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Subject- Geography

Grade 10

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4. Agriculture in Sri Lanka.

- **Coconut cultivation, Rubber cultivation and Minor export crops.**
- **Text book page number 57- 67.**

- ❖ The coconut tree is considered a special tree entwined with Sri Lankan folk life. Coconut tree is called the 'Kap Ruka' (Tree of Bounty) because every part of the tree is used. Coconut cultivation is mainly centralized in a few major zones as "Coconut Triangle", and as "Minor Coconut Triangle". Coconut is grown in home gardens in almost every part of Sri Lanka. A large quantity of coconut produced in Sri Lanka is used for local consumption.
- ❖ A British national, Sir Henry Wickham planted the first rubber plant in Henerathgoda Gardens in Gampaha. At present, rubber has become one of the main cultivated crops under plantation agriculture in Sri Lanka. It is also important as a source of employment opportunities linked to rubber production and, as a source of good export income. However at present, the local industrialists use rubber as a raw material and introduce different products to the market.
- ❖ Minor export crops are the small-scale products for exportation in addition to the main traditional commercial crops. In the past there were specific areas of Sri Lanka identified for cultivation of vegetables. However, upcountry vegetables are grown in many parts of Sri Lanka with the advancement of technology at present. There is a local as well as a foreign market for Sri Lankan fruits.

1. What are the reasons to recognize coconut tree as “Kap Ruka” (Tree of Bounty)? Explain with examples.
2. “Developing Rubber cultivation is a great help for the economy of Sri Lanka” Explain this quote.
3. Sri Lankan rubber products are exported to many countries. Write 5 such Countries.
4. Complete the grid given below.

Crop	Research institute	Physical factors needed for the cultivation spread.	Other factors needed.	Areas which can be cultivated.
Coconut				
Rubber				

5. What are the reasons to pay special attention on minor export crops?
6. Write **three uses** which can gain through developing fruit and vegetable cultivations and give **three suggestions** to develop fruit and vegetable Cultivations.