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## External Trade – 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2000

### Introduction

This indicator presents external trade statistics for the first quarter of 2000 and for the years 1998 and 1999. While figures for 1998 are final, those for 1999 and 2000 may be revised in future issues.

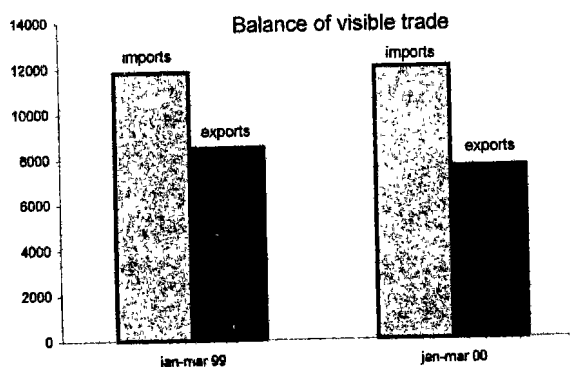
Data on international trade are compiled as per the recommendations of the United Nations General Trade System. As this system accounts for all goods entering and leaving the national frontier, trading activities of the freeport zone should also be covered. However, for the sake of comparability and continuity, data from the two sources, namely the Customs Department and the Mauritius Freeport Authority are shown separately. Data pertaining to imports and re-exports of the Freeport are given in **Table 2**. With the exception of this table, all the other tables refer to usual customs data and do not include transactions of the freeport.

Detailed statistical tables on imports and exports of the Export Processing Zone (EPZ) are published in the indicator on "EPZ and Pioneer Status Enterprises", which appears in this same issue.

### 1. Total value of trade and trade balance

Total international trade for the first quarter of 2000 was valued at Rs.19,551 million, a figure which is 27.6% lower than that of the previous quarter and 3.5% lower than that of the corresponding quarter of 1999.

During the first quarter of 2000, total exports reached Rs.7,573 million compared to total imports of Rs.11,978 million, thus yielding a trade deficit of Rs.4,405 million. This deficit is 31% higher than that of the first quarter of 1999 (**Table 1**), mostly as a consequence of our imports of petroleum products which nearly doubled in absolute value (from Rs.624 million to Rs.1,246 million) between those two periods. On the other hand exports of sugar fell from Rs.1,856 million to Rs.274 million during the same period.



## 2. Terms of trade (base year: 1997 = 100)

During the first quarter of 2000, the terms of trade index which shows price movements of exports relative to those of imports, went up by one percentage point from 99 during the fourth quarter of 1999 to 100. This movement was the result of increases of 2.7% and 1.8% in export and import prices respectively. It should be borne in mind that these price movements are based on unit value indices which, unlike genuine price changes, are affected by changes in country of origin/destination, product mix and quality.

Details of price changes for exports and imports are given in **Tables 4 and 5**.

## 3. Exports

Total export proceeds for the first quarter of 2000, including domestic exports, re-exports and ship's stores and bunkers, amounted to Rs.7,573 million, showing a decrease of Rs.883 million (or 10.4%) over the first quarter of 1999.

Domestic exports, which represent 92% of total exports, fell from Rs.7,991 million to Rs.6,959 million during these periods (-12.9%).

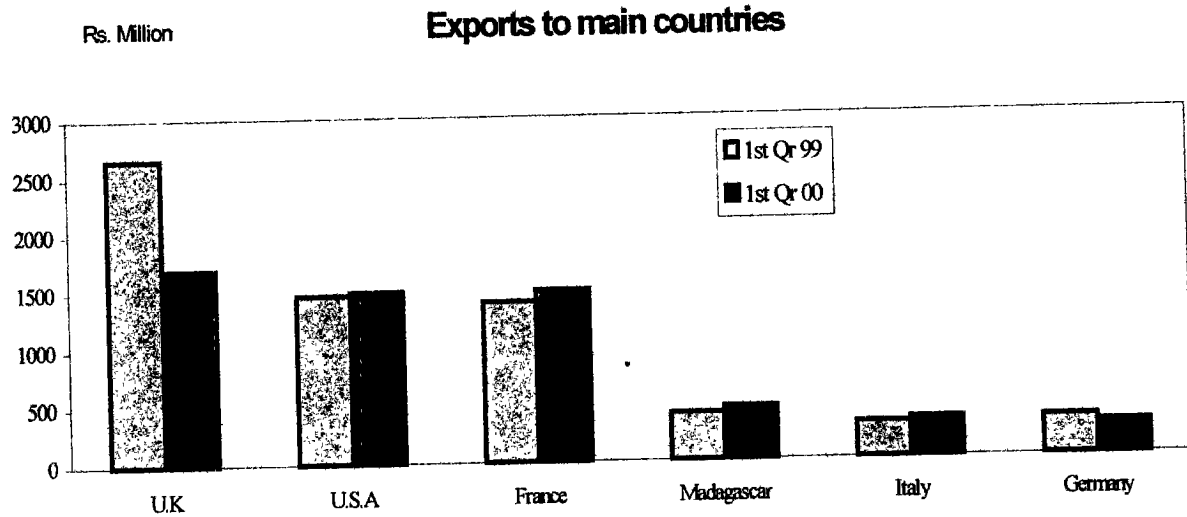
The table below shows the main changes in total exports between the first quarters of 1999 and 2000.

*(f.o.b value): Million Rupees*

S.I.T.C Section	Jan - March 1999	Jan - March 2000	Change (%)		
			Value	Price	Volume
<b>Total Domestic Exports</b>	<b>7,991</b>	<b>6,959</b>	<b>- 13</b>	<b>+ 3</b>	<b>- 16</b>
Food and live animals	2,211	654	- 70	+ 25	- 76
<i>of which Sugar</i>	<i>1,856</i>	<i>274</i>	<i>- 85</i>	<i>+ 32</i>	<i>- 89</i>
Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	92	60	- 35	- 5	- 32
Chemicals & related products	63	58	- 8	+ 5	- 12
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by materials	530	720	+36	- 7	+46
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	5,055	5,444	+ 8	- 6	+ 15

Exports of sugar were 85% lower in value than proceeds received in the first quarter of last year. This was due to a decrease of 89% in volume associated with a price increase of 32%. Exports of crude materials, except fuels, also registered a decrease of 35% in value, being the combined effect of a 5% fall in prices and a 32% fall in volume. On the other hand, export receipts from manufactured goods classified chiefly by materials, improved by 36% in nominal terms, resulting from a 7% decrease in prices and a 46% increase in volume.

