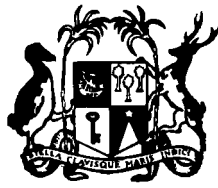


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## External Trade - 3rd Quarter 1996

### Introduction

This issue of "Economic Indicators" presents external trade statistics for the first nine months of 1996 on a quarterly basis and for the years 1994 and 1995. While figures for 1994 are final, those for 1995 and 1996 are provisional and may be revised in future issues.

#### 1. Total value of trade and trade balance

During the third quarter of 1996, total international trade for the country amounted to Rs 20,419 million, that is 22.7% higher than the previous quarter. When compared to the corresponding quarter of 1995, this figure shows an increase of 19.9%.

Total exports for the third quarter of 1996 reached Rs. 9,619 million, as compared to Rs. 10,800 million worth of imports, leaving a trade deficit of Rs. 1,181 million, which is 31% higher than the deficit registered for the corresponding quarter of 1995.

For the period January to September 1996, total exports were valued at Rs. 22,615 million while total imports amounted to Rs. 29,891 million, thus showing a trade deficit of Rs 7,276 million compared to Rs 5,240 million for the corresponding period of 1995.

Based on the trend for the first nine months, total exports for the year 1996 are expected to reach Rs 32,000 million and imports Rs 41,000 million, with a trade deficit of around Rs 9,000 million, compared to an actual figure of Rs 7,000 million for 1995.

#### 2. Terms of trade

The terms of trade index, which shows price movements of exports relative to imports, improved by 3 percentage points from 99 during the second quarter of 1996 to 102 during the third quarter. This improvement results from a 4.5% increase in export prices and only 0.7% rise in import prices.

Details of price changes for exports and imports are given in Tables 3 and 4.

#### 3. Exports

Total exports during the third quarter of 1996 amounted to Rs 9,619 million, that is 19.3% higher than the figure of Rs 8,065 million registered during the corresponding quarter of last year.

Thus export proceeds for the period January to September 1996 show an increase of 16.1% when compared to the same period of 1995, figures rising from Rs 19,479 million to Rs 22,615 million.

The following table shows the main changes in exports during the period January to September 1995 and 1996.

(f.o.b value): Million Rupees

Exports	1995 Jan. - Sept.	1996 Jan. - Sept.	Change (%)		
			Value	Price	Volume
<b>Total</b>	<b>19,479</b>	<b>22,615</b>	<b>+ 16</b>	<b>+10</b>	<b>+5</b>
<i>of which,</i>					
Sugar	4,375	5,263	+20	+6	+13
EPZ products	13,291	15,533	+15	+8	+6

Proceeds from EPZ, which accounted for 68% of total exports during the period January to September 1996, increased by 15% when compared to the same period of last year. Exports of sugar, with a share of 23% of total, increased by 20%.

Countries of the European Union remained by far our main export markets with a share of 74% of total exports registered during the period January to September 1996. The value of exports to these countries increased from Rs 14,176 million for the period January to September 1995 to Rs 16,491 million for the corresponding period of 1996, i.e by 16%. On a countrywise basis, our main buyers for that period were the United Kingdom, France and U.S.A with shares of 33%, 20% and 14% respectively (Table 6). Exports to these countries increased by 10%, 13% and 7% respectively from January - September 1995 to the same period of 1996.

#### 4. Imports

Total imports for the third quarter of 1996 reached Rs 10,800 million and were 4% higher than those of the previous quarter and 20% higher than those of the corresponding quarter of 1995.

For the period January to September 1996, Mauritius has imported goods for a total worth of Rs 29,891 million, showing an increase of 21% over the corresponding period of 1995. This increase in value is explained by a 6% increase in price (unit value) and 14% in volume. However, it should be pointed out that unit value indices do not reflect genuine price changes since they are affected by factors like changes in country of origin and product mix.

The table below gives comparative import figures for the first nine months of 1995 and 1996.

**(c.i.f.) value: Million Rupees**

<b>Imports (Product group)</b>	<b>1995 Jan.- Sep.</b>	<b>1996 Jan. - Sep.</b>	<b>Value</b>	<b>Change (%) Price</b>	<b>Volume</b>
1. Food, beverages and tobacco	3501	4385	+ 25	+ 20	+ 4
2. Mineral fuels, lubricants & related materials	1700	2335	+ 37	+ 27	+ 8
3. Chemicals & related products	1976	2272	+ 15	+ 2	+ 13
4. Manufactured goods	11287	12239	+ 8	+ 8	-
5. Machinery & transport equipment	4876	6705	+ 38	- 6	+ 47
6. Other goods	1379	1955	+ 42	+ 2	+ 39
<b>Total imports</b>	<b>24719</b>	<b>29891</b>	<b>+ 21</b>	<b>+ 6</b>	<b>+ 14</b>

There have been increases in volume in almost all product groups, the major one being registered for imports of machinery and transport equipment (+47%).

Table 9 shows that countries of the European Union, with a share of 33%, were the main source of imports during the period January to September 1996. On a countrywise basis, our main suppliers were the Republic of South Africa, France, India and United Kingdom with respective shares of 12%, 11%, 8% and 6%.

### 5. The EPZ sector

During the third quarter of 1996, exports from EPZ enterprises reached Rs. 5,678 million, bringing the total for the first nine months of the year to Rs. 15,333 million against Rs. 13,291 million for the same period in 1995. This 15.4% nominal increase reflects an 8% increase in price and 7% increase in volume.

On the other hand, EPZ imports for the same period rose from Rs. 8,045 million in 1995 to Rs 9,155 million in 1996 (i.e + 14%). Purchase of raw materials went up by 13.3% (+ Rs. 974 million) and machinery by 18.6% (+ Rs. 136 million).

On the basis of available figures for the first nine months of 1996 and taking into consideration past trends, total EPZ exports for the year 1996 may well reach Rs. 21,000 million.

