

PRESS NOTE

Subject :- Import of Sensitive Items during April 06- March 07.

The total import of sensitive items for the period April 06-March 07 has been Rs 18555 crores as compared to Rs 16789 crores during the corresponding period last year thereby showing an increase of 10.5%. The gross import of all commodity during same period of current year was Rs 820568 crores as compared to Rs 635013 crores during the same period of last year. Thus import of sensitive items constitute 2.6% 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 8954 crores last year to Rs 9351 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 9.7% and that of refined oil have gone down by 34.7%. 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 39%.

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