

## BRIEF NOTE

### **Subject :- Import of Sensitive Items during April-August 2006.**

The total import of sensitive items for the period April-August 2006 has been Rs 7665 crores as compared to Rs 7717 crores during the corresponding period last year thereby showing a decrease of 0.7%. The gross import of all commodity during same period of current year was Rs 313472 crores as compared to Rs 231866 crores during the same period of last year. Thus import of sensitive items constitute 3.3% and 2.4% of the gross imports during last year and current year respectively.

2. Imports of tea & coffee, spices and automobiles have shown a decline at broad group level during the period. Imports of items viz. edible oil, fruits & vegetables (including nuts), cotton & silk, products of SSI, rubber, marble & Granite, food grains, 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 4012 crores last year to Rs 4090 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 13.4% and that of refined oil have gone down by 60.9%. The growth in edible oil import is mainly due to significant increase in import Soyabean Oil and its fractions, which has gone up by 16% and Crude Palm Oil and its fractions which has gone up by 11%.

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