 6: Concerns the costs incurred in the factory.
- Section 7: Concerns the costs of estate maintenance and labour used i.e. costs which are not associated directly with crop maintenance, production or manufacture.
- Section 8: Concerns the general (business) charges in the estate. It should be noted that for the item 'Taxes' all taxes paid in respect of the entire land and equipment, excluding income tax should be included.
- Section 9: Concerns your total 1997 production of the different categories of rubber and the average (over the year) price you received for each category. Please note that gross prices are required i.e. without deducting any cost.
- Section 10: Relates to marketing and commission expenses.
- Section 11: Relates to the manpower in the estate. Please complete the questionnaire as full as possible and return it to the Rubber Dev. Officer on or before 30 th May 1998.

Finally, I will take this opportunity to thank you for the co-operation extended by you in this connection in the past years.

Yours Faithfully,


Director General

30. April 1998
Rubber Development Department

