

Monthly External Merchandise Trade Statistics - May 2025

1. Balance of Visible Trade

Balance of Visible Trade showed a deficit of Rs 17,196 million in May 2025, lower by 6.8% compared to the previous month and higher by 16.9% compared to the corresponding month of 2024.

Summary of External Merchandise Trade

Value: Rs Mn

	2024	2025	
	May ¹	Apr ²	May ²
A. Total Exports (f.o.b)	10,352	8,510	10,041
Domestic exports	5,643	4,287	5,261
Re-exports	1,801	1,660	1,548
Ship's Stores and Bunkers	2,908	2,563	3,232
B. Total Imports (c.i.f)	25,065	26,955	27,237
Total International Trade (A + B)	35,417	35,465	37,278
Trade Deficit (A - B)	-14,713	-18,445	-17,196

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	
	May ¹	Apr ²	May ²
0 - Food and live animals	3,999	5,713	5,031
1 - Beverages and tobacco	544	358	662
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	400	337	519
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	5,727	6,832	6,081
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	178	337	320
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	2,047	2,144	2,084
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	3,535	2,859	3,246
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	6,454	6,133	6,722
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	2,040	2,229	2,454
9 - Other commodities & transactions, n.e.s	141	13	118
TOTAL	25,065	26,955	27,237

¹ Revised figures

² Provisional

In May 2025, total imports increased by 1.0% compared to April 2025 and by 8.7% compared to May 2024.

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

F.O.B value: Rs Mn

SITC SECTION/DESCRIPTION	2024	2025	
	May ¹	Apr ²	May ²
0 - Food and live animals	3,166	2,566	2,927
1 - Beverages and tobacco	122	44	112
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	183	236	193
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	1	11	1
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	28	11	30
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	350	444	384
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	1,042	720	954
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	355	343	283
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	2,126	1,562	1,916
9 - Other commodities & transactions, n.e.s	71	10	9
Exports exclusive of Ship's Stores and Bunkers	7,444	5,947	6,809
Estimates of Ship's Stores and Bunkers	2,908	2,563	3,232
TOTAL	10,352	8,510	10,041

¹ Revised figures ² Provisional

In May 2025, total exports increased by 18.0% compared to April 2025 and decreased by 3.0% compared to May 2024.

4. Main trading partners in May 2025

Value: Rs Mn

Exports ¹ (F.O.B)				Imports (C.I.F)			
Country	2024	2025		Country	2024	2025	
	May ²	Apr ³	May ³		May ²	Apr ³	May ³
South Africa	717	632	883	China	4,060	4,331	4,918
United States	822	646	743	U.A.E.	2,507	4,584	4,463
Madagascar	720	608	725	India	3,264	2,015	2,364
United Kingdom	649	513	627	France	1,410	1,732	1,749
France	615	468	566	South Africa	2,208	2,178	1,341
Spain	485	404	474	Japan	873	842	1,060
Other	3,436	2,676	2,791	Other	10,743	11,273	11,342
Total	7,444	5,947	6,809	Total	25,065	26,955	27,237

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

In May 2025, South Africa (13.0%), United States (10.9%), Madagascar (10.6%), United Kingdom (9.2%), France (8.3%) and Spain (7.0%) were our major exports destinations while our imports were mainly from China (18.1%), U.A.E. (16.4%), India (8.7%), France (6.4%), South Africa (4.9%) and Japan (3.9%).

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