

## Monthly External Merchandise Trade Statistics - May 2021

### 1. Balance of Visible Trade

Balance of Visible Trade showed a deficit of Rs 10,372 million in May 2021, higher by 28.4% compared to the previous month and by 34.3% compared to the corresponding month of 2020.

### Summary of External Merchandise Trade

Value: Rs Mn

	2020	2021	
	May <sup>1</sup>	Apr <sup>1</sup>	May <sup>2</sup>
<b>A. Total Exports (f.o.b)</b>	<b>4,191</b>	<b>5,879</b>	<b>6,514</b>
Domestic exports	2,467	3,906	4,353
Re-exports	799	1,039	1,380
Ship's Stores and Bunkers	925	934	781
<b>B. Total Imports (c.i.f)</b>	<b>11,912</b>	<b>13,958</b>	<b>16,886</b>
<b>Total International Trade (A + B)</b>	<b>16,103</b>	<b>19,837</b>	<b>23,400</b>
<b>Trade Deficit (A - B)</b>	<b>-7,721</b>	<b>-8,079</b>	<b>-10,372</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	
	May <sup>1</sup>	Apr <sup>1</sup>	May <sup>2</sup>
0 - Food and live animals	3,459	2,805	3,747
1 - Beverages and tobacco	338	271	557
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	279	315	241
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	837	1,756	3,467
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	141	312	123
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	1,394	1,719	2,092
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	1,972	2,251	2,485
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	2,543	3,107	2,505
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	949	1,381	1,568
9 - Other commodities & transactions, n.e.s	-	41	101
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>11,912</b>	<b>13,958</b>	<b>16,886</b>

<sup>1</sup> Revised figures

<sup>2</sup> Provisional

- Nil or Negligible

In May 2021, total imports increased by 21.0% compared to April 2021 and by 41.8% compared to May 2020.

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

F.O.B value: Rs Mn

SITC SECTION/DESCRIPTION	2020	2021	
	May <sup>1</sup>	Apr <sup>1</sup>	May <sup>2</sup>
0 - Food and live animals	1,635	1,724	2,126
1 - Beverages and tobacco	31	51	61
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	77	190	161
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	2	-	-
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	15	54	23
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	310	275	313
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	319	780	1,009
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	67	159	131
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	810	1,712	1,909
9 - Other commodities & transactions, n.e.s	-	-	-
<b>Exports exclusive of Ship's Stores and Bunkers</b>	<b>3,266</b>	<b>4,945</b>	<b>5,733</b>
Estimates of Ship's Stores and Bunkers	925	934	781
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4,191</b>	<b>5,879</b>	<b>6,514</b>

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

In May 2021, total exports increased by 10.8% compared to April 2021 and by 55.4% compared to May 2020.

### 4. Main trading partners in May 2021

Value: Rs Mn

Exports <sup>1</sup> (F.O.B)				Imports (C.I.F)			
Country	2020	2021		Country	2020	2021	
	May <sup>2</sup>	Apr <sup>2</sup>	May <sup>3</sup>		May <sup>2</sup>	Apr <sup>2</sup>	May <sup>3</sup>
South Africa	233	746	822	India	1,059	1,444	2,755
United Kingdom	435	423	587	U.A.E	792	1,351	2,129
France	286	442	455	China	2,447	2,010	2,010
Madagascar	253	415	438	South Africa	647	1,447	1,598
United States	282	452	377	France	914	945	966
Spain	165	285	377	Brazil	59	74	744
Other	1,612	2,182	2,677	Other	5,994	6,687	6,684
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,266</b>	<b>4,945</b>	<b>5,733</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>11,912</b>	<b>13,958</b>	<b>16,886</b>

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

In May 2021, South Africa (14.3%), United Kingdom (10.2%), France (7.9%), Madagascar (7.6%), United States (6.6%) and Spain (6.6%) were our major export destinations while our imports were mainly from India (16.3%), U.A.E (12.6%), China (11.9%), South Africa (9.5%), France (5.7%) and Brazil (4.4%).

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