

Monthly External Merchandise Trade Statistics - November 2015

1. Balance of visible trade

Balance of Visible Trade showed a deficit of Rs 7,798 million in November 2015 higher by 22.3% compared to the previous month and 1.3% compared to the corresponding month of 2014.

Summary of External Merchandise Trade

Value: Rs Mn

	2014	2015	
	Nov ¹	Oct ¹	Nov ²
A. Total Exports (f.o.b)	7,906	7,973	7,357
Domestic exports	4,558	5,574	4,898
Re-exports	2,163	1,599	1,659
Ship's Stores and Bunkers	1,185	800	800
B. Total Imports (c.i.f)	15,602	14,348	15,155
Total International Trade (A + B)	23,508	22,321	22,512
Trade Deficits (A - B)	-7,696	-6,375	-7,798

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	
	Nov ¹	Oct ¹	Nov ²
0 - Food and live animals	2,411	2,799	3,452
1 - Beverages and tobacco	357	344	301
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	251	514	473
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	3,247	2,280	1,781
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	92	51	67
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	1,307	1,245	1,330
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	2,448	2,586	2,630
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	3,946	3,058	3,538
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	1,520	1,412	1,544
9 - Other commodities & transactions, n.e.s	23	59	39
TOTAL	15,602	14,348	15,155

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In November 2015, total imports increased by 5.6% compared to October 2015 but decreased by 2.9% compared to November 2014.

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

F.O.B value: Rs Mn

SITC SECTION/DESCRIPTION	2014	2015	
	Nov ¹	Oct ¹	Nov ²
0 - Food and live animals	1,603	2,553	1,905
1 - Beverages and tobacco	38	118	56
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	79	96	75
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	2	1	86
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	6	7	7
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	328	315	380
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	761	783	788
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	1,245	264	459
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	2,634	2,999	2,788
9 - Other commodities & transactions, n.e.s	25	37	13
Exports exclusive of Ship's Stores and Bunkers	6,721	7,173	6,557
Estimates of Ship's Stores and Bunkers	1,185	800	800
TOTAL	7,906	7,973	7,357

¹ Revised estimates ² First estimates

In November 2015, total exports decreased by 7.7 % compared to the previous month and by 6.9 % compared to November 2014.

4. Main trading partners in November 2015

Value: Rs Mn

Exports ¹ (F.O.B)				Imports (C.I.F)			
Country	2014	2015		Country	2014	2015	
	Nov ²	Oct ²	Nov ³		Nov ²	Oct ²	Nov ³
France	749	791	739	China	3,121	2,568	2,953
United Kingdom	857	1,068	670	India	3,663	2,747	2,116
USA	725	796	651	France	1,019	1,185	997
South Africa	571	850	650	South Africa	957	842	907
Italy	197	614	531	Australia	510	299	726
Madagascar	555	477	502	Brazil	66	40	567
Other	3,067	2,577	2,814	Other	6,266	6,667	6,889
Total	6,721	7,173	6,557	Total	15,602	14,348	15,155

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

France (11.3%), United Kingdom (10.2%), USA (9.9%) and South Africa (9.9%) were our major exports destinations in November 2015 while our imports were mainly from China (19.5%), India (14.0%), France (6.6%) and South Africa (6.0%).

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