

Government of Pakistan
Pakistan Bureau of Statistics

SUB:- ADVANCE RELEASE ON EXTERNAL TRADE STATISTICS FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER, 2017.

EXPORTS:

According to the provisional figures compiled by the Pakistan Bureau of Statistics, exports from Pakistan during October, 2017 amounted to Rs.198,911 million (provisional) as against Rs.176,427 million (provisional) in September, 2017 and Rs.183,041 million during October, 2016 showing an increase of 12.74% over September, 2017 and of 8.67% over October, 2016.

2. In terms of US dollars the exports in October, 2017 was \$ 1,888 million (provisional) as compared to \$ 1,675 million (provisional) in September, 2017 showing an increase of 12.72% and by 7.89% as compared to \$ 1,750 million in October, 2016.

3. Exports during July - October, 2017 totalled Rs.743,293 million (provisional) as against Rs.671,281 million during the corresponding period of last year showing an increase of 10.73%.

4. In terms of US dollars the exports during July – October, 2017 totalled \$ 7,056 million (provisional) against \$ 6,416 million during the corresponding period of last year showing an increase of 9.98%.

5. Main commodities of exports during October, 2017 were Knitwear (Rs.23,735 million), Readymade garments (Rs.20,623 million), Bedwear (Rs.19,809 million), Cotton cloth (Rs.19,641 million), Cotton yarn (Rs.12,754 million), Rice others (Rs.11,798 million), Towels (Rs.7,147 million), Madeup articles (excl. towels & bedwear) (Rs.6,182 million), Fish & fish preparations (Rs.4,860 million) and Surgical goods & medicinal instruments (Rs.3,148 million).

6. The increase(+)/decrease(-) recorded in main commodities exported during October, 2017 over September, 2017 and October, 2016 is given below:-

S.No.	COMMODITIES	%Change for value in million Rupees in October, 2017 over	
		September, 2017	October, 2016
1.	Knitwear	8.14	15.22
2.	Readymade garments	3.36	12.30
3.	Bedwear	2.98	0.99
4.	Cotton cloth	3.93	2.23
5.	Cotton yarn	9.56	7.11
6.	Rice others	64.45	-7.02
7.	Towels	6.98	-2.16
8.	Madeup articles (excl. towels & bedwear)	7.89	11.39
9.	Fish & fish preparations	15.08	-8.42
10.	Surgical goods and medical instruments	1.09	-8.83

IMPORTS

7. Imports into Pakistan during October, 2017 amounted to Rs.519,189 million (provisional) as against Rs.471,136 million (provisional) in September, 2017 and Rs.417,106 million during October, 2016 showing an increase of 10.20% over September,2017 and of 24.47% over October, 2016.

8. In terms of US dollars the imports in October, 2017 was \$ 4,929 million (provisional) as compared to \$ 4,473 million (provisional) in September, 2017 showing an increase of 10.19% and by 23.60% as compared to \$ 3,988 million in October, 2016.

9. Imports during July - October, 2017 totalled Rs.2,018,757 million (provisional) as against Rs.1,638,180 million during the corresponding period of last year showing an increase of 23.23%.

10. In terms of US dollars the imports during July - October, 2017 totalled \$ 19,163 million (provisional) as against \$ 15,658 million during the corresponding period of last year showing an increase of 22.38%.

11. Main commodities of imports during October, 2017 were Petroleum products (Rs.79,312 million), Petroleum crude (Rs.36,964 million), Power generating machinery (Rs.22,695 million), Plastic materials (Rs.21,085 million), Electrical machinery & apparatus (Rs.19,570 million), Iron & steel (Rs.19,207 million), Palm oil (Rs.18,828 million), Natural gas, liquified (Rs.14,452 million), Iron & steel scrap (Rs.12,823 million) and Medicinal products (Rs.10,114 million).

12. The increase(+) / decrease(-) recorded in main commodities imported during October, 2017 over September, 2017 and October, 2016 is given below:-

S.No.	COMMODITIES	%Change for value in million Rupees in October, 2017 over	
		September, 2017	October, 2016
1.	Petroleum products	9.04	45.91
2.	Petroleum crude	23.88	78.02
3.	Power generating machinery	6.29	-41.98
4.	Plastic materials	7.91	49.55
5.	Electrical machinery & apparatus	12.50	41.20
6.	Iron & Steel	0.88	4.76
7.	Palm oil	18.63	27.66
8.	Natural gas, liquified	5.09	64.06
9.	Iron & steel scrap	3.12	89.89
10.	Medicinal products	14.04	48.65

BALANCE OF TRADE:

13. Based on the provisional figures of imports and exports the balance of trade in October, 2017 was (-) 320,278 million in terms of Rupees and (-) 3,041 million in US dollars. The balance of trade figures cumulative from July - October, 2017 were (-) 1,275,464 million in terms of Rupees and (-) 12,107 million in US dollars.

14. Four statements giving quantity and value details of selected commodities of exports and imports for the month of October, 2017 and July - October, 2017 along-with the data for previous month and corresponding period of last year are enclosed.