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External Trade – 4th Quarter and Year 1999

Introduction

This indicator presents external trade statistics for the years 1998 and 1999. While figures for 1998 are final, those for 1999 may be revised in future issues. Detailed statistical tables on imports and exports of EPZ products, which were previously published in both this indicator and the one on the Export Processing Zone and Pioneer Status Enterprises, are henceforth presented in the latter indicator only (also

Data on international trade are compiled as per the recommendations of the United Nations General Trade System. As this system accounts for all goods entering and leaving the national frontier, trading activities of the freeport zone should also be covered. However, for the sake of comparability and continuity, data from the two sources, namely the Customs Department and the Mauritius Freeport Authority are shown separately. Data pertaining to imports and re-exports of the Freeport are given in Table 2. With this exception, all the other tables refer to usual customs data.

1. Total value of trade and trade balance

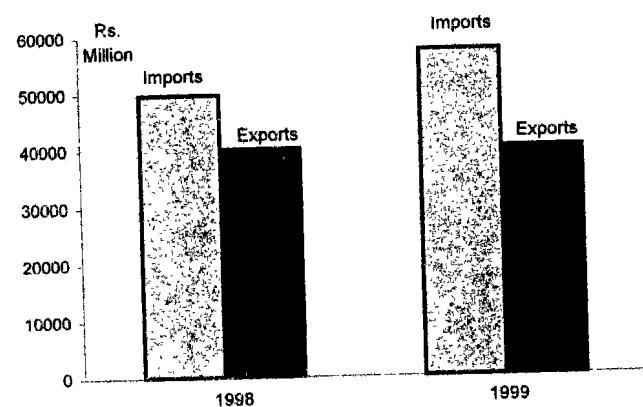
1.1 Fourth quarter 1999

Total international trade for the fourth quarter of 1999 was valued at Rs.26,898 million, a figure which is 8.7% higher than that of the previous quarter, and 6.1% higher than that of the corresponding quarter of 1998 (Table 1).

During the fourth quarter of 1999, total exports reached Rs.11,450 million compared to total imports of Rs.15,448 million, thus yielding a trade deficit of Rs.3,998 million which is 12% higher than that of the previous quarter.

1.2 Year 1999

Total exports for the year 1999 reached Rs.40,028 million while imports amounted to Rs.57,337 million, showing a trade deficit of Rs.17,309 million which is 79% higher than the figure of Rs.9,691 million registered during last year. A large part of this deficit is attributed to the unfavourable climatic conditions which caused a fall of 10% in the nominal value of proceeds from exports of sugar, and to the purchase of an aircraft for a value of Rs.2,700 million.



2. Terms of Trade (base year 1997=100)

2.1 Fourth quarter

During the fourth quarter of 1999, the terms of trade index, which shows price movements of exports relative to imports, decreased by 1 percentage point to 99, from 100 in the previous quarter (Table 3). This results from a 1% increase in import prices while export prices remained at the same level. It should be borne in mind that the above price movements are based on unit value indices which, unlike genuine price changes, are affected by changes in country of origin/destination, product mix and quality.

2.2 Year 1999

The terms of trade for the year 1999 fell by 7 percentage points to 101 from a figure of 108 for the previous year. Between 1998 and 1999, export prices fell by 1% on the average while import prices went up by 6%.

Details of price changes for exports and imports are given in Tables 4 and 5.

3. Exports

Total export proceeds for the year 1999, including domestic exports, re-exports and ship's stores and bunkers, were almost at the same level as in 1998, i.e Rs.40,028 million compared to Rs.40,051 million.

Domestic exports, which represented 95% of total exports, increased from Rs.37,762 million to Rs.37,890 million or 0.3% over these two years.

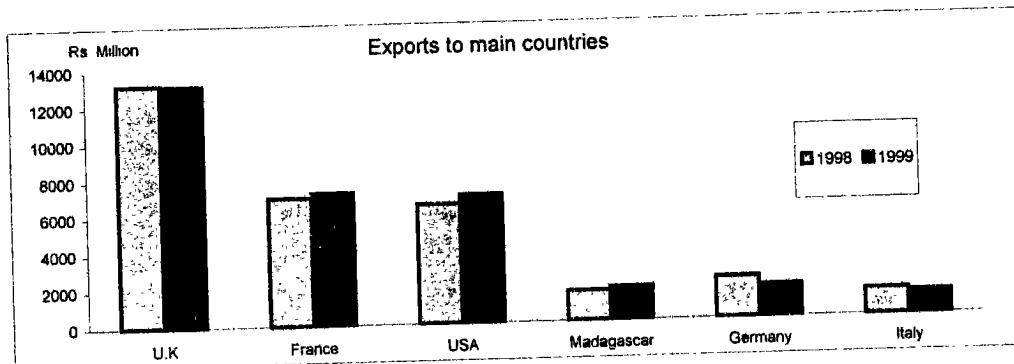
The table below shows the main changes in total exports during the last two years.

(*f.o.b value*): Million Rupees

S.I.T.C Section	1998	1999	Change (%)		
			Value	Price	Volume
Total Domestic Exports	37,762	37,890	-	- 1	+ 1
Food and live animals <i>of which Sugar</i>	10,589	9,534	- 10	+ 4	- 13
	8,907	8,009	- 10	+ 6	- 15
Crude materials, inedible, <i>except fuels</i>	334	298	- 11	+13	- 21
Chemicals & related products	203	237	+17	- 9	+29
Manufactured goods classified <i>chiefly by materials</i>	2,323	2,677	+15	- 5	+21
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	24,079	25,012	+ 4	- 3	+ 7

Exports of sugar, with a share of 21% of domestic exports, went down by 10% in value, as a result of a 6% increase in price and a 15% decrease in volume. Exports of "manufactured goods classified chiefly by materials" increased by 15% in nominal terms, being the combined effect of a 21% increase in volume and a 5% decrease in prices. Proceeds from exports of "miscellaneous manufactured articles", which include mostly products of the EPZ sector and representing 66% of domestic exports, increased by 4% in value as a consequence of an increase of 7% in volume and a fall of 3% in prices.

