

BRIEF NOTE

Subject: - Import of Sensitive Items during April-May 2010.

The total import of sensitive items for the period April-May 2010 has been Rs.10007.39 crores as compared to Rs.8760.39 crores during the corresponding period of last year thereby showing an increase of 14.2%. The gross import of all commodities during same period of current year was Rs.247211 crores as compared to Rs 191502 crores during the same period of last year. Thus import of sensitive items constitutes 4.6% and 4.0% of the gross imports during last year and current year respectively.

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

3. In the edible oil segment, the import has increased from Rs 3703.73 crores last year to Rs 3790.38 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 9.9% and that of refined oil have gone down by 35.8%. The increase in edible oil import is mainly due to substantial increase in import of Soya-bean crude oil.

4. Imports of sensitive items from China P RP, United States of America, Korea RP, Ukraine, Brazil, Germany, Argentina, Thailand, New Zealand, United Kingdom, Cote D' Ivoire, Czech Republic, Guatemala, Sri Lanka DSR, etc. have gone up while those from Indonesia, Myanmar, Malaysia, Japan, Benin, Canada, Australia etc. have shown a decrease.
