

Monthly External Merchandise Trade Statistics - February 2026

1. Balance of Visible Trade

Balance of Visible Trade showed a deficit of Rs 16,526 million in February 2026, higher by 27.8% compared to the previous month and by 18.0% compared to the corresponding month of 2025.

Summary of External Merchandise Trade

	Value: Rs Mn		
	2025	2026	
	Feb ¹	Jan ²	Feb ²
A. Total Exports (f.o.b)	8,032	8,725	7,095
Domestic exports	4,014	4,606	3,742
Re-exports	1,577	1,449	1,294
Ship's Stores and Bunkers	2,441	2,670	2,059
B. Total Imports (c.i.f)	22,041	21,654	23,621
Total International Trade (A + B)	30,073	30,379	30,716
Trade Deficit (A - B)	-14,009	-12,929	-16,526

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	
	Feb ¹	Jan ²	Feb ²
0 - Food and live animals	3,770	5,009	4,961
1 - Beverages and tobacco	584	312	214
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	383	380	291
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	6,246	4,959	5,655
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	338	367	171
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	1,535	1,842	2,191
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	2,654	2,352	2,658
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	4,596	4,671	5,468
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	1,866	1,700	1,953
9 - Other commodities & transactions, n.e.s	69	62	59
TOTAL	22,041	21,654	23,621

¹ Revised figures

² Provisional

In February 2026, total imports increased by 9.1% compared to January 2026 and by 7.2% compared to February 2025.

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

F.O.B value: Rs Mn

SITC SECTION/DESCRIPTION	2025	2026	
	Feb ¹	Jan ²	Feb ²
0 - Food and live animals	2,492	3,111	2,058
1 - Beverages and tobacco	77	60	44
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	185	271	114
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	2	3	-
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	13	16	17
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	300	429	346
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	569	574	618
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	308	231	185
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	1,560	1,351	1,466
9 - Other commodities & transactions, n.e.s	85	9	188
Exports exclusive of Ship's Stores and Bunkers	5,591	6,055	5,036
Estimates of Ship's Stores and Bunkers	2,441	2,670	2,059
TOTAL	8,032	8,725	7,095

¹ Revised figures ² Provisional - Nil or Negligible

In February 2026, total exports decreased by 18.7% compared to January 2026 and by 11.7% compared to February 2025.

4. Main trading partners in February 2026

Value: Rs Mn

Exports ¹ (F.O.B)				Imports (C.I.F)			
Country	2025	2026		Country	2025	2026	
	Feb ²	Jan ³	Feb ³		Feb ²	Jan ³	Feb ³
South Africa	440	567	703	China	3,784	3,451	4,679
Spain	451	536	507	U.A.E.	998	1,869	2,590
France	478	568	484	Sultanate of Oman	3,268	2,400	2,529
United States	369	804	360	India	2,126	1,614	1,724
United Kingdom	676	843	360	France	970	1,873	1,622
Madagascar	523	467	338	South Africa	1,913	1,275	1,221
Other	2,654	2,270	2,284	Other	8,982	9,172	9,256
Total	5,591	6,055	5,036	Total	22,041	21,654	23,621

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

In February 2026, South Africa (14.0%), Spain (10.1%), France (9.6%), United States (7.1%), United Kingdom (7.1%) and Madagascar (6.7%) were our major exports destinations while our imports were mainly from China (19.8%), U.A.E. (11.0%), Sultanate of Oman (10.7%), India (7.3%), France (6.9%) and South Africa (5.2%).

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