

**SENSITIVE ITEMS ACCOUNT FOR ONLY 3% OF INDIA'S TOTAL IMPORTS
IMPORT OF SENSITIVE ITEMS DURING APRIL-AUGUST 2005.**

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The total import of sensitive items for the period April-August 2005 has been Rs.6994 crore as compared to Rs.6646 crore during the corresponding period of last year, thereby showing a growth of 5.2%. The gross import of all commodities during same period of current year was Rs.237411 crore as compared to Rs.177411 crore during the same period of last year. Thus, imports of sensitive items constitute 3.7% and 2.9% of the gross imports during last year and current year respectively.

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

In the edible oil section, the imports have decreased from Rs.4288.65 crores last year to Rs.3586.70 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 24.7% and that of refined oil have gone down by 70.9%. The decline in edible oil import is mainly due to huge fall in import of RBD Palmolein and other Refined Palm Oil, which have gone down by 63% and 77% respectively.

Imports of sensitive items from Argentina, Brazil, China P RP, Benin, Cote D' Ivoire, Korea RP, Guinea Bissau, USA, Egypt A RP, Ghana, Sri Lanka, Vietnam Soc Rep and UAE have gone up while those from Indonesia, Malaysia and Japan have shown a decrease.

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