

Monthly External Merchandise Trade Statistics - April 2020

1. Balance of Visible Trade

Balance of Visible Trade showed a deficit of Rs 8,714 million in April 2020, higher by 14.9% compared to the previous month and lower by 5.4% compared to the corresponding month of 2019.

Summary of External Merchandise Trade

Value: Rs Mn

	2019	2020	
	Apr ¹	Mar ¹	Apr ²
A. Total Exports (f.o.b)	6,617	5,398	2,439
Domestic exports	4,571	3,633	1,159
Re-exports	1,014	803	528
Ship's Stores and Bunkers	1,032	962	752
B. Total Imports (c.i.f)	15,831	12,984	11,153
Total International Trade (A + B)	22,448	18,382	13,592
Trade Deficit (A - B)	-9,214	-7,586	-8,714

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	2019	2020	
	Apr ¹	Mar ¹	Apr ²
0 - Food and live animals	2,597	2,175	3,162
1 - Beverages and tobacco	283	245	389
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	413	368	338
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	2,497	3,711	1,324
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	90	203	81
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	1,568	1,216	1,059
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	2,822	1,566	1,967
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	3,892	2,714	2,085
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	1,623	762	748
9 - Other commodities & transactions, n.e.s	46	24	-
TOTAL	15,831	12,984	11,153

¹ Revised estimates

² First Estimates

In April 2020, total imports decreased by 14.1% compared to March 2020 and by 29.5% compared to April 2019.

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

F.O.B value: Rs Mn

SITC SECTION/DESCRIPTION	2019	2020	
	Apr ¹	Mar ¹	Apr ²
0 - Food and live animals	1,910	1,928	948
1 - Beverages and tobacco	37	29	22
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	46	129	66
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	42	-	-
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	21	12	24
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	218	162	136
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	914	757	153
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	234	142	59
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	2,161	1,277	279
9 - Other commodities & transactions, n.e.s	2	-	-
Exports exclusive of Ship's Stores and Bunkers	5,585	4,436	1,687
Estimates of Ship's Stores and Bunkers	1,032	962	752
TOTAL	6,617	5,398	2,439

¹ Revised estimates ² First estimates - Nil or Negligible

In April 2020, total exports decreased by 54.8% compared to previous month and by 63.1% compared to April 2019.

4. Main trading partners in April 2020

Value: Rs Mn

Exports ¹ (F.O.B)				Imports (C.I.F)			
Country	2019	2020		Country	2019	2020	
	Apr ²	Mar ²	Apr ³		Apr ²	Mar ²	Apr ³
France	570	337	181	China	2,835	859	1,807
Madagascar	475	299	164	India	3,053	1,469	1,025
Italy	340	231	153	South Africa	1,197	934	848
Spain	171	268	153	France	1,159	799	824
United Kingdom	669	507	123	U.A.E	383	3,302	815
United States	659	322	89	Spain	193	624	425
Other	2,701	2,472	824	Other	7,011	4,997	5,409
Total	5,585	4,436	1,687	Total	15,831	12,984	11,153

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

In April 2020, France (10.7%), Madagascar (9.7%), Italy (9.1%) and Spain (9.1%) were our major export destinations while our imports were mainly from China (16.2%), India (9.2%), South Africa (7.6%), France (7.4%) and U.A.E (7.3%).

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