Exports by country of destination for the first quarter of year 2000 (Table 7) show that our main buyers remained the countries of the European Union: they purchased some 64% of our exports for Rs.4,628 million, representing a decrease of 21% over the first quarter of 1999. The United Kingdom remained the main buyer with Rs.1,697 million worth of our exports, representing 23% of total exports. The other major markets were U.S.A (21%), France (21%), Malagasy Republic (6%), Italy (5%) and Germany (4%).



#### 4. Imports

The import bill for the first quarter of the year 2000 attained Rs.11,978 million, showing an increase of 1% over the figure of Rs.11,812 million registered during the corresponding period of 1999. Overall import prices are estimated to have increased by around 3% while import volume increased by 5%.

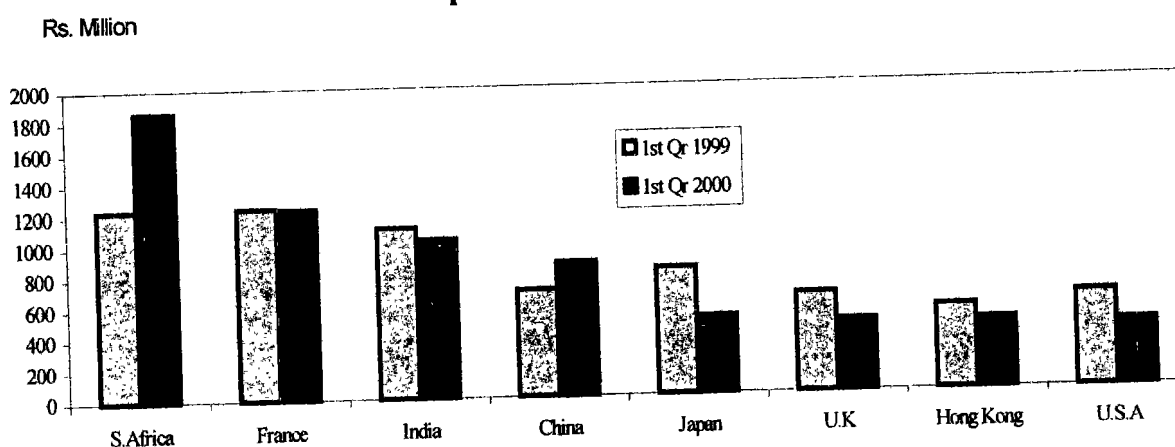
Comparative figures for imports by S.I.T.C (Rev 3) sections are shown below, while further details by section and commodity are presented in tables 8 and 9.

(c.i.f value: million rupees)

S.I.T.C Section	Jan - Mar 1999	Jan - Mar 2000	←---Change (%)---→		
			Value	Price	Volume
Food, live animals, beverages & tobacco	1,703	1,745	+ 2	- 5	+7
Mineral fuels, lubricants & related materials	624	1,246	+100	+90	+5
Chemicals & related products	883	931	+ 5	- 2	+7
Manufactured goods	4,711	4,652	- 1	- 2	+1
Machinery & transport equipment	3,247	2,884	- 11	+ 3	-14
Other goods n.e.s	644	520	- 19	- 17	-2
<b>Total Imports</b>	<b>11,812</b>	<b>11,978</b>	<b>+ 8</b>	<b>+ 3</b>	<b>+5</b>

The highest increase in nominal terms was registered in the group “*Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials*” whose import value rose by 100% as a result of a 90% increase in prices and 5% increase in volume. Imports of “*Food, live animals, beverages and tobacco*” increased by 2% in nominal terms due to a fall of 5% in price levels while volume rose by 7%. The total value of imports of goods classified under “*Machinery and transport equipment*” decreased by 11% during this period, being the result of the combined effect of a 3% increase in prices and 14% decrease in volume.

### Imports from main countries



**Table 10** shows imports by country of origin. During the first quarter of 1999, Mauritius imported Rs.3,457 million worth of goods from countries of the European Union, representing 29% of total imports for that period. On a countrywise basis, our main suppliers were the Republic of South Africa (16%), France (10%), India (9%), China (7%), Japan (4%), United Kingdom (4%), Hong Kong (4%) and U.S.A (4%).

### 5. Trade in Freeport Zone

A summary table on data pertaining to activities in the Freeport compiled by the Mauritius Freeport Authority is given at **Table 2**.

During the first quarter of 2000, total imports of the Free Zone amounted to Rs.661 million while re-exports totalled Rs.1,067 million. These figures include respectively Rs.77 million worth of goods sourced locally and Rs.74 million sold locally.

## **6. Trade with Regional Organisations**

During the first quarter of 2000, Mauritius exported goods to a value of Rs. 590 million to COMESA countries while imports from these countries amounted to Rs.258 million, thus showing a balance of Rs.332 million in favour of Mauritius. The main partner was Malagasy Republic with a share of 78% of exports and 57% of imports.

Imports from SADC countries amounted to Rs.1,937 million compared to exports worth Rs.153 million, thus showing a trade deficit of Rs.1,784 million. The main supplier was the Republic of South Africa (96%) while our main buyers were Republic of South Africa (34%), Seychelles (26%), Zimbabwe (19%) and Malawi (10%).

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# External Trade

## Notes

### (1) Coverage

Trade figures are compiled according to the **General Trade System** as recommended by the United Nations. Using the national boundary as the statistical frontier, the General Trade System is a record of all goods entering (imports) and leaving the country (exports). However, for the sake of comparability and continuity, transactions of the freeport zone are not included.

- Imports include goods brought in directly for domestic consumption plus goods imported into customs bonded warehouses
- Exports cover domestic exports and re-exports which include re-exports from customs bonded warehouses. Domestic exports are defined as goods of national origin. Re-exports are goods which are exported in the same condition as imported or after undergoing minor operations which leave them essentially unchanged.
- Ships stores and bunkers are included in total exports and are shown separately.
- Trade by parcel post is also included in imports and exports

### (2) Valuation

Imports are valued on a C.I.F. (Cost, Insurance and Freight) basis whilst exports on a F.O.B. (Free On Board) basis.

C.I.F. value is the value in the market at the Customs frontier of a country of her imports of merchandise, other goods, etc. including all charges for transporting and insuring the goods from the country of exports to the given country but excluding the cost of unloading from the ship, aircraft etc. unless it is borne by the carrier.

F.O.B. value is the value in the market at the Customs frontier of a country of her exports of merchandise and other goods, including all costs of transporting the goods to the Customs frontier, export duties and the cost of loading the goods on to the carrier unless the latter cost is borne by the carrier.