In 1999, 71% of our proceeds from exports originated from countries of the European Union. The value of exports to these countries fell from Rs.28,333 million in 1998 to Rs.27,851 million in 1999 (- 2%). The United Kingdom remained our main partner with 33% (Rs.13,156 million) of our total exports. The other major markets were France (Rs.7,234 million), U.S.A (Rs.7,006 million), Malagasy Republic (Rs.1,815 million), Germany (Rs.1,731 million) and Italy (Rs.1,249 million).



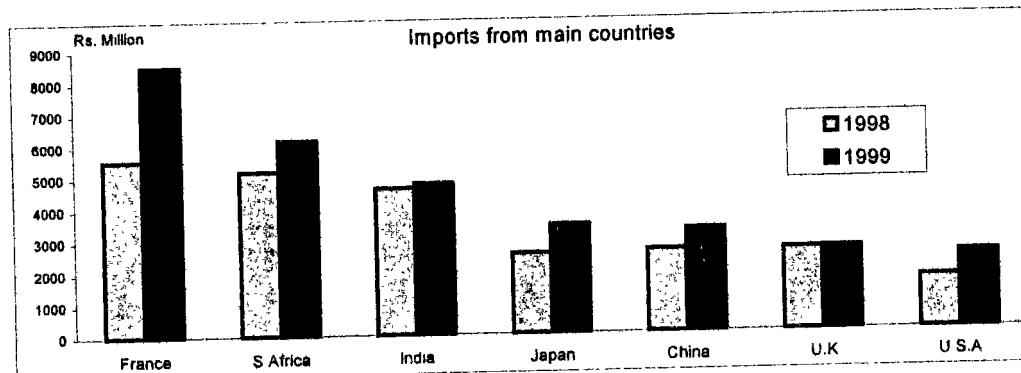
4. Imports

Total imports for the year 1999 reached Rs.57,337 million, showing an increase of 15% over the previous year. If imports of aircraft and spare parts are excluded, the increase would be around 11%, as a consequence of a 6% increase in price and 5% increase in volume.

The table below shows comparative import figures for the years 1998 and 1999; additional commodity details are shown in Tables 8 and 9.

Imports (product group)	(c.i.f value : Million Rupees)		Change (%)		
	1998	1999	Value	Price	Volume
Total imports (excl. aircraft)	49,040	54,243	+ 11	+ 6	+ 5
Food and live animals, beverages and tobacco	7,138	7,271	+ 2	- 2	+ 4
Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	3,145	4,046	+29	+27	+ 2
Chemicals and related products	3,890	3,883	-	+ 7	- 7
Manufactured goods	21,484	21,899	+ 2	+ 4	- 2
Machinery & transport equipment	10,667	14,756	+38	+ 9	+27
Other goods	2,716	2,388	- 12	- 4	- 8

The highest increase in nominal terms was registered for the group "Machinery and transport equipment", whose import value, excluding aircraft, rose by 38%, as a result of a 9% increase in prices and 27% increase in volume. Imports of "mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials" went up by 29%, consequent to increases of 27% in prices and 2% in volume.



Imports by country of origin (Table 10) show that our main source of imports during the year 1999 remained the European Union with a share of 33% of our imports. Country-wise, our main suppliers were: France (15%), the Republic of South Africa (11%), India (8%), Japan (6%), China (6%), United Kingdom (5%) and U.S.A (4%).

5. Trade with Regional Organisations

Total exports to African, Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) States increased by 4% during the year 1999 to reach to Rs.2,354 million; while imports stood at Rs.1,716 million, showing a decrease of 15% over the previous year. (Table 11).

During the year 1999, Mauritius exported goods to a value of Rs. 2,284 million to COMESA countries while imports from these countries amounted to Rs.1,187 million, thus showing a balance of Rs.1,097 million in favour of Mauritius (Table 12). The main partner was Malagasy Republic with shares of 80% of exports and 50% of imports.

Imports from SADC countries for the year 1999 amounted to Rs.6,605 million compared to exports worth Rs.537 million, thus showing a trade deficit of Rs.6,068 million (Table 13). The main supplier was the Republic of South Africa (93%) while our main buyers were the Republic of South Africa (33%), Seychelles (23%), Zimbabwe (21%) and Tanzania (11%).

6. Trade in Freeport Zone

A summary table on data pertaining to activities in the Freeport compiled by the Mauritius Freeport Authority is given at Table 2.

During the year 1999, total imports of the Freeport Zone amounted to Rs.3,134 million, which is 11% lower than the figure registered during the previous year while re-exports fell by 14% to reach Rs.3,389 million.

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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). However, for the sake of comparability and continuity, transactions of the freeport zone are not included.

