

Monthly External Merchandise Trade Statistics - November 2025

1. Balance of Visible Trade

Balance of Visible Trade showed a deficit of Rs 18,895 million in November 2025, lower by 15.0% compared to the previous month and higher by 2.8% compared to the corresponding month of 2024.

Summary of External Merchandise Trade

	2024	2025	
	Nov ¹	Oct ²	Nov ²
A. Total Exports (f.o.b)	8,621	8,913	8,491
Domestic exports	4,718	4,915	4,835
Re-exports	1,557	1,371	1,415
Ship's Stores and Bunkers	2,346	2,627	2,241
B. Total Imports (c.i.f)	27,002	31,144	27,386
Total International Trade (A + B)	35,623	40,057	35,877
Trade Deficit (A - B)	-18,381	-22,231	-18,895

¹ Revised figures

² Provisional

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

SITC SECTION/DESCRIPTION	2024	2025	
	Nov ¹	Oct ²	Nov ²
0 - Food and live animals	5,052	6,760	5,387
1 - Beverages and tobacco	605	654	784
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	293	576	454
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	5,213	5,965	5,966
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	160	369	95
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	2,368	2,772	2,353
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	3,376	3,800	3,321
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	6,636	6,947	5,792
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	3,114	3,274	3,104
9 - Other commodities & transactions, n.e.s	185	27	130
TOTAL	27,002	31,144	27,386

¹ Revised figures

² Provisional

In November 2025, total imports decreased by 12.1% compared to October 2025 and increased by 1.4% compared to November 2024.

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

F.O.B value: Rs Mn

SITC SECTION/DESCRIPTION	2024	2025	
	Nov ¹	Oct ²	Nov ²
0 - Food and live animals	2,632	2,714	2,725
1 - Beverages and tobacco	88	89	105
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	134	253	105
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	-	-	1
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	18	20	17
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	385	434	392
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	729	708	844
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	236	154	159
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	1,983	1,914	1,878
9 - Other commodities & transactions, n.e.s	70	-	24
Exports exclusive of Ship's Stores and Bunkers	6,275	6,286	6,250
Estimates of Ship's Stores and Bunkers	2,346	2,627	2,241
TOTAL	8,621	8,913	8,491

¹ Revised figures ² Provisional - Nil or Negligible

In November 2025, total exports decreased by 4.7% compared to October 2025 and by 1.5% compared to November 2024.

4. Main trading partners in November 2025

Value: Rs Mn

Exports ¹ (F.O.B)				Imports (C.I.F)			
Country	2024	2025		Country	2024	2025	
	Nov ²	Oct ³	Nov ³		Nov ²	Oct ³	Nov ³
South Africa	843	889	896	China	5,211	5,872	5,231
United Kingdom	582	639	681	Sultanate of Oman	82	2,711	2,744
France	626	530	619	India	2,219	2,513	2,143
Madagascar	670	456	575	France	1,789	2,131	1,826
United States	511	971	513	South Africa	1,125	1,913	1,477
Netherlands	411	217	309	U.A.E.	3,911	1,846	1,374
Other	2,632	2,584	2,657	Other	12,665	14,158	12,591
Total	6,275	6,286	6,250	Total	27,002	31,144	27,386

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

In November 2025, South Africa (14.3%), United Kingdom (10.9%), France (9.9%), Madagascar (9.2%), United States (8.2%) and Netherlands (4.9%) were our major exports destinations while our imports were mainly from China (19.1%), Sultanate of Oman (10.0%), India (7.8%), France (6.7%), South Africa (5.4%) and U.A.E. (5.0%).

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