

## Monthly External Merchandise Trade Statistics - August 2021

### 1. Balance of Visible Trade

Balance of Visible Trade showed a deficit of Rs 10,478 million in August 2021, lower by 0.7% compared to the previous month and higher by 38.6% compared to the corresponding month of 2020.

### Summary of External Merchandise Trade

Value: Rs Mn

	2020	2021	
	Aug <sup>1</sup>	Jul <sup>2</sup>	Aug <sup>2</sup>
<b>A. Total Exports (f.o.b)</b>	<b>6,013</b>	<b>7,321</b>	<b>7,113</b>
Domestic exports	4,452	4,397	4,442
Re-exports	915	1,741	1,678
Ship's Stores and Bunkers	646	1,183	993
<b>B. Total Imports (c.i.f)</b>	<b>13,573</b>	<b>17,874</b>	<b>17,591</b>
<b>Total International Trade (A + B)</b>	<b>19,586</b>	<b>25,195</b>	<b>24,704</b>
<b>Trade Deficit (A - B)</b>	<b>-7,560</b>	<b>-10,553</b>	<b>-10,478</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	2020	2021	
	Aug <sup>1</sup>	Jul <sup>2</sup>	Aug <sup>2</sup>
0 - Food and live animals	3,440	3,302	2,628
1 - Beverages and tobacco	173	148	259
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	295	269	402
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	1,300	2,760	3,879
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	63	402	132
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	1,434	2,172	1,639
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	2,316	4,061	3,163
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	3,191	3,001	3,730
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	1,357	1,633	1,716
9 - Other commodities & transactions, n.e.s	4	126	43
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>13,573</b>	<b>17,874</b>	<b>17,591</b>

<sup>1</sup> Revised figures

<sup>2</sup> Provisional

In August 2021, total imports decreased by 1.6% compared to July 2021 and increased by 29.6% compared to August 2020.

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

F.O.B value: Rs Mn

SITC SECTION/DESCRIPTION	2020	2021	
	Aug <sup>1</sup>	Jul <sup>2</sup>	Aug <sup>2</sup>
0 - Food and live animals	2,078	1,594	1,888
1 - Beverages and tobacco	37	77	51
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	83	226	178
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	-	1	2
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	19	10	7
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	237	273	402
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	721	786	1,106
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	222	556	188
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	1,970	2,607	2,298
9 - Other commodities & transactions, n.e.s	-	8	-
<b>Exports exclusive of Ship's Stores and Bunkers</b>	<b>5,367</b>	<b>6,138</b>	<b>6,120</b>
Estimates of Ship's Stores and Bunkers	646	1,183	993
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>6,013</b>	<b>7,321</b>	<b>7,113</b>

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

In August 2021, total exports decreased by 2.8% compared to July 2021 and increased by 18.3% compared to August 2020.

### 4. Main trading partners in August 2021

Value: Rs Mn

Exports <sup>1</sup> (F.O.B)				Imports (C.I.F)			
Country	2020	2021		Country	2020	2021	
	Aug <sup>2</sup>	Jul <sup>3</sup>	Aug <sup>3</sup>		Aug <sup>2</sup>	Jul <sup>3</sup>	Aug <sup>3</sup>
South Africa	731	1,193	706	China	2,207	2,803	3,862
France	432	647	575	India	1,161	3,405	2,455
United States	649	647	528	U.A.E	1,070	1,131	1,858
Madagascar	327	358	475	France	859	1,137	1,033
Viet Nam	19	113	429	South Africa	949	1,036	1,016
United Kingdom	642	409	402	United States	230	484	608
Other	2,567	2,771	3,005	Other	7,097	7,878	6,759
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,367</b>	<b>6,138</b>	<b>6,120</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>13,573</b>	<b>17,874</b>	<b>17,591</b>

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

In August 2021, South Africa (11.5%), France (9.4%), United States (8.6%), Madagascar (7.8%), Viet Nam (7.0%) and United Kingdom (6.6%) were our major export destinations while our imports were mainly from China (22.0%), India (14.0%), U.A.E (10.6%), France (5.9%), South Africa (5.8%) and United States (3.5%).

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