

Kindly find below the summary of provisional figures of Import of gems & jewellery items during April -August 2008 as compared to same period last year.

NET IMPORTS OF GEMS & JEWELLERY

ITEMS	April-August'08 (Provisional)		April-August'07 (Same ports as current year)		% Growth / decline over previous Year	
	Rs. In Crores	US \$ in Million	Rs. In Crores	US \$ in Million	Rs.	US \$
	Rough Diamonds (Quantity in Lakh Carats)	20915.43 (698.029)	4984.61	17714.61 (727.4485)	4251.17	18.07
Gold Bar	3891.71	927.48	5451.87	1308.34	-28.62	-29.11
Others **	1541.93	367.47	371.16	89.06	315.44	312.61
Total	26349.06	6279.57	23537.64	5648.58	11.94	11.17
Cut & Polished Diamonds	13538.64	3226.56	7532.49	1807.65	79.74	78.49
Others ***	828.79	197.52	939.72	225.52	-11.80	-12.42
Total Imports	40716.49	9703.64	32009.85	7681.75	27.20	26.32

NOTE :

- 1) ** Data of Rough Col. Gemstone, Raw Pearls, Rough Synthetic stones, Silver Bar & Platinum.
- 2) *** Data of Gold Finding/Mounting/Casting, Gold Jewellery, Non-Gold Jewellery & Col. Gemstones.

i) Figs for Gold Bar from Bangalore not included from April & August 2008

ii) Figs for Gold Bar from Corporation Bank not included August 2008

Exchange Rate

April - August 2008 1 US\$=F	41.96
April- August 2007 1 US\$=F	41.67