- 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

(i) 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

The terms of trade index measures the price movements of exports relative to imports. It is the ratio of exports 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

CUSTOMS DATA

Table 1 - Summary of External Trade, 1998 - 1999

Value : Million Rupees

	1998	1999	1998				1999 ¹			
			1st Qr	2nd Qr	3rd Qr	4th Qr	1st Qr	2nd Qr	3rd Qr	4th Qr
Exports of goods	39,329	39,368	7,534	8,601	11,857	11,337	8,297	9,367	10,419	11,285
<i>Domestic exports</i>	37,762	37,890	7,176	8,202	11,466	10,918	7,991	8,968	9,997	10,934
<i>of which:</i> <i>(EPZ products)</i>	(26,075)	(28,952)	(5,042)	(6,676)	(6,704)	(7,653)	(5,888)	(7,778)	(7,180)	(8,106)
<i>Re-exports²</i>	1,567	1,478	358	399	391	419	306	399	422	351
Ship's Stores and Bunkers	722	660	158	181	188	195	165	165	165	165
A. Total Exports (f.o.b.)	40,051	40,028	7,692	8,782	12,045	11,532	8,462	9,532	10,584	11,450
B. Total Imports² (c.i.f.)	49,742	57,337	10,883	12,303	12,731	13,825	11,812	15,908	14,169	15,448
<i>of which:</i> <i>(EPZ products)</i>	(16,179)	(15,725)	(3,698)	(4,378)	(4,121)	(3,982)	(3,711)	(4,361)	(3,858)	(3,795)
Total Value of Trade (A+B)	89,793	97,365	18,575	21,085	24,776	25,357	20,274	25,440	24,753	26,898
Balance of Visible Trade (A-B)	-9,691	-17,309	-3,191	-3,521	-686	-2,293	-3,350	-6,376	-3,585	-3,998

¹ Provisional

² Includes irregular transactions involving ships and aircraft

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Table 2 - Total trade carried out in Freeport Zone, 1997 - 1999

	1997			1998			1999 ¹		
	Sea & Air	Sourced locally	Total	Sea & Air	Sourced locally	Total	Sea & Air	Sourced locally	Total
IMPORTS									
Value (Rs million)	2,060	360	2,420		3,255	254	3,509	2,674	460
Volume (Tonne)	34,115	4,746	38,861		46,866	3,562	50,428	39,210	9,456
									48,666
	1997			1998			1999 ¹		
	Sea & Air	Sold locally	Total	Sea & Air	Sold locally	Total	Sea & Air	Sold locally	Total
RE-EXPORTS									
Value (Rs million)	2,044	57	2,101		3,659	293	3,952	3,110	279
Volume (Tonne)	35,420	6,794	42,214		50,546	3,964	54,510	46,341	3,554
									49,895

¹ Provisional

Source: Mauritius Freeport Authority

**Table 3 - Price (unit value) indices of exports and imports and terms of trade,
1996 - 1999**

Period	Price indices		Terms of trade*
	Export	Import	
Base year : 1992 = 100			
1996	134	135	99
1997	140	138	101
Base year : 1997 = 100			
1997	100	100	100
1998	114	106	108
1999	113	112	101
1998	1st Qr	108	105
	2nd Qr	115	106
	3rd Qr	116	109
	4th Qr	117	107
1999 ¹	1st Qr	113	100
	2nd Qr	114	104
	3rd Qr	113	100
	4th Qr	113	99

¹ 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 4 - Price indices (unit value) of exports, 1998 - 1999

Commodity/Sector	Weight	Base year : 1997=100			
		1998		1999 ¹	
		% change		% change	
		Price	Volume	Price	Volume
Domestic Exports	10,000	+ 14	+ 4	- 1	+ 1
0 - Food and live animals <i>of which:</i>	2,885	+ 10	+ 5	+ 4	- 13
Sugar	2,415	+ 9	+ 9	+ 6	- 15
2 - Crude materials, inedible except fuels	93	+ 6	+ 7	+ 13	- 21
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s	47	+ 7	+ 29	- 9	+ 29
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by materials	683	+ 11	- 4	- 5	+ 21
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	6,292	+ 17	+ 3	- 3	+ 7

¹ Provisional

Table 5 - Price indices (unit value) of imports, 1998 - 1999

S.I.T.C. Section	Weight	Base year : 1997=100			
		1998		1999 ¹	
		% change		% change	
		Price	Volume	Price	Volume
Total imports (excluding aircraft) :	10,000	+ 6	+ 9	+ 6	+ 5
0 - Food and live animals	1,431	+ 7	+ 5	- 2	+ 1
1 - Beverages and tobacco	62	+ 6	+ 12	- 1	+ 71
2 - Crude materials, inedible except fuels	368	+ 4	+ 18	-	+ 86
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants & related materials	815	- 18	+ 10	+ 27	+ 2
4 - Animals and vegetables oils & fats	114	+ 21	+ 1	- 12	+ 9
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s	784	+ 10	+ 6	+ 7	- 7
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by materials	3,510	+ 8	+ 7	+ 1	- 2
7 - Machinery & transport equipment (excluding aircraft)	2,022	+ 11	+ 17	+ 9	+ 27
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	894	+ 6	+ 5	+ 19	- 4

¹ Provisional

Table 6 - Domestic exports of main commodities by section, 1998 - 1999

Value (f.o.b) : Million Rupees

S.I.T.C section/description	1998	1999	1998				1999			
			1st Qr	2nd Qr	3rd Qr	4th Qr	1st Qr	2nd Qr	3rd Qr	4th Qr
Domestic exports	37,762	37,890	7,176	8,202	11,466	10,918	7,991	8,968	9,297	10,934
0 - Food and live animals	10,589	9,534	2,071	1,074	4,411	3,033	2,211	1,352	3,004	2,967
of which :										
Cane Sugar										
Quantity: (Thousand tonne)										
Value (f.o.b): Million Rupees										
Cane Molasses										
Quantity: (Thousand tonne)										
Value (f.o.b): Million Rupees										
Fish and fish preparations										
Quantity: (Tonnes)										
Value (f.o.b): Million Rupees										
1 - Beverages and tobacco										
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels										
of which :										
Cut flowers and foliage										
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials										
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes										
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.										
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material										
of which :										
Textile yarns, fabrics, made up articles										
Pearls, precious & semi-precious stones										
Corks & wood manufactures										

