

BRIEF NOTE

Subject :- Import of Sensitive Items during April 07-February 08.

The total import of sensitive items for the period April-February 08 has been Rs 26607 crores as compared to Rs 21919 crores during the corresponding period of last year thereby showing an increase of 21.4%. The gross import of all commodities during same period of current year was Rs 848333 crores as compared to Rs 734984 crores during the same period of last year. Thus import of sensitive items constitute 3.0% and 3.1% of the gross imports during last year and current year respectively.

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

3. In the edible oil segment, the import has increased from Rs 9187 crores last year to Rs 10209 crores for the corresponding period of this year. The import of both crude oil as well as refined oil has gone up by 11.5% and 8.5% respectively. The increase in edible oil import is mainly due to significant growth in import of Crude palm oil and its fractions, which has gone up by 20%.

4. Imports of sensitive items from Indonesia, Argentina, Canada, China P RP, United States of America, Russia, Brazil, Sri Lanka DSR, Germany, Tanzania REP, Thailand, Japan, United Kingdom, Nepal etc. have gone up while those from Myanmar, Malaysia, Cote D' Ivoire, Australia, Ukraine etc. have shown a decrease.
