

BRIEF NOTE

Subject :- Import of Sensitive Items during April- January 2007.

The total import of sensitive items for the period April-January 2007 has been Rs 16018 crores as compared to Rs 13963 crores during the corresponding period last year thereby showing an increase of 14.7%. The gross import of all commodity during same period of current year was Rs 680941 crores as compared to Rs 520451 crores during the same period of last year. Thus import of sensitive items constitute 2.7% 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, 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 7193 crores last year to Rs 8206 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 22.8% and that of refined oil have gone down by 43.6%. 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 54%.

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, Tanzania REP etc. have gone up while those from Brazil, Benin, Guinea Bissau, Japan, Egypt A RP etc. have shown a decrease.