

Monthly External Merchandise Trade Statistics - January 2019

1. Balance of visible trade

Balance of Visible Trade showed a deficit of Rs 9,406 million in January 2019, lower by 4.7% compared to the previous month but higher by 27.5% compared to the corresponding month of 2018.

Summary of External Merchandise Trade

Value: Rs Mn

	2018		2019
	Jan ¹	Dec	Jan ²
A. Total Exports (f.o.b)	4,803	7,508	6,399
Domestic exports	3,025	4,048	4,112
Re-exports	878	2,414	1,328
Ship's Stores and Bunkers	900	1,046	959
B. Total Imports (c.i.f)	12,182	17,380	15,805
Total International Trade (A + B)	16,985	24,888	22,204
Trade Deficits (A - B)	-7,379	-9,872	-9,406

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	2018		2019
	Jan ¹	Dec	Jan ²
0 - Food and live animals	2,090	3,228	2,938
1 - Beverages and tobacco	208	427	247
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	401	449	453
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	2,832	3,806	2,652
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	62	194	89
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	1,102	1,338	1,546
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	1,972	2,293	2,769
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	2,481	3,848	3,759
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	973	1,723	1,328
9 - Other commodities & transactions, n.e.s	61	74	24
TOTAL	12,182	17,380	15,805

¹ Revised estimates

² First Estimates

In January 2019, total imports decreased by 9.1% compared to December 2018 but increased by 29.7% compared to January 2018.

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

F.O.B value: Rs Mn

SITC SECTION/DESCRIPTION	2018		2019
	Jan ¹	Dec	Jan ²
0 - Food and live animals	1,254	2,816	1,984
1 - Beverages and tobacco	33	83	38
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	39	81	65
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	126	1	66
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	7	22	11
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	218	274	254
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	403	635	683
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	131	216	164
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	1,663	2,328	2,175
9 - Other commodities & transactions, n.e.s	29	6	-
Exports exclusive of Ship's Stores and Bunkers	3,903	6,462	5,440
Estimates of Ship's Stores and Bunkers	900	1,046	959
TOTAL	4,803	7,508	6,399

¹ Revised estimates ² First estimates

In January 2019, total exports decreased by 14.8% compared to previous month but increased by 33.2% compared to January 2018.

4. Main trading partners in January 2019

Value: Rs Mn

Exports ¹ (F.O.B)				Imports (C.I.F)			
Country	2018		2019	Country	2018		2019
	Jan ²	Dec	Jan ³		Jan ²	Dec	Jan ³
United Kingdom	517	445	697	China	1,769	2,746	3,019
United States	416	1,582	660	India	2,021	4,261	2,584
France	394	534	647	South Africa	1,325	1,638	1,685
South Africa	359	594	484	France	1,117	1,260	1,261
Madagascar	225	300	392	Germany	371	477	545
Kenya	148	198	261	Japan	376	414	506
Other	1,844	2,809	2,299	Other	5,203	6,584	6,205
Total	3,903	6,462	5,440	Total	12,182	17,380	15,805

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

United Kingdom (12.8%), United States (12.1%) and France (11.9%) were our major exports destinations in January 2019 while our imports were mainly from China (19.1%), India (16.3%) and South Africa (10.7%).

March 2019