

BRIEF NOTE

Subject :- Import of Sensitive Items during April-September 2005.

The total import of 300 sensitive tariff lines for the period April-September 2005 has been Rs 8508 crore as compared to Rs 8992 crore during the corresponding period of last year thereby showing a fall of 5.4%. The gross import of all commodity during same period of current year was Rs 277365 crore as compared to Rs 217583 crore during the same period of last year. Thus import of 300 sensitive items constitute 4.1% and 3.1% of the gross imports during last year and current year respectively.

2. Imports of edible oil, cotton & silk, , milk & milk products and rubber have shown a decline at broad group level during the period. Imports of fruits & vegetables, spices, automobiles, marble & granite, tea & coffee, alcoholic beverages, SSI and other products have shown increase during the period under reference.

3. In the edible oil section, the imports has decreased from Rs 5584.28 crores last year to Rs 4522.02 crores for the corresponding period of this year. A significant feature of edible oil import is that import of crude oil has gone up by 20.7% and and that of refined oil have gone down by 73.1%. The downfall in edible oil import is mainly due to huge shortfall in import of RBD Palmolein, which has gone down by 71% and Other Refined Palm Oil which has gone down by 72%.

4. Imports of sensitive items from Argentina, Brazil, China P RP, Benin, Cote D' Ivoire, Korea RP, Guinea Bissau, USA, Egypt A RP, Ghana, Sri Lanka, Vietnam Soc Rep and UAE etc. have gone up while those from Indonesia, Malaysia and Japan etc. have shown a decrease.