

Monthly External Merchandise Trade Statistics - September 2025

1. Balance of Visible Trade

Balance of Visible Trade showed a deficit of Rs 15,516 million in September 2025, lower by 13.4% compared to the previous month and by 20.7% compared to the corresponding month of 2024.

Summary of External Merchandise Trade

	2024	2025	
	Sep ¹	Aug ²	Sep ²
A. Total Exports (f.o.b)	9,619	8,872	9,333
Domestic exports	4,897	4,344	5,112
Re-exports	2,000	1,412	1,636
Ship's Stores and Bunkers	2,722	3,116	2,585
B. Total Imports (c.i.f)	29,185	26,799	24,849
Total International Trade (A + B)	38,804	35,671	34,182
Trade Deficit (A - B)	-19,566	-17,927	-15,516

¹ Revised figures

² Provisional

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

SITC SECTION/DESCRIPTION	2024	2025	
	Sep ¹	Aug ²	Sep ²
0 - Food and live animals	4,913	5,090	4,738
1 - Beverages and tobacco	456	687	627
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	475	526	432
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	6,514	6,486	3,806
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	370	218	200
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	2,718	2,276	2,377
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	3,993	2,995	3,288
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	6,824	6,153	6,643
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	2,726	2,329	2,654
9 - Other commodities & transactions, n.e.s	196	39	84
TOTAL	29,185	26,799	24,849

¹ Revised figures

² Provisional

In September 2025, total imports decreased by 7.3% compared to August 2025 and by 14.9% compared to September 2024.

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

F.O.B value: Rs Mn

SITC SECTION/DESCRIPTION	2024	2025	
	Sep ¹	Aug ²	Sep ²
0 - Food and live animals	3,090	2,267	3,198
1 - Beverages and tobacco	68	72	110
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	232	239	163
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	1	1	1
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	21	23	14
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	459	496	348
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	810	720	718
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	263	211	272
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	1,867	1,719	1,911
9 - Other commodities & transactions, n.e.s	86	8	13
Exports exclusive of Ship's Stores and Bunkers	6,897	5,756	6,748
Estimates of Ship's Stores and Bunkers	2,722	3,116	2,585
TOTAL	9,619	8,872	9,333

¹ Revised figures ² Provisional

In September 2025, total exports increased by 5.2% compared to August 2025 and decreased by 3.0% compared to September 2024.

4. Main trading partners in September 2025

Value: Rs Mn

Exports ¹ (F.O.B)				Imports (C.I.F)			
Country	2024	2025		Country	2024	2025	
	Sep ²	Aug ³	Sep ³		Sep ²	Aug ³	Sep ³
South Africa	712	893	775	China	5,804	4,820	5,390
Madagascar	632	582	746	U.A.E.	4,992	2,134	1,611
United States	1,126	317	721	South Africa	2,035	1,329	1,558
United Kingdom	535	501	617	France	1,932	1,338	1,443
Spain	242	543	564	Sultanate of Oman	78	2,635	1,412
France	620	409	495	India	2,099	2,101	1,396
Other	3,030	2,511	2,830	Other	12,245	12,442	12,039
Total	6,897	5,756	6,748	Total	29,185	26,799	24,849

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

In September 2025, South Africa (11.5%), Madagascar (11.1%), United States (10.7%), United Kingdom (9.1%), Spain (8.4%), and France (7.3%) were our major exports destinations while our imports were mainly from China (21.7%), U.A.E. (6.5%), South Africa (6.3%), France (5.8%), Sultanate of Oman (5.7%) and India (5.6%).

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