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

NET IMPORTS OF GEMS & JEWELLERY

	Apr-08		April'07		% Growth / decline	
ITEMS	(Provisional)		(Same ports as current year)		over previous Year	
	Rs. In	US \$ in	Rs. In	US \$ in	Rs.	US\$
	Crores	Million	Crores	Million		
Rough Diamonds	4018.84	993.53	3537.52	805.81	13.61	23.30
(Quantity in Lakh Carats)	(152.674)		(135.903)		4.06	4.06
Gold Bar	471.19	116.49	747.90	170.36	-37.00	-31.62
Others **	29.57	7.30	88.82	20.23	-66.71	-63.91
Total	4519.60	1117.33	4374.23	996.41	3.32	12.14
Cut & Polished Diamonds	2638.51	652.29	965.00	219.82	173.42	196.74
Others ***	214.50	53.03	253.01	57.63	-15.22	-7.98
Total Imports	7372.61	1822.65	5592.24	1273.86	31.84	43.08

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 substracting export of rough diamonds)
 - i) Figs for Gold Bar from Bangalore, SBI, Corporation Bank, Bank of India & MMTC not included April 2008

Exchange Rate

April 2008 1 US\$=Rs. 40.45 April-2007 1 US\$=Rs. 43.90