

Monthly External Merchandise Trade Statistics - August 2015

1. Balance of visible trade

Balance of Visible Trade showed a deficit of R 4,933 million in August 2015 lower by 31.5% compared to the previous month and by 34.1% compared to the corresponding month of 2014.

Summary of External Merchandise Trade

Value: Rs Mn

	2014	2015	
	Aug ¹	July ²	Aug ²
A. Total Exports (f.o.b)	8,139	8,600	8,383
Domestic exports	4,647	5,356	5,192
Re-exports	2,467	2,444	2,391
Ship's Stores and Bunkers	1,025	800	800
B. Total Imports (c.i.f)	15,629	15,797	13,316
Total International Trade (A + B)	23,768	24,397	21,699
Trade Deficits (A - B)	-7,490	-7,197	-4,933

¹ Revised estimates ² First estimates

2. Total Imports of goods by S.I.T.C section

C.I.F value: Rs Mn

SITC SECTION/DESCRIPTION	2014	2015	
	Aug ¹	July ²	Aug ²
0 - Food and live animals	2,667	3,123	2,972
1 - Beverages and tobacco	250	373	345
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	306	285	397
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	3,846	2,978	1,435
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	245	216	66
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	1,157	1,324	1,210
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	2,380	2,726	2,323
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	3,639	3,449	3,379
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	1,097	1,231	1,159
9 - Other commodities & transactions, n.e.s	42	92	30
TOTAL	15,629	15,797	13,316

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In August 2015, total imports decreased by 15.7% compared to July 2015 and by 14.8% compared to August 2014.

3. Total Exports of goods by S.I.T.C section

F.O.B value: Rs Mn

SITC SECTION/DESCRIPTION	2014	2015	
	Aug ¹	July ²	Aug ²
0 - Food and live animals	1,882	2,073	2,116
1 - Beverages and tobacco	28	30	99
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	69	91	98
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	2	1	1
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	3	2	11
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	371	322	222
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	608	812	725
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	1,549	1,352	1,232
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	2,571	3,104	3,052
9 - Other commodities & transactions, n.e.s	31	13	27
Exports exclusive of Ship's Stores and Bunkers	7,114	7,800	7,583
Estimates of Ship's Stores and Bunkers	1,025	800	800
TOTAL	8,139	8,600	8,383

¹ Revised estimates ² First estimates

In August 2015, total exports decreased by 2.5 % compared to the previous month but increased by 3.0 % compared to August 2014.

4. Main trading partners in August 2015

Value: Rs Mn

Exports ¹ (F.O.B)				Imports (C.I.F)			
Country	2014	2015		Country	2014	2015	
	Aug ²	July ³	Aug ³		Aug ²	July ³	Aug ³
UAE	1,238	1,105	1,061	China	2,337	2,552	2,468
United Kingdom	841	890	958	India	3,852	3,173	1,848
USA	731	829	943	France	1,018	1,257	939
South Africa	579	741	709	Vietnam	612	603	855
France	710	714	620	South Africa	824	1,126	791
Madagascar	373	410	498	Australia	515	520	575
Other	2,642	3,111	2,794	Other	6,471	6,566	5,840
Total	7,114	7,800	7,583	Total	15,629	15,797	13,316

¹ Excluding Ship's Stores and Bunkers ² Revised estimates ³ First estimates

UAE(14.0%), United Kingdom (12.6%), USA (12.4%) and South Africa (9.3%) were our major exports destinations in August 2015 while our imports were mainly from China (18.5%), India (13.9%), France (7.1%) and Vietnam (6.4%) .

October 2015