Table 6 (cont'd) - Domestic exports of main commodities by section, 1998 - 1999

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

S.I.T.C section/description	1998	1999	1998				1999			
			1st Qr	2nd Qr	3rd Qr	4th Qr	1st Qr	2nd Qr	3rd Qr	4th Qr
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	129	115	24	46	37	22	37	40	22	16
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles of which :	24,079	25,012	4,405	6,335	6,260	7,079	5,055	6,758	6,119	7,080
Articles of apparel & clothing accessories	22,151	23,154	3,999	5,844	5,763	6,545	4,696	6,267	5,619	6,572
Optical goods, n.e.s.	238	206	49	54	64	71	52	61	47	46
Travel goods, handbags & similar containers	53	79	13	23	7	10	18	19	19	23
Watches & clocks	572	553	114	141	160	157	118	121	150	164
Toys, games & sporting goods	150	130	36	53	38	23	18	53	59	-
Jewellery goldsmiths' & silversmiths' wares	382	376	71	102	96	113	70	105	92	109
Miscellaneous manufactured articles n.e.s.	90	82	18	28	24	20	17	22	21	22
9 - Commodities & transactions not elsewhere classified	3	3	1	1	-	1	-	-	1	2

Table 7 - Total exports¹ by countries of destination, 1998 - 1999

Country of destination	1998	1999	1998				1999 ²				Value (f.o.b): Million Rupees
			1st Qr	2nd Qr	3rd Qr	4th Qr	1st Qr	2nd Qr	3rd Qr	4th Qr	
Total Exports	39,329	39,368	7,534	8,601	11,857	11,337	8,297	9,367	10,419	11,285	
1. Preferential Tariff Countries											
(a) European union countries											
Austria	77	115	7,291	8,337	11,503	10,996	8,032	9,036	10,094	10,909	
Belgium	782	952	(5,444)	(5,784)	(8,622)	(8,483)	(5,894)	(6,267)	(7,465)	(8,225)	
Finland	12	219	150	228	196	208	253	230	253	216	
France	6,995	7,234	1,186	1,902	1,488	2,419	1,392	2,044	1,477	2,321	
Germany	2,219	1,731	410	550	700	559	335	452	520	424	
Italy	1,407	1,249	310	380	283	434	310	268	250	421	
Netherlands	900	922	181	243	212	264	203	251	250	218	
Portugal	989	472	41	14	735	199	197	5	266	4	
Reunion	549	571	81	136	156	176	106	147	148	170	
Spain	935	999	163	233	301	238	148	240	299	312	
Sweden	151	114	39	44	34	34	24	30	28	32	
United Kingdom	13,203	13,156	2,840	2,007	4,460	3,896	2,657	2,550	3,916	4,033	
Other	114	117	(10,220)	(1,847)	(2,553)	(2,881)	(2,513)	(2,138)	(2,769)	(2,629)	(2,684)
(b) Other Preferential Tariff Countries											
Australia	82	86	17	23	23	19	18	23	25	20	
Canada	266	251	49	92	81	44	46	88	77	40	
Comoro Islands	26	15	8	5	5	8	4	3	3	5	
Hong Kong	199	173	56	38	71	34	48	38	38	49	
India	169	61	109	36	12	12	11	14	23	13	
Kenya	132	75	19	35	33	45	18	16	26	15	
Malagasy, Republic of	1,629	1,815	345	407	458	419	411	463	488	453	
Malawi	38	28	15	12	11	-	13	6	1	8	
Malaysia	13	4	2	5	2	4	1	1	1	1	
Seychelles	107	120	16	34	29	28	15	25	41	39	
Singapore	92	52	11	18	11	52	6	24	12	10	
South Africa, Republic of	184	176	30	59	42	53	15	50	60	51	
Tanzania	71	60	3	14	14	40	8	12	21	19	
Uganda	18	12	11	-	-	7	6	1	3	2	
U.S.A.	6,505	7,006	1,079	1,711	2,017	1,698	1,465	1,951	1,721	1,869	
Zimbabwe	150	114	36	50	49	15	14	21	42	37	
Other	113	172	41	14	23	35	39	33	47	53	
2. General Tariff Countries											
Japan	1,202	1,297	243	264	354	341	265	331	325	376	
Norway	34	31	7	7	7	7	7	7	5	12	
Switzerland	525	556	98	129	158	140	127	149	135	145	
Taiwan	19	32	6	1	6	6	5	11	9	7	
United Arab Emirates	51	66	18	13	16	4	1	21	3	41	
Other	331	406	67	51	110	103	86	97	103	120	

¹ Excluding Ship's stores & Bunkers

² Provisional

Table 8 - Total imports of main commodities by section, 1998 - 1999

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

STC section/description	1998	1999	1998				1999 ¹			
			1st Qr	2nd Qr	3rd Qr	4th Qr	1st Qr	2nd Qr	3rd Qr	4th Qr
Total imports	49,742	57,337	10,883	12,303	12,731	13,825	11,812	15,908	14,169	15,448
0 - Food and live animals	6,826	6,744	1,601	1,699	1,663	1,863	1,615	1,606	1,582	1,941
Meat and meat preparations	733	629	173	142	175	243	124	133	162	210
Dairy products and bird's eggs	1,038	1,091	270	228	228	312	282	249	276	284
Fish and fish preparations	1,113	793	196	288	331	298	180	282	150	181
Wheat	504	488	178	54	132	140	132	119	106	131
Rice	556	764	157	211	41	147	197	134	223	210
Wheaten flour	114	-	15	35	35	29	-	-	-	-
Cereal preparations	235	248	48	52	66	69	57	55	55	81
Vegetables and fruits	850	951	163	291	203	193	205	259	225	262
Other	1,683	1,348	401	398	452	432	438	375	385	150
1 - Beverages and tobacco	312	527	64	93	73	82	88	119	107	213
Beverages	275	438	52	79	72	72	74	89	86	189
Tobacco & tobacco manufactures	37	89	12	14	1	10	14	30	21	24
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	1,931	1,667	437	458	531	505	409	450	421	387
Cork and wood	367	413	83	107	100	77	88	96	128	101
Textile fibres	1,098	749	253	238	306	301	217	196	162	174
Other	466	505	101	113	125	127	104	158	131	112

