

BRIEF NOTE

Subject: - Import of Sensitive Items during April 08 -October 08.

The total import of sensitive items for the period April-October 08 has been Rs. 26102.3 crores as compared to Rs. 19895.4 crores during the corresponding period of last year thereby showing an increase of 31.2%. The gross import of all commodities during same period of current year was Rs 786059 crores as compared to Rs 539879 crores during the same period of last year. Thus import of sensitive items constitutes 3.69% and 3.32% of the gross imports during last year and current year respectively.

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

3. In the edible oil segment, the import has increased from Rs 7183.00 crores last year to Rs 8194.42 crores for the corresponding period of this year. The imports of both crude edible oil as well as refined oil have gone up by 2.0% and 111.2% respectively. The increase in edible oil import is mainly due to substantial increase in import of refined bleached deodorized palmolein.

4. Imports of sensitive items from Indonesia, China P RP, Korea RP, Myanmar, Japan, United States of America, Germany, Malaysia, Thailand, Cote D' Ivoire, Czech Republic, Italy, Benin, Australia, Sweden, Guinea Bissau and France etc. have gone up while those from Canada, Argentina and Brazil etc. have shown a decrease.
