

## Monthly External Merchandise Trade Statistics - December 2020

### 1. Balance of Visible Trade

Balance of Visible Trade showed a deficit of Rs 9,896 million in December 2020, higher by 1.5% compared to the previous month but lower by 16.2% compared to the corresponding month of 2019.

### Summary of External Merchandise Trade

Value: Rs Mn

	2019	2020	
	Dec <sup>1</sup>	Nov <sup>2</sup>	Dec <sup>2</sup>
<b>A. Total Exports (f.o.b)</b>	<b>6,046</b>	<b>5,585</b>	<b>6,549</b>
Domestic exports	3,850	4,101	4,544
Re-exports	1,066	914	1,288
Ship's Stores and Bunkers	1,130	570	717
<b>B. Total Imports (c.i.f)</b>	<b>17,859</b>	<b>15,333</b>	<b>16,445</b>
<b>Total International Trade (A + B)</b>	<b>23,905</b>	<b>20,918</b>	<b>22,994</b>
<b>Trade Deficit (A - B)</b>	<b>-11,813</b>	<b>-9,748</b>	<b>-9,896</b>

<sup>1</sup> Revised figures

<sup>2</sup> Provisional

### 2. Total Imports of goods by S.I.T.C section

C.I.F value: Rs Mn

SITC SECTION/DESCRIPTION	2019	2020	
	Dec <sup>1</sup>	Nov <sup>2</sup>	Dec <sup>2</sup>
0 - Food and live animals	2,990	2,595	3,506
1 - Beverages and tobacco	458	380	398
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	421	331	385
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	3,969	1,936	1,850
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	97	81	100
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	1,265	1,513	1,875
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	2,539	2,663	2,712
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	4,382	3,853	3,551
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	1,670	1,957	1,992
9 - Other commodities & transactions, n.e.s	68	24	76
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>17,859</b>	<b>15,333</b>	<b>16,445</b>

<sup>1</sup> Revised figures

<sup>2</sup> Provisional

In December 2020, total imports increased by 7.3% compared to November 2020 and decreased by 7.9% compared to December 2019.

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

F.O.B value: Rs Mn

SITC SECTION/DESCRIPTION	2019	2020	
	Dec <sup>1</sup>	Nov <sup>2</sup>	Dec <sup>2</sup>
0 - Food and live animals	1,739	1,765	1,992
1 - Beverages and tobacco	50	43	68
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	158	81	97
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	1	1	1
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	12	23	26
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	225	233	314
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	692	743	850
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	169	237	375
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	1,860	1,889	2,075
9 - Other commodities & transactions, n.e.s	10	-	34
<b>Exports exclusive of Ship's Stores and Bunkers</b>	<b>4,916</b>	<b>5,015</b>	<b>5,832</b>
Estimates of Ship's Stores and Bunkers	1,130	570	717
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>6,046</b>	<b>5,585</b>	<b>6,549</b>

<sup>1</sup> Revised figures    <sup>2</sup> Provisional    - Nil or Negligible

In December 2020, total exports increased by 17.3% compared to November 2020 and by 8.3% compared to December 2019.

### 4. Main trading partners in December 2020

Value: Rs Mn

Exports <sup>1</sup> (F.O.B)				Imports (C.I.F)			
Country	2019	2020		Country	2019	2020	
	Dec <sup>2</sup>	Nov <sup>3</sup>	Dec <sup>3</sup>		Dec <sup>2</sup>	Nov <sup>3</sup>	Dec <sup>3</sup>
South Africa	430	691	702	China	3,004	3,346	3,273
United Kingdom	562	589	614	U.A.E	3,240	1,349	1,636
France	400	356	466	India	1,331	1,458	1,541
Italy	315	318	440	South Africa	1,169	1,206	1,307
Madagascar	370	347	423	France	889	898	1,186
Spain	270	261	360	Germany	508	483	548
Other	2,569	2,453	2,827	Other	7,718	6,593	6,954
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,916</b>	<b>5,015</b>	<b>5,832</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>17,859</b>	<b>15,333</b>	<b>16,445</b>

<sup>1</sup> Excluding Ship's Stores and Bunkers    <sup>2</sup> Revised figures    <sup>3</sup> Provisional

In December 2020, South Africa (12.0%), United Kingdom (10.5%), France (8.0%), Italy (7.5%), Madagascar (7.3%) and Spain (6.2%) were our major export destinations while our imports were mainly from China (19.9%), U.A.E (9.9%), India (9.4%), South Africa (7.9%), France (7.2%) and Germany (3.3%).

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