## Notes

### (1) Coverage

Trade figures are compiled according to the **General Trade System** as recommended by the United Nations. Using the national boundary as the statistical frontier, the General Trade System is a record of all goods entering (imports) and leaving the country (exports).

- Imports include goods brought in directly for domestic consumption plus goods imported into customs bonded warehouses
- Exports cover domestic exports and re-exports which include re-exports from customs bonded warehouses. Domestic exports are defined as goods of national origin. Re-exports are goods which are exported in the same condition as imported or after undergoing minor operations which leave them essentially unchanged.
- Ships stores and bunkers are included in total exports and are shown separately.
- Trade by parcel post is also included in imports and exports.

### (2) Valuation

Imports are valued on a C.I.F. (Cost, Insurance and Freight) basis whilst exports on a F.O.B. (Free On Board) basis.

C.I.F. value is the value in the market at the Customs frontier of a country of her imports of merchandise, other goods, etc. including all charges for transporting and insuring the goods from the country of exports to the given country but excluding the cost of unloading from the ship, aircraft etc. unless it is borne by the carrier.

F.O.B. value is the value in the market at the Customs frontier of a country of her exports of merchandise and other goods, including all costs of transporting the goods to the Customs frontier, export duties and the cost of loading the goods on to the carrier unless the latter cost is borne by the carrier.

### (3) Classification

#### Commodity Code

Commodities are coded according to the Harmonised Commodity Description and Coding System Nomenclature (HS). However, for the purposes of economic analysis and to facilitate international comparison of trade by commodity data, the commodities are also classified according to the Standard International Trade Classification (Revision 3) or SITC Rev. 3. The HS and the SITC Rev. 3 are six and five digit codes respectively but have been extended to eight and seven digits to accommodate national requirements.

#### **(4) Terms of Trade**

Terms of trade index: The terms of trade index measures the price movements of exports relative to imports. It is the ratio of export price index to import price index. A rise in this ratio indicates that the real purchasing power of exports has increased whilst a decrease indicates a drop in the purchasing power.

#### **(5) Symbols used**

- Nil or negligible
- .- Not applicable
- ... Not available

**Table 1 - Summary of External Trade, 1994 - 1996**

Value : Million Rupees

	1994	1995 <sup>1</sup>	1995					1996 <sup>1</sup>			
			1st Qr	2nd Qr	3rd Qr	Jan-Sept	4th Qr	1st Qr	2nd Qr	3rd Qr	Jan-Sept
			Exports of goods	24,097	26,756	5,441	5,693	7,920	19,054	7,702	6,569
<i>Domestic exports</i>	23,196	25,786	5,275	5,513	7,741	18,529	7,257	6,332	6,012	9,268	21,612
<i>Re-exports<sup>2</sup></i>	901	970	166	180	179	525	445	237	115	201	553
Ship's Stores and Bunkers	600	570	135	145	145	425	145	150	150	150	450
<b>A. Total Exports (f.o.b.)</b>	<b>24,697</b>	<b>27,326</b>	<b>5,576</b>	<b>5,838</b>	<b>8,065</b>	<b>19,479</b>	<b>7,847</b>	<b>6,719</b>	<b>6,277</b>	<b>9,619</b>	<b>22,615</b>
<b>B. Total Imports<sup>2</sup> (c.i.f.)</b>	<b>34,548</b>	<b>34,363</b>	<b>7,506</b>	<b>8,244</b>	<b>8,969</b>	<b>24,719</b>	<b>9,644</b>	<b>8,728</b>	<b>10,363</b>	<b>10,800</b>	<b>29,891</b>
<b>Total Value of Trade (A + B)</b>	<b>59,245</b>	<b>61,689</b>	<b>13,082</b>	<b>14,082</b>	<b>17,034</b>	<b>44,198</b>	<b>17,491</b>	<b>15,447</b>	<b>16,640</b>	<b>20,419</b>	<b>52,506</b>
<b>Balance of Visible Trade (A-B)</b>	<b>-9,851</b>	<b>-7,037</b>	<b>-1,930</b>	<b>-2,406</b>	<b>-904</b>	<b>-5,240</b>	<b>-1,797</b>	<b>-2,009</b>	<b>-4,086</b>	<b>-1,181</b>	<b>-7,276</b>

<sup>1</sup> Provisional

<sup>2</sup> Includes :- Irregular transactions involving ships and aircraft

**Table 2 - Price (unit value) indices of domestic exports and imports and terms of Trade, 1992 - 1996**

Period	Price indices		Terms of trade*	
	Export	Import		
<b>Base year : 1988 = 100</b>				
1992	142	135	105	
<b>Base year : 1992 = 100</b>				
1993	109	111	98	
1994	114	119	96	
1995 <sup>1</sup>	121	126	96	
1995	1st Qr	114	125	91
	2nd Qr	120	126	95
	3rd Qr	125	128	98
	4th Qr	123	126	98
1996 <sup>1</sup>	1st Qr	124	132	94
	2nd Qr	133	135	99
	3rd Qr	139	136	102

<sup>1</sup> Provisional

\* Ratio of export price index to import price index. A rise in this ratio indicates that the terms of trade have moved in favour of Mauritius



**Table 3 - Price indices (unit value) of domestic exports, 1994 - 1996**

Commodity/sector	Weight	Base year : 1992 = 100							
		Price Indices							
		1994	1995 <sup>1</sup>			1996 <sup>1</sup>			
		Year	Year	1st Qr	2nd Qr	3rd Qr	1st Qr	2nd Qr	3rd Qr
Domestic Exports	1,000	114	121	114	121	125	124	133 <sup>2</sup>	139
Sugar	306	113	120	114	124	124	128	130 <sup>2</sup>	125
Molasses	5	133	167	132	229	162	136	136	179
Tea	5	111	96	109	87	76	96	110	110
EPZ products	661	115	121	114	121	127	123	129	139

