

Monthly External Merchandise Trade Statistics - February 2025

1. Balance of Visible Trade

Balance of Visible Trade showed a deficit of Rs 14,070 million in February 2025, lower by 16.5% compared to the previous month and by 1.5% compared to the corresponding month of 2024.

Summary of External Merchandise Trade

Value: Rs Mn

	2024	2025	
	Feb ¹	Jan ²	Feb ²
A. Total Exports (f.o.b)	8,728	9,126	7,921
Domestic exports	5,236	4,174	3,901
Re-exports	1,559	1,871	1,579
Ship's Stores and Bunkers	1,933	3,081	2,441
B. Total Imports (c.i.f)	23,006	25,976	21,991
Total International Trade (A + B)	31,734	35,102	29,912
Trade Deficit (A - B)	-14,278	-16,850	-14,070

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	
	Feb ¹	Jan ²	Feb ²
0 - Food and live animals	4,421	4,753	3,773
1 - Beverages and tobacco	499	389	584
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	326	508	385
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	4,579	5,916	6,246
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	93	171	338
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	2,014	2,161	1,535
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	3,205	3,423	2,659
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	5,661	6,323	4,534
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	2,089	2,241	1,868
9 - Other commodities & transactions, n.e.s	119	91	69
TOTAL	23,006	25,976	21,991

¹ Revised figures

² Provisional

In February 2025, total imports decreased by 15.3% compared to January 2025 and by 4.4% compared to February 2024.

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

F.O.B value: Rs Mn

SITC SECTION/DESCRIPTION	2024	2025	
	Feb ¹	Jan ²	Feb ²
0 - Food and live animals	3,085	2,439	2,365
1 - Beverages and tobacco	104	58	77
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	165	223	188
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	-	-	1
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	38	22	13
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	401	384	301
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	772	732	584
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	167	293	308
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	1,976	1,785	1,558
9 - Other commodities & transactions, n.e.s	87	109	85
Exports exclusive of Ship's Stores and Bunkers	6,795	6,045	5,480
Estimates of Ship's Stores and Bunkers	1,933	3,081	2,441
TOTAL	8,728	9,126	7,921

¹ Revised figures ² Provisional - Nil or Negligible

In February 2025, total exports decreased by 13.2% compared to January 2025 and by 9.2% compared to February 2024.

4. Main trading partners in February 2025

Value: Rs Mn

Exports ¹ (F.O.B)				Imports (C.I.F)			
Country	2024	2025		Country	2024	2025	
	Feb ²	Jan ³	Feb ³		Feb ²	Jan ³	Feb ³
United Kingdom	609	516	709	China	3,882	4,445	3,783
France	626	505	519	Sultanate of Oman	334	1,644	3,268
Madagascar	715	795	504	India	1,978	2,523	2,126
South Africa	636	697	440	South Africa	1,778	1,845	1,918
Spain	444	674	429	U.A.E.	3,405	2,903	998
United States	938	232	374	France	1,345	1,386	906
Other	2,827	2,626	2,505	Other	10,284	11,230	8,992
Total	6,795	6,045	5,480	Total	23,006	25,976	21,991

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

In February 2025, United Kingdom (12.9%), France (9.5%), Madagascar (9.2%), South Africa (8.0%), Spain (7.8%) and United States (6.8%) were our major exports destinations while our imports were mainly from China (17.2%), Sultanate of Oman (14.9%), India (9.7%), South Africa (8.7%), U.A.E. (4.5%) and France (4.1%).

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