

Summary

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

NET IMPORTS OF GEMS & JEWELLERY

ITEMS	April-December'08 (Provisional)		April-December'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)	30759.08 1044.33	6904.40	29803.41 1285.88	7262.04	3.21	-4.92
Gold Bar	7158.98	1606.95	6968.11	1697.88	2.74	-5.36
Others **	2197.49	493.27	664.11	161.81	230.89	204.85
Total	40115.56	9004.61	37435.63	9121.74	7.16	-1.28
Cut & Polished Diamonds	23914.29	5367.97	14969.84	3647.62	59.75	47.16
Others ***	1682.30	377.62	1767.30	430.63	-4.81	-12.31
Total Imports	65712.15	14750.20	54172.77	13199.99	21.30	11.74

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.

3. Above Figures for Rough Diamonds are Gross Imports (without subtracting export of rgh diamonds)

i) Figs from MEPZ Chennai not received for December & from Union Bank of India

Exchange Rate

April - Dec 2008 1 US\$=Rs.	44.55
April- Dec 2007 1 US\$=Rs.	41.04