<sup>1</sup> Provisional

<sup>2</sup> Revised

**Table 4 - Price indices (unit value) of imports, 1994 - 1996**

SITC Section	Weight	Base year : 1992 = 100							
		Price Indices							
		1994	1995 <sup>1</sup>			1996 <sup>1</sup>			
		Year	Year	1st Qr	2nd Qr	3rd Qr	1st Qr	2nd Qr	3rd Qr
Total imports (excluding aircraft) :	1,000	119	126	125	126	128	132	135	136
0 Food and live animals	120	115	127	121	119	128	143	145	155
1 Beverages and tobacco	5	100	103	110	106	108	108	112	121
2 Crude materials, inedible except fuels	31	151	173	175	175	181	181	192	174
3 Mineral fuels, lubricants & related materials	80	101	101	98	103	96	123	124	131
4 Animals and vegetables oils & fats	11	133	145	154	157	149	152	152	154
5 Chemicals & related products	78	114	123	126	119	121	120	128	127
6 Manufactured goods classified chiefly by materials	362	119	130	127	126	131	136	141	139
7 Machinery & transport equipment (excluding aircraft)	222	126	126	126	137	130	122	122	125
8 Miscellaneous manufactured articles	91	112	119	119	118	125	127	126	127

<sup>1</sup> Provisional

Table 5 - Domestic exports by main product/sector, 1994 - 1996

Description	1994	1995 <sup>1</sup>	1995				1996 <sup>1</sup>				
			1st Qr	2nd Qr	3rd Qr	Jan-Sept	4th Qr	1st Qr	2nd Qr	3rd Qr	Jan-Sept
<b>Total domestic exports</b> Value	<u>23,196</u>	<u>25,786</u>	<u>5,275</u>	<u>5,513</u>	<u>7,741</u>	<u>18,529</u>	<u>7,257</u>	<u>6,332</u>	<u>6,012</u>	<u>9,268</u>	<u>21,612</u>
<b>EPZ Products</b> Value (f.o.b) : Million Rupees	16,533	18,267	3,498	4,843	4,950	13,291	4,976	4,210	5,445	5,678	15,333
<b>Non-EPZ products</b>											
<b>Live animals</b>											
Quantity : Thousand unit	134	145	23	29	34	86	59	25	32	33	90
Value (f.o.b) : Million Rupees	26	65	7	20	16	43	22	25	38	34	97
<b>Wheaten flour</b>											
Quantity : tonne	16,017	7,368	2,332	2,223	1,806	6,361	1,007	4,569	4,470	8,010	17,049
Value (f.o.b) : Million Rupees	65	39	10	11	9	30	9	31	27	47	105
<b>Cane sugar</b>											
Quantity : Thousand tonne	518	524	131	28	205	364	160	141	16	262	419
Value (f.o.b) : Million Rupees	5,742	6,326	1,507	338	2,530	4,375	1,951	1,809	248	3,206	5,263
<b>Cane molasses</b>											
Quantity : Thousand tonne	124	117	15	-	35	50	67	4	-	44	48
Value (f.o.b) : Million Rupees	115	136	14	-	39	53	83	4	-	85	89
<b>Tea, whether or not flavoured</b>											
Quantity : tonne	4,028	2,872	1,180	927	337	2,444	428	699	434	30	1,163
Value (f.o.b) : Million Rupees	83	50	22	15	5	42	8	12	8	2	22
<b>Cut flowers &amp; foliage</b>											
Quantity : tonne	528	538	164	114	107	385	153	139	116	102	357
Value (f.o.b) : Million Rupees	105	126	38	26	24	88	38	37	27	24	88
<b>Chemicals &amp; related products, n.e.s</b>											
Quantity : tonne	19,294	21,544	8,033	6,780	993	15,806	5,738	8,232	3,822	10,000	22,054
Value (f.o.b) : Million Rupees	106	121	52	39	8	99	22	50	24	53	127
<b>Articles of apparel &amp; clothing</b>											
Quantity : tonne	1,574	4,623	642	1,283	1,245	3,170	1,453	1,096	1,585	1,129	3,810
Value (f.o.b) : Million Rupees	94	270	36	73	70	179	91	58	90	63	211
<b>Other commodities &amp; transactions</b>											
Value (f.o.b) : Million Rupees	327	386	91	148	90	329	57	96	105	76	277