### (3) Classification

#### (i) Commodity Code

Commodities are coded according to the Harmonised Commodity Description and Coding System Nomenclature (HS). However, for the purposes of economic analysis and to facilitate international comparison of trade by commodity data, the commodities are also classified according to the Standard International Trade Classification (Revision 3) or SITC Rev. 3. The HS and the SITC Rev. 3 are six and five digit codes respectively but have been extended to eight and seven digits to accommodate national requirements.



**4. Terms of trade**

The terms of trade index measures the price movements of exports relative to imports. It is the ratio of exports price index to import price index. A rise in this ratio indicates that the real purchasing power of exports has increased whilst a decrease indicates a drop in the purchasing power

**5. Symbols used**

- Nil or negligible
- . Not applicable
- ... Not available

**Table 1 - Summary of External Trade<sup>1</sup>, 1998 - 2000**

	1998	1999 <sup>2</sup>	1999 <sup>2</sup>				2000 <sup>2</sup>
			Value : Million Rupees				1st Qr
			1st Qr	2nd Qr	3rd Qr	4th Qr	
<b>Exports of goods</b>	<b>39,329</b>	<b>39,368</b>	<b>8,297</b>	<b>9,367</b>	<b>10,419</b>	<b>11,285</b>	<b>7,267</b>
<i>Domestic exports</i>	37,762	37,890	7,991	8,968	9,997	10,934	6,959
<i>of which:</i> <i>( EPZ products )</i>	(26,075)	(28,952)	(5,888)	(7,778)	(7,180)	(8,106)	(6,420)
<i>Re-exports<sup>3</sup></i>	1,567	1,478	306	399	422	351	308
<b>Ship's Stores and Bunkers<sup>4</sup></b>	<b>722</b>	<b>865</b>	<b>159</b>	<b>223</b>	<b>209</b>	<b>274</b>	<b>306</b>
<b>A. Total Exports (f.o.b.)</b>	<b>40,051</b>	<b>40,233</b>	<b>8,456</b>	<b>9,590</b>	<b>10,628</b>	<b>11,559</b>	<b>7,573</b>
<b>B. Total Imports<sup>2</sup> (c.i.f.)</b>	<b>49,742</b>	<b>57,337</b>	<b>11,812</b>	<b>15,908</b>	<b>14,169</b>	<b>15,448</b>	<b>11,978</b>
<i>of which:</i> <i>( EPZ products )</i>	(16,179)	(15,725)	(3,711)	(4,361)	(3,858)	(3,795)	(3,639)
<b>Total Value of Trade (A+B)</b>	<b>89,793</b>	<b>97,570</b>	<b>20,268</b>	<b>25,498</b>	<b>24,797</b>	<b>27,007</b>	<b>19,551</b>
<b>Balance of Visible Trade (A-B)</b>	<b>-9,691</b>	<b>-17,104</b>	<b>-3,356</b>	<b>-6,318</b>	<b>-3,541</b>	<b>-3,889</b>	<b>-4,405</b>

<sup>1</sup> excluding transactions of the Freeport Zone

<sup>2</sup> Provisional

<sup>3</sup> Includes : irregular transactions involving ships and aircraft

<sup>4</sup> Revised

**Table 2 - Total trade carried out in Freeport Zone, 1998 - 2000**

	1998			1999			(Jan - Mar) 2000		
	Sea & Air	Sourced locally	Total	Sea & Air	Sourced locally	Total	Sea & Air	Sourced locally	Total
	<b>IMPORTS</b>								
Value (Rs million)	3,255	254	3,509	2,674	460	3,134	584	77	661
Volume (Tonne)	46,866	3,562	50,428	39,210	9,456	48,666	10,174	1,640	11,814
	1998			1999			(Jan - Mar) 2000		
<b>RE-EXPORTS</b>	Sea & Air	Sold locally	Total	Sea & Air	Sold locally	Total	Sea & Air	Sold locally	Total
Value (Rs million)	3,659	293	3,952	3,110	279	3,389	993	74	1,067
Volume (Tonne)	50,546	3,964	54,510	46,341	3,554	49,895	12,026	1,008	13,034

Source: Mauritius Freeport Authority

**Table 3 - Price (unit value) indices of exports and imports and terms of trade, 1996 - 2000**

Period		Price indices		Terms of trade*
		Export	Import	
<b>Base year : 1992 = 100</b>				
1996		134	135	99
1997		140	138	101
<b>Base year : 1997 = 100</b>				
1997		100	100	100
1998		114	106	108
1999 <sup>1</sup>		113	112	101
1999 <sup>1</sup>	1st Qr	113	113	100
	2nd Qr	114	110	104
	3rd Qr	113	113	100
	4th Qr	113	114	99
2000 <sup>1</sup>	1st Qr	116	116	100

<sup>1</sup> Provisional

\* Ratio of export price index to import price index. A rise in this ratio indicates that the terms of trade have moved in favour of Mauritius.

**Table 4 - Price indices (unit value) of exports, 1999 - 2000**

Commodity/Sector	Weight	Base year : 1997 = 100		
		Price indices		
		1999 <sup>1</sup>		2000 <sup>1</sup>
		Year	1st Qr	1st Qr
<b>Domestic Exports</b>	<b>10,000</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>116</b>
0 - Food and live animals	2,885	114	111	139
<i>of which:</i>				
<i>Sugar</i>	2,415	115	111	147
2 - Crude materials, inedible except fuels	93	120	118	112
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s	47	107	110	115
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by materials	683	105	112	104
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	6,292	114	114	107

<sup>1</sup> Provisional

**Table 5 - Price indices (unit value) of imports, 1998 - 1999**

S.I.T.C. Section	Weight	Base year : 1997 = 100		
		Price indices		
		1999 <sup>1</sup>		2000 <sup>1</sup>
		Year	1st Qr	1st Qr
<b>Total imports (excluding aircraft) :</b>	<b>10,000</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>116</b>
0 - Food and live animals	1,431	105	109	103
1 - Beverages and tobacco	62	105	96	98
2 - Crude materials, inedible except fuels	368	104	105	91
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants & related materials	815	104	78	148
4 - Animals and vegetables oils & fats	114	106	126	92
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s	784	118	119	117
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by materials	3,510	109	111	110
7 - Machinery & transport equipment (excluding aircraft)	2,022	121	125	129
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	894	126	127	118

