

Monthly External Merchandise Trade Statistics - September 2017

1. Balance of visible trade

Balance of Visible Trade showed a deficit of Rs 6,439 million in September 2017, lower by 17.6% compared to the previous month but higher by 5.8 % when compared to the corresponding month of 2016.

Summary of External Merchandise Trade

Value: Rs Mn

	2016	2017	
	Sept ¹	Aug ¹	Sept ²
A. Total Exports (f.o.b)	7,326	6,956	7,426
Domestic exports	4,649	4,972	4,937
Re-exports	2,111	1,281	1,717
Ship's Stores and Bunkers	566	703	772
B. Total Imports (c.i.f)	13,414	14,768	13,865
Total International Trade (A + B)	20,740	21,724	21,291
Trade Deficits (A - B)	-6,088	-7,812	-6,439

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	
	Sept ¹	Aug ¹	Sept ²
0 - Food and live animals	3,371	2,968	3,129
1 - Beverages and tobacco	346	341	275
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	334	323	305
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	1,583	2,213	2,158
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	106	189	70
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	1,254	1,237	1,225
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	2,126	2,129	2,287
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	2,903	3,922	2,934
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	1,296	1,350	1,429
9 - Other commodities & transactions, n.e.s	95	96	53
TOTAL	13,414	14,768	13,865

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In September 2017, total imports decreased by 6.1% compared to August 2017 but increased by 3.4 % compared to September 2016.

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

F.O.B value: Rs Mn

SITC SECTION/DESCRIPTION	2016	2017	
	Sept ¹	Aug ¹	Sept ²
0 - Food and live animals	2,485	2,204	2,670
1 - Beverages and tobacco	39	34	54
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	98	61	75
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	60	93	44
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	36	8	18
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	297	294	206
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	589	689	557
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	690	295	596
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	2,417	2,515	2,377
9 - Other commodities & transactions, n.e.s	49	60	57
Exports exclusive of Ship's Stores and Bunkers	6,760	6,253	6,654
Estimates of Ship's Stores and Bunkers	566	703	772
TOTAL	7,326	6,956	7,426

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In September 2017, total exports rose by 6.8 % compared to the previous month and by 1.4 % compared to September 2016.

4. Main trading partners in September 2017

Value: Rs Mn

Exports ¹ (F.O.B)				Imports (C.I.F)			
Country	2016	2017		Country	2016	2017	
	Sept ²	Aug ²	Sept ³		Sept ²	Aug ²	Sept ³
United Kingdom	797	777	836	China	2,091	2,307	2,258
France	578	792	702	India	1,919	2,618	1,914
USA	739	727	664	South Africa	1,129	1,131	1,348
South Africa	613	667	655	France	1,197	1,466	1,109
Spain	386	326	449	Brazil	42	41	584
UAE	87	165	398	Spain	523	379	528
Other	3,560	2,799	2,950	Other	6,513	6,826	6,124
Total	6,760	6,253	6,654	Total	13,414	14,768	13,865

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

United Kingdom (12.6%), France (10.6 %), USA (10.0%) and South Africa (9.8%) were our major exports destinations in September 2017 while our imports were mainly from China (16.3%), India (13.8%), South Africa (9.7%) and France (8.0%).

November 2017