<sup>1</sup> Provisional

**Table 6 - Exports<sup>1</sup> of goods by main countries of destination, 1994 - 1996**

Country of destination	Value (f.o.b) : Million Rupees											
	1994				1995				1996 <sup>2</sup>			
	1994	1995 <sup>2</sup>	1st Qr	2nd Qr	3rd Qr	Jan-Sept	4th Qr	1st Qr	2nd Qr	3rd Qr	Jan-Sept	
<b>Exports of goods</b>	<b>24,097</b>	<b>26,756</b>	<b>5,441</b>	<b>5,693</b>	<b>7,920</b>	<b>19,054</b>	<b>7,702</b>	<b>6,569</b>	<b>6,127</b>	<b>9,469</b>	<b>22,165</b>	
<b>1. Preferential Tariff Countries</b>	<b>23,105</b>	<b>26,027</b>	<b>5,304</b>	<b>5,540</b>	<b>7,710</b>	<b>18,554</b>	<b>7,473</b>	<b>6,318</b>	<b>5,923</b>	<b>9,208</b>	<b>21,449</b>	
<b>(a) European Union Countries</b>	<b>(17,183)</b>	<b>(19,768)</b>	<b>(4,050)</b>	<b>(3,970)</b>	<b>(6,156)</b>	<b>(14,176)</b>	<b>(5,592)</b>	<b>(4,925)</b>	<b>(4,349)</b>	<b>(7,217)</b>	<b>(16,491)</b>	
Belgium	511	511	117	133	131	381	130	122	212	204	538	
France	4,844	5,662	990	1,552	1,414	3,956	1,706	1,317	1,728	1,442	4,487	
Germany	1,423	1,561	275	465	422	1,162	399	298	460	488	1,246	
Italy	1,002	1,098	272	273	228	773	325	335	280	288	903	
Netherlands	508	579	96	160	152	408	171	169	186	245	600	
Portugal	219	245	3	2	237	242	3	7	3	571	581	
Reunion	485	490	88	135	127	350	140	100	123	135	358	
United Kingdom	7,696	9,173	2,149	1,107	3,334	6,590	2,583	2,459	1,110	3,707	7,276	
Spain	444	367	47	126	77	250	117	103	227	122	452	
Other	51	82	13	17	34	64	18	15	20	15	50	
<b>(b) Other Preferential Tariff Countries</b>	<b>(5,922)</b>	<b>(6,259)</b>	<b>(1,254)</b>	<b>(1,570)</b>	<b>(1,554)</b>	<b>(4,378)</b>	<b>(1,881)</b>	<b>(1,393)</b>	<b>(1,574)</b>	<b>(1,991)</b>	<b>(4,958)</b>	
Australia	26	53	8	17	12	37	16	10	20	32	62	
Canada	164	249	44	83	52	179	70	53	57	46	156	
Comoro Islands	44	41	15	10	-	25	16	6	5	5	16	
Hong Kong	223	235	41	50	62	153	82	54	66	52	172	
India	63	124	40	51	18	109	15	13	17	21	51	
Kenya	37	31	12	6	3	21	10	6	9	30	45	
Malagasy, Republic of	565	693	149	172	189	510	183	214	203	255	672	
Malaysia	14	14	4	3	5	12	2	8	9	5	22	
Pakistan	28	8	2	3	-	5	3	1	1	1	3	
Seychelles	53	46	18	8	9	35	11	8	13	13	34	
Singapore	62	59	20	14	11	45	14	11	10	10	31	
South Africa, Republic of	90	117	28	32	21	81	36	52	62	60	174	
Sweden	33	67	9	16	16	41	26	16	25	40	81	
Uganda	12	28	15	5	2	22	6	1	3	1	5	
U.S.A.	4,360	3,965	788	1,038	1,074	2,900	1,065	825	988	1,292	3,105	
Zimbabwe	83	115	20	29	37	86	29	30	32	45	107	
Other	65	414	41	33	43	117	297	85	54	83	222	
<b>2. General Tariff Countries</b>	<b>992</b>	<b>729</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>153</b>	<b>210</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>229</b>	<b>251</b>	<b>204</b>	<b>261</b>	<b>716</b>	
Japan	98	170	45	37	39	121	49	45	45	46	136	
Switzerland	302	361	70	90	95	255	106	84	107	94	285	
Taiwan	27	23	11	4	5	20	3	14	9	10	33	
Other	565	175	11	22	71	104	71	108	43	111	262	

<sup>1</sup> Excludes Ship's Stores & Bunkers  
<sup>2</sup> Provisional

**Table 7 - Total imports by section/main commodities, 1994 - 1996**

Value (c.i.f.) : Million Rupees

SITC Sect.	Description	1994	1995 <sup>1</sup>	1995				1996 <sup>1</sup>				
				1st Qr	2nd Qr	3rd Qr	Jan-Sept	4th Qr	1st Qr	2nd Qr	3rd Qr	Jan-Sept
0	<b>Total imports</b>	<b>34,548</b>	<b>34,363</b>	<b>7,506</b>	<b>8,244</b>	<b>8,969</b>	<b>24,719</b>	<b>9,644</b>	<b>8,728</b>	<b>10,363</b>	<b>10,800</b>	<b>29,891</b>
	Food and live animals	4,241	4,673	1,001	1,158	1,200	3,359	1,314	1,476	1,247	1,523	4,246
	Meat and meat preparations	559	540	118	132	161	411	129	137	105	156	398
	Dairy products and bird's eggs	766	849	218	172	219	609	240	265	175	243	683
	Fish and fish preparations	488	635	154	125	174	453	182	168	176	170	514
	Wheat	359	379	78	83	77	238	141	115	88	182	385
	Rice	398	329	4	168	65	237	92	255	102	168	525
	Wheaten flour	11	3	-	-	-	-	3	17	20	21	58
	Cereal preparations	173	165	40	35	40	115	50	41	47	46	134
	Vegetables and fruits	523	532	118	149	130	397	135	156	224	172	552
	1	<b>Beverages and tobacco</b>	<b>201</b>	<b>221</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>142</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>52</b>
Beverages		176	196	41	41	41	123	73	35	38	46	119
Tobacco & tobacco manufactures		23	25	7	6	6	19	6	7	7	6	20
2	<b>Crude materials, inedible, except fuels</b>	<b>1,004</b>	<b>1,209</b>	<b>271</b>	<b>277</b>	<b>343</b>	<b>891</b>	<b>318</b>	<b>366</b>	<b>399</b>	<b>520</b>	<b>1,285</b>
	Cork and wood	311	310	69	79	82	230	80	63	118	79	260
	Textile fibres	527	699	165	157	201	523	176	224	183	337	744
3	<b>Mineral fuels, lubricants, &amp; related materials</b>	<b>2,133</b>	<b>2,401</b>	<b>533</b>	<b>540</b>	<b>627</b>	<b>1,700</b>	<b>701</b>	<b>713</b>	<b>704</b>	<b>918</b>	<b>2,335</b>
	Refined petroleum products	1,779	2,019	423	441	558	1,422	597	642	576	809	2,027
	Gas, natural and manufactured	195	229	65	73	49	187	42	54	64	86	204
4	<b>Animal &amp; vegetable oils and fats</b>	<b>415</b>	<b>441</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>144</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>304</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>142</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>344</b>
	Fixed vegetables oils & fats	324	361	23	128	101	252	109	51	115	90	256
5	<b>Chemicals &amp; related products, n.e.s</b>	<b>2,442</b>	<b>2,688</b>	<b>569</b>	<b>649</b>	<b>758</b>	<b>1,976</b>	<b>712</b>	<b>691</b>	<b>734</b>	<b>847</b>	<b>2,272</b>
	Dyeing & tanning materials	328	336	59	87	97	243	93	89	104	121	314
	Medicinal & pharm. products	488	576	128	161	161	450	126	136	163	178	477
	Fertilisers	139	146	14	39	27	80	66	49	17	50	116
	Plastics in primary forms	308	317	70	76	82	228	89	76	83	83	242
	Plastics in non-primary forms	194	197	38	47	54	139	58	47	52	60	159