<sup>1</sup> Provisional

Table 6 - Domestic exports of main commodities by section, 1998 - 2000

S.I.T.C section/description	Value (f.o.b) : Million Rupees									
	1998		1999 <sup>1</sup>				2000 <sup>1</sup>			
			1st Qr	2nd Qr	3rd Qr	4th Qr	1st Qr			
Domestic exports	37,762		37,890				6,959			
0 - Food and live animals	10,589		9,534				654			
of which :										
Cane Sugar										
Quantity: (Thousand tonne)	602		533				15			
Value (f.o.b): Million Rupees	8,907		8,009				274			
Cane Molasses										
Quantity: (Thousand tonne)	133		35				-			
Value (f.o.b): Million Rupees	70		12				-			
Fish and fish preparations										
Quantity: (Tonne)	13,019		15,149				4,201			
Value (f.o.b): Million Rupees	972		968				219			
1 - Beverages and tobacco	88		13				3			
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	334		298				60			
of which :										
Cut flowers and foliage	136		124				35			
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	-		-				-			
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	14		1				-			
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	203		237				58			
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	2,323		2,677				720			
of which :										
Textile yarns, fabrics, made up articles	1,483		1,663				447			
Pearls, precious & semi-precious stones	473		624				187			
Corks & wood manufactures	34		40				5			

<sup>1</sup> Provisional

**Table 6 (cont'd) - Domestic exports of main commodities by section, 1998 - 2000**

Value (f.o.b.) : Million Rupees

S.I.T.C section/description	1998	1999 <sup>1</sup>	1999 <sup>1</sup>				2000 <sup>1</sup>
			1st Qr	2nd Qr	3rd Qr	4th Qr	
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	129	115	37	40	22	16	20
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	24,079	25,012	5,055	6,758	6,119	7,080	5,444
of which :							
Articles of apparel & clothing accessories	22,151	23,154	4,696	6,267	5,619	6,572	4,975
Optical goods, n.e.s.	238	206	52	61	47	46	46
Travel goods ,handbags & similar containers	53	79	18	19	19	23	17
Watches & clocks	572	553	118	121	150	164	131
Toys, games & sporting goods	150	130	18	53	59	-	37
Jewellery goldsmiths' & silversmiths' wares	382	376	70	105	92	109	112
Miscellaneous manufactured articles n.e.s.	90	82	17	22	21	22	22
<b>9 - Commodities &amp; transactions not elsewhere classified</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>-</b>

<sup>1</sup> Provisional

Table 7 - Total exports<sup>1</sup> by countries of destination, 1998 - 2000

Country of destination	Value (f.o.b): Million Rupees						
	1998		1999 <sup>2</sup>		1999 <sup>2</sup>		2000 <sup>2</sup>
	1998	1999 <sup>2</sup>	1st Qr	2nd Qr	3rd Qr	4th Qr	1st Qr
<b>Total Exports</b>	<b>39,329</b>	<b>39,368</b>	<b>8,297</b>	<b>9,367</b>	<b>10,412</b>	<b>11,285</b>	<b>7,267</b>
<b>1. Preferential Tariff Countries</b>	<b>38,127</b>	<b>38,071</b>	<b>8,032</b>	<b>9,036</b>	<b>10,094</b>	<b>10,909</b>	<b>7,003</b>
(a) European union countries	(28,333)	(27,851)	(5,894)	(6,267)	(7,465)	(8,225)	(4,628)
Austria	77	115	27	27	31	30	22
Belgium	782	952	253	230	253	216	237
Finland	12	219	215	1	3	-	2
France	6,995	7,234	1,392	2,044	1,477	2,321	1,491
Germany	2,219	1,731	335	452	520	424	287
Italy	1,407	1,249	310	268	250	421	340
Netherlands	900	922	203	251	250	218	160
Portugal	989	472	197	5	266	4	10
Reunion	549	571	106	147	148	170	119
Spain	935	999	148	240	299	312	171
Sweden	151	114	24	30	28	32	48
United Kingdom	13,203	13,156	2,657	2,550	3,916	4,033	1,697
Other	114	117	27	22	24	44	44
<b>(b) Other Preferential Tariff Countries</b>	<b>(9,794)</b>	<b>(10,220)</b>	<b>(2,138)</b>	<b>(2,769)</b>	<b>(2,629)</b>	<b>(2,684)</b>	<b>(2,375)</b>
Australia	82	86	18	23	25	20	19
Canada	266	251	46	88	77	40	52
Comoro Islands	26	15	4	3	3	5	3
Hong Kong	199	173	48	38	38	49	76
India	169	61	11	14	23	13	13
Kenya	132	75	18	16	26	15	21
Malagasy, Republic of	1,629	1,815	411	463	488	453	463
Malawi	38	28	13	6	1	8	15
Malaysia	13	4	1	1	1	1	2
Seychelles	107	120	15	25	41	39	40
Singapore	92	52	6	24	12	10	14
South Africa, Republic of	184	176	15	50	60	51	52
Tanzania	71	60	8	12	21	19	8
Uganda	18	12	6	1	3	2	8
U.S.A.	6,505	7,006	1,465	1,951	1,721	1,869	1,493
Zimbabwe	150	114	14	21	42	37	29
Other	113	172	39	33	47	53	67
<b>2. General Tariff Countries</b>	<b>1,202</b>	<b>1,297</b>	<b>265</b>	<b>331</b>	<b>325</b>	<b>376</b>	<b>264</b>
Japan	242	206	39	46	70	51	39
Norway	34	31	7	7	5	12	9
Switzerland	525	556	127	149	135	145	109
Taiwan	19	32	5	11	9	7	6
United Arab Emirates	51	66	1	21	3	41	4
Other	331	406	86	97	103	120	97

<sup>1</sup> Excluding Ship's stores & Bunkers

Provisional



**Table 8 - Total imports of main commodities by section, 1998 - 2000**

SITC section/description	Value (c.i.f.) : Million Rupees						
	1998		1999 <sup>1</sup>				2000 <sup>1</sup>
	1998	1999 <sup>1</sup>	1st Qr	2nd Qr	3rd Qr	4th Qr	1st Qr
<b>Total imports</b>	<b>49,742</b>	<b>57,337</b>	<b>11,812</b>	<b>15,908</b>	<b>14,162</b>	<b>15,448</b>	<b>11,978</b>
0 - Food and live animals	6,826	6,744	1,615	1,606	1,582	1,941	1,683
Meat and meat preparations	733	629	124	133	162	210	160
Dairy products and bird's eggs	1,038	1,091	282	249	276	284	288
Fish and fish preparations	1,113	793	180	282	150	181	242
Wheat	504	488	132	119	106	131	117
Rice	556	764	197	134	223	210	166
Wheaten flour	114	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cereal preparations	235	248	57	55	55	81	53
Vegetables and fruits	850	951	205	259	225	262	232
Other	1,683	1,780	438	375	385	582	425
1 - Beverages and tobacco	312	527	88	119	107	213	62
Beverages	275	438	74	89	86	189	54
Tobacco & tobacco manufactures	37	89	14	30	21	24	8
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	1,931	1,667	409	450	421	387	383
Cork and wood	367	413	88	96	128	101	102
Textile fibres	1,098	749	217	196	162	174	198
Other	466	505	104	158	131	112	83

