

BRIEF NOTE

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

The total import of sensitive items for the period April-January 08 has been Rs 23667 crores as compared to Rs 20214 crores during the corresponding period of last year thereby showing an increase of 17.1%. The gross import of all commodity during same period of current year was Rs 771629 crores as compared to Rs 672514 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 and Tea & Coffee have shown increase during the period under reference. However, imports of marble & Granite remained constant.

3. In the edible oil segment, the import has increased from Rs 8558 crores last year to Rs 9176 crores for the corresponding period of this year. The import of both crude oil as well as refined oil have gone up by 6.6% and 12.0% 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 12%.

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