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**Table 7 (cont'd) - Total imports by section/main commodities, 1994 - 1996**

Value (c.i.f.) : Million Rupees

SITC Sect.	1994	1995 <sup>1</sup>	1995				1996 <sup>1</sup>													
			1st Qr	2nd Qr	3rd Qr	Jan-Sept	4th Qr	1st Qr	2nd Qr	3rd Qr	Jan-Sept									
<b>6</b>																				
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	11,828	12,587	2,845	2,985	3,256	9,086	3,501	2,925	3,519	3,590	10,034									
Paper, paperboard & articles thereof	540	734	186	151	209	546	188	136	167	188	491									
Textile yarn	2,306	2,653	619	576	759	1,954	699	680	859	986	2,525									
Cotton fabrics	2,111	2,146	428	462	497	1,387	759	406	590	523	1,519									
Other textile fabrics	2,776	2,484	541	628	756	1,925	559	450	706	694	1,850									
Cement	653	687	164	158	181	503	184	196	157	208	561									
Pearls, precious & semi-precious stones	498	545	128	142	112	382	163	104	91	96	291									
Iron and steel	914	887	225	218	197	640	247	270	383	295	948									
Manufactures of metal, n.e.s.	720	700	137	167	189	493	207	182	178	226	586									
<b>7</b>																				
Machinery & transport equipment	8,887	6,658	1,451	1,636	1,789	4,876	1,782	1,706	2,685	2,314	6,705									
Power generating machinery & equipment	406	318	53	91	118	262	56	58	461	75	594									
Machinery specialised for particular industries	1,467	1,275	233	352	335	920	355	360	357	453	1,170									
General industrial machinery & equipment	997	933	206	263	239	708	225	272	328	279	879									
Office machines & automated data processing machines	470	454	83	124	121	328	126	103	180	169	452									
Telecommunications & sound recording & reproducing apparatus	664	732	185	153	182	520	212	216	243	338	797									
Road vehicles	1,545	1,487	397	374	339	1,110	377	354	417	484	1,255									
Aircraft, marine vessels and parts	2,229	372	48	50	145	243	129	96	319	56	471									
Electrical machinery, apparatus & appliances n.e.s and electrical parts of	1,027	1,021	234	211	289	734	287	223	367	402	992									
<b>8</b>																				
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	3,101	3,245	703	734	764	2,201	1,044	639	762	804	2,205									
Articles of apparel and clothing	404	355	68	98	85	251	104	62	75	91	228									
Footwear	113	118	19	25	29	73	45	18	23	34	75									
Watches and clocks & optical goods	510	502	99	97	108	304	198	117	112	83	312									
<b>9</b>																				
Other commodities & transactions	296	240	42	74	68	184	56	91	126	109	326									

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**Table 8 - Imports of selected commodities, quantity, 1994 - 1996**

Commodity	Unit	1994	1995 <sup>1</sup>	1995				1996 <sup>1</sup>				
				1st Qr	2nd Qr	3rd Qr	Jan-Sept	4th Qr	1st Qr	2nd Qr	3rd Qr	Jan-Sept
Meat and meat preparations	Thousand tonne	20	20	4	5	5	14	6	4	3	4	11
Dairy products and birds eggs	"	19	19	5	4	5	14	5	4	3	4	12
Fish and fish preparations	"	21	24	6	4	7	17	7	8	8	6	22
Wheat	"	135	112	25	30	25	80	32	24	19	35	78
Rice	"	78	56	-	28	12	40	16	35	15	20	70
Wheaten flour	"	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	3	3	9
Fixed vegetable edible oils and fats	"	28	29	2	10	8	20	9	4	9	7	20
Fertilisers manufactured	"	52	44	1	14	8	23	21	16	3	15	34
Cement	"	560	582	143	141	142	426	156	165	126	162	453
Iron and steel	"	105	88	20	25	19	64	24	21	26	28	75

