

Monthly External Merchandise Trade Statistics - April 2025

1. Balance of Visible Trade

Balance of Visible Trade showed a deficit of Rs 18,445 million in April 2025, higher by 13.0% compared to the previous month and by 15.3% compared to the corresponding month of 2024.

Summary of External Merchandise Trade

Value: Rs Mn

	2024	2025	
	Apr ¹	Mar ²	Apr ²
A. Total Exports (f.o.b)	8,831	9,650	8,510
Domestic exports	4,724	5,076	4,287
Re-exports	1,538	1,895	1,660
Ship's Stores and Bunkers	2,569	2,679	2,563
B. Total Imports (c.i.f)	24,825	25,975	26,955
Total International Trade (A + B)	33,656	35,625	35,465
Trade Deficit (A - B)	-15,994	-16,325	-18,445

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	2024	2025	
	Apr ¹	Mar ²	Apr ²
0 - Food and live animals	5,104	4,594	5,713
1 - Beverages and tobacco	530	448	358
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	333	331	337
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	5,572	6,412	6,832
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	306	254	337
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	2,227	2,147	2,144
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	3,062	2,619	2,859
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	5,492	7,038	6,133
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	2,052	2,045	2,229
9 - Other commodities & transactions, n.e.s	147	87	13
TOTAL	24,825	25,975	26,955

¹ Revised figures

² Provisional

In April 2025, total imports increased by 3.8% compared to March 2025 and by 8.6% compared to April 2024.

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

F.O.B value: Rs Mn

SITC SECTION/DESCRIPTION	2024	2025	
	Apr ¹	Mar ²	Apr ²
0 - Food and live animals	2,433	2,579	2,576
1 - Beverages and tobacco	100	100	44
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	120	254	236
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	2	1	1
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	21	20	11
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	398	340	444
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	882	985	720
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	253	436	343
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	1,903	2,232	1,562
9 - Other commodities & transactions, n.e.s	150	24	10
Exports exclusive of Ship's Stores and Bunkers	6,262	6,971	5,947
Estimates of Ship's Stores and Bunkers	2,569	2,679	2,563
TOTAL	8,831	9,650	8,510

¹ Revised figures ² Provisional

In April 2025, total exports decreased by 11.8% compared to March 2025 and by 3.6% compared to April 2024.

4. Main trading partners in April 2025

Value: Rs Mn

Exports ¹ (F.O.B)				Imports (C.I.F)			
Country	2024	2025		Country	2024	2025	
	Apr ²	Mar ³	Apr ³		Apr ²	Mar ³	Apr ³
United States	525	610	646	U.A.E.	4,960	3,536	4,584
South Africa	720	897	632	China	3,433	3,316	4,331
Madagascar	783	795	608	South Africa	1,768	1,814	2,178
United Kingdom	523	692	513	India	2,321	2,314	2,015
France	587	544	468	France	1,988	1,304	1,732
Spain	378	336	404	Argentina	596	26	899
Other	2,746	3,097	2,676	Other	9,759	13,665	11,216
Total	6,262	6,971	5,947	Total	24,825	25,975	26,955

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

In April 2025, United States (10.9%), South Africa (10.6%), Madagascar (10.2%), United Kingdom (8.6%), France (7.9%) and Spain (6.8%) were our major exports destinations while our imports were mainly from U.A.E (17.0%), China (16.1%), South Africa (8.1%), India (7.5%), France (6.4%) and Argentina (3.3%).

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