<sup>1</sup>Provisional

Table 8 (cont'd) - Total imports of main commodities by section, 1998 - 2000

Value (c.i.f.) : Million Rupees

SITC section/description	1998	1999 <sup>1</sup>	1999 <sup>1</sup>				2000 <sup>1</sup>
			1st Qr	2nd Qr	3rd Qr	4th Qr	
<b>3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants, &amp; related products</b>	<b>3,145</b>	<b>4,046</b>	<b>624</b>	<b>945</b>	<b>1,034</b>	<b>1,443</b>	<b>1,246</b>
Refined petroleum products	2,636	3,507	554	799	895	1,259	1,106
Gas, natural and manufactured	324	380	59	80	105	136	108
Other	185	159	11	66	34	48	32
<b>4 - Animal &amp; vegetable oils and fats</b>	<b>594</b>	<b>568</b>	<b>196</b>	<b>165</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>111</b>
Fixed vegetables oils & fats	472	444	155	131	64	94	82
Other	122	124	41	34	33	16	29
<b>5 - Chemicals &amp; related products</b>	<b>3,890</b>	<b>3,883</b>	<b>883</b>	<b>890</b>	<b>963</b>	<b>1,147</b>	<b>931</b>
Dyeing & tanning materials	519	498	108	134	123	133	118
Medicinal & pharmaceutical products	785	747	200	186	180	181	202
Fertilisers	170	175	47	37	28	63	57
Plastics in primary forms	409	408	83	92	114	119	100
Plastics in non-primary forms	281	317	62	75	86	94	87
Other	1,726	1,738	383	366	432	557	367
<b>6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material</b>	<b>17,251</b>	<b>17,069</b>	<b>3,824</b>	<b>4,316</b>	<b>4,425</b>	<b>4,504</b>	<b>3,717</b>
Paper, paperboard & articles thereof	851	879	185	218	218	258	240
Textile yarn	4,063	4,412	1,097	1,146	1,069	1,100	945
Cotton fabrics	3,153	2,813	606	722	791	694	695
Other textile fabrics	3,467	3,289	730	883	813	863	621
Cement	969	597	123	162	157	155	150
Pearls, precious & semi-precious stones	674	828	237	156	203	232	205
Iron and steel	1,286	1,122	231	304	310	277	243
Manufactures of metal, n.e.s.	1,032	1,227	244	287	346	350	234
Other	1,756	1,902	371	438	518	575	384

<sup>1</sup>Provisional

Table 8 (cont'd) - Total imports of main commodities by section, 1998 - 2000

Value (c.i.f.) : Million Rupees

SITC section/description	1998	1999 <sup>1</sup>	1999 <sup>1</sup>				2000 <sup>1</sup>
			1st Qr	2nd Qr	3rd Qr	4th Qr	
			1st Qr	2nd Qr	3rd Qr	4th Qr	
<b>7 - Machinery &amp; transport equipment</b>	<b>11,369</b>	<b>17,850</b>	<b>3,247</b>	<b>6,383</b>	<b>4,125</b>	<b>4,095</b>	<b>2,884</b>
Power generating machinery & equipment	918	1,521	453	141	426	501	293
Machinery specialised for particular industries	1,895	2,488	548	859	556	525	523
General industrial machinery & equipment, n.e.s., & machine parts, n.e.s	1,823	1,796	428	417	484	467	443
Office machines & automatic data processing machines	869	1,098	225	264	306	303	192
Telecommunications & sound recording & reproducing apparatus & equipment	866	1,702	238	343	587	534	322
Electrical machinery, apparatus & appliances, n.e.s., & electrical parts of household type	1,407	1,898	429	436	443	590	376
Road vehicles	2,764	4,100	903	1,064	1,072	1,061	594
Aircraft, marine vessels and parts	741	3,176	12	2,834	237	93	121
Other	86	71	11	25	14	21	20
<b>8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles</b>	<b>4,233</b>	<b>4,830</b>	<b>887</b>	<b>995</b>	<b>1,369</b>	<b>1,579</b>	<b>935</b>
Prefabricated buildings; sanitary plumbing, heating & lighting fixtures & fittings, n.e.s	370	281	50	57	96	78	54
Articles of apparel and clothing	439	479	78	106	142	153	86
Footwear	161	172	24	33	42	73	23
Professional, scientific & controlling instruments & apparatus, n.e.s	267	584	68	88	256	172	115
Watches and clocks & optical goods	622	594	144	132	152	166	116
Printed matter	417	424	98	90	92	144	106
Articles n.e.s., of plastic	562	596	112	141	157	186	125
Jewellery, goldsmiths' & silversmiths' wares, n.e.s	380	380	89	61	73	157	89
Other	1,015	1,320	224	287	359	450	221
<b>9 - Commodities &amp; transactions, n.e.s.</b>	<b>191</b>	<b>153</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>26</b>

<sup>1</sup>Provisional

**Table 9 - Imports of selected commodities, 1998 - 2000**

C o m m o d i t y	1998		1999 <sup>1</sup>		1999 <sup>1</sup>				2000 <sup>1</sup>
			1st Qr	2nd Qr	3rd Qr	4th Qr	1st Qr		
<b>Rice :</b>									
Quantity: (Thousand tonnes)	63	83	26	12	21	24	19		
Value (c.i.f.) : Million Rupees	556	764	197	134	223	210	166		
<b>Wheaten flour :</b>									
Quantity: (Thousand tonnes)	19	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Value (c.i.f.) : Million Rupees	114	-	-	-	-	-	-		
<b>Wheat :</b>									
Quantity: (Thousand tonnes)	123	140	34	35	33	38	34		
Value (c.i.f.) : Million Rupees	504	488	132	119	106	131	117		
<b>Dairy products :</b>									
Quantity: (Thousand tonnes)	19	19	5	4	5	5	6		
Value (c.i.f.) : Million Rupees	1,038	1,091	282	249	276	284	288		
<b>Fixed vegetable edible oils and fats :</b>									
Quantity: (Thousand tonnes)	28	33	10	10	5	8	7		
Value (c.i.f.) : Million Rupees	472	444	155	131	64	94	82		
<b>Fertilisers manufactured :</b>									
Quantity: (Thousand tonnes)	43	42	11	10	6	15	15		
Value (c.i.f.) : Million Rupees	170	175	47	37	28	63	57		
<b>Cotton fabrics</b>									
Quantity: (Thousand tonnes)	16	14	3	4	4	3	4		
Value (c.i.f.) : Million Rupees	3,153	2,813	606	722	791	694	695		
<b>Cement :</b>									
Quantity: (Thousand tonnes)	665	584	125	164	159	136	144		
Value (c.i.f.) : Million Rupees	969	597	123	162	157	155	150		
<b>Iron and steel :</b>									
Quantity: (Thousand tonnes)	104	105	18	25	33	29	23		
Value (c.i.f.) : Million Rupees	1,286	1,122	231	304	310	277	243		

