

Government of Pakistan
Pakistan Bureau of Statistics

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

EXPORTS:

According to the provisional figures compiled by the Pakistan Bureau of Statistics, exports from Pakistan during February, 2016 amounted to Rs.187,384 million (provisional) as against Rs. 185,754 million (provisional) in January, 2016 and Rs.190,530 million during February, 2015 showing an increase of 0.88% over January,2015 but a decrease of 1.65% over February, 2015.

2. In terms of US dollars the exports in February, 2016 was \$ 1,791 million (provisional) as compared to \$ 1,772 million (provisional) in January, 2016 showing an increase of 1.07% but decreased by 4.73% as compared to \$ 1,880 million in February, 2015.

3. Exports during July - February, 2015 - 2016 totalled Rs.1,442,906 million (provisional) as against Rs.1,616,801 million during the corresponding period of last year showing a decrease of 10.76%.

4. In terms of US dollars the exports during July – February, 2015 - 2016 totalled \$ 13,869 million (provisional) against \$ 15,995 million during the corresponding period of last year showing a decrease of 13.29%.

5. Main commodities of exports during February, 2016 were Readymade garments (Rs.19,632 million), Cotton cloth (Rs.19,202 million),Knitwear (Rs.18,439 million), Bedwear (Rs.17,973 million), Rice others (Rs.15,187 million), Cotton yarn (Rs.11,118 million), Fruits (Rs.6,581 million), Towels (Rs.6,375 million), Sugar (Rs.5,665 million) and Madeup articles (excl. towels & bedwear) (Rs.5,039 million).

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

S.No.	COMMODITIES	%Change for value in million Rupees in February, 2016 over	
		January, 2016	February, 2015
1.	Readymade garments	-10.59	10.72
2.	Cotton cloth	-4.79	-14.07
3.	Knitwear	-15.88	0.61
4.	Bedwear	0.77	10.44
5.	Rice others	15.98	30.14
6.	Cotton yarn	19.99	-36.13
7.	Fruits	-18.46	1.26
8.	Towels	-5.57	-5.30
9.	Sugar	341.89	28.84
10.	Madeup articles (excl. towels & bedwear)	-20.45	-13.05

IMPORTS

7. Imports into Pakistan during February, 2016 amounted to Rs.345,631 million (provisional) as against Rs. 365,247 million (provisional) in January, 2016 and Rs.334,335 million during February, 2015 showing a decrease of 5.37% over January, 2016 but an increase of 3.38% over February, 2015.

8. In terms of US dollars the imports in February, 2016 was \$ 3,304 million (provisional) as compared to \$ 3,484 million (provisional) in January, 2016 showing a decrease of 5.17% but increased by 0.18% as compared to \$ 3,298 million in February, 2015.

9. Imports during July - February, 2015 - 2016 totalled Rs.3,012,142 million (provisional) as against Rs.3,083,030 million during the corresponding period of last year showing a decrease of 2.30%.

10. In terms of US dollars the imports during July - February, 2015 - 2016 totalled \$ 28,950 million (provisional) as against \$ 30,485 million during the corresponding period of last year showing a decrease of 5.04%.

11. Main commodities of imports during February, 2016 were Petroleum products (Rs.33,466 million), Iron & steel (Rs.17,598 million), Power generating machinery (Rs.16,661 million), Palm oil (Rs.14,098 million), Plastic materials (Rs.13,770 million), Electrical machinery & apparatus (Rs.13,074 million), Petroleum crude (Rs.12,986 million), Raw cotton (Rs.10,248 million), Iron & steel scrap (Rs.9,135 million) and Medicinal products (Rs.8,543 million).

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

S.No.	COMMODITIES	%Change for value in million Rupees in February, 2016 over	
		January, 2016	February, 2015
1.	Petroleum products	-15.33	-35.38
2.	Iron & Steel	-1.68	29.06
3.	Power generating machinery	-31.47	116.80
4.	Palm oil	10.84	6.01
5.	Plastic materials	10.20	-0.71
6.	Electrical machinery & apparatus	-24.33	42.12
7.	Petroleum crude	17.45	-22.71
8.	Raw cotton	-4.02	214.07
9.	Iron & steel scrap	-12.89	29.89
10.	Medicinal products	43.77	21.28

BALANCE OF TRADE:

13. Based on the provisional figures of imports and exports the balance of trade in February, 2016 was (-) 158,247 million in terms of Rupees and (-) 1,513 million in US dollars. The balance of trade figures cumulative from July - February, 2015 - 2016 were (-) 1,569,236 million in terms of Rupees and (-) 15,081 million in US dollars.

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