<sup>1</sup> Provisional

**Table 9 - Imports by main countries of origin, 1994 - 1996**

Value (c.i.f.) : Million Rupees

Country of origin	1994	1995 <sup>1</sup>				1996 <sup>1</sup>				
		1st Qr	2nd Qr	3rd Qr	Jan-Sept	4th Qr	1st Qr	2nd Qr	3rd Qr	Jan-Sept
<b>Total imports</b>	<b>34,548</b>	<b>7,506</b>	<b>8,244</b>	<b>8,969</b>	<b>24,719</b>	<b>9,644</b>	<b>8,728</b>	<b>10,363</b>	<b>10,800</b>	<b>29,891</b>
<b>1 Preferential Tariff Countries</b>	<b>26,312</b>	<b>5,648</b>	<b>6,063</b>	<b>6,617</b>	<b>18,328</b>	<b>7,235</b>	<b>6,564</b>	<b>7,796</b>	<b>7,614</b>	<b>21,974</b>
<b>(a) European Union Countries</b>	<b>(12,565)</b>	<b>(2,576)</b>	<b>(2,726)</b>	<b>(2,859)</b>	<b>(8,161)</b>	<b>(2,908)</b>	<b>(2,781)</b>	<b>(3,676)</b>	<b>(3,356)</b>	<b>(9,813)</b>
Belgium	533	130	107	124	361	175	145	137	165	447
Denmark	96	22	59	86	167	54	47	666	202	915
France	6,379	1,120	1,041	1,148	3,309	1,118	1,033	1,144	1,165	3,342
Germany	1,590	359	412	410	1,181	373	413	485	525	1,423
Greece	11	2	1	2	5	70	1	4	40	45
Ireland	106	29	41	53	123	31	30	45	45	120
Italy	989	209	306	261	776	333	313	308	382	1,003
Luxembourg	8	16	4	2	22	1	2	-	1	3
Netherlands	224	59	49	57	165	58	46	57	63	166
Portugal	48	17	11	13	41	17	14	22	19	55
Reunion	20	5	6	6	17	7	5	7	7	19
Spain	253	93	60	129	282	95	143	154	100	397
United Kingdom	2,308	515	629	568	1,712	576	589	647	642	1,878
<b>(b) Other Preferential Tariff Countries</b>	<b>(13,747)</b>	<b>(3,072)</b>	<b>(3,337)</b>	<b>(3,758)</b>	<b>(10,167)</b>	<b>(4,327)</b>	<b>(3,783)</b>	<b>(4,120)</b>	<b>(4,258)</b>	<b>(12,161)</b>
Australia	1,024	278	288	268	834	276	453	324	490	1,267
Canada	42	10	10	19	39	21	21	11	10	42
Hong Kong	1,772	385	438	428	1,251	390	313	368	386	1,067
India	2,294	617	630	804	2,051	849	627	823	978	2,428
Kenya	366	127	108	64	299	72	111	40	75	226
Malagasy, Republic of	208	55	86	114	255	99	77	156	111	344
Malaysia	807	218	206	189	613	508	191	297	228	716
New Zealand	345	110	105	124	339	91	117	80	135	332
Pakistan	497	41	114	63	218	147	210	134	141	485
Singapore	991	217	227	223	667	243	160	254	222	636
South Africa, Republic of	4,106	711	802	1,088	2,601	1,224	1,151	1,252	1,122	3,525
Sweden	48	14	14	19	47	21	11	18	21	50
U. S. A.	788	175	239	225	639	252	229	256	247	732
Zimbabwe	148	25	34	54	113	44	23	16	12	51
Other	311	89	36	76	201	90	89	91	80	260

<sup>1</sup> Provisional

Table 9(cont'd) - Imports by main country of origin, 1994 - 1996

Value (c.i.f.) : Million Rupees

	1994	1995 <sup>1</sup>				1996 <sup>1</sup>				
		1st Qr	2nd Qr	3rd Qr	Jan-Sept	4th Qr	1st Qr	2nd Qr	3rd Qr	Jan-Sept
<b>General Total Countries</b>	<b>8,236</b>	<b>8,800</b>	<b>2,181</b>	<b>2,352</b>	<b>6,391</b>	<b>2,409</b>	<b>2,164</b>	<b>2,567</b>	<b>3,186</b>	<b>7,917</b>
Argentina	318	286	57	50	115	171	43	64	67	174
Austria	51	69	13	20	45	24	7	23	16	46
Bahrain	64	76	-	-	76	-	-	-	219	219
Brazil	58	357	13	272	304	53	17	67	102	186
Burkina Faso	129	74	33	7	65	9	40	56	106	202
China	1,240	1,005	219	280	680	325	408	428	516	1,352
Finland	49	84	19	22	67	17	13	14	22	49
Indonesia	295	293	49	86	194	99	73	97	125	295
Israel	109	76	16	19	41	35	22	19	33	74
Japan	1,750	1,642	398	404	1,189	453	425	444	473	1,342
Jordan	82	37	18	-	18	19	-	-	36	36
Korea, Republic of	475	437	90	116	306	131	106	98	152	356
Kuwait	292	776	159	213	509	267	294	192	407	893
Macau	59	88	26	11	82	6	20	40	23	83
Mali	15	39	1	-	1	38	37	-	27	64
Morocco	33	38	10	12	29	9	6	4	16	26
Philippines	54	76	41	3	75	1	17	4	27	48
Saudi Arabia	458	376	109	84	375	1	33	-	1	34
Switzerland	697	811	171	185	497	314	161	237	232	630
Taiwan	1,209	1,083	245	299	791	292	234	280	309	823
Thailand	307	275	70	56	174	101	64	48	67	179
Turkey	182	117	2	5	75	42	12	59	67	138
United Arab Emirates	25	62	2	38	60	2	4	7	8	19
Other	285	623	344	170	623	0	128	386	135	649

<sup>1</sup> Provisional



**Table 10 - Net EPZ exports, 1994 - 1996**

Value : Million Rupees

	1994	1995 <sup>1</sup>	1995					1996 <sup>1</sup>			
			1st Qr	2nd Qr	3rd Qr	Jan-Sept	4th Qr	1st Qr	2nd Qr	3rd Qr	Jan-Sept
A. Total EPZ exports ( f.o.b )	16,533	18,267	3,498	4,843	4,950	13,291	4,976	4,210	5,445	5,678	15,333
B. Total EPZ imports ( c.i.f )	10,125	10,856	2,482	2,676	2,887	8,045	2,811	2,671	3,183	3,301	9,155
Raw materials	9,016	9,869	2,292	2,391	2,632	7,315	2,554	2,393	2,890	3,006	8,289
Machinery	1,109	987	190	285	255	730	257	278	293	295	866
Net Exports (A-B)	6,408	7,411	1,016	2,167	2,063	5,246	2,165	1,539	2,262	2,377	6,178
Net Exports as % of Total Exports	39	41	29	45	42	39	44	37	42	42	40

