

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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IMPORT OF SENSITIVE ITEMS
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

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- (a) the quantum of sensitive items imported during each of the last two years and the percentage of increased registered over the previous years;
- (b) whether imports of sensitive commodities has further increased during April-September, 2002 as compared to the corresponding period of last year; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY)

(a) 300 items were identified as sensitive items following removal of Quantitative Restrictions last year, import of which is being monitored by an Inter-Ministerial group. During 2001-2002 import of these items was Rs.10,726 crores as compared to Rs.9,985 crores during 2000-2001 showing a growth of 7.4%.

(b) & (c) As per the provisional estimates, import of these items for the first six months of the current financial year is Rs.6,487 crores as compared to Rs. 5,854 crores for the corresponding period of last year thereby showing an increase of 11%. The growth of imports in general for the same period is 12%. Detailed analysis of these sensitive items show that the growth is accounted for mainly due to increase of import of crude palm oil.