

## BRIEF NOTE

### **Subject :- Import of Sensitive Items during April-2005.**

The total import of 300 sensitive tariff lines for the period April-2005 has been Rs 1165 crore as compared to Rs 902 crore during the corresponding period of last year thereby showing a growth of 29.1%. The gross import of all commodity during same period of current year was Rs 45589 crore as compared to Rs 30313 crore during the same period of last year. Thus import of 300 sensitive items constitute only 3.0% and 2.6% of the gross imports during last year and current year respectively.

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

3. In the edible oil section, the imports has decreased from Rs 637.36 crores last year to Rs 629.57 crores for the corresponding period of this year. A significant feature of edible oil import is that import of crude oil has gone down by 9%, and that of refined palm oil & palmolein gone up by 21%. The downfall in edible oil import is mainly due to huge shortfall in import of soya bean oil and its fractions, which has gone down by 50%.

4. Imports of sensitive items from Brazil, China P RP, Cote D' Ivoire, Tanzania REP, Guinea Bissau, Japan, Sri Lanka and Thailand etc. have gone up while those from Indonesia, Argentina, Malaysia, USA, and Benin etc. have shown a decrease.