

Monthly External Merchandise Trade Statistics - May 2019

1. Balance of Visible Trade

Balance of Visible Trade showed a deficit of Rs 11,390 million in May 2019, higher by 24.6% compared to the previous month and by 13.7% compared to the corresponding month of 2018.

Summary of External Merchandise Trade

Value: Rs Mn

	2018	2019	
	May ¹	Apr ²	May ²
A. Total Exports (f.o.b)	6,647	6,690 ¹	7,046
Domestic exports	4,437	4,643	4,911
Re-exports	1,276	1,015	1,272
Ship's Stores and Bunkers	934	1,032 ¹	863
B. Total Imports (c.i.f)	16,662	15,828	18,436
Total International Trade (A + B)	23,309	22,518 ¹	25,482
Trade Deficits (A - B)	-10,015	-9,138 ¹	-11,390

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	
	May ¹	Apr ²	May ²
0 - Food and live animals	3,048	2,606	3,111
1 - Beverages and tobacco	341	283	493
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	438	413	329
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	2,763	2,491	3,977
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	232	90	226
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	1,515	1,568	1,395
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	2,642	2,819	3,052
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	3,925	3,886	4,059
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	1,715	1,626	1,760
9 - Other commodities & transactions, n.e.s	43	46	34
TOTAL	16,662	15,828	18,436

¹ Revised estimates

² First Estimates

In May 2019, total imports increased by 16.5% compared to April 2019 and by 10.6% compared to May 2018.

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

F.O.B value: Rs Mn

SITC SECTION/DESCRIPTION	2018	2019	
	May ¹	Apr ²	May ²
0 - Food and live animals	1,838	1,910	1,727
1 - Beverages and tobacco	41	37	52
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	62	45	71
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	135	42	-
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	16	21	39
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	258	216	223
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	698	908	911
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	281	234	380
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	2,377	2,243	2,773
9 - Other commodities & transactions, n.e.s	7	2	7
Exports exclusive of Ship's Stores and Bunkers	5,713	5,658	6,183
Estimates of Ship's Stores and Bunkers	934	1,032 ¹	863
TOTAL	6,647	6,690 ¹	7,046

¹ Revised estimates ² First estimates - Negligible

In May 2019, total exports increased by 5.3% compared to previous month and by 6.0% compared to May 2018.

4. Main trading partners in May 2019

Value: Rs Mn

Exports ¹ (F.O.B)				Imports (C.I.F)			
Country	2018	2019		Country	2018	2019	
	May ²	Apr ³	May ³		May ²	Apr ³	May ³
South Africa	595	463	853	India	2,585	3,054	3,954
United States	591	660	755	China	2,954	2,836	3,055
France	592	589	656	South Africa	1,723	1,197	1,707
United Kingdom	641	727	565	France	1,450	1,166	1,025
Madagascar	347	470	407	Spain	372	193	744
Italy	261	340	385	Japan	540	515	526
Other	2,686	2,409	2,562	Other	7,038	6,867	7,425
Total	5,713	5,658	6,183	Total	16,662	15,828	18,436

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

South Africa (13.8%), United States (12.2%) and France (10.6%) were our major exports destinations in May 2019 while our imports were mainly from India (21.4%), China (16.6%) and South Africa (9.3%).

July 2019