

Monthly External Merchandise Trade Statistics - September 2015

1. Balance of visible trade

Balance of Visible Trade showed a deficit of Rs 5,504 million in September 2015 higher by 11.6% compared to the previous month and lower by 15.0% compared to the corresponding month of 2014.

Summary of External Merchandise Trade

Value: Rs Mn

	2014	2015	
	Sept ¹	Aug ¹	Sept ²
A. Total Exports (f.o.b)	8,797	8,383	7,780
Domestic exports	5,227	5,192	5,086
Re-exports	2,555	2,391	2,094
Ship's Stores and Bunkers	1,015	650	600
B. Total Imports (c.i.f)	15,270	13,316	13,284
Total International Trade (A + B)	24,067	21,699	21,064
Trade Deficits (A - B)	-6,473	-4,933	-5,504

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	
	Sept ²	Aug ²	Sept ²
0 - Food and live animals	2,716	2,972	2,581
1 - Beverages and tobacco	342	345	292
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	354	397	317
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	2,765	1,435	1,445
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	76	66	188
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	1,178	1,210	1,312
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	2,351	2,323	2,689
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	4,215	3,379	3,073
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	1,193	1,159	1,330
9 - Other commodities & transactions, n.e.s	80	30	57
TOTAL	15,270	13,316	13,284

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In September 2015, total imports decreased by 0.2% compared to August 2015 and by 13.0% compared to September 2014.

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

F.O.B value: Rs Mn

SITC SECTION/DESCRIPTION	2014	2015	
	Sept ¹	Aug ¹	Sept ²
0 - Food and live animals	2,657	2,116	2,331
1 - Beverages and tobacco	39	99	28
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	104	98	99
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	2	1	3
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	10	11	11
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	295	222	292
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	811	725	678
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	1,318	1,232	701
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	2,515	3,052	3,007
9 - Other commodities & transactions, n.e.s	31	27	30
Exports exclusive of Ship's Stores and Bunkers	7,782	7,583	7,180
Estimates of Ship's Stores and Bunkers	1,015	650	600
TOTAL	8,797	8,233	7,780

¹ Revised estimates ² First estimates

In September 2015, total exports decreased by 5.5 % compared to the previous month and 11.6 % compared to September 2014.

4. Main trading partners in September 2015

Value: Rs Mn

Exports ¹ (F.O.B)				Imports (C.I.F)			
Country	2014	2015		Country	2014	2015	
	Sept ²	Aug ³	Sept ³		Sept ²	Aug ³	Sept ³
United Kingdom	989	958	960	China	2,343	2,468	2,233
USA	883	943	828	India	2,460	1,848	1,638
South Africa	655	709	796	South Africa	1,359	791	1,003
France	627	620	625	France	1,221	939	978
Madagascar	396	498	585	Spain	636	443	842
UAE	1,088	1,061	498	USA	481	228	637
Other	3,144	2,794	2,888	Other	6,770	6,599	5,953
Total	7,782	7,583	7,180	Total	15,270	13,316	13,284

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

United Kingdom (13.4%), USA (11.5%), South Africa (11.1%) and France (8.7%) were our major export destinations in September 2015 while our imports were mainly from China (16.8%), India (12.3%), South Africa (7.6%) and France (7.4%).

November 2015