

## PRESS NOTE

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

The total import of sensitive items for the period April-November 2006 has been Rs 13075 crores as compared to Rs 12126 crores during the corresponding period last year thereby showing an increase of 7.8%. The gross import of all commodity during same period of current year was Rs 528740 crores as compared to Rs 373006 crores during the same period of last year. Thus import of sensitive items constitute 3.3% and 2.5% of the gross imports during last year and current year respectively.

2. Imports of fruits & vegetables (including nuts) and tea & coffee have shown a decline at broad group level during the period. Imports of items viz. edible oil, cotton & silk, food grains, products of SSI, rubber, marble & Granite, Alcoholic beverages, spices, automobiles and milk & milk products have shown increase during the period under reference.

3. In the edible oil segment, the imports has increased from Rs 6497 crores last year to Rs 6926 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 14.8% and that of refined oil have gone down by 49.6%. 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 36%.

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