Table 8 (cont'd) - Total imports of main commodities by section, 1998 - 1999

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

SITC section/description	1998	1999	1998				1999 ¹			
			1st Qr	2nd Qr	3rd Qr	4th Qr	1st Qr	2nd Qr	3rd Qr	4th Qr
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants, & related products	3,145	4,046	815	728	742	860	624	945	1,034	1,443
Refined petroleum products	2,636	3,507	651	638	674	673	554	799	895	1,259
Gas, natural and manufactured	324	380	85	67	55	117	59	80	105	136
Other	185	159	79	23	13	70	11	66	34	48
4 - Animal & vegetable oils and fats	594	568	130	169	103	192	196	165	97	110
Fixed vegetables oils & fats	472	444	100	140	80	152	155	131	64	94
Other	122	124	30	29	23	40	41	34	33	16
5 - Chemicals & related products	3,890	3,883	789	1,008	1,007	1,086	883	890	963	1,147
Dyeing & tanning materials	519	498	93	151	142	133	108	134	123	133
Medicinal & pharmaceutical products	785	747	172	220	195	198	200	186	180	181
Fertilisers	170	175	12	49	42	67	47	37	28	63
Plastics in primary forms	409	408	94	99	102	114	83	92	114	119
Plastics in non-primary forms	281	317	56	66	71	88	62	75	86	94
Other	1,726	1,738	362	423	455	486	383	366	432	557
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	17,251	17,069	3,783	4,500	4,427	4,541	3,824	4,316	4,425	4,504
Paper, paperboard & articles thereof	851	879	187	200	237	227	185	218	218	258
Textile yarn	4,063	4,412	941	1,112	1,038	972	1,097	1,146	1,069	1,100
Cotton fabrics	3,153	2,813	725	861	830	737	606	722	791	694
Other textile fabrics	3,467	3,289	716	912	900	939	730	883	813	863
Cement	969	597	186	257	244	282	123	162	157	155
Pearls, precious & semi-precious stones	674	828	155	145	181	193	237	156	203	232
Iron and steel	1,286	1,122	306	353	276	351	231	304	310	277
Manufactures of metal, n.e.s.	1,032	1,227	211	231	257	333	244	287	346	350
Other	1,756	1,902	356	429	464	507	371	438	518	575

Table 8 (cont'd) - Total imports of main commodities by section, 1998 - 1999

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

SITC section/description	1998	1999	1998				1999 ¹			
			1st Qr	2nd Qr	3rd Qr	4th Qr	1st Qr	2nd Qr	3rd Qr	4th Qr
7 - Machinery & transport equipment	11,369	17,850	2,392	2,604	3,005	3,368	3,247	6,383	4,125	4,095
Power generating machinery & equipment	918	1,521	209	158	171	380	453	141	426	501
Machinery specialised for particular industries	1,895	2,488	469	574	483	369	548	859	556	525
General industrial machinery & equipment, n.e.s., & machine parts, n.e.s	1,823	1,796	297	323	724	479	428	417	484	467
Office machines & automatic data processing machines	869	1,098	177	226	218	248	225	264	306	303
Telecommunications & sound recording & reproducing apparatus & equipment	866	1,702	157	198	211	300	238	343	587	534
Electrical machinery, apparatus & appliances, n.e.s., & electrical parts of household type	1,407	1,898	264	344	366	433	429	436	443	590
Road vehicles	2,764	4,100	613	599	628	924	903	1,064	1,072	1,061
Aircraft , marine vessels and parts	741	3,176	189	157	188	207	12	2,834	237	93
Other	86	71	17	25	16	28	11	25	14	21
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	4,233	4,830	824	996	1,123	1,290	887	995	1,369	1,579
Prefabricated buildings; sanitary plumbing, heating & lighting fixtures & fittings, n.e.s	370	281	52	86	160	72	50	57	96	78
Articles of apparel and clothing	439	479	68	83	133	155	78	106	142	153
Footwear	161	172	23	31	44	63	24	33	42	73
Professional, scientific & controlling instruments & apparatus, n.e.s	267	584	65	57	68	77	68	88	256	172
Watches and clocks & optical goods	622	594	154	176	128	164	144	132	152	166
Printed matter	417	424	89	100	101	127	98	90	92	144
Articles n.e.s., of plastic	562	596	119	139	131	173	112	141	157	186
Jewellery, goldsmiths' & silversmiths' wares	380	380	65	99	91	125	89	61	73	157
Other	1,015	1,320	189	225	267	334	224	287	359	450
9 - Commodities & transactions, n.e.s.	191	153	48	48	57	38	39	39	46	29

