

## Monthly External Merchandise Trade Statistics - October 2021

### 1. Balance of Visible Trade

Balance of Visible Trade showed a deficit of Rs 11,630 million in October 2021, higher by 0.2% compared to the previous month and by 41.0% compared to the corresponding month of 2020.

### Summary of External Merchandise Trade

Value: Rs Mn

	2020	2021	
	Oct <sup>1</sup>	Sep <sup>2</sup>	Oct <sup>2</sup>
<b>A. Total Exports (f.o.b)</b>	<b>7,349</b>	<b>7,833</b>	<b>7,348</b>
Domestic exports	5,468	4,776	4,727
Re-exports	1,238	1,831	1,467
Ship's Stores and Bunkers	643	1,226	1,154
<b>B. Total Imports (c.i.f)</b>	<b>15,598</b>	<b>19,442</b>	<b>18,978</b>
<b>Total International Trade (A + B)</b>	<b>22,947</b>	<b>27,275</b>	<b>26,326</b>
<b>Trade Deficit (A - B)</b>	<b>-8,249</b>	<b>-11,609</b>	<b>-11,630</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	
	Oct <sup>1</sup>	Sep <sup>2</sup>	Oct <sup>2</sup>
0 - Food and live animals	3,412	4,652	3,114
1 - Beverages and tobacco	303	445	324
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	380	456	520
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	1,826	2,455	2,937
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	91	129	267
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	1,636	2,039	2,085
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	2,750	3,823	3,801
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	3,301	3,503	3,779
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	1,813	1,870	2,070
9 - Other commodities & transactions, n.e.s	86	70	81
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>15,598</b>	<b>19,442</b>	<b>18,978</b>

<sup>1</sup> Revised figures

<sup>2</sup> Provisional

In October 2021, total imports decreased by 2.4% compared to September 2021 and increased by 21.7% compared to October 2020.

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

F.O.B value: Rs Mn

SITC SECTION/DESCRIPTION	2020	2021	
	Oct <sup>1</sup>	Sep <sup>2</sup>	Oct <sup>2</sup>
0 - Food and live animals	2,626	2,161	2,062
1 - Beverages and tobacco	50	52	59
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	130	187	204
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	-	1	1
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	13	53	24
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	263	375	275
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	1,141	1,064	936
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	233	253	136
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	2,215	2,461	2,497
9 - Other commodities & transactions, n.e.s	35	-	-
<b>Exports exclusive of Ship's Stores and Bunkers</b>	<b>6,706</b>	<b>6,607</b>	<b>6,194</b>
Estimates of Ship's Stores and Bunkers	643	1,226	1,154
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>7,349</b>	<b>7,833</b>	<b>7,348</b>

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

In October 2021, total exports decreased by 6.2% compared to September 2021 but remained at same level of October 2020.

### 4. Main trading partners in October 2021

Value: Rs Mn

Exports <sup>1</sup> (F.O.B)				Imports (C.I.F)			
Country	2020	2021		Country	2020	2021	
	Oct <sup>2</sup>	Sep <sup>3</sup>	Oct <sup>3</sup>		Oct <sup>2</sup>	Sep <sup>3</sup>	Oct <sup>3</sup>
South Africa	981	976	1,090	China	2,765	3,528	4,119
United Kingdom	581	604	539	India	1,102	2,819	3,143
Madagascar	412	562	487	U.A.E	1,877	938	1,849
France	546	654	480	France	1,506	1,441	1,226
Reunion	228	293	401	Turkey	280	320	581
United States	624	475	400	Spain	372	403	483
Other	3,334	3,043	2,797	Other	7,696	9,993	7,577
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,706</b>	<b>6,607</b>	<b>6,194</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>15,598</b>	<b>19,442</b>	<b>18,978</b>

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

In October 2021, South Africa (17.6%), United Kingdom (8.7%), Madagascar (7.9%), France (7.7%), Reunion (6.5%) and United States (6.5%) were our major exports destinations while our imports were mainly from China (21.7%), India (16.6%), U.A.E (9.7%), France (6.5%), Turkey (3.1%) and Spain (2.5%).

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