

## Monthly External Merchandise Trade Statistics - April 2016

### 1. Balance of visible trade

Balance of Visible Trade showed a deficit of Rs 6,081 million in April 2016 lower by 13.5% compared to the previous month and by 3.9% when compared to the corresponding month of 2015.

### Summary of External Merchandise Trade

Value: Rs Mn

	2015	2016	
	Apr <sup>1</sup>	Mar <sup>1</sup>	Apr <sup>2</sup>
<b>A. Total Exports (f.o.b)</b>	<b>8,405</b>	<b>6,819</b>	<b>6,364</b>
Domestic exports	4,979	4,726	4,446
Re-exports	2,726	1,593	1,418
Ship's Stores and Bunkers	700	500	500
<b>B. Total Imports (c.i.f)</b>	<b>14,731</b>	<b>13,845</b>	<b>12,445</b>
<b>Total International Trade (A + B)</b>	<b>23,136</b>	<b>20,664</b>	<b>18,809</b>
<b>Trade Deficits (A - B)</b>	<b>-6,326</b>	<b>-7,026</b>	<b>-6,081</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	
	Apr <sup>1</sup>	Mar <sup>1</sup>	Apr <sup>2</sup>
0 - Food and live animals	2,573	3,177	2,790
1 - Beverages and tobacco	183	388	307
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	366	388	309
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	2,632	1,977	1,299
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	98	84	49
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	1,267	1,225	1,248
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	2,533	2,333	1,982
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	3,864	3,068	3,167
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	1,136	1,124	1,206
9 - Other commodities & transactions, n.e.s	79	81	88
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>14,731</b>	<b>13,845</b>	<b>12,445</b>

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

In April 2016, total imports decreased by 10.1% compared to March 2016 and by 15.5% compared to April 2015.

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

F.O.B value: Rs Mn

SITC SECTION/DESCRIPTION	2015	2016	
	Apr <sup>1</sup>	Mar <sup>1</sup>	Apr <sup>2</sup>
0 - Food and live animals	2,067	2,144	1,999
1 - Beverages and tobacco	37	63	37
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	143	121	98
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	1	199	131
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	8	7	10
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	328	239	243
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	914	689	711
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	1,712	257	206
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	2,445	2,565	2,388
9 - Other commodities & transactions, n.e.s.	50	35	41
<b>Exports exclusive of Ship's Stores and Bunkers</b>	<b>7,705</b>	<b>6,319</b>	<b>5,864</b>
Estimates of Ship's Stores and Bunkers	700	500	500
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>8,405</b>	<b>6,819</b>	<b>6,364</b>

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

In April 2016, total exports decreased by 6.7 % compared to the previous month and by 24.3% compared to April 2015.

### 4. Main trading partners in April 2016

Value: Rs Mn

Exports <sup>1</sup> (F.O.B)				Imports (C.I.F)			
Country	2015	2016		Country	2015	2016	
	Apr <sup>2</sup>	Mar <sup>2</sup>	Apr <sup>3</sup>		Apr <sup>2</sup>	Mar <sup>2</sup>	Apr <sup>3</sup>
United Kingdom	997	831	827	China	2,491	1,997	2,023
France	819	705	774	India	3,420	2,536	1,766
USA	634	547	595	South Africa	795	1,140	937
Madagascar	465	487	536	France	1,100	1,040	902
Italy	461	556	410	Spain	160	303	489
South Africa	542	555	399	USA	246	205	485
Other	3,787	2,638	2,323	Other	6,519	6,624	5,843
<b>Total</b>	<b>7,705</b>	<b>6,319</b>	<b>5,864</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>14,731</b>	<b>13,845</b>	<b>12,445</b>

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

United Kingdom (14.1%), France (13.2%), USA (10.1%) and Madagascar (9.1%) were our major exports destinations in April 2016 while our imports were mainly from China (16.3%), India (14.2%), South Africa (7.5%) and France (7.2%) .

**June 2016**