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Kindly find below the summary of provisional figures of Import of gems & jewellery items during Jan -December 2006 as compared to same period last year.

NET IMPORTS OF GEMS & JEWELLERY

	January-December '06		January-December '05		% 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	38401.09	8408.38	40039.14	9064.78	-4.09	-7.24
(Quantity in Lakh Carats)	(1721.0007) (1	1721.0007)	(1836.09)	(1836.09)		
Gold Bar	7905.74	1731.06	7034.52	1592.60	12.38	8.69
Others **	716.58	156.90	645.71	146.19	10.98	7.33
Total	47023.40	10296.34	47719.36	10803.57	-1.46	-4.69
Cut & Polished Diamonds	8832.61	1934.01	16010.27	3624.69	-44.83	-46.64
Others ***	1894.36	414.79	1129.46	255.71	67.72	62.21
Total Imports	57750.37	12645.14	64859.10	14683.97	-10.96	-13.88

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) Figures for April / December '2006 are provisional and subject to revision as.
 - i) Figs for October, November & December 2006Gold Bar not included from MMTC
 - ii) Figs for December 2006Gold Bar not included from Bank of India & Corporation Bank Exchange Rate

Apr-Dec 2006-07 1 US\$=Rs. 45.67 Apr-Dec 2005-06 1 US\$=Rs. 44.19