<sup>1</sup> Provisional

Table 11 - EPZ exports by main countries of destination, 1994 - 1996

Value (f.o.b.) : Million Rupees

Country of destination	1994		1995 <sup>1</sup>					1996 <sup>1</sup>				
			1st Qr	2nd Qr	3rd Qr	Jan-Sept	4th Qr	1st Qr	2nd Qr	3rd Qr	Jan-Sept	
<b>Total EPZ Exports</b>	<b>16,533</b>	<b>18,267</b>	<b>3,498</b>	<b>4,843</b>	<b>4,950</b>	<b>13,291</b>	<b>4,976</b>	<b>4,210</b>	<b>5,445</b>	<b>5,678</b>	<b>15,333</b>	
<b>European Union Countries</b>	<b>(11,028)</b>	<b>(12,663)</b>	<b>(2,390)</b>	<b>(3,394)</b>	<b>(3,447)</b>	<b>(9,231)</b>	<b>(3,432)</b>	<b>(2,921)</b>	<b>(3,930)</b>	<b>(3,974)</b>	<b>(10,825)</b>	
Belgium	452	435	99	117	114	330	105	98	193	186	477	
France	4,652	5,208	930	1,451	1,323	3,704	1,504	1,231	1,620	1,360	4,211	
Germany	1,342	1,445	253	430	396	1,079	366	272	440	467	1,179	
Italy	908	1,015	252	252	209	713	302	303	249	265	817	
Netherlands	435	491	82	149	137	368	123	143	168	233	544	
Reunion	267	246	42	65	72	179	67	33	59	61	153	
Spain	377	308	36	113	62	211	97	83	201	106	390	
United Kingdom	2,541	3,412	680	800	1,081	2,561	851	737	979	1,265	2,981	
Other	54	103	16	17	53	86	17	21	21	31	73	
<b>Other Preferential Tariff Countries</b>	<b>(5,063)</b>	<b>(5,067)</b>	<b>(1,005)</b>	<b>(1,326)</b>	<b>(1,344)</b>	<b>(3,675)</b>	<b>(1,392)</b>	<b>(1,144)</b>	<b>(1,356)</b>	<b>(1,502)</b>	<b>(4,002)</b>	
Australia	21	41	5	15	9	29	12	5	14	25	44	
Canada	162	246	43	83	51	177	69	53	57	46	156	
Hong kong	165	152	27	29	34	90	62	44	50	42	136	
Malagasy, Republic of	304	410	93	94	108	295	115	127	140	127	394	
Singapore	31	31	5	11	8	24	7	8	6	6	20	
South Africa	30	59	12	24	5	41	18	33	48	49	130	
Sweden	32	66	9	15	16	40	26	15	24	39	78	
U.S.A.	4,198	3,860	774	1,012	1,050	2,836	1,024	799	959	1,088	2,846	
Zimbabwe	77	106	17	27	36	80	26	28	29	36	93	
Other	43	96	20	16	27	63	33	32	29	44	105	
<b>General Tariff Countries</b>	<b>(442)</b>	<b>(537)</b>	<b>(103)</b>	<b>(123)</b>	<b>(159)</b>	<b>(385)</b>	<b>(152)</b>	<b>(145)</b>	<b>(159)</b>	<b>(202)</b>	<b>(506)</b>	
Japan	51	98	26	20	24	70	28	30	32	30	92	
Switzerland	261	322	62	80	89	231	91	73	93	87	253	
Other	130	117	15	23	46	84	33	42	34	85	161	

<sup>1</sup> Provisional

Table 12 - EPZ exports by main section/selected commodities, 1994 - 1996

Value (f.o.b.) : Million Rupees

SITC Sect.	Description	1994	1995 <sup>1</sup>	1995				1996 <sup>1</sup>				
				1st Qr	2nd Qr	3rd Qr	Jan-Sept	4th Qr	1st Qr	2nd Qr	3rd Qr	Jan-Sept
0	Total EPZ exports	16,533	18,267	3,498	4,843	4,950	13,291	4,976	4,210	5,445	5,678	15,333
	Food and live animals	826	993	218	255	295	768	225	228	244	263	735
	Fish & fish preparations	514	640	128	170	191	489	151	164	202	190	556
2	Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	19	23	5	9	4	18	5	4	6	4	14
5	Chemicals & related products, n.e.s	54	53	9	15	17	41	12	8	3	3	14
6	Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	1,281	1,657	351	406	423	1,180	477	465	558	565	1,588
	Textile yarn, fabrics, made up articles	702	1,035	218	243	264	725	310	338	380	372	1,090
	Pearls, precious & semi-precious stones	452	464	119	126	116	361	103	89	134	148	371
7	Machinery and transport equipment	48	79	13	10	27	50	29	11	6	54	71
8	Miscellaneous manufactured articles	14,303	15,460	2,902	4,148	4,182	11,232	4,228	3,494	4,627	4,789	12,910
	Articles of apparel and clothing	12,876	13,780	2,529	3,695	3,755	9,979	3,801	3,131	4,192	4,400	11,723
	Optical goods	188	235	56	56	60	172	63	54	59	42	155
	Watches and clocks	512	452	108	135	99	342	110	101	105	86	292
	Toys, games and sporting goods	162	207	37	54	63	154	53	40	54	54	148
	Jewellery, goldsmiths & silversmiths wares	173	229	46	60	58	164	65	56	77	80	213

