

Monthly External Merchandise Trade Statistics - April 2017

1. Balance of visible trade

Balance of Visible Trade showed a deficit of Rs 8,034 million in April 2017 higher by 9.7% compared to the previous month and by 38.4% when compared to the corresponding month of 2016.

Summary of External Merchandise Trade

Value: Rs Mn

| | 2016 | 2017 | |
|--|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| | Apr ¹ | Mar ¹ | Apr ² |
| A. Total Exports (f.o.b) | 6,397 | 7,858 | 6,141 |
| Domestic exports | 4,531 | 4,605 | 4,316 |
| Re-exports | 1,418 | 2,381 | 1,143 |
| Ship's Stores and Bunkers | 448 | 872 | 682 |
| B. Total Imports (c.i.f) | 12,204 | 15,182 | 14,175 |
| Total International Trade (A + B) | 18,601 | 23,040 | 20,316 |
| Trade Deficits (A - B) | -5,807 | -7,324 | -8,034 |

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 | 2016 | 2017 | |
|---|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| | Apr ¹ | Mar ¹ | Apr ² |
| 0 - Food and live animals | 2,783 | 3,140 | 3,130 |
| 1 - Beverages and tobacco | 308 | 411 | 309 |
| 2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels | 309 | 329 | 298 |
| 3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials | 1,297 | 3,438 | 1,993 |
| 4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes | 49 | 238 | 92 |
| 5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s. | 1,206 | 1,209 | 1,220 |
| 6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material | 1,982 | 1,985 | 2,292 |
| 7 - Machinery and transport equipment | 2,980 | 3,219 | 3,468 |
| 8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles | 1,202 | 1,105 | 1,272 |
| 9 - Other commodities & transactions, n.e.s | 88 | 108 | 101 |
| TOTAL | 12,204 | 15,182 | 14,175 |

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In April 2017, total imports decreased by 6.6% compared to March 2017 but increased by 16.2% compared to April 2016.

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

F.O.B value: Rs Mn

| SITC SECTION/DESCRIPTION | 2016 | 2017 | |
|---|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| | Apr ¹ | Mar ¹ | Apr ² |
| 0 - Food and live animals | 2,108 | 2,699 | 2,217 |
| 1 - Beverages and tobacco | 37 | 49 | 26 |
| 2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels | 96 | 134 | 55 |
| 3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials | 139 | 222 | 36 |
| 4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes | 10 | 18 | 13 |
| 5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s. | 242 | 204 | 242 |
| 6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material | 696 | 674 | 590 |
| 7 - Machinery and transport equipment | 206 | 638 | 179 |
| 8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles | 2,374 | 2,247 | 1,998 |
| 9 - Other commodities & transactions, n.e.s | 41 | 101 | 103 |
| Exports exclusive of Ship's Stores and Bunkers | 5,949 | 6,986 | 5,459 |
| Estimates of Ship's Stores and Bunkers | 448 | 872 | 682 |
| TOTAL | 6,397 | 7,858 | 6,141 |

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In April 2017, total exports fell by 21.9% compared to the previous month and by 4.0% compared to April 2016.

4. Main trading partners in April 2017

Value: Rs Mn

| Exports ¹ (F.O.B) | | | | Imports (C.I.F) | | | |
|------------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|-----------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Country | 2016 | 2017 | | Country | 2016 | 2017 | |
| | Apr ² | Mar ² | Apr ³ | | Apr ² | Mar ² | Apr ³ |
| France | 763 | 722 | 789 | China | 2,022 | 1,749 | 2,376 |
| United Kingdom | 816 | 815 | 702 | India | 1,766 | 2,988 | 1,827 |
| USA | 584 | 887 | 612 | South Africa | 937 | 1,187 | 1,349 |
| Italy | 486 | 489 | 567 | France | 889 | 992 | 975 |
| South Africa | 398 | 453 | 441 | Brazil | 51 | 28 | 740 |
| Madagascar | 538 | 473 | 384 | Spain | 489 | 427 | 579 |
| Other | 2,364 | 3,147 | 1,964 | Other | 6,050 | 7,811 | 6,329 |
| Total | 5,949 | 6,986 | 5,459 | Total | 12,204 | 15,182 | 14,175 |

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

France (14.5%), United Kingdom (12.9%), USA (11.2%), and Italy (10.4%) were our major exports destinations in April 2017 while our imports were mainly from China (16.8%), India (12.9%), South Africa (9.5%) and France (6.9%).

June 2017