Table 9 - Imports of selected commodities, 1998 - 1999

Commodity	1998	1999	1998				1999 ¹			
			1st Qr	2nd Qr	3rd Qr	4th Qr	1st Qr	2nd Qr	3rd Qr	4th Qr
Rice :										
Quantity: (Thousand tonnes)	63	83	16	28	3	16	26	12	21	24
Value (c.i.f.) : Million Rupees	556	764	157	211	41	147	197	134	223	210
Wheaten flour :										
Quantity: (Thousand tonnes)	19	-	2	6	6	5	-	-	-	-
Value (c.i.f.) : Million Rupees	114	-	15	35	35	29	-	-	-	-
Wheat :										
Quantity: (Thousand tonnes)	123	140	45	13	31	34	34	35	33	38
Value (c.i.f.) : Million Rupees	504	488	178	54	132	140	132	119	106	131
Dairy products :										
Quantity: (Thousand tonnes)	19	19	5	4	4	6	5	4	5	5
Value (c.i.f.) : Million Rupees	1,038	1,091	270	228	228	312	282	249	276	284
Fixed vegetable oils and fats :										
Quantity: (Thousand tonnes)	28	33	6	8	4	10	10	10	5	8
Value (c.i.f.) : Million Rupees	472	444	100	140	80	152	155	131	64	94
Fertilisers manufactured :										
Quantity: (Thousand tonnes)	43	42	6	11	9	17	11	10	6	15
Value (c.i.f.) : Million Rupees	170	175	12	49	42	67	47	37	28	63
Cotton fabrics										
Quantity: (Thousand tonnes)	16	14	4	4	4	4	3	4	4	3
Value (c.i.f.) : Million Rupees	3,153	2,813	725	861	830	737	606	722	791	694
Cement :										
Quantity: (Thousand tonnes)	665	584	133	177	165	190	125	164	159	136
Value (c.i.f.) : Million Rupees	969	597	186	257	244	282	123	162	157	155
Iron and steel :										
Quantity: (Thousand tonnes)	104	105	27	28	24	25	18	25	33	29
Value (c.i.f.) : Million Rupees	1,286	1,122	306	353	276	351	231	304	310	277

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Table 10 - Imports by countries of origin, 1998 - 1999

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

Country of origin	1998	1999	1998				1999 ¹			
			1st Qr	2nd Qr	3rd Qr	4th Qr	1st Qr	2nd Qr	3rd Qr	4th Qr
Total imports	49,742	51,337	10,883	12,303	12,731	13,825	11,812	15,908	14,169	15,448
1. Preferential Tariff Countries	41,468	8,332	9,120	8,860	9,768	8,500	11,864	10,341	10,763	
(a) European Union Countries	(15,016)	(3,335)	(3,862)	(3,684)	(4,135)	(3,450)	(6,644)	(4,256)	(4,287)	27
Austria	80	92	17	17	21	25	11	24	30	343
Belgium	778	1,187	175	200	190	213	211	362	271	
Denmark	201	160	43	28	66	64	51	29	37	43
Finland	93	74	39	17	17	20	12	19	25	18
France	5,527	8,520	1,262	1,385	1,310	1,570	1,241	3,986	1,756	1,537
Germany	2,056	2,147	458	563	483	552	442	614	570	521
Greece	30	19	13	6	5	6	3	5	6	5
Ireland	264	201	59	65	57	83	52	56	38	55
Italy	1,823	2,001	377	513	463	470	411	517	527	546
Luxembourg	146	6	2	40	99	5	2	2	1	1
Netherlands	312	506	52	83	92	85	108	86	130	182
Portugal	66	110	15	24	15	12	33	20	30	27
Reunion	40	57	5	6	12	17	9	15	18	15
Spain	881	822	155	198	201	327	198	272	152	200
Sweden	135	143	35	42	29	29	26	39	28	50
United Kingdom	2,584	2,592	628	675	624	657	640	598	637	717
(b) Other Preferential Tariff Countries	(21,064)	(22,831)	(4,997)	(5,258)	(5,176)	(5,633)	(5,050)	(5,220)	(6,085)	(6,476)
Australia	1,694	1,836	378	380	424	512	437	467	430	502
Bahamas	13	-	13	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Myanmar (ex-Burma)	12	21	1	3	6	2	10	5	4	2
Canada	126	51	20	23	19	64	11	14	15	11
Hong Kong	2,499	2,130	504	693	646	656	546	495	532	557
India	4,617	4,745	1,083	1,164	1,127	1,243	1,105	1,039	1,278	1,323
Kenya	177	193	41	59	40	37	31	62	57	43
Malagasy, Republic of	747	595	206	214	153	174	117	114	171	193
Malaysia	1,419	1,914	268	329	382	440	352	471	544	547
New Zealand	458	375	100	106	122	130	108	85	89	93
Nigeria	4	-	3	1	1	-	-	-	-	-
Pakistan	725	711	222	203	130	170	119	196	177	219
Russian Federation	62	69	38	-	20	4	8	-	17	44
Singapore	1,112	1,063	243	295	272	302	234	240	262	327
South Africa, Republic of	5,172	6,150	1,382	1,345	1,184	1,261	1,235	1,454	1,668	1,793
Sri Lanka	29	38	5	4	10	10	5	9	12	12
Swaziland	138	133	26	31	41	40	29	30	35	39
Ukraine	4	27	-	-	4	27	-	-	-	-

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Table 10 (cont'd) - Imports by countries of origin, 1998 - 1999

