

## Monthly External Merchandise Trade Statistics - November 2016

### 1. Balance of visible trade

Balance of Visible Trade showed a deficit of Rs 8,944 million in November 2016 higher by 8.8% compared to the previous month and higher by 10.7% when compared to the corresponding month of 2015.

### Summary of External Merchandise Trade

Value: Rs Mn

	2015	2016	
	Nov <sup>1</sup>	Oct <sup>1</sup>	Nov <sup>2</sup>
<b>A. Total Exports (f.o.b)</b>	<b>7,107</b>	<b>6,609</b>	<b>7,078</b>
Domestic exports	4,867	4,615	4,548
Re-exports	1,655	1,494	2,030
Ship's Stores and Bunkers	585	500	500
<b>B. Total Imports (c.i.f)</b>	<b>15,184</b>	<b>14,827</b>	<b>16,022</b>
<b>Total International Trade (A + B)</b>	<b>22,291</b>	<b>21,436</b>	<b>23,100</b>
<b>Trade Deficits (A - B)</b>	<b>-8,077</b>	<b>-8,218</b>	<b>-8,944</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	
	Nov <sup>1</sup>	Oct <sup>1</sup>	Nov <sup>2</sup>
0 - Food and live animals	3,459	3,070	2,685
1 - Beverages and tobacco	302	243	434
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	473	324	341
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	1,781	2,587	2,601
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	67	189	60
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	1,330	1,262	1,324
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	2,632	2,294	2,229
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	3,558	3,123	4,506
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	1,543	1,647	1,709
9 - Other commodities & transactions, n.e.s	39	88	133
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>15,184</b>	<b>14,827</b>	<b>16,022</b>

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

In November 2016, total imports increased by 8.1% compared to October 2016 and by 5.5% compared to November 2015.

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

F.O.B value: Rs Mn

SITC SECTION/DESCRIPTION	2015	2016	
	Nov <sup>1</sup>	Oct <sup>1</sup>	Nov <sup>2</sup>
0 - Food and live animals	1,901	2,341	2,570
1 - Beverages and tobacco	56	45	39
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	74	68	102
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	87	111	43
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	7	15	14
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	380	315	382
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	785	564	576
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	457	335	239
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	2,762	2,239	2,572
9 - Other commodities & transactions, n.e.s.	13	76	41
<b>Exports exclusive of Ship's Stores and Bunkers</b>	<b>6,522</b>	<b>6,109</b>	<b>6,578</b>
Estimates of Ship's Stores and Bunkers	585	500	500
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>7,107</b>	<b>6,609</b>	<b>7,078</b>

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

In November 2016, total exports rose by 7.1% compared to the previous month but declined slightly by 0.4% compared to November 2015.

### 4. Main trading partners in November 2016

Value: Rs Mn

Exports <sup>1</sup> (F.O.B)				Imports (C.I.F)			
Country	2015	2016		Country	2015	2016	
	Nov <sup>2</sup>	Oct <sup>2</sup>	Nov <sup>3</sup>		Nov <sup>2</sup>	Oct <sup>2</sup>	Nov <sup>3</sup>
France	736	679	943	China	2,954	2,425	2,850
USA	650	513	910	India	2,113	3,084	2,666
United Kingdom	654	884	720	South Africa	907	909	1,415
South Africa	650	529	572	France	1,018	1,252	1,117
Madagascar	501	478	442	Germany	357	381	479
Italy	535	515	407	Japan	379	497	473
Other	2,796	2,511	2,584	Other	7,456	6,279	7,022
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,522</b>	<b>6,109</b>	<b>6,578</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>15,184</b>	<b>14,827</b>	<b>16,022</b>

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

France (14.3%), USA (13.8%), United Kingdom (10.9%) and South Africa (8.7%) were our major exports destinations in November 2016 while our imports were mainly from China (17.8%), India (16.6%), South Africa (8.8%) and France (7.0%).

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