

Monthly External Merchandise Trade Statistics - October 2025

1. Balance of Visible Trade

Balance of Visible Trade showed a deficit of Rs 22,104 million in October 2025, higher by 42.5% compared to the previous month and by 17.1% compared to the corresponding month of 2024.

Summary of External Merchandise Trade

	2024	2025	
	Oct ¹	Sep ²	Oct ²
A. Total Exports (f.o.b)	9,549	9,333	9,068
Domestic exports	5,530	5,112	5,075
Re-exports	1,804	1,636	1,366
Ship's Stores and Bunkers	2,215	2,585	2,627
B. Total Imports (c.i.f)	28,423	24,849	31,172
Total International Trade (A + B)	37,972	34,182	40,240
Trade Deficit (A - B)	-18,874	-15,516	-22,104

¹ Revised figures

² Provisional

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

SITC SECTION/DESCRIPTION	2024	2025	
	Oct ¹	Sep ²	Oct ²
0 - Food and live animals	4,800	4,738	6,766
1 - Beverages and tobacco	557	627	658
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	498	432	579
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	5,668	3,806	5,957
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	114	200	369
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	2,784	2,377	2,792
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	4,122	3,288	3,799
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	6,818	6,643	6,947
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	2,917	2,654	3,279
9 - Other commodities & transactions, n.e.s	145	84	26
TOTAL	28,423	24,849	31,172

¹ Revised figures

² Provisional

In October 2025, total imports increased by 25.4% compared to September 2025 and by 9.7% compared to October 2024.

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

F.O.B value: Rs Mn

SITC SECTION/DESCRIPTION	2024	2025	
	Oct ¹	Sep ²	Oct ²
0 - Food and live animals	3,265	3,198	2,714
1 - Beverages and tobacco	122	110	89
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	202	163	252
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	1	1	-
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	30	14	20
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	354	348	432
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	767	718	870
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	317	272	151
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	2,099	1,911	1,913
9 - Other commodities & transactions, n.e.s	177	13	-
Exports exclusive of Ship's Stores and Bunkers	7,334	6,748	6,441
Estimates of Ship's Stores and Bunkers	2,215	2,585	2,627
TOTAL	9,549	9,333	9,068

¹ Revised figures ² Provisional - Nil or Negligible

In October 2025, total exports decreased by 2.8% compared to September 2025 and by 5.0% compared to October 2024.

4. Main trading partners in October 2025

Value: Rs Mn

Exports ¹ (F.O.B)				Imports (C.I.F)			
Country	2024	2025		Country	2024	2025	
	Oct ²	Sep ³	Oct ³		Oct ²	Sep ³	Oct ³
South Africa	874	775	1,037	China	5,149	5,390	5,879
United States	625	721	971	Sultanate of Oman	108	1,412	2,711
United Kingdom	790	617	638	India	2,140	1,396	2,513
France	766	495	530	France	1,542	1,443	2,149
Madagascar	766	746	467	South Africa	2,899	1,558	1,920
Germany	90	154	249	U.A.E.	1,793	1,611	1,843
Other	3,423	3,240	2,549	Other	14,792	12,039	14,157
Total	7,334	6,748	6,441	Total	28,423	24,849	31,172

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

In October 2025, South Africa (16.1%), United States (15.1%), United Kingdom (9.9%), France (8.2%), Madagascar (7.3%) and Germany (3.9%) were our major exports destinations while our imports were mainly from China (18.9%), Sultanate of Oman (8.7%), India (8.1%), France (6.9%), South Africa (6.2%) and U.A.E. (5.9%).

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