

BRIEF NOTE

Subject :- Import of Sensitive Items during April 2005 -January 2006.

The total import of sensitive items for the period April-January 2006 has been Rs 13894 crores as compared to Rs 15412 crores during the corresponding period of last year thereby showing a fall of 9.8%. The gross import of all commodity during same period of current year was Rs 481338 crores as compared to Rs 387726 crores during the same period of last year. Thus import of sensitive items constitute 4.0% and 2.9% 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, tea & coffee and products of SSI have shown increase during the period under reference.

3. In the edible oil section, the imports has decreased from Rs 9012 crores last year to Rs 7152 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 24.1% and that of refined oil have gone down by 76.5%. The downfall in edible oil import is mainly due to huge shortfall in import of RBD Palmolein, which has gone down by 76% and Other Refined Palm Oil which has gone down by 79%.

4. Imports of sensitive items from Argentina, China P RP, Egypt A RP, Germany, Guinea Bissau, Cote D' Ivoire, United Arab Emirates, United States of America, Vietnam Soc Rep etc. have gone up while those from Indonesia, Malaysia. Brazil, Benin, Tanzania Rep, Japan and Sri Lanka DSR etc. have shown a decrease.