

Monthly External Merchandise Trade Statistics - August 2025

1. Balance of Visible Trade

Balance of Visible Trade showed a deficit of Rs 17,814 million in August 2025, higher by 22.3% compared to the previous month and lower by 8.2% compared to the corresponding month of 2024.

Summary of External Merchandise Trade

	Value: Rs Mn		
	2024	2025	
	Aug ¹	Jul ²	Aug ²
A. Total Exports (f.o.b)	9,793	8,739	8,982
Domestic exports	5,383	4,799	4,455
Re-exports	2,058	1,555	1,411
Ship's Stores and Bunkers	2,352	2,385	3,116
B. Total Imports (c.i.f)	29,196	23,307	26,796
Total International Trade (A + B)	38,989	32,046	35,778
Trade Deficit (A - B)	-19,403	-14,568	-17,814

¹ Revised figures

² Provisional

2. Total Imports of goods by S.I.T.C section

SITC SECTION/DESCRIPTION	C.I.F value: Rs Mn		
	2024	2025	
	Aug ¹	Jul ²	Aug ²
0 - Food and live animals	5,236	4,478	5,090
1 - Beverages and tobacco	512	339	687
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	412	403	526
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	7,269	5,529	6,534
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	156	354	218
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	2,417	2,083	2,276
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	3,393	2,759	2,993
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	7,010	5,111	6,101
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	2,618	2,115	2,332
9 - Other commodities & transactions, n.e.s	173	136	39
TOTAL	29,196	23,307	26,796

¹ Revised figures

² Provisional

In August 2025, total imports increased by 15.0% compared to July 2025 and decreased by 8.2% compared to August 2024.

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

F.O.B value: Rs Mn

SITC SECTION/DESCRIPTION	2024	2025	
	Aug ¹	Jul ²	Aug ²
0 - Food and live animals	2,913	2,755	2,267
1 - Beverages and tobacco	106	102	72
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	202	223	237
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	1	-	1
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	20	16	23
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	398	376	494
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	1,158	576	794
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	270	232	211
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	2,279	2,066	1,759
9 - Other commodities & transactions, n.e.s	94	8	8
Exports exclusive of Ship's Stores and Bunkers	7,441	6,354	5,866
Estimates of Ship's Stores and Bunkers	2,352	2,385	3,116
TOTAL	9,793	8,739	8,982

¹ Revised figures ² Provisional - Nil or Negligible

In August 2025, total exports increased by 2.8% compared to July 2025 and decreased by 8.3% compared to August 2024.

4. Main trading partners in August 2025

Value: Rs Mn

Exports ¹ (F.O.B)				Imports (C.I.F)			
Country	2024	2025		Country	2024	2025	
	Aug ²	Jul ³	Aug ³		Aug ²	Jul ³	Aug ³
South Africa	1,316	836	1,006	China	4,734	3,782	4,820
Madagascar	774	443	582	Sultanate of Oman	142	102	2,635
Spain	497	314	544	U.A.E.	5,600	3,795	2,183
United Kingdom	672	687	501	India	2,634	1,805	2,104
France	653	436	409	South Africa	1,353	1,456	1,329
United States	732	1,001	318	France	1,654	1,525	1,281
Other	2,797	2,637	2,506	Other	13,079	10,842	12,444
Total	7,441	6,354	5,866	Total	29,196	23,307	26,796

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

In August 2025, South Africa (17.1%), Madagascar (9.9%), Spain (9.3%), United Kingdom (8.5%), France (7.0%), and United States (5.4%) were our major exports destinations while our imports were mainly from China (18.0%), Sultanate of Oman (9.8%), U.A.E. (8.1%), India (7.9%), South Africa (5.0%) and France (4.8%).

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