

PRESS NOTE

Subject :- Import of Sensitive Items during April-December 07.

The total import of sensitive items for the period April-December 07 has been Rs 20589 crores as compared to Rs 18532 crores during the corresponding period of last year thereby showing an increase of 11.1%. The gross import of all commodity during same period of current year was Rs 682088 crores as compared to Rs 611522 crores during the same period of last year. Thus import of sensitive items constitute 3.0% of the gross imports during last year as well as current year.

2. Imports of spices, marble & Granite and milk & milk products 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, Alcoholic beverages and Tea & Coffee have shown increase during the period under reference.

3. In the edible oil segment, the import has increased from Rs 7929 crores last year to Rs 8433 crores for the corresponding period of this year. The import of both crude oil as well as refined oil have gone up by 5.6% and 13.1% 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 11%.

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