<sup>1</sup> Provisional

Table 13 - EPZ imports by main section/selected commodities, 1994 - 1996

Value (c.i.f.) : Million Rupees

SITC Sect.	Description	1994	1995 <sup>1</sup>	1995					1996 <sup>1</sup>			
				1st Qr	2nd Qr	3rd Qr	Jan-Sept	4th Qr	1st Qr	2nd Qr	3rd Qr	Jan-Sept
	<b>Total EPZ imports</b>	<b>10,125</b>	<b>10,856</b>	<b>2,482</b>	<b>2,676</b>	<b>2,887</b>	<b>8,045</b>	<b>2,811</b>	<b>2,671</b>	<b>3,183</b>	<b>3,301</b>	<b>9,155</b>
0	Food and live animals	268	368	82	38	106	226	142	93	102	88	283
2	Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	548	750	173	160	223	556	194	263	234	397	894
	Cotton	175	347	50	70	113	233	114	153	66	233	452
	Synthetic fibres suitable for spinning	15	22	4	6	8	18	4	4	3	5	12
	Wool and other animal hair	307	307	109	77	73	259	48	64	104	91	259
3	Mineral fuels, lubricants & related products	3	25	6	4	1	11	14	1	12	1	14
5	Chemicals & related products, n.e.s	325	426	82	95	136	313	113	95	122	135	352
6	Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	6,682	7,071	1,651	1,774	1,885	5,310	1,761	1,640	2,067	2,045	5,752
	Leather	115	160	38	44	45	127	33	39	32	34	105
	Textile yarn and fabrics	5,754	5,984	1,399	1,499	1,608	4,506	1,478	1,365	1,829	1,777	4,971
	Pearls, precious & semi-precious stones	456	470	124	128	102	354	116	96	82	86	264
7	Machinery & transport equipment	1,109	987	190	285	255	730	257	278	293	295	866
8	Miscellaneous manufactured articles	1,048	1,079	268	268	246	782	297	250	273	264	787
	Optical goods, watches etc.	400	398	102	102	81	285	113	93	86	62	241
9	Other commodities & transactions, n.e.s	142	150	30	52	35	117	33	50	80	76	206

<sup>1</sup> Provisional

Table 14 - EPZ imports by main countries of origin, 1994 - 1996

Value (c.i.f.) : Million Rupees

Country of origin	1994					1995					1996 <sup>1</sup>				
	1st Qr	2nd Qr	3rd Qr	Jan-Sept	4th Qr	1st Qr	2nd Qr	3rd Qr	Jan-Sept	4th Qr	1st Qr	2nd Qr	3rd Qr	Jan-Sept	
<b>Total EPZ Imports</b>	<b>10,125</b>	<b>10,856</b>	<b>10,856</b>	<b>32,837</b>	<b>2,811</b>	<b>2,482</b>	<b>2,676</b>	<b>2,887</b>	<b>8,045</b>	<b>2,811</b>	<b>2,671</b>	<b>3,183</b>	<b>3,301</b>	<b>9,155</b>	
<b>European Union Countries</b>	<b>(3,351)</b>	<b>(3,725)</b>	<b>(3,725)</b>	<b>(11,801)</b>	<b>(941)</b>	<b>(867)</b>	<b>(1,008)</b>	<b>(909)</b>	<b>(2,784)</b>	<b>(941)</b>	<b>(924)</b>	<b>(1,073)</b>	<b>(980)</b>	<b>(2,977)</b>	
Belgium	213	245	245	703	74	53	58	60	171	74	66	73	85	224	
France	1,596	1,718	1,718	5,232	390	418	465	445	1,328	390	391	436	338	1,165	
Germany	675	695	695	2,065	166	151	206	172	529	166	209	179	232	620	
Italy	408	540	540	1,488	169	108	156	107	371	169	133	165	178	476	
Netherlands	33	29	29	81	7	6	5	11	22	7	7	8	11	26	
Spain	61	119	119	309	42	42	11	24	77	42	31	69	39	139	
United Kingdom	340	340	340	1,020	82	82	95	81	258	82	76	121	87	284	
Other	25	39	39	102	11	7	12	9	28	11	11	22	10	43	
<b>Other Preferential Tariff Countries</b>	<b>(4,285)</b>	<b>(4,562)</b>	<b>(4,562)</b>	<b>(13,389)</b>	<b>(1,196)</b>	<b>(1,048)</b>	<b>(1,057)</b>	<b>(1,261)</b>	<b>(3,366)</b>	<b>(1,196)</b>	<b>(1,057)</b>	<b>(1,237)</b>	<b>(1,402)</b>	<b>(3,696)</b>	
Australia	149	237	237	711	41	72	53	71	196	41	68	60	71	199	
Hong kong	1,554	1,438	1,438	4,430	323	343	392	380	1,115	323	269	321	323	913	
India	1,001	1,429	1,429	3,859	420	315	289	405	1,009	420	331	432	582	1,345	
Malagasy, Republic of	100	91	91	282	18	23	28	22	73	18	20	24	26	70	
Malaysia	31	104	104	339	38	4	26	36	66	38	58	51	27	136	
New Zealand	120	149	149	418	16	49	42	42	133	16	24	34	42	100	
Pakistan	296	169	169	634	87	20	17	45	82	87	97	60	70	227	
Singapore	433	413	413	1,259	96	116	97	104	317	96	53	96	82	231	
South Africa, Republic of	241	275	275	791	72	55	67	81	203	72	56	108	85	249	
U.S.A.	253	144	144	541	33	36	33	42	111	33	47	43	50	140	
Other	107	113	113	333	52	15	13	33	61	52	34	8	44	86	
<b>General Tariff Countries</b>	<b>(2,489)</b>	<b>(2,569)</b>	<b>(2,569)</b>	<b>(7,717)</b>	<b>(674)</b>	<b>(567)</b>	<b>(611)</b>	<b>(717)</b>	<b>(1,895)</b>	<b>(674)</b>	<b>(690)</b>	<b>(873)</b>	<b>(919)</b>	<b>(2,482)</b>	
Burkina Faso	128	74	74	276	9	25	33	7	65	9	40	55	106	201	
China	468	464	464	1,400	150	79	102	133	314	150	154	307	242	703	
Taiwan	729	681	681	2,191	156	177	158	190	525	156	155	167	180	502	
Indonesia	112	77	77	266	21	22	13	21	56	21	28	23	24	75	
Japan	392	367	367	1,126	83	55	104	125	284	83	129	108	87	324	
Mali	15	38	38	91	38	-	-	-	-	38	37	-	26	63	
Korea, Republic of	109	103	103	315	12	36	32	23	91	12	22	10	34	66	
Switzerland	317	300	300	917	98	70	75	57	202	98	73	110	111	294	
Thailand	86	70	70	226	30	12	14	14	40	30	13	9	7	29	
Other	133	395	395	1,263	77	91	80	147	318	77	39	84	102	225	

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