

## BRIEF NOTE

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

The total import of sensitive items for the period April-July 2006 has been Rs 6647 crores as compared to Rs 5060 crores during the corresponding period last year thereby showing an increase of 31.4%. The gross import of all commodity during same period of current year was Rs 253924 crores as compared to Rs 199571 crores during the same period of last year. Thus import of sensitive items constitute 2.5% and 2.6% of the gross imports during last year and current year respectively.

2. Imports only of tea & coffee has shown a decline at broad group level during the period. Imports of all other items viz. edible oil, fruits & vegetables (including nuts), cotton & silk, products of SSI, rubber, automobiles, spices, 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 2564 crores last year to Rs 3546 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 55.3% and that of refined oil have gone down by 57.6%. The growth in edible oil import is mainly due to significant increase in import Soyabean Oil and its fractions, which has gone up by 100% and Crude Palm Oil and its fractions which has gone up by 25%.

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