

## Monthly External Merchandise Trade Statistics - November 2020

### 1. Balance of Visible Trade

Balance of Visible Trade showed a deficit of Rs 9,598 million in November 2020, higher by 13.5% compared to the previous month but lower by 20.5% compared to the corresponding month of 2019.

#### Summary of External Merchandise Trade

Value: Rs Mn

	2019	2020	
	Nov <sup>1</sup>	Oct <sup>2</sup>	Nov <sup>2</sup>
<b>A. Total Exports (f.o.b)</b>	<b>5,837</b>	<b>7,386</b>	<b>5,724</b>
Domestic exports	3,864	5,504	4,239
Re-exports	1,120	1,239	915
Ship's Stores and Bunkers	853	643	570
<b>B. Total Imports (c.i.f)</b>	<b>17,903</b>	<b>15,840</b>	<b>15,322</b>
<b>Total International Trade (A + B)</b>	<b>23,740</b>	<b>23,226</b>	<b>21,046</b>
<b>Trade Deficit (A - B)</b>	<b>-12,066</b>	<b>-8,454</b>	<b>-9,598</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	
	Nov <sup>1</sup>	Oct <sup>2</sup>	Nov <sup>2</sup>
0 - Food and live animals	4,323	3,647	2,594
1 - Beverages and tobacco	412	304	381
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	483	380	331
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	2,092	1,835	1,928
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	211	91	81
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	1,534	1,636	1,515
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	2,690	2,751	2,661
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	4,103	3,297	3,851
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	2,016	1,813	1,956
9 - Other commodities & transactions, n.e.s	39	86	24
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>17,903</b>	<b>15,840</b>	<b>15,322</b>

<sup>1</sup> Revised figures

<sup>2</sup> Provisional

In November 2020, total imports decreased by 3.3% compared to October 2020 and by 14.4% compared to November 2019.

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

F.O.B value: Rs Mn

SITC SECTION/DESCRIPTION	2019	2020	
	Nov <sup>1</sup>	Oct <sup>2</sup>	Nov <sup>2</sup>
0 - Food and live animals	1,653	2,628	1,768
1 - Beverages and tobacco	40	50	43
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	106	130	81
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	102	-	1
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	22	13	23
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	281	263	234
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	795	1,147	857
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	194	241	238
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	1,791	2,236	1,909
9 - Other commodities & transactions, n.e.s	-	35	-
<b>Exports exclusive of Ship's Stores and Bunkers</b>	<b>4,984</b>	<b>6,743</b>	<b>5,154</b>
Estimates of Ship's Stores and Bunkers	853	643	570
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5,837</b>	<b>7,386</b>	<b>5,724</b>

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

In November 2020, total exports decreased by 22.5% compared to October 2020 and by 1.9% compared to November 2019.

### 4. Main trading partners in November 2020

Value: Rs Mn

Exports <sup>1</sup> (F.O.B)				Imports (C.I.F)			
Country	2019	2020		Country	2019	2020	
	Nov <sup>2</sup>	Oct <sup>3</sup>	Nov <sup>3</sup>		Nov <sup>2</sup>	Oct <sup>3</sup>	Nov <sup>3</sup>
South Africa	586	982	693	China	3,093	2,765	3,346
United Kingdom	544	597	600	India	1,413	1,102	1,458
United States	373	624	388	U.A.E	1,618	1,886	1,349
France	471	548	360	South Africa	1,317	1,333	1,198
Madagascar	340	412	347	France	1,512	1,516	894
Italy	229	389	321	Japan	473	392	495
Other	2,441	3,191	2,445	Other	8,477	6,846	6,582
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,984</b>	<b>6,743</b>	<b>5,154</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>17,903</b>	<b>15,840</b>	<b>15,322</b>

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

In November 2020, South Africa (13.4%), United Kingdom (11.6%), United States (7.5%), France (7.0%), Madagascar (6.7%) and Italy (6.2%) were our major export destinations while our imports were mainly from China (21.8%), India (9.5%), U.A.E (8.8%), South Africa (7.8%), France (5.8%) and Japan (3.2%).

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