Monthly External Merchandise Trade Statistics - September 2022

1. Balance of Visible Trade

Balance of Visible Trade showed a deficit of Rs 18,166 million in September 2022, higher by 7.9 % compared to the previous month and by 57.3 % compared to the corresponding month of 2021.

Summary of External Merchandise Trade

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<td>A. Total Exports (f.o.b)</td>
<td>7,844</td>
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<td>Domestic exports</td>
<td>4,788</td>
<td>5,307</td>
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<td>Re-exports</td>
<td>1,830</td>
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<td>Ship's Stores and Bunkers</td>
<td>1,226</td>
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<td>B. Total Imports (c.i.f)</td>
<td>19,393</td>
<td>25,478</td>
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<td>Total International Trade (A + B)</td>
<td>27,237</td>
<td>34,127</td>
<td>36,544</td>
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<td>Trade Deficit (A - B)</td>
<td>-11,549</td>
<td>-16,829</td>
<td>-18,166</td>
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2. Total Imports of goods by S.I.T.C section

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<td>0 - Food and live animals</td>
<td>4,636</td>
<td>5,597</td>
<td>4,703</td>
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<td>1 - Beverages and tobacco</td>
<td>444</td>
<td>675</td>
<td>441</td>
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<td>2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels</td>
<td>456</td>
<td>556</td>
<td>693</td>
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<td>3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials</td>
<td>2,441</td>
<td>4,766</td>
<td>5,670</td>
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<td>4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats &amp; waxes</td>
<td>129</td>
<td>163</td>
<td>513</td>
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<td>5 - Chemicals &amp; related products, n.e.s.</td>
<td>2,026</td>
<td>2,382</td>
<td>2,531</td>
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<td>6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material</td>
<td>3,821</td>
<td>4,376</td>
<td>4,834</td>
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<td>7 - Machinery and transport equipment</td>
<td>3,503</td>
<td>4,513</td>
<td>5,489</td>
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<td>8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles</td>
<td>1,867</td>
<td>2,409</td>
<td>2,331</td>
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<td>9 - Other commodities &amp; transactions, n.e.s</td>
<td>70</td>
<td>41</td>
<td>150</td>
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In September 2022, total imports increased by 7.4 % compared to August 2022 and by 41.1 % compared to September 2021.
3. Total Exports of goods by S.I.T.C section

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<td>2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels</td>
<td>189</td>
<td>276</td>
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<td>Exports exclusive of Ship's Stores and Bunkers</td>
<td>6,618</td>
<td>7,077</td>
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1 Revised figures  2 Provisional  - Nil or Negligible

In September 2022, total exports increased by 6.2% compared to August 2022 and by 17.1% compared to September 2021.

4. Main trading partners in September 2022

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<td>Viet Nam</td>
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<td>Other</td>
<td>3,030</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td><strong>6,618</strong></td>
<td><strong>7,077</strong></td>
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¹ Excluding Ship's Stores and Bunkers  ² Revised figures  ³ Provisional

In September 2022, South Africa (15.8%), United States (7.9%), France (7.6%), Madagascar (7.5%), United Kingdom (6.9%) and Viet Nam (6.1%) were our major exports destinations while our imports were mainly from China (15.7%), Oman (13.8%), India (9.1%), South Africa (8.0%), France (6.2%) and U.A.E. (4.5%).

15 November 2022