

Monthly External Merchandise Trade Statistics - September 2020

1. Balance of Visible Trade

Balance of Visible Trade showed a deficit of Rs 7,579 million in September 2020, higher by 0.1% compared to the previous month and lower by 27.8% compared to the corresponding month of 2019.

Summary of External Merchandise Trade

Value: Rs Mn

	2019	2020	
	Sep ¹	Aug ²	Sep ²
A. Total Exports (f.o.b)	6,661	6,014	6,547
Domestic exports	4,099	4,452	4,548
Re-exports	1,227	916	1,212
Ship's Stores and Bunkers	1,335	646	787
B. Total Imports (c.i.f)	17,154	13,582	14,126
Total International Trade (A + B)	23,815	19,596	20,673
Trade Deficit (A - B)	-10,493	-7,568	-7,579

¹ Revised figures

² Provisional

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

C.I.F value: Rs Mn

SITC SECTION/DESCRIPTION	2019	2020	
	Sep ¹	Aug ²	Sep ²
0 - Food and live animals	2,484	3,460	3,223
1 - Beverages and tobacco	355	173	558
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	361	296	368
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	3,440	1,300	1,391
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	186	63	221
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	1,423	1,434	1,554
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	2,356	2,304	2,406
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	4,447	3,191	2,838
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	2,024	1,357	1,470
9 - Other commodities & transactions, n.e.s	78	4	97
TOTAL	17,154	13,582	14,126

¹ Revised figures

² Provisional

In September 2020, total imports increased by 4.0% compared to August 2020 and decreased by 17.7% compared to September 2019.

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

F.O.B value: Rs Mn

SITC SECTION/DESCRIPTION	2019	2020	
	Sep ¹	Aug ²	Sep ²
0 - Food and live animals	1,811	2,079	1,688
1 - Beverages and tobacco	32	37	73
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	116	83	153
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	38	-	-
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	21	19	50
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	238	237	327
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	805	721	797
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	249	222	315
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	2,008	1,970	2,333
9 - Other commodities & transactions, n.e.s	8	-	24
Exports exclusive of Ship's Stores and Bunkers	5,326	5,368	5,760
Estimates of Ship's Stores and Bunkers	1,335	646	787
TOTAL	6,661	6,014	6,547

¹ Revised figures ² Provisional - Nil or Negligible

In September 2020, total exports increased by 8.9% compared to August 2020 and decreased by 1.7% compared to September 2019.

4. Main trading partners in September 2020

Value: Rs Mn

Exports ¹ (F.O.B)				Imports (C.I.F)			
Country	2019	2020		Country	2019	2020	
	Sep ²	Aug ³	Sep ³		Sep ²	Aug ³	Sep ³
South Africa	652	731	874	China	2,953	2,207	2,181
United States	495	649	716	India	1,211	1,161	1,849
United Kingdom	602	642	637	U.A.E	2,861	1,070	1,244
France	410	432	400	South Africa	1,226	949	896
Madagascar	398	327	353	France	908	858	890
Spain	262	342	270	Brazil	75	63	539
Other	2,507	2,245	2,510	Other	7,920	7,274	6,527
Total	5,326	5,368	5,760	Total	17,154	13,582	14,126

¹ Excluding Ship's Stores and Bunkers ² Revised figures ³ Provisional

In September 2020, South Africa (15.2%), United states (12.4%), United Kingdom (11.1%) and France (6.9%) were our major export destinations while our imports were mainly from China (15.4%), India (13.1%), U.A.E (8.8%), South Africa (6.3%) and France (6.3%).

November 2020