

## BRIEF NOTE

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

The total import of 300 sensitive tariff lines for the period April-May 2005 has been Rs 2435 crore as compared to Rs 2174 crore during the corresponding period of last year thereby showing a growth of 12.0%. The gross import of all commodity during same period of current year was Rs 91595 crore as compared to Rs 66536 crore during the same period of last year. Thus import of 300 sensitive items constitute only 3.3% and 2.7% of the gross imports during last year and current year respectively.

2. Imports of edible oil, milk & milk products and automobiles have shown a decline at broad group level during the period. Imports of fruits & vegetables, cotton & silk, spices, rubber, 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 1476.39 crores last year to Rs 1286.11 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 1% and and that of refined palm oil & palmolein both have gone down by 21%. The downfall in edible oil import is mainly due to huge shortfall in import of RBD Palmolein, which has gone down by 33%.

4. Imports of sensitive items from Brazil, Malaysia, China P RP, USA, Benin, Cote D' Ivoire, Egypt A RP, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Ghana, Vietnam Soc Rep, Mozambique, Nigeria, UAE and Germany etc. have gone up while those from Indonesia and Argentina etc. have shown a decrease.