

Monthly External Merchandise Trade Statistics - April 2018

1. Balance of visible trade

Balance of Visible Trade showed a deficit of Rs 9,027 million in April 2018, higher by 26.6% compared to the previous month and by 11.2% when compared to the corresponding month of 2017.

Summary of External Merchandise Trade

Value: Rs Mn

	2017	2018	
	Apr ¹	Mar ¹	Apr ²
A. Total Exports (f.o.b)	6,075	7,322	6,538
Domestic exports	4,268	4,710	4,329
Re-exports	1,125	1,527	1,161
Ship's Stores and Bunkers	682	1,085	1,048
B. Total Imports (c.i.f)	14,196	14,455	15,565
Total International Trade (A + B)	20,271	21,777	22,103
Trade Deficits (A - B)	-8,121	-7,133	-9,027

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	2017	2018	
	Apr ¹	Mar ¹	Apr ²
0 - Food and live animals	3,095	2,834	2,596
1 - Beverages and tobacco	309	327	319
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	298	272	346
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	2,018	3,594	2,877
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	92	241	99
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	1,223	1,197	1,454
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	2,288	1,964	2,444
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	3,500	2,721	3,859
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	1,272	1,191	1,392
9 - Other commodities & transactions, n.e.s.	101	114	179
TOTAL	14,196	14,455	15,565

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In April 2018, total imports increased by 7.7% compared to March 2018 and by 9.6% compared to April 2017.

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

F.O.B value: Rs Mn

SITC SECTION/DESCRIPTION	2017	2018	
	Apr ¹	Mar ¹	Apr ²
0 - Food and live animals	2,167	2,283	1,775
1 - Beverages and tobacco	26	36	42
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	55	83	40
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	36	-	46
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	13	16	17
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	242	348	308
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	591	782	767
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	178	240	250
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	1,982	2,359	2,175
9 - Other commodities & transactions, n.e.s	103	90	70
Exports exclusive of Ship's Stores and Bunkers	5,393	6,237	5,490
Estimates of Ship's Stores and Bunkers	682	1,085	1,048
TOTAL	6,075	7,322	6,538

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In April 2018, total exports decreased by 10.7% compared to the previous month and increased by 7.6% compared to April 2017.

4. Main trading partners in April 2018

Value: Rs Mn

Exports ¹ (F.O.B)				Imports (C.I.F)			
Country	2017	2018		Country	2017	2018	
	Apr ²	Mar ²	Apr ³		Apr ²	Mar ²	Apr ³
France	786	753	760	India	1,827	3,071	3,064
United Kingdom	684	823	735	China	2,376	1,554	2,473
South Africa	441	784	529	South Africa	1,347	1,549	1,572
Madagascar	382	320	399	France	974	1,300	1,479
USA	611	484	390	Japan	492	574	578
Spain	338	432	328	USA	296	304	523
Other	2,151	2,641	2,349	Other	6,884	6,103	5,876
Total	5,393	6,237	5,490	Total	14,196	14,455	15,565

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

France (13.8%), United Kingdom (13.4%), South Africa (9.6%) and Madagascar (7.3%) were our major exports destinations in April 2018 while our imports were mainly from India (19.7%), China (15.9%), South Africa (10.1%) and France (9.5%).

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