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

Country of origin	1998	1999	1998				1999 ¹			
			1st Qr	2nd Qr	3rd Qr	4th Qr	1st Qr	2nd Qr	3rd Qr	4th Qr
(b) Other Preferential Tariff Countries (cont'd)										
U. S. A.	1,635	2,400	372	332	500	431	616	456	719	609
Zambia	2	-	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
Zimbabwe	132	190	41	30	33	28	11	32	46	101
Other	287	190	51	45	66	125	49	51	29	61
2. General Tariff Countries										
Argentina	13,662	15,869	2,551	3,183	3,871	4,057	3,312	4,044	3,828	4,685
Bahrain	542	673	97	146	91	208	187	172	100	214
Brazil	598	881	-	265	266	67	53	-	294	534
Burkina Faso	128	37	11	8	79	30	10	9	8	10
Cameroon	180	154	22	29	88	41	20	82	40	12
Central Africa	74	112	34	7	7	26	34	19	48	11
Chile	29	-	2	-	3	24	-	-	-	-
China	39	29	16	11	3	9	10	10	4	5
Cote D' Ivoire	2,601	3,235	570	711	695	625	692	771	893	879
Indonesia	106	25	2	5	50	49	1	4	7	13
Israel	1,054	840	216	234	322	282	159	161	205	315
Japan	136	176	12	31	61	32	53	43	8	72
Jordan	2,530	3,412	503	598	608	821	819	931	841	821
Korea, Republic of	19	13	-	-	19	-	11	-	-	2
Kuwait	1,091	873	108	131	482	370	159	152	153	409
Macao	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mali	30	15	10	15	5	-	6	1	1	7
Mexico	200	172	97	80	23	-	64	22	43	43
Morocco	45	60	11	7	17	10	17	11	15	17
Norway	14	17	3	4	3	4	5	5	4	3
Panama	23	7	7	5	3	8	2	-	1	4
Philippines	39	84	4	6	5	24	7	10	23	44
Saudi Arabia	1,033	1,273	228	89	259	457	219	624	243	187
Switzerland	948	932	190	255	252	251	223	263	208	238
Taiwan	1,222	1,184	262	337	295	328	207	348	321	308
Thailand	517	782	85	113	119	200	153	200	175	254
Turkey	63	63	19	12	15	17	5	13	20	25
United Arab Emirates	116	381	4	36	60	16	41	80	87	173
Other	255	420	26	32	60	137	159	96	85	80

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Table 11 - Trade with African, Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) States, 1998 - 1999

Value: Thousand Rupees

ACP States	1998		1999		1st Qr		2nd Qr		3rd Qr		4th Qr	
	Imports : value(c.i.f.)	Exports ² : value(f.o.b)	Imports : value(c.i.f.)	Exports ² : value(f.o.b)	Imports : value(c.i.f.)	Exports ² : value(f.o.b)	Imports : value(c.i.f.)	Exports ² : value(f.o.b)	Imports : value(c.i.f.)	Exports ² : value(f.o.b)	Imports : value(c.i.f.)	Exports ² : value(f.o.b)
Total	2,016,874	2,256,285	1,716,120	2,354,353	352,115	524,767	406,492	566,303	469,715	656,707	487,798	606,576
Angola	-	24	-	68	-	-	-	68	-	-	-	-
Benin	-	856	13	1,310	-	323	-	181	13	27	-	779
Botswana	663	10,110	7,323	7,512	6,021	27	792	1,488	-	2,104	510	3,893
Burkina Faso	179,796	3,530	154,595	4,068	20,238	596	82,412	598	40,120	1,782	11,825	1,092
Burundi	-	16,423	-	19,341	-	2,109	-	2,684	-	13,018	-	1,530
Cameroon	74,189	2,307	112,374	1,753	34,468	-	19,259	872	47,881	236	10,766	645
Cape Verde	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Central African Rep	28,649	374	-	-	1,914	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Chad	59	-	25	79	10	-	625	-	-	10	15	-
Comoros Islands	5,201	25,525	3	11,792	-	3,611	3	2,834	-	-	3	-
Congo	11,584	5,039	7,067	53	2,843	-	378	-	2,015	-	1,831	53
Cote D'Ivoire	106,306	10,822	24,922	23,805	1,020	11,417	3,796	2,563	6,908	5,932	13,198	3,893
D.R Congo	7,043	-	9,346	565	662	-	-	-	8,684	-	-	565
Djibouti	37	310	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Equatorial Guinea	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ethiopia	2	1,083	514	163	204	23	129	140	181	-	-	1,459
Gabon	-	499	15	2,122	2	-	-	662	13	1	26	108
Gambia	48	61	322	134	315	-	5	-	-	-	-	805
Ghana	-	48	-	119	-	7	-	-	-	-	98	-
Guinea	89	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	14	-
Guinea Bissau	-	-	74,406	31,298	18,156	62,440	14,282	56,559	26,484	43,445	-	15,484
Kenya	176,890	132,150	193,742	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

¹ Provisional

² Total Exports excluding Ships' stores & bunkers

Table 11(cont'd) - Trade with African, Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) States, 1998 - 1999

Value: Thousand Rupees

ACP States	1998		1999		1st Qtr		2nd Qtr		3rd Qtr		4th Qtr	
	Imports : value(c.i.f.)	Exports ² : value(f.o.b)	Imports : value(c.i.f.)	Exports ² : value(f.o.b)	Imports : value(c.i.f.)	Exports ² : value(f.o.b)	Imports : value(c.i.f.)	Exports ² : value(f.o.b)	Imports : value(c.i.f.)	Exports ² : value(f.o.b)	Imports : value(c.i.f.)	Exports ² : value(f.o.b)
Lesotho	4	10,184	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Liberia	-	181	1	314	-	-	-	-	1	314	-	-
Madagascar, Rep of	747,462	1,628,549	595,560	1,815,770	117,165	411,328	113,976	463,074	171,231	488,037	193,188	453,331
Malawi	1,635	32,361	7	28,185	-	12,762	-	6,473	-	522	7	8,428
Mali	200,313	462	173,160	464	64,076	-	22,284	-	43,429	-	43,371	464
Mauritania	-	143	22	-	-	22	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mozambique	121,305	8,640	97,492	22,023	32,866	5,288	35,394	7,442	9,005	7,676	20,227	1,617
Niger	26,216	1,042	226	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	226	-
Nigeria	4,444	175	1,869	291	415	82	575	-	467	209	412	-
Rwanda	-	12,108	-	17,072	-	12,398	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sao Tome & Principe	-	438	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Senegal	1,217	2,315	1,318	4,418	10	1,003	16	3,413	42	-	1,250	2
Seychelles	30,763	107,353	9,622	121,218	1,409	15,410	2,058	25,246	1,663	41,408	4,492	39,154
Sierra Leone	1,088	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Somalia	131	28	7	102	-	-	-	-	50	7	52	-
Sudan	137,724	84	133,351	129	28,504	67	30,104	-	35,293	53	39,450	9
Swaziland	573	70,962	3,382	59,967	9	7,845	526	12,172	1	21,252	2,846	18,698
Tanzania	19,111	317	-	38	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	38
Togo	-	17,716	64	13,081	-	6,486	64	869	-	3,307	-	2,419
Uganda	1,959	4,092	46	7,383	41	704	5	82	-	354	-	6,243
Zambia	132,369	149,974	189,613	113,754	10,532	14,253	32,254	20,645	46,089	41,840	100,738	37,016

