

## Monthly External Merchandise Trade Statistics - December 2016

### 1. Balance of visible trade

Balance of Visible Trade showed a deficit of Rs 7,927 million in December 2016 lower by 11.4% compared to the previous month but higher by 8.2% when compared to the corresponding month of 2015.

### Summary of External Merchandise Trade

Value: Rs Mn

	2015	2016	
	Dec <sup>1</sup>	Nov <sup>1</sup>	Dec <sup>2</sup>
<b>A. Total Exports (f.o.b)</b>	<b>7,477</b>	<b>7,078</b>	<b>7,135</b>
Domestic exports	5,230	4,548	4,810
Re-exports	1,612	2,030	1,725
Ship's Stores and Bunkers	635	500	600
<b>B. Total Imports (c.i.f)</b>	<b>14,802</b>	<b>16,022</b>	<b>15,062</b>
<b>Total International Trade (A + B)</b>	<b>22,279</b>	<b>23,100</b>	<b>22,197</b>
<b>Trade Deficits (A - B)</b>	<b>-7,325</b>	<b>-8,944</b>	<b>-7,927</b>

<sup>1</sup> Revised estimates      <sup>2</sup> First estimates

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

C.I.F value: Rs Mn

SITC SECTION/DESCRIPTION	2015	2016	
	Dec <sup>1</sup>	Nov <sup>1</sup>	Dec <sup>2</sup>
0 - Food and live animals	2,936	2,685	3,226
1 - Beverages and tobacco	463	434	409
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	395	341	370
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	2,184	2,601	2,315
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	182	60	64
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	1,242	1,324	1,213
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	2,287	2,229	2,145
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	3,407	4,506	3,582
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	1,650	1,709	1,624
9 - Other commodities & transactions, n.e.s	56	133	114
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>14,802</b>	<b>16,022</b>	<b>15,062</b>

<sup>1</sup> Revised estimates      <sup>2</sup> First estimates

In December 2016, total imports decreased by 6.0% compared to November 2016 but rose by 1.8% compared to December 2015.

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

F.O.B value: Rs Mn

SITC SECTION/DESCRIPTION	2015	2016	
	Dec <sup>1</sup>	Nov <sup>1</sup>	Dec <sup>2</sup>
0 - Food and live animals	1,972	2,570	2,736
1 - Beverages and tobacco	89	39	54
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	128	102	74
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	111	43	81
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	13	14	12
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	352	382	267
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	640	576	511
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	251	239	193
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	3,261	2,572	2,534
9 - Other commodities & transactions, n.e.s	25	41	73
<b>Exports exclusive of Ship's Stores and Bunkers</b>	<b>6,842</b>	<b>6,578</b>	<b>6,535</b>
Estimates of Ship's Stores and Bunkers	635	500	600
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>7,477</b>	<b>7,078</b>	<b>7,135</b>

<sup>1</sup> Revised estimates      <sup>2</sup> First estimates

In December 2016, total exports increased by 0.8% compared to the previous month but decreased by 4.6% compared to December 2015.

### 4. Main trading partners in December 2016

Value: Rs Mn

Exports <sup>1</sup> (F.O.B)				Imports (C.I.F)			
Country	2015	2016		Country	2015	2016	
	Dec <sup>2</sup>	Nov <sup>2</sup>	Dec <sup>3</sup>		Dec <sup>2</sup>	Nov <sup>2</sup>	Dec <sup>3</sup>
USA	854	910	883	China	2,663	2,850	2,736
France	718	943	819	India	2,675	2,666	2,551
United Kingdom	820	720	744	South Africa	1,212	1,415	1,156
Italy	402	407	525	France	1,055	1,117	1,002
South Africa	799	572	425	Australia	228	249	648
Madagascar	456	442	402	Japan	408	473	476
Other	2,793	2,584	2,737	Other	6,561	7,252	6,493
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,842</b>	<b>6,578</b>	<b>6,535</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>14,802</b>	<b>16,022</b>	<b>15,062</b>

<sup>1</sup> Excluding Ship's Stores and Bunkers      <sup>2</sup> Revised estimates      <sup>3</sup> First estimates

USA (13.5%), France (12.5%), United Kingdom (11.4%) and Italy (8.0%) were our major exports destinations in December 2016 while our imports were mainly from China (18.2%), India (16.9%), South Africa (7.7%) and France (6.7%).

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