

## Monthly External Merchandise Trade Statistics - April 2019

### 1. Balance of Visible Trade

Balance of Visible Trade showed a deficit of Rs 8,840 million in April 2019, lower by 9.3% compared to the previous month and by 1.8% compared to the corresponding month of 2018.

### Summary of External Merchandise Trade

Value: Rs Mn

	2018	2019	
	Apr <sup>1</sup>	Mar <sup>2</sup>	Apr <sup>2</sup>
<b>A. Total Exports (f.o.b)</b>	<b>6,475</b>	<b>6,893</b>	<b>6,988</b>
Domestic exports	4,268	4,661	4,643
Re-exports	1,159	1,158	1,015
Ship's Stores and Bunkers	1,048	1,074	1,330
<b>B. Total Imports (c.i.f)</b>	<b>15,476</b>	<b>16,643</b>	<b>15,828</b>
<b>Total International Trade (A + B)</b>	<b>21,951</b>	<b>23,536</b>	<b>22,816</b>
<b>Trade Deficits (A - B)</b>	<b>-9,001</b>	<b>-9,750</b>	<b>-8,840</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	2018	2019	
	Apr <sup>1</sup>	Mar <sup>2</sup>	Apr <sup>2</sup>
0 - Food and live animals	2,598	3,502	2,606
1 - Beverages and tobacco	319	329	283
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	346	597	413
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	2,864	3,608	2,491
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	99	79	90
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	1,454	1,298	1,568
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	2,444	2,546	2,819
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	3,790	3,528	3,886
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	1,394	1,125	1,626
9 - Other commodities & transactions, n.e.s	168	31	46
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>15,476</b>	<b>16,643</b>	<b>15,828</b>

<sup>1</sup> Revised estimates

<sup>2</sup> First Estimates

In April 2019, total imports decreased by 4.9% compared to March 2019 but increased by 2.3% compared to April 2018.

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

F.O.B value: Rs Mn

SITC SECTION/DESCRIPTION	2018	2019	
	Apr <sup>1</sup>	Mar <sup>2</sup>	Apr <sup>2</sup>
0 - Food and live animals	1,762	2,336	1,910
1 - Beverages and tobacco	41	38	37
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	40	91	45
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	45	34	42
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	17	12	21
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	308	314	216
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	767	773	908
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	250	197	234
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	2,127	2,019	2,243
9 - Other commodities & transactions, n.e.s.	70	5	2
<b>Exports exclusive of Ship's Stores and Bunkers</b>	<b>5,427</b>	<b>5,819</b>	<b>5,658</b>
Estimates of Ship's Stores and Bunkers	1,048	1,074	1,330
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>6,475</b>	<b>6,893</b>	<b>6,988</b>

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

In April 2019, total exports increased by 1.4% compared to previous month and by 7.9% compared to April 2018.

### 4. Main trading partners in April 2019

Value: Rs Mn

Exports <sup>1</sup> (F.O.B)				Imports (C.I.F)			
Country	2018	2019		Country	2018	2019	
	Apr <sup>2</sup>	Mar <sup>3</sup>	Apr <sup>3</sup>		Apr <sup>2</sup>	Mar <sup>3</sup>	Apr <sup>3</sup>
United Kingdom	700	762	727	India	3,064	3,472	3,054
United States	388	539	660	China	2,472	1,994	2,836
France	751	650	589	South Africa	1,559	1,146	1,197
Madagascar	400	386	470	France	1,469	1,433	1,166
South Africa	529	548	463	Japan	577	517	515
Italy	241	333	340	Indonesia	207	328	503
Other	2,418	2,601	2,409	Other	6,128	7,753	6,557
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,427</b>	<b>5,819</b>	<b>5,658</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>15,476</b>	<b>16,643</b>	<b>15,828</b>

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

United Kingdom (12.8%), United States (11.7%) and France (10.4%) were our major exports destinations in April 2019 while our imports were mainly from India (19.3%), China (17.9%) and South Africa (7.6%).

**June 2019**