

## Monthly External Merchandise Trade Statistics - January 2026

### 1. Balance of Visible Trade

Balance of Visible Trade showed a deficit of Rs 12,768 million in January 2026, lower by 36.8% compared to the previous month and by 25.8% compared to the corresponding month of 2025.

#### Summary of External Merchandise Trade

	Value: Rs Mn		
	2025		2026
	Jan <sup>1</sup>	Dec <sup>2</sup>	Jan <sup>2</sup>
<b>A. Total Exports (f.o.b)</b>	<b>8,737</b>	<b>9,301</b>	<b>8,902</b>
Domestic exports	3,785	5,110	4,772
Re-exports	1,871	1,509	1,460
Ship's Stores and Bunkers	3,081	2,682	2,670
<b>B. Total Imports (c.i.f)</b>	<b>25,954</b>	<b>29,488</b>	<b>21,670</b>
<b>Total International Trade (A + B)</b>	<b>34,691</b>	<b>38,789</b>	<b>30,572</b>
<b>Trade Deficit (A - B)</b>	<b>-17,217</b>	<b>-20,187</b>	<b>-12,768</b>

<sup>1</sup> Revised figures

<sup>2</sup> Provisional

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

SITC SECTION/DESCRIPTION	C.I.F value: Rs Mn		
	2025		2026
	Jan <sup>1</sup>	Dec <sup>2</sup>	Jan <sup>2</sup>
0 - Food and live animals	4,735	5,497	5,014
1 - Beverages and tobacco	387	503	312
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	508	369	380
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	5,875	7,442	4,959
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	171	177	367
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	2,160	2,589	1,848
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	3,424	3,139	2,351
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	6,360	6,781	4,676
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	2,242	2,906	1,701
9 - Other commodities & transactions, n.e.s	92	85	62
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>25,954</b>	<b>29,488</b>	<b>21,670</b>

<sup>1</sup> Revised figures

<sup>2</sup> Provisional

In January 2026, total imports decreased by 26.5% compared to December 2025 and by 16.5% compared to January 2025.

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

F.O.B value: Rs Mn

SITC SECTION/DESCRIPTION	2025		2026
	Jan <sup>1</sup>	Dec <sup>2</sup>	Jan <sup>2</sup>
0 - Food and live animals	2,060	3,202	3,111
1 - Beverages and tobacco	58	75	61
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	220	274	271
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	-	1	3
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	22	17	16
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	384	519	440
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	732	716	737
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	293	116	231
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	1,778	1,667	1,353
9 - Other commodities & transactions, n.e.s	109	32	9
<b>Exports exclusive of Ship's Stores and Bunkers</b>	<b>5,656</b>	<b>6,619</b>	<b>6,232</b>
Estimates of Ship's Stores and Bunkers	3,081	2,682	2,670
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>8,737</b>	<b>9,301</b>	<b>8,902</b>

<sup>1</sup> Revised figures    <sup>2</sup> Provisional    - Nil or Negligible

In January 2026, total exports decreased by 4.3% compared to December 2025 and increased by 1.9% compared to January 2025.

### 4. Main trading partners in January 2026

Value: Rs Mn

Exports <sup>1</sup> (F.O.B)				Imports (C.I.F)			
Country	2025		2026	Country	2025		2026
	Jan <sup>2</sup>	Dec <sup>3</sup>	Jan <sup>3</sup>		Dec <sup>2</sup>	Nov <sup>3</sup>	Dec <sup>3</sup>
United Kingdom	507	636	843	China	4,441	5,408	3,452
United States	223	951	805	Sultanate of Oman	1,644	2,425	2,400
South Africa	694	797	713	France	1,379	1,779	1,873
France	496	611	568	U.A.E.	2,903	3,149	1,870
Spain	636	514	536	India	2,523	2,179	1,618
Madagascar	753	511	486	South Africa	1,845	2,326	1,275
Other	2,347	2,599	2,281	Other	11,219	12,222	9,182
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,656</b>	<b>6,619</b>	<b>6,232</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>25,954</b>	<b>29,488</b>	<b>21,670</b>

<sup>1</sup> Excluding Ship's Stores and Bunkers    <sup>2</sup> Revised figures    <sup>3</sup> Provisional

In January 2026, United Kingdom (13.5%), United States (12.9%), South Africa (11.4%), France (9.1%), Spain (8.6%) and Madagascar (7.8%) were our major exports destinations while our imports were mainly from China (15.9%), Sultanate of Oman (11.1%), France (8.6%), U.A.E. (8.6%), India (7.5%) and South Africa (5.9%).

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