

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

NET IMPORTS OF GEMS & JEWELLERY

ITEMS	April-May'08 (Provisional)		April-May'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)	7733.82 (293.114)	1910.77 0.00	6664.87 (253.8245)	1552.50 0.00	16.04 4.06	23.08 4.06
Gold Bar	1338.89	330.80	2107.22	490.85	-36.46	-32.61
Others **	120.35	29.74	157.83	36.76	-23.75	-19.10
Total	9193.06	2271.29	8929.93	2080.11	2.95	9.19
Cut & Polished Diamonds	4615.57	1140.35	2150.49	500.93	114.63	127.65
Others ***	385.56	95.26	494.33	115.15	-22.00	-17.27
Total Imports	14194.19	3506.90	11574.74	2696.19	22.63	30.07

NOTE :

- 1) ** Data of Rough Col. Gemstone, Raw Pearls, Rough Synthetic stones, Silver Bar & Platinum.
2. Above Figures for Rough Diamonds are Gross Imports (without subtracting export of rough diamonds)
 - i) Figures of Gold Bar does not include data from from SBI, Canara Bankd, Corporation Bank & MMTC for May 2008
 - ii) Figures from MEPZ not received May 2008

Exchange Rate

April - May 2008 1 US\$=Rs.	40.48
April- May 2007 1 US\$=Rs.	42.93