

## PRESS NOTE

### **Subject :- Import of Sensitive Items during April- February 2007.**

The total import of sensitive items for the period April-February 2007 has been Rs 17295 crores as compared to Rs 15152 crores during the corresponding period last year thereby showing an increase of 14.1%. The gross import of all commodity during same period of current year was Rs 748441 crores as compared to Rs 571341 crores during the same period of last year. Thus import of sensitive items constitute 2.7% and 2.3% of the gross imports during last year and current year respectively.

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

3. In the edible oil segment, the imports has increased from Rs 7910 crores last year to Rs 8705 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 17.8% and that of refined oil have gone down by 43.3%. The growth in edible oil import is mainly due to significant increase in import of Crude Palm Oil and its fractions which has gone up by 45%.

4. Imports of sensitive items from Indonesia, Argentina, China P RP, Malaysia, United States of America, Thailand, Russia, Cote D' Ivory, Australia, Sri Lanka DSR, Germany, Benin, Ukraine, Japan, etc. have gone up while those from Brazil, Guinea Bissau, Tanzania REP, Egypt A RP etc. have shown a decrease.