

**Government of Pakistan**  
**Pakistan Bureau of Statistics**

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

**EXPORTS:**

According to the provisional figures compiled by the Pakistan Bureau of Statistics, exports from Pakistan during September, 2017 amounted to Rs.176,427 million (provisional) as against Rs.196,454 million (provisional) in August, 2017 and Rs.160,787 million during September, 2016 showing a decrease of 10.19% over August,2017 but an increase of 9.73% over September, 2016.

2. In terms of US dollars the exports in September, 2017 was \$ 1,675 million (provisional) as compared to \$ 1,866 million (provisional) in August, 2017 showing a decrease of 10.24% but increased by 8.91% as compared to \$ 1,538 million in September, 2016.

3. Exports during July - September, 2017 totalled Rs.544,833 million (provisional) as against Rs.488,240 million during the corresponding period of last year showing an increase of 11.59%.

4. In terms of US dollars the exports during July – September, 2017 totalled \$ 5,172 million (provisional) against \$ 4,666 million during the corresponding period of last year showing an increase of 10.84%.

5. Main commodities of exports during September, 2017 were Knitwear (Rs.21,948 million), Readymade garments (Rs.19,952 million), Bedwear (Rs.19,236 million), Cotton cloth (Rs.18,898 million), Cotton yarn (Rs.11,641 million), Rice others (Rs.7,174 million), Towels (Rs.6,681 million), Madeup articles (excl. towels & bedwear) (Rs.5,730 million), Fish & fish preparations (Rs.4,223 million) and Surgical goods & medicinal instruments (Rs.3,114 million).

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

S.No.	COMMODITIES	%Change for value in million Rupees in September, 2017 over	
		August, 2017	September, 2016
1.	Knitwear	-15.11	14.24
2.	Readymade garments	-8.08	17.54
3.	Bedwear	-14.59	6.14
4.	Cotton cloth	-5.09	7.28
5.	Cotton yarn	9.03	26.81
6.	Rice others	-21.05	33.94
7.	Towels	-3.13	4.73
8.	Madeup articles (excl. towels & bedwear)	-11.45	13.04
9.	Fish & fish preparations	75.89	16.82
10.	Surgical goods and medical instruments	-6.91	16.80

## **IMPORTS**

7. Imports into Pakistan during September, 2017 amounted to Rs.471,136 million (provisional) as against Rs.521,496 million (provisional) in August, 2017 and Rs.400,545 million during September, 2016 showing a decrease of 9.66% over August,2017 but an increase of 17.62% over September, 2016.

8. In terms of US dollars the imports in September, 2017 was \$ 4,473 million (provisional) as compared to \$ 4,952 million (provisional) in August, 2017 showing a decrease of 9.67% but increased by 16.73% as compared to \$ 3,832 million in September, 2016.

9. Imports during July - September, 2017 totalled Rs.1,502,359 million (provisional) as against Rs.1,221,074 million during the corresponding period of last year showing an increase of 23.04%.

10. In terms of US dollars the imports during July - September, 2017 totalled \$ 14,260 million (provisional) as against \$ 11,670 million during the corresponding period of last year showing an increase of 22.19%.

11. Main commodities of imports during September, 2017 were Petroleum products (Rs.72,738 million), Petroