

BRIEF NOTE

Subject :- Import of Sensitive Items during April- September 2006.

The total import of sensitive items for the period April-September 2006 has been Rs 9309 crores as compared to Rs 9602 crores during the corresponding period last year thereby showing a decrease of 3.1%. The gross import of all commodity during same period of current year was Rs 385566 crores as compared to Rs 277365 crores during the same period of last year. Thus import of sensitive items constitute 3.5% and 2.4% of the gross imports during last year and current year respectively.

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

3. In the edible oil segment, the imports has increased from Rs 5165 crores last year to Rs 4789 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 1.1% and that of refined oil have gone down by 57.6%. The fall in edible oil import is mainly due to significant decrease in import of RBD Palmolein, Other than RBD Palmoil and RBD Palmolein and Soya bean oil and its fractions which have gone down by 79%, 57% and 11% respectively.

4. Imports of sensitive items from Indonesia, Argentina, Australia, United States of America, China P RP, Russia, Japan, Sri Lanka DSR, Cote D' Ivory, Germany, Ghana etc. have gone up while those from Brazil, Malaysia, Guinea Bissau, Egypt A RP, Benin etc. have shown a decrease.