

Monthly External Merchandise Trade Statistics - April 2026

1. Balance of Visible Trade

Balance of Visible Trade showed a deficit of Rs 24,460 million in April 2026, higher by 50.6% compared to the previous month and by 35.1% compared to the corresponding month of 2025.

Summary of External Merchandise Trade

	Value: Rs Mn		
	2025	2026	
	Apr ¹	Mar ²	Apr ²
A. Total Exports (f.o.b)	8,518	9,288	9,870
Domestic exports	4,299	4,811	4,851
Re-exports	1,656	1,185	1,343
Ship's Stores and Bunkers	2,563	3,292	3,676
B. Total Imports (c.i.f)	26,617	25,525	34,330
Total International Trade (A + B)	35,135	34,813	44,200
Trade Deficit (A - B)	-18,099	-16,237	-24,460

¹ Revised figures

² Provisional

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

SITC SECTION/DESCRIPTION	C.I.F value: Rs Mn		
	2025	2026	
	Apr ¹	Mar ²	Apr ²
0 - Food and live animals	5,712	4,922	4,636
1 - Beverages and tobacco	352	614	576
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	336	472	426
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	6,526	5,851	15,056
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	337	380	117
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	2,142	2,144	2,418
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	2,859	2,721	2,842
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	6,112	6,132	6,153
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	2,228	2,262	1,974
9 - Other commodities & transactions, n.e.s	13	27	132
TOTAL	26,617	25,525	34,330

¹ Revised figures

² Provisional

In April 2026, total imports increased by 34.5% compared to March 2026 and by 29.0% compared to April 2025.

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

F.O.B value: Rs Mn

SITC SECTION/DESCRIPTION	2025	2026	
	Apr ¹	Mar ²	Apr ²
0 - Food and live animals	2,596	2,844	2,780
1 - Beverages and tobacco	46	83	127
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	239	230	244
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	11	1	-
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	11	26	29
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	441	400	444
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	709	596	719
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	340	270	192
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	1,553	1,546	1,586
9 - Other commodities & transactions, n.e.s	9	-	73
Exports exclusive of Ship's Stores and Bunkers	5,955	5,996	6,194
Estimates of Ship's Stores and Bunkers	2,563	3,292	3,676
TOTAL	8,518	9,288	9,870

¹ Revised figures ² Provisional - Nil or Negligible

In April 2026, total exports increased by 6.3% compared to March 2026 and by 15.9% compared to April 2025.

4. Main trading partners in April 2026

Value: Rs Mn

Exports ¹ (F.O.B)				Imports (C.I.F)			
Country	2025	2026		Country	2025	2026	
	Apr ²	Mar ³	Apr ³		Apr ²	Mar ³	Apr ³
United States	627	696	815	Sultanate of Oman	72	2,171	5,602
South Africa	631	673	666	China	4,301	4,881	5,446
Madagascar	584	499	643	U.A.E.	4,284	2,721	4,521
France	439	583	628	Singapore	228	91	3,093
United Kingdom	511	854	552	South Africa	2,173	2,252	1,766
Spain	389	246	358	India	2,007	2,107	1,758
Other	2,774	2,445	2,532	Other	13,552	11,302	12,144
Total	5,955	5,996	6,194	Total	26,617	25,525	34,330

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

In April 2026, United States (13.2%), South Africa (10.8%), Madagascar (10.4%), France (10.1%), United Kingdom (8.9%) and Spain (5.8%) were our major exports destinations while our imports were mainly from Sultanate of Oman (16.3%), China (15.9%), U.A.E. (13.2%), Singapore (9.0%), South Africa (5.1%) and India (5.1%).

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