

Monthly External Merchandise Trade Statistics - December 2025

1. Balance of Visible Trade

Balance of Visible Trade showed a deficit of Rs 20,187 million in December 2025, higher by 6.5% compared to the previous month and lower by 8.0% compared to the corresponding month of 2024.

Summary of External Merchandise Trade

Value: Rs Mn

	2024	2025	
	Dec ¹	Nov ²	Dec ²
A. Total Exports (f.o.b)	8,812	8,491	9,301
Domestic exports	5,042	4,835	5,110
Re-exports	1,738	1,415	1,509
Ship's Stores and Bunkers	2,032	2,241	2,682
B. Total Imports (c.i.f)	30,762	27,447	29,488
Total International Trade (A + B)	39,574	35,938	38,789
Trade Deficit (A - B)	-21,950	-18,956	-20,187

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	
	Dec ¹	Nov ²	Dec ²
0 - Food and live animals	6,196	5,387	5,497
1 - Beverages and tobacco	683	784	503
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	534	454	369
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	6,099	5,966	7,442
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	343	95	177
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	2,642	2,353	2,589
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	3,742	3,322	3,139
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	7,465	5,852	6,781
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	3,010	3,104	2,906
9 - Other commodities & transactions, n.e.s	48	130	85
TOTAL	30,762	27,447	29,488

¹ Revised figures

² Provisional

In December 2025, total imports increased by 7.4% compared to November 2025 and decreased by 4.1% compared to December 2024.

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

F.O.B value: Rs Mn

SITC SECTION/DESCRIPTION	2024	2025	
	Dec ¹	Nov ²	Dec ²
0 - Food and live animals	3,557	2,725	3,202
1 - Beverages and tobacco	94	105	75
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	208	105	274
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	-	1	1
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	17	17	17
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	359	391	519
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	666	845	716
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	174	159	116
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	1,655	1,878	1,667
9 - Other commodities & transactions, n.e.s	50	24	32
Exports exclusive of Ship's Stores and Bunkers	6,780	6,250	6,619
Estimates of Ship's Stores and Bunkers	2,032	2,241	2,682
TOTAL	8,812	8,491	9,301

¹ Revised figures ² Provisional - Nil or Negligible

In December 2025, total exports increased by 9.5% compared to November 2025 and by 5.5% compared to December 2024.

4. Main trading partners in December 2025

Value: Rs Mn

Exports ¹ (F.O.B)				Imports (C.I.F)			
Country	2024	2025		Country	2024	2025	
	Dec ²	Nov ³	Dec ³		Dec ²	Nov ³	Dec ³
United States	646	513	951	China	6,182	5,231	5,408
South Africa	655	896	797	U.A.E.	3,601	1,374	3,149
United Kingdom	632	681	636	Sultanate of Oman	107	2,744	2,425
France	556	619	611	South Africa	2,225	1,477	2,326
Spain	827	297	514	India	2,531	2,143	2,179
Madagascar	528	575	511	France	1,293	1,887	1,779
Other	2,936	2,669	2,599	Other	14,823	12,591	12,222
Total	6,780	6,250	6,619	Total	30,762	27,447	29,488

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

In December 2025, United States (14.4%), South Africa (12.0%), United Kingdom (9.6%), France (9.2%), Spain (7.8%) and Madagascar (7.7%) were our major exports destinations while our imports were mainly from China (18.3%), U.A.E. (10.7%), Sultanate of Oman (8.2%), South Africa (7.9%), India (7.4%) and France (6.0%).

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