

Monthly External Merchandise Trade Statistics - September 2016

1. Balance of visible trade

Balance of Visible Trade showed a deficit of Rs 6,179 million in September 2016 lower by 8.9% compared to the previous month but higher by 17.0% when compared to the corresponding month of 2015.

Summary of External Merchandise Trade

Value: Rs Mn

	2015	2016	
	Sept ¹	Aug ¹	Sept ²
A. Total Exports (f.o.b)	7,542	6,669	7,225
Domestic exports	4,943	4,621	4,614
Re-exports	2,074	1,548	2,111
Ship's Stores and Bunkers	525	500	500
B. Total Imports (c.i.f)	12,824	13,449	13,404
Total International Trade (A + B)	20,366	20,118	20,629
Trade Deficits (A - B)	-5,282	-6,780	-6,179

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	2015	2016	
	Sept ¹	Aug ¹	Sept ²
0 - Food and live animals	2,567	3,019	3,361
1 - Beverages and tobacco	292	330	346
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	317	288	334
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	1,398	1,561	1,583
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	188	79	106
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	1,330	1,236	1,251
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	2,689	2,332	2,126
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	2,656	3,221	2,902
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	1,330	1,318	1,300
9 - Other commodities & transactions, n.e.s.	57	65	95
TOTAL	12,824	13,449	13,404

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In September 2016, total imports decreased slightly by 0.3% compared to August 2016 but increased by 4.5% compared to September 2015.

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

F.O.B value: Rs Mn

SITC SECTION/DESCRIPTION	2015	2016	
	Sept ¹	Aug ²	Sept ²
0 - Food and live animals	2,290	2,045	2,443
1 - Beverages and tobacco	27	50	39
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	97	108	98
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	3	48	60
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	11	7	36
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	279	269	297
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	664	530	589
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	701	367	690
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	2,915	2,741	2,424
9 - Other commodities & transactions, n.e.s.	30	4	49
Exports exclusive of Ship's Stores and Bunkers	7,017	6,169	6,725
Estimates of Ship's Stores and Bunkers	525	500	500
TOTAL	7,542	6,669	7,225

¹ Revised estimates ² First estimates

In September 2016, total exports rose by 8.3% compared to the previous month but declined by 4.2% compared to September 2015.

4. Main trading partners in September 2016

Value: Rs Mn

Exports ¹ (F.O.B)				Imports (C.I.F)			
Country	2015	2016		Country	2015	2016	
	Sept ²	Aug ²	Sept ³		Sept ²	Aug ²	Sept ³
United Kingdom	882	778	763	China	2,232	2,675	2,092
United States	820	995	754	India	1,656	1,935	1,919
South Africa	786	548	613	France	975	877	1,197
France	617	709	580	South Africa	1,002	1,160	1,129
Madagascar	565	439	528	Spain	849	444	523
Mayotte	18	25	382	Germany	385	403	502
Other	3,329	2,675	3,105	Other	5,725	5,955	6,042
Total	7,017	6,169	6,725	Total	12,824	13,449	13,404

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

United Kingdom (11.3%), USA (11.2%), South Africa (9.1%) and France (8.6%) were our major exports destinations in September 2016 while our imports were mainly from China (15.6%), India (14.3%), France (8.9%) and South Africa (8.4%).

November 2016