<sup>1</sup>Provisional

**Table 10 - Imports by countries of origin, 1998 - 2000**

Value (c.i.f.) : Million Rupees

Country of origin	1998			1999 <sup>1</sup>			1999 <sup>1</sup>			2000 <sup>1</sup>	
	1998	1999 <sup>1</sup>	1999 <sup>1</sup>	1st Qr	2nd Qr	3rd Qr	4th Qr	1st Qr	2000 <sup>1</sup>		
<b>Total imports</b>	<b>49,742</b>	<b>57,337</b>	<b>57,337</b>	<b>11,812</b>	<b>15,908</b>	<b>14,169</b>	<b>15,448</b>	<b>11,978</b>			
<b>1. Preferential Tariff Countries</b>	<b>36,080</b>	<b>41,468</b>	<b>41,468</b>	<b>8,500</b>	<b>11,864</b>	<b>10,341</b>	<b>10,763</b>	<b>8,883</b>			
<b>(a) European Union Countries</b>	<b>(15,016)</b>	<b>(18,637)</b>	<b>(18,637)</b>	<b>(3,450)</b>	<b>(6,644)</b>	<b>(4,256)</b>	<b>(4,287)</b>	<b>(3,457)</b>			
Austria	80	92	92	11	24	30	27	29			
Belgium	778	1,187	1,187	211	362	271	343	208			
Denmark	201	160	160	51	29	37	43	61			
Finland	93	74	74	12	19	25	18	15			
France	5,527	8,520	8,520	1,241	3,986	1,756	1,537	1,231			
Germany	2,056	2,147	2,147	442	614	570	521	466			
Greece	30	19	19	3	5	6	5	2			
Ireland	264	201	201	52	56	38	55	31			
Italy	1,823	2,001	2,001	411	517	527	546	331			
Luxembourg	146	6	6	2	2	1	1	-			
Netherlands	312	506	506	108	86	130	182	188			
Portugal	66	110	110	33	20	30	27	20			
Reunion	40	57	57	9	15	18	15	12			
Spain	881	822	822	198	272	152	200	356			
Sweden	135	143	143	26	39	28	50	43			
United Kingdom	2,584	2,592	2,592	640	598	637	717	464			
<b>(b) Other Preferential Tariff Countries</b>	<b>(21,064)</b>	<b>(22,831)</b>	<b>(22,831)</b>	<b>(5,050)</b>	<b>(5,220)</b>	<b>(6,085)</b>	<b>(6,476)</b>	<b>(5,426)</b>			
Australia	1,694	1,836	1,836	437	467	430	502	449			
Bahamas	13	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			
Myanmar (Ex Burma)	12	21	21	10	5	4	2	-			
Canada	126	51	51	11	14	15	11	17			
Hong Kong	2,499	2,130	2,130	546	495	532	557	455			
India	4,617	4,745	4,745	1,105	1,039	1,278	1,323	1,027			
Kenya	177	193	193	31	62	57	43	12			
Malagasy, Republic of	747	595	595	117	114	171	193	147			
Malaysia	1,419	1,914	1,914	352	471	544	547	345			
New Zealand	458	375	375	108	85	89	93	105			
Nigeria	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			
Pakistan	725	711	711	119	196	177	219	170			
Russian Federation	62	69	69	8	-	17	44	42			
Singapore	1,112	1,063	1,063	234	240	262	327	233			
South Africa, Republic of	5,172	6,150	6,150	1,235	1,454	1,668	1,793	1,858			
Sri Lanka	29	38	38	5	9	12	12	11			
Swaziland	138	133	133	29	30	35	39	28			
Ukraine	4	27	27	27	-	-	-	1			

<sup>1</sup>Provisional

**Table 10 (cont'd) - Imports by countries of origin, 1998 - 2000**

Value (c.i.f.) : Million Rupees

Country of origin	1998	1999 <sup>1</sup>	1999 <sup>1</sup>				2000 <sup>1</sup>
			1st Qr	2nd Qr	3rd Qr	4th Qr	
<b>(b) Other Preferential Tariff Countries (cont'd)</b>							
U. S. A.	1,635	2,400	616	456	719	609	428
Zambia	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
Zimbabwe	132	190	11	32	46	101	53
Other	287	190	49	51	29	61	45
<b>2. General Tariff Countries</b>	<b>13,662</b>	<b>15,869</b>	<b>3,312</b>	<b>4,044</b>	<b>3,828</b>	<b>4,685</b>	<b>3,095</b>
Argentina	542	673	187	172	100	214	149
Bahrain	598	881	53	-	294	534	246
Brazil	128	37	10	9	8	10	7
Burkina Faso	180	154	20	82	40	12	21
Cameroon	74	112	34	19	48	11	5
Central Africa	29	-	-	-	-	-	-
Chile	39	29	10	10	4	5	9
China	2,601	3,235	692	771	893	879	867
Cote D' Ivoire	106	25	1	4	7	13	2
Indonesia	1,054	840	159	161	205	315	208
Israel	136	176	53	43	8	72	39
Japan	2,530	3,412	819	931	841	821	501
Jordan	19	13	-	11	-	2	-
Korea, Republic of	1,091	873	159	152	153	409	140
Kuwait	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Macau	30	15	6	1	1	7	-
Mali	200	172	64	22	43	43	80
Mexico	30	19	7	6	1	5	-
Morocco	45	60	17	11	15	17	15
Norway	14	17	5	5	4	3	4
Panama	23	7	2	-	1	4	-
Philippines	39	84	7	10	23	44	10
Saudi Arabia	1,033	1,273	219	624	243	187	3
Switzerland	948	932	223	263	208	238	198
Taiwan	1,222	1,184	207	348	321	308	230
Thailand	517	782	153	200	175	254	173
Turkey	63	63	5	13	20	25	5
United Arab Emirates	116	381	41	80	87	173	124
Other	255	420	159	96	85	80	59

