

Government of Pakistan
Pakistan Bureau of Statistics

SUB:- ADVANCE RELEASE ON EXTERNAL TRADE STATISTICS FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH, 2016.

EXPORTS:

According to the provisional figures compiled by the Pakistan Bureau of Statistics, exports from Pakistan during March, 2016 amounted to Rs.182,287 million (provisional) as against Rs. 187,384 million (provisional) in February, 2016 and Rs.196,002 million during March, 2015 showing a decrease of 2.72% over February,2016 and of 7.00% over March, 2015.

2. In terms of US dollars the exports in March, 2016 was \$ 1,742 million (provisional) as compared to \$ 1,791 million (provisional) in February, 2016 showing a decrease of 2.74% and by 9.55% as compared to \$ 1,926 million in March, 2015.

3. Exports during July - March, 2015 - 2016 totalled Rs.1,624,738 million (provisional) as against Rs.1,812,803 million during the corresponding period of last year showing a decrease of 10.37%.

4. In terms of US dollars the exports during July – March, 2015 - 2016 totalled \$ 15,606 million (provisional) against \$ 17,921 million during the corresponding period of last year showing a decrease of 12.92%.

5. Main commodities of exports during March, 2016 were Cotton cloth (Rs.20,910 million), Knitwear (Rs.18,343 million), Readymade garments (Rs.18,017 million), Bedwear (Rs.17,486 million), Rice others (Rs.13,925 million), Cotton yarn (Rs.9,706 million), Towels (Rs.6,417 million), Sugar (Rs.5,947 million), Madeup articles (excl. towels & bedwear) (Rs.5,523 million) and Rice basmati (Rs.3,565 million).

6. The increase(+) / decrease(-) recorded in main commodities exported during March, 2016 over February, 2016 and March, 2015 is given below:-

S.No.	COMMODITIES	%Change for value in million Rupees in March, 2016 over	
		February, 2016	March, 2015
1.	Cotton cloth	8.89	-2.83
2.	Knitwear	-0.52	8.30
3.	Readymade garments	-8.23	9.17
4.	Bedwear	-2.71	11.09
5.	Rice others	-8.31	-16.58
6.	Cotton yarn	-12.70	-27.15
7.	Towels	0.66	-3.85
8.	Sugar	4.98	33.10
9.	Madeup articles (excl. towels & bedwear)	9.61	1.69
10.	Rice basmati	-7.04	-31.30

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IMPORTS

7. Imports into Pakistan during March, 2016 amounted to Rs.373,493 million (provisional) as against Rs. 345,631 million (provisional) in February, 2016 and Rs.352,413 million during March, 2015 showing an increase of 8.06% over February, 2016 and of 5.98% over March, 2015.

8. In terms of US dollars the imports in March, 2016 was \$ 3,569 million (provisional) as compared to \$ 3,304 million (provisional) in February, 2016 showing an increase of 8.02% and by 3.06% as compared to \$ 3,463 million in March, 2015.

9. Imports during July - March, 2015 - 2016 totalled Rs.3,382,618 million (provisional) as against Rs.3,435,442 million during the corresponding period of last year showing a decrease of 1.54%.

10. In terms of US dollars the imports during July - March, 2015 - 2016 totalled \$ 32,490 million (provisional) as against \$ 33,948 million during the corresponding period of last year showing a decrease of 4.29%.

11. Main commodities of imports during March, 2016 were Petroleum products (Rs.36,367 million), Iron & steel (Rs.19,820 million), Plastic materials (Rs.16,985 million), Palm oil (Rs.16,242 million), Power generating machinery (Rs.15,866 million), Electrical machinery & apparatus (Rs.14,515 million), Petroleum crude (Rs.13,459 million), Iron & steel scrap (Rs.9,600 million), Medicinal products (Rs.8,626 million) and Raw cotton (Rs.8,112 million).

12. The increase(+) / decrease(-) recorded in main commodities imported during March, 2016 over February, 2016 and March, 2015 is given below:-

S.No.	COMMODITIES	%Change for value in million Rupees in March, 2016 over	
		February, 2016	March, 2015
1.	Petroleum products	8.67	-28.34
2.	Iron & Steel	12.63	40.07
3.	Plastic materials	23.35	6.06
4.	Palm oil	15.21	18.13
5.	Power generating machinery	-4.77	85.37
6.	Electrical machinery & apparatus	11.02	46.20
7.	Petroleum crude	3.64	-37.41
8.	Iron & steel scrap	5.09	10.22
9.	Medicinal products	0.97	-3.50
10.	Raw cotton	-20.84	57.30

BALANCE OF TRADE:

13. Based on the provisional figures of imports and exports the balance of trade in March, 2016 was (-) 191,206 million in terms of Rupees and (-) 1,827 million in US dollars. The balance of trade figures cumulative from July - March, 2015 - 2016 were (-) 1,757,880 million in terms of Rupees and (-) 16,884 million in US dollars.

14. Four statements giving quantity and value details of selected commodities of exports and imports for the month of March, 2016 and July - March, 2015 - 2016 along-with the data for previous month and corresponding period of last year are enclosed.