

## Monthly External Merchandise Trade Statistics - April 2021

### 1. Balance of Visible Trade

Balance of Visible Trade showed a deficit of Rs 8,079 million in April 2021, lower by 20.6% compared to the previous month and by 4.7% compared to the corresponding month of 2020.

### Summary of External Merchandise Trade

Value: Rs Mn

	2020	2021	
	Apr <sup>1</sup>	Mar <sup>2</sup>	Apr <sup>2</sup>
<b>A. Total Exports (f.o.b)</b>	<b>2,438</b>	<b>5,927</b>	<b>5,879</b>
Domestic exports	1,158	3,822	3,906
Re-exports	525	1,186	1,039
Ship's Stores and Bunkers	755	919	934
<b>B. Total Imports (c.i.f)</b>	<b>10,916</b>	<b>16,106</b>	<b>13,958</b>
<b>Total International Trade (A + B)</b>	<b>13,354</b>	<b>22,033</b>	<b>19,837</b>
<b>Trade Deficit (A - B)</b>	<b>-8,478</b>	<b>-10,179</b>	<b>-8,079</b>

<sup>1</sup> Revised figures

<sup>2</sup> Provisional

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

C.I.F value: Rs Mn

SITC SECTION/DESCRIPTION	2020	2021	
	Apr <sup>1</sup>	Mar <sup>2</sup>	Apr <sup>2</sup>
0 - Food and live animals	3,163	3,384	2,805
1 - Beverages and tobacco	389	308	271
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	338	385	315
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	1,133	2,612	1,756
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	81	76	312
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	1,059	1,663	1,719
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	1,919	2,433	2,251
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	2,087	3,506	3,107
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	747	1,738	1,381
9 - Other commodities & transactions, n.e.s	-	1	41
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>10,916</b>	<b>16,106</b>	<b>13,958</b>

<sup>1</sup> Revised figures

<sup>2</sup> Provisional

- Nil or Negligible

In April 2021, total imports decreased by 13.3% compared to March 2021 but increased by 27.9% compared to April 2020.

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

F.O.B value: Rs Mn

SITC SECTION/DESCRIPTION	2020	2021	
	Apr <sup>1</sup>	Mar <sup>2</sup>	Apr <sup>2</sup>
0 - Food and live animals	946	1,919	1,724
1 - Beverages and tobacco	22	45	51
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	66	155	190
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	-	-	-
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	24	6	53
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	136	198	276
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	153	559	780
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	59	191	159
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	277	1,918	1,712
9 - Other commodities & transactions, n.e.s	-	17	-
<b>Exports exclusive of Ship's Stores and Bunkers</b>	<b>1,683</b>	<b>5,008</b>	<b>4,945</b>
Estimates of Ship's Stores and Bunkers	755	919	934
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,438</b>	<b>5,927</b>	<b>5,879</b>

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

In April 2021, total exports decreased by 0.8% compared to March 2021 but increased by 141.1% compared to April 2020.

### 4. Main trading partners in April 2021

Value: Rs Mn

Exports <sup>1</sup> (F.O.B)				Imports (C.I.F)			
Country	2020	2021		Country	2020	2021	
	Apr <sup>2</sup>	Mar <sup>3</sup>	Apr <sup>3</sup>		Apr <sup>2</sup>	Mar <sup>3</sup>	Apr <sup>3</sup>
South Africa	41	586	746	China	1,808	2,682	2,010
United States	89	464	452	South Africa	848	1,616	1,447
France	179	407	442	India	1,025	2,279	1,444
United Kingdom	123	472	423	U.A.E	624	1,058	1,351
Madagascar	164	424	415	France	821	1,274	945
Spain	153	282	285	Italy	388	338	626
Other	934	2,373	2,182	Other	5,402	6,859	6,135
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,683</b>	<b>5,008</b>	<b>4,945</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>10,916</b>	<b>16,106</b>	<b>13,958</b>

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

In April 2021, South Africa (15.1%), United States (9.1%), France (8.9%), United Kingdom (8.6%), Madagascar (8.4%) and Spain (5.8%) were our major export destinations while our imports were mainly from China (14.4%), South Africa (10.4%), India (10.3%), U.A.E (9.7%), France (6.8%) and Italy (4.5%).

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