

Glossary of terms used

Sl.No.	Term	Definition
1.	Clone	Different varieties of rubber trees with different biological features and yielding capacity developed and propagated by research stations.
2.	Tapping	Extraction of latex from rubber trees by giving a cut on its bark with a tapping knife.
3.	Slaughter tapping	Intensive yield exploitation from a rubber tree in the final years of tapping by opening as many tapping panels as possible.
4.	Task	Number of trees allotted to a tapper for a day's tapping.
5.	Stand	Number of tapping trees in a given area.
6.	Opening	Commencement of tapping operations in a newly developed rubber plantation.
7.	Cultural operations	Plant maintenance and upkeep operations in plantations.
8.	Task vacancy	Tapping block not tapped for want of tapper or other reasons.
9.	Rain-guarding	Provision of a protective cover over the tapping panel during rainy season to prevent entry of water into latex collection shell.
10.	FFB	Fresh fruit bunches of oil palm tree.
11.	Centrifuging	Conversion of field latex into concentrated latex of tradable quality using a centrifuging machine.
12.	Cenex	Trade name of centrifuged latex.