

PRESS NOTE

Subject :- Import of Sensitive Items during April 2005 -October 2005.

The total import of sensitive items for the period April-October 2005 has been Rs 9851 crores as compared to Rs 10873 crores during the corresponding period of last year thereby showing a fall of 9.4%. The gross import of all commodity during same period of current year was Rs 328813 crores as compared to Rs 257103 crores during the same period of last year. Thus import of sensitive items constitute 4.2% and 3.0% of the gross imports during last year and current year respectively.

2. Imports of edible oil, cotton & silk, milk & milk products and rubber have shown a decline at broad group level during the period. Imports of fruits & vegetables, spices, automobiles, tea & coffee and products of SSI have shown increase during the period under reference.

3. In the edible oil section, the imports has decreased from Rs 6660 crores last year to Rs 5288 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 20.6% and that of refined oil have gone down by 76.0%. The downfall in edible oil import is mainly due to huge shortfall in import of RBD Palmolein, which has gone down by 74% and Other Refined Palm Oil which has gone down by 73%.

4. Imports of sensitive items from Argentina, Brazil, China P RP, Egypt A RP, Ghana, Guinea Bissau, Cote D' Ivoire, United Arab Emirates, United States of America, Vietnam Soc Rep etc. have gone up while those from Indonesia, Malaysia. Benin, Japan and Sri Lanka DSR etc. have shown a decrease.