

## Monthly External Merchandise Trade Statistics - September 2019

### 1. Balance of Visible Trade

Balance of Visible Trade showed a deficit of Rs 10,736 million in September 2019, higher by 6.0% compared to the previous month and by 34.3% compared to the corresponding month of 2018.

### Summary of External Merchandise Trade

Value: Rs Mn

	2018	2019	
	Sep <sup>1</sup>	Aug <sup>1</sup>	Sep <sup>2</sup>
<b>A. Total Exports (f.o.b)</b>	<b>6,748</b>	<b>6,599</b>	<b>6,439</b>
Domestic exports	3,914	4,366	3,876
Re-exports	1,626	978	1,228
Ship's Stores and Bunkers	1,208	1,255	1,335
<b>B. Total Imports (c.i.f)</b>	<b>14,740</b>	<b>16,725</b>	<b>17,175</b>
<b>Total International Trade (A + B)</b>	<b>21,488</b>	<b>23,324</b>	<b>23,614</b>
<b>Trade Deficits (A - B)</b>	<b>-7,992</b>	<b>-10,126</b>	<b>-10,736</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	
	Sep <sup>1</sup>	Aug <sup>1</sup>	Sep <sup>2</sup>
0 - Food and live animals	2,231	3,331	2,499
1 - Beverages and tobacco	345	341	355
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	439	498	361
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	2,666	2,858	3,440
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	97	40	185
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	1,220	1,482	1,423
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	2,796	2,669	2,358
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	3,543	3,928	4,447
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	1,382	1,563	2,029
9 - Other commodities & transactions, n.e.s	21	15	78
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>14,740</b>	<b>16,725</b>	<b>17,175</b>

<sup>1</sup> Revised estimates

<sup>2</sup> First Estimates

In September 2019, total imports increased by 2.7% compared to August 2019 and by 16.5% compared to September 2018.

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

F.O.B value: Rs Mn

SITC SECTION/DESCRIPTION	2018	2019	
	Sep <sup>1</sup>	Aug <sup>1</sup>	Sep <sup>2</sup>
0 - Food and live animals	2,101	1,673	1,583
1 - Beverages and tobacco	40	42	32
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	84	51	116
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	101	17	38
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	14	13	21
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	217	297	239
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	680	833	805
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	191	126	249
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	2,102	2,287	2,013
9 - Other commodities & transactions, n.e.s	10	5	8
<b>Exports exclusive of Ship's Stores and Bunkers</b>	<b>5,540</b>	<b>5,344</b>	<b>5,104</b>
Estimates of Ship's Stores and Bunkers	1,208	1,255	1,335
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>6,748</b>	<b>6,599</b>	<b>6,439</b>

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

In September 2019, total exports decreased by 2.4% compared to previous month and by 4.6% compared to September 2018.

### 4. Main trading partners in September 2019

Value: Rs Mn

Exports <sup>1</sup> (F.O.B)				Imports (C.I.F)			
Country	2018	2019		Country	2018	2019	
	Sep <sup>2</sup>	Aug <sup>2</sup>	Sep <sup>3</sup>		Sep <sup>2</sup>	Aug <sup>2</sup>	Sep <sup>3</sup>
South Africa	592	729	653	China	2,654	2,586	2,953
United Kingdom	527	576	547	U.A.E	634	1,655	2,861
United States	640	626	484	South Africa	1,505	1,316	1,226
France	493	486	411	India	2,644	1,923	1,212
Madagascar	325	374	398	United Kingdom	299	336	1,129
Spain	238	283	238	Spain	305	590	1,124
Other	2,725	2,270	2,373	Other	6,699	8,319	6,670
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,540</b>	<b>5,344</b>	<b>5,104</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>14,740</b>	<b>16,725</b>	<b>17,175</b>

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

In September 2019, South Africa (12.8%), United Kingdom (10.7%) and United States (9.5%) were our major exports destinations while our imports were mainly from China (17.2%), U.A.E (16.7%), South Africa (7.1%) and India (7.1%).

**November 2019**