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² Total Exports excluding Ships' stores & bunkers

Table 12 - Trade with COMESA States, 1998 - 1999

Value: Thousand Rupees

COMESA States	1998		1999		1st Qr		2nd Qr		3rd Qr		4th Qr	
	Imports : value(c.i.f.)	Exports ² : value(f.o.b)	Imports : value(c.i.f.)	Exports ² : value(f.o.b)	Imports : value(c.i.f.)	Exports ² : value(f.o.b)	Imports : value(c.i.f.)	Exports ² : value(f.o.b)	Imports : value(c.i.f.)	Exports ² : value(f.o.b)	Imports : value(c.i.f.)	Exports ² : value(f.o.b)
Total	1,273,216	2,204,205	1,186,843	2,283,830	194,054	505,391	246,346	549,250	332,379	638,569	414,064	590,620
Angola	-	24	-	68	-	-	2,109	-	68	-	-	-
Burundi	-	16,423	-	19,341	-	-	-	2,684	-	-	-	1,530
Comoros Islands	5,201	25,525	3	11,792	-	3,611	3	2,834	-	3	-	5,344
Djibouti	37	310	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
D. R. Congo	7,043	-	9,346	565	662	-	-	-	8,684	-	-	565
Egypt	27,201	5,387	47,803	673	3,826	216	4,318	149	11,805	136	27,854	172
Eritrea	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ethiopia	2	1,083	514	163	204	23	129	140	181	-	-	-
Kenya	176,890	132,150	193,742	74,406	31,298	18,156	62,440	14,282	56,559	26,484	43,445	15,484
Malagasy, Rep of	747,462	1,628,549	595,560	1,815,770	117,165	411,328	113,976	463,074	171,231	488,037	193,188	453,331
Malawi	1,635	32,361	7	28,185	-	12,762	-	6,473	-	522	7	8,428
Namibia	4,226	76	3,783	161	404	23	469	27	866	33	2,044	78
Rwanda	-	12,108	-	17,072	-	12,398	-	455	-	2,070	-	2,149
Seychelles	30,763	107,353	9,622	121,218	1,409	15,410	2,058	25,246	1,663	41,408	4,492	39,154
Sudan	131	28	7	102	-	-	-	50	7	52	-	-
Swaziland	137,724	84	133,351	129	28,504	67	30,104	-	35,293	53	39,450	9
Tanzania	573	70,962	3,382	59,967	9	7,845	526	12,172	1	21,252	2,846	18,698
Uganda	-	17,716	64	13,081	-	6,486	64	869	-	3,307	-	2,419
Zambia	1,959	4,092	46	7,383	41	704	5	82	-	354	-	6,243
Zimbabwe	132,369	149,974	189,613	113,754	10,532	14,253	32,254	20,645	46,089	41,840	100,738	37,016

¹ Provisional

² Total Exports excluding Ships' stores & bunkers

Table 13 - Trade with SADC States, 1998 - 1999

Value: Thousand Rupees

SADC States	1998		1999		1st Qr		2nd Qr		3rd Qr		4th Qr	
	Imports : value(c.i.f.)	Exports ² : value(f.o.b)	Imports : value(c.i.f.)	Exports ² : value(f.o.b)	Imports : value(c.i.f.)	Exports ² : value(f.o.b)	Imports : value(c.i.f.)	Exports ² : value(f.o.b)	Imports : value(c.i.f.)	Exports ² : value(f.o.b)	Imports : value(c.i.f.)	Exports ² : value(f.o.b)
Total	5,610,665	577,860	6,604,695	537,214	1,315,161	71,304	1,556,091	123,775	1,770,006	175,459	1,963,437	166,676
Angola	-	24	-	68	-	-	-	68	-	-	-	-
Botswana	663	10,110	7,323	7,512	6,021	27	792	1,488	-	2,104	510	3,893
D.R Congo	7,043	-	9,346	565	662	-	-	-	8,684	-	-	565
Lesotho	4	10,184	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Malawi	1,635	32,361	7	28,185	-	-	12,762	-	6,473	-	522	7
Mozambique	121,305	8,640	97,492	22,023	32,866	5,288	35,394	7,442	9,005	7,676	20,227	1,617
Namibia	4,226	76	3,783	161	404	23	469	27	866	33	2,044	78
Seychelles	30,763	107,353	9,622	121,218	1,409	15,410	2,058	25,246	1,663	41,408	4,492	39,154
S.Africa, Rep of	5,172,401	184,000	6,150,730	176,249	1,234,713	14,925	1,454,489	50,132	1,668,405	60,217	1,793,123	50,975
Swaziland	137,724	84	133,351	129	28,504	67	30,104	-	35,293	53	39,450	9
Tanzania	573	70,962	3,382	59,967	9	7,845	526	12,172	1	21,252	2,846	18,698
Zambia	1,959	4,092	46	7,383	41	704	5	82	-	354	-	6,243
Zimbabwe	132,369	149,974	189,613	113,754	10,532	14,253	32,254	20,645	46,089	41,840	100,738	37,016

¹ Provisional

² Total Exports excluding Ships' stores & bunkers