<sup>1</sup> Provisional

Table 11 - Trade with African, Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) States, 1998 - 2000

ACP States	Value: Thousand Rupees													
	1998		1999 <sup>1</sup>				1999 <sup>1</sup>				2000 <sup>1</sup>			
	Imports : value(c.i.f.)	Exports <sup>2</sup> : value(f.o.b)	Imports : value(c.i.f.)	Exports <sup>2</sup> : value(f.o.b)	Imports : value(c.i.f.)	Exports <sup>2</sup> : value(f.o.b)	Imports : value(c.i.f.)	Exports <sup>2</sup> : value(f.o.b)	Imports : value(c.i.f.)	Exports <sup>2</sup> : value(f.o.b)	Imports : value(c.i.f.)	Exports <sup>2</sup> : value(f.o.b)		
Total	2,016,874	2,256,285	1,716,120	2,354,353	352,115	524,767	406,492	566,303	469,715	656,707	487,798	606,576	345,369	614,263
Angola	-	24	-	68	-	-	-	68	-	-	-	-	-	-
Benin	-	856	13	1,310	-	323	-	181	13	27	-	779	-	13
Botswana	663	10,110	7,323	7,512	6,021	27	792	1,488	-	2,104	510	3,893	2	2,834
Burkina Faso	179,796	3,530	154,595	4,068	20,238	596	82,412	598	40,120	1,782	11,825	1,092	21,491	11
Burundi	-	16,423	-	19,341	-	2,109	-	2,684	-	13,018	-	1,530	-	45
Cameroon	74,189	2,307	112,374	1,753	34,468	-	19,259	872	47,881	236	10,766	645	4,697	5
Cape Verde	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Central African Rep	28,649	374	-	1,914	-	625	-	-	-	-	-	1,289	-	-
Chad	59	-	25	79	10	-	-	10	15	-	-	69	-	-
Comoros Islands	5,201	25,525	3	11,792	-	3,611	3	2,834	-	3	-	5,344	-	-
Congo	11,584	5,039	7,067	53	2,843	-	378	-	2,015	-	1,831	53	1,412	-
Cote D'Ivoire	106,306	10,822	24,922	23,805	1,020	11,417	3,796	2,563	6,908	5,932	13,198	3,893	2,169	118
D.R Congo	7,043	-	9,346	565	662	-	-	-	8,684	-	-	565	4,815	-
Djibouti	37	310	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	23
Equatorial Guinea	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ethiopia	2	1,083	514	163	204	23	129	140	181	-	-	-	-	-
Gabon	-	499	15	2,122	2	-	-	662	13	1	-	1,459	16	582
Gambia	48	61	322	134	315	-	5	-	-	26	2	108	-	-
Ghana	-	48	-	1,059	-	254	-	-	-	-	-	805	-	-
Guinea	89	-	119	-	7	-	-	-	98	-	14	-	-	-
Guinea Bissau	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

<sup>1</sup> Provisional<sup>2</sup> Total Exports excluding Ships' stores & bunkers

Table 11 (cont'd) - Trade with African, Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) States, 1998 - 2000

Value: Thousand Rupees

ACP States	1998						1999 <sup>1</sup>						2000 <sup>1</sup>					
	1st Qr		2nd Qr		3rd Qr		4th Qr		1st Qr		2nd Qr		3rd Qr		4th Qr		1st Qr	
	Imports : value(c.i.f.)	Exports <sup>2</sup> : value(f.o.b)	Imports : value(c.i.f.)	Exports <sup>2</sup> : value(f.o.b)	Imports : value(c.i.f.)	Exports <sup>2</sup> : value(f.o.b)	Imports : value(c.i.f.)	Exports <sup>2</sup> : value(f.o.b)	Imports : value(c.i.f.)	Exports <sup>2</sup> : value(f.o.b)	Imports : value(c.i.f.)	Exports <sup>2</sup> : value(f.o.b)	Imports : value(c.i.f.)	Exports <sup>2</sup> : value(f.o.b)	Imports : value(c.i.f.)	Exports <sup>2</sup> : value(f.o.b)	Imports : value(c.i.f.)	Exports <sup>2</sup> : value(f.o.b)
Kenya	176,890	132,150	193,742	74,406	31,298	18,156	62,440	14,282	56,559	26,484	43,445	15,484	11,702	21,376	4,076			
Lesotho	4	10,184	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Liberia	-	181	1	314	-	-	-	314	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Malagasy, Rep of	747,462	1,628,549	595,560	1,815,770	117,165	411,328	113,976	463,074	171,231	488,037	193,188	453,331	147,307	462,634				
Malawi	1,635	32,361	7	28,185	-	12,762	-	6,473	-	522	7	8,428	11,874	14,724				
Mali	200,313	462	173,160	464	64,076	-	22,284	-	43,429	-	43,371	464	80,325	414				
Mauritania	-	143	22	-	-	-	22	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mozambique	121,305	8,640	97,492	22,023	32,866	5,288	35,394	7,442	9,005	7,676	20,227	1,617	159	1,903				
Niger	26,216	1,042	226	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	114	35				
Nigeria	4,444	175	1,869	291	415	82	575	-	467	209	412	-	7	12,143				
Rwanda	-	12,108	-	17,072	-	12,398	-	455	-	2,070	-	2,149	-	935				
Sao Tome & Principe	-	438	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Senegal	1,217	2,315	1,318	4,418	10	1,003	16	3,413	42	-	1,250	2	291	1,915				
Seychelles	30,763	107,353	9,622	121,218	1,409	15,410	2,058	25,246	1,663	41,408	4,492	39,154	5,444	40,210				
Sierra Leone	1,088	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Somalia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sudan	131	28	7	102	-	-	-	50	7	52	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Swaziland	137,724	84	133,351	129	28,504	67	30,104	-	35,293	53	39,450	9	-	-				
Tanzania	573	70,962	3,382	59,967	9	7,845	526	12,172	1	21,252	2,846	18,698	239	8,501				
Togo	19,111	317	-	38	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	38	-	-				
Uganda	-	17,716	64	13,081	-	6,486	64	869	-	3,307	-	2,419	-	8,523				
Zambia	1,959	4,092	46	7,383	41	704	5	82	-	354	-	6,243	60	181				
Zimbabwe	132,369	149,974	189,613	113,754	10,532	14,253	32,254	20,645	46,089	41,840	100,738	37,016	53,245	29,090				

