

PRESS NOTE

Subject :- Import of Sensitive Items during April- December 2006.

The total import of sensitive items for the period April-December 2006 has been Rs 14472 crores as compared to Rs 12959 crores during the corresponding period last year thereby showing an increase of 11.7%. The gross import of all commodity during same period of current year was Rs 598287 crores as compared to Rs 464866 crores during the same period of last year. Thus import of sensitive items constitute 2.8% and 2.4% of the gross imports during last year and current year respectively.

2. Imports of fruits & vegetables (including nuts), cotton & silk, spices and tea & coffee have shown a decline at broad group level during the period. Imports of items viz. edible oil, food grains, products of SSI, rubber, 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 6753 crores last year to Rs 7558 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 20.5% and that of refined oil have gone down by 44.9%. 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 44%.

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