

Monthly External Merchandise Trade Statistics - September 2021

1. Balance of Visible Trade

Balance of Visible Trade showed a deficit of Rs 11,609 million in September 2021, higher by 11.3% compared to the previous month and by 53.1% compared to the corresponding month of 2020.

Summary of External Merchandise Trade

Value: Rs Mn

	2020	2021	
	Sep ¹	Aug ²	Sep ²
A. Total Exports (f.o.b)	6,526	7,106	7,833
Domestic exports	4,526	4,435	4,776
Re-exports	1,213	1,678	1,831
Ship's Stores and Bunkers	787	993	1,226
B. Total Imports (c.i.f)	14,110	17,541	19,442
Total International Trade (A + B)	20,636	24,647	27,275
Trade Deficit (A - B)	-7,584	-10,435	-11,609

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	2020	2021	
	Sep ¹	Aug ²	Sep ²
0 - Food and live animals	3,209	2,563	4,652
1 - Beverages and tobacco	559	259	445
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	367	403	456
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	1,395	3,889	2,455
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	221	132	129
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	1,554	1,639	2,039
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	2,405	3,162	3,823
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	2,835	3,734	3,503
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	1,469	1,717	1,870
9 - Other commodities & transactions, n.e.s	96	43	70
TOTAL	14,110	17,541	19,442

¹ Revised figures

² Provisional

In September 2021, total imports increased by 10.8% compared to August 2021 and by 37.8% compared to September 2020.

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

F.O.B value: Rs Mn

SITC SECTION/DESCRIPTION	2020	2021	
	Sep ¹	Aug ²	Sep ²
0 - Food and live animals	1,689	1,883	2,161
1 - Beverages and tobacco	73	49	52
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	153	180	187
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	-	2	1
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	50	7	53
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	327	402	375
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	797	1,110	1,064
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	301	191	253
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	2,325	2,289	2,461
9 - Other commodities & transactions, n.e.s	24	-	-
Exports exclusive of Ship's Stores and Bunkers	5,739	6,113	6,607
Estimates of Ship's Stores and Bunkers	787	993	1,226
TOTAL	6,526	7,106	7,833

¹ Revised figures ² Provisional - Nil or Negligible

In September 2021, total exports increased by 10.2% compared to August 2021 and by 20.0% compared to September 2020.

4. Main trading partners in September 2021

Value: Rs Mn

Exports ¹ (F.O.B)				Imports (C.I.F)			
Country	2020	2021		Country	2020	2021	
	Sep ²	Aug ³	Sep ³		Sep ²	Aug ³	Sep ³
South Africa	874	684	976	China	2,178	3,862	3,528
France	400	569	654	India	1,854	2,455	2,819
United Kingdom	627	400	604	South Africa	895	1,037	2,123
Madagascar	353	485	562	France	887	1,039	1,441
United States	717	527	475	Brazil	539	38	980
Viet Nam	175	429	307	U.A.E	1,244	1,849	938
Other	2,593	3,019	3,029	Other	6,513	7,261	7,613
Total	5,739	6,113	6,607	Total	14,110	17,541	19,442

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

In September 2021, South Africa (14.8%), France (9.9%), United Kingdom (9.1%), Madagascar (8.5%), United States (7.2%) and Viet Nam (4.6%) were our major exports destinations while our imports were mainly from China (18.1%), India (14.5%), South Africa (10.9%), France (7.4%), Brazil (5.0%) and U.A.E (4.8%).

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