<sup>1</sup> Provisional<sup>2</sup> Total Exports excluding Ships' stores & bunkers



Table 12 - Trade with COMESA States, 1998 - 2000

Value: Thousand Rupees

COMESA States	1998						1999 <sup>1</sup>						2000 <sup>1</sup>					
	1998		1999 <sup>1</sup>		1st Qr		2nd Qr		3rd Qr		4th Qr		1st Qr					
	Imports : value(c.i.f.)	Exports <sup>2</sup> : value(f.o.b)	Imports : value(c.i.f.)	Exports <sup>2</sup> : value(f.o.b)	Imports : value(c.i.f.)	Exports <sup>2</sup> : value(f.o.b)	Imports : value(c.i.f.)	Exports <sup>2</sup> : value(f.o.b)	Imports : value(c.i.f.)	Exports <sup>2</sup> : value(f.o.b)	Imports : value(c.i.f.)	Exports <sup>2</sup> : value(f.o.b)	Imports : value(c.i.f.)	Exports <sup>2</sup> : value(f.o.b)				
<b>Total</b>	1,273,216	2,204,205	1,186,843	2,283,830	194,054	505,391	246,346	549,250	332,379	638,569	414,064	590,620	258,060	589,671				
Angola	-	24	-	68	-	-	-	68	-	-	-	-	-	-				
Burundi	-	16,423	-	19,341	-	2,109	-	2,684	-	13,018	-	1,530	-	45				
Comoros Islands	5,201	25,525	3	11,792	-	3,611	3	2,834	-	3	-	5,344	-	3,205				
Djibouti	37	310	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	23				
D. R. Congo	7,043	-	9,346	565	662	-	-	-	8,684	-	-	565	4,815	-				
Egypt	27,201	5,387	47,803	673	3,826	216	4,318	149	11,805	136	27,854	172	20,118	205				
Eritrea	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	116	-				
Ethiopia	2	1,083	514	163	204	23	129	140	181	-	-	-	-	-				
Kenya	176,890	132,150	193,742	74,406	31,298	18,156	62,440	14,282	56,559	26,484	43,445	15,484	11,702	21,376				
Malagasy, Rep of	747,462	1,628,549	595,560	1,815,770	117,165	411,328	113,976	463,074	171,231	488,037	193,188	453,331	147,307	462,634				
Malawi	1,635	32,361	7	28,185	-	12,762	-	6,473	-	522	7	8,428	11,874	14,724				
Namibia	4,226	76	3,783	161	404	23	469	27	866	33	2,044	78	3,140	19				
Rwanda	-	12,108	-	17,072	-	12,398	-	455	-	2,070	-	2,149	-	935				
Seychelles	30,763	107,353	9,622	121,218	1,409	15,410	2,058	25,246	1,663	41,408	4,492	39,154	5,444	40,210				
Sudan	131	28	7	102	-	-	-	50	7	52	-	-	-	-				
Swaziland	137,724	84	133,351	129	28,504	67	30,104	-	35,293	53	39,450	9	-	-				
Tanzania	573	70,962	3,382	59,967	9	7,845	526	12,172	1	21,252	2,846	18,698	239	8,501				
Uganda	-	17,716	64	13,081	-	6,486	64	869	-	3,307	-	2,419	-	8,523				
Zambia	1,959	4,092	46	7,383	41	704	5	82	-	354	-	6,243	60	181				
Zimbabwe	132,369	149,974	189,613	113,754	10,532	14,253	32,254	20,645	46,089	41,840	100,738	37,016	53,245	29,090				

<sup>1</sup> Provisional<sup>2</sup> Total Exports excluding Ships' stores & bunkers

Table 13 - Trade with SADC States, 1998 - 2000

Value: Thousand Rupees

SADC States	1998		1999		1999						2000 <sup>1</sup>			
					1st Qr		2nd Qr		3rd Qr		4th Qr		1st Qr	
	Imports : value(c.i.f.)	Exports <sup>2</sup> : value(f.o.b)	Imports : value(c.i.f.)	Exports <sup>2</sup> : value(f.o.b)	Imports : value(c.i.f.)	Exports <sup>2</sup> : value(f.o.b)	Imports : value(c.i.f.)	Exports <sup>2</sup> : value(f.o.b)	Imports : value(c.i.f.)	Exports <sup>2</sup> : value(f.o.b)	Imports : value(c.i.f.)	Exports <sup>2</sup> : value(f.o.b)	Imports : value(c.i.f.)	Exports <sup>2</sup> : value(f.o.b)
Total	5,610,665	577,860	6,604,695	537,214	1,315,161	71,304	1,556,091	123,775	1,770,006	175,459	1,963,437	166,676	1,937,078	153,488
Angola	-	24	-	68	-	-	-	68	-	-	-	-	-	-
Botswana	663	10,110	7,323	7,512	6,021	27	792	1,488	-	2,104	510	3,893	-	2,834
D.R Congo	7,043	-	9,346	565	662	-	-	-	8,684	-	-	565	4,815	-
Lesotho	4	10,184	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,076
Malawi	1,635	32,361	7	28,185	-	12,762	-	-	-	522	7	8,428	11,874	14,724
Mozambique	121,305	8,640	97,492	22,023	32,866	5,288	35,394	7,442	9,005	7,676	20,227	1,617	159	1,903
Namibia	4,226	76	3,783	161	404	23	469	27	866	33	2,044	78	3,140	19
Seychelles	30,763	107,353	9,622	121,218	1,409	15,410	2,058	25,246	1,663	41,408	4,492	39,154	5,444	40,210
S.Africa, Rep of	5,172,401	184,000	6,150,730	176,249	1,234,713	14,925	1,454,489	50,132	1,668,405	60,217	1,793,123	50,975	1,858,102	51,950
Swaziland	137,724	84	133,351	129	28,504	67	30,104	-	35,293	53	39,450	9	-	-
Tanzania	573	70,962	3,382	59,967	9	7,845	526	12,172	1	21,252	2,846	18,698	239	8,501
Zambia	1,959	4,092	46	7,383	41	704	5	82	-	354	-	6,243	60	181
Zimbabwe	132,369	149,974	189,613	113,754	10,532	14,253	32,254	20,645	46,089	41,840	100,738	37,016	53,245	29,090

<sup>1</sup> Provisional

<sup>2</sup> Total Exports excluding Ships' stores & bunkers