

BRIEF NOTE

Subject :- Import of Sensitive Items during April 2006.

The total import of sensitive items for the period April 2006 has been Rs 1300 crores as compared to Rs 1030 crores during the corresponding period last year thereby showing an increase of 26.2%. The gross import of all commodity during same period of current year was Rs 56460 crores as compared to Rs 47086 crores during the same period of last year. Thus import of sensitive items constitute 2.2% and 2.3% of the gross imports during last year and current year respectively.

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

3. In the edible oil segment, the imports has increased from Rs 484 crores last year to Rs 796 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 93.5% and that of refined oil have gone down by 47.2%. The growth in edible oil import is mainly due to significant increase in import of Soyabean Oil and its fractions, which has gone up by 288% and Crude Palm Oil and its fractions which has gone up by 34%.

4. Imports of sensitive items from Indonesia, Argentina, United States of America, China P RP, Japan, Germany, Australia, Vietnam Soc Rep, Afghanistan TIS etc. have gone up while those from Malaysia, Brazil, Egypt A RP, Benin, Sri Lanka DSR have shown a decrease.