

Government of Pakistan
Pakistan Bureau of Statistics

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

EXPORTS:

According to the provisional figures compiled by the Pakistan Bureau of Statistics, exports from Pakistan during December, 2016 amounted to Rs.180,899 million (provisional) as against Rs. 184,497 million (provisional) in November, 2016 and Rs.186,486 million during December, 2015 showing a decrease of 1.95% over November,2016 and of 3.00% over December, 2015.

2. In terms of US dollars the exports in December, 2016 was \$ 1,727 million (provisional) as compared to \$ 1,762 million (provisional) in November, 2016 showing a decrease of 1.99% and by 3.09% as compared to \$ 1,782 million in December, 2015.

3. Exports during July - December, 2016 totalled Rs.1,037,296 million (provisional) as against Rs.1,069,768 million during the corresponding period of last year showing a decrease of 3.04%.

4. In terms of US dollars the exports during July – December, 2016 totalled \$ 9,912 million (provisional) against \$ 10,306 million during the corresponding period of last year showing a decrease of 3.82%.

5. Main commodities of exports during December, 2016 were Readymade garments (Rs.22,111 million), Knitwear (Rs.21,339 million), Bedwear (Rs.17,610 million), Cotton cloth (Rs.15,930 million), Rice others (Rs.13,184 million), Cotton yarn (Rs.10,952 million), Towels (Rs.6,513 million), Madeup articles (excl. towels & bedwear) (Rs.6,134 million), Fruits (Rs.5,277 million) and Rice basmati (Rs.3,098 million).

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

S.No.	COMMODITIES	%Change for value in million Rupees in December, 2016 over	
		November, 2016	December, 2015
1.	Readymade garments	12.01	9.30
2.	Knitwear	1.67	4.28
3.	Bedwear	0.23	9.33
4.	Cotton cloth	-7.59	-18.47
5.	Rice others	-10.74	-12.02
6.	Cotton yarn	-16.58	-3.32
7.	Towels	-4.72	-4.16
8.	Madeup articles (excl. towels & bedwear)	1.12	2.76
9.	Fruits	89.82	-27.15
10.	Rice basmati	19.89	-21.45

IMPORTS

7. Imports into Pakistan during December, 2016 amounted to Rs.470,038 million (provisional) as against Rs. 442,903 million (provisional) in November, 2016 and Rs.399,511 million during December, 2015 showing an increase of 6.13% over November, 2016 and of 17.65% over December, 2015.

8. In terms of US dollars the imports in December, 2016 was \$ 4,488 million (provisional) as compared to \$ 4,230 million (provisional) in November, 2016 showing an increase of 6.10% and by 17.58% as compared to \$ 3,817 million in December, 2015.

9. Imports during July - December, 2016 totalled Rs.2,553,771 million (provisional) as against Rs.2,301,264 million during the corresponding period of last year showing an increase of 10.97%.

10. In terms of US dollars the imports during July - December, 2016 totalled \$ 24,402 million (provisional) as against \$ 22,162 million during the corresponding period of last year showing an increase of 10.11%.

11. Main commodities of imports during December, 2016 were Petroleum products (Rs.63,096 million), Power generating machinery (Rs.23,594 million), Electrical machinery & apparatus (Rs.23,349 million), Petroleum crude (Rs.20,165 million), Palm oil (Rs.18,192 million), Iron & steel (Rs.16,607 million), Plastic materials (Rs.16,600 million), Other apparatus (Telecom) (Rs.10,562 million), Iron & steel scrap (Rs.10,542 million) and Natural gas (Liquefied) (Rs.9,129 Million).

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

S.No.	COMMODITIES	%Change for value in million Rupees in December, 2016 over	
		November, 2016	December, 2015
1.	Petroleum products	3.41	67.01
2.	Power generating machinery	-5.08	23.44
3.	Electrical machinery & apparatus	42.40	6.09
4.	Petroleum crude	-4.46	-13.10
5.	Palm oil	8.22	58.70
6.	Iron & Steel	-18.10	-2.51
7.	Plastic materials	5.64	17.13
8.	Other apparatus (Telecom)	101.80	79.84
9.	Iron & steel scrap	22.14	-1.76
10.	Natural gas (Liquefied)	0.07	211.46

BALANCE OF TRADE:

13. Based on the provisional figures of imports and exports the balance of trade in December, 2016 was (-) 289,139 million in terms of Rupees and (-) 2,761 million in US dollars. The balance of trade figures cumulative from July - December, 2016 were (-) 1,516,475 million in terms of Rupees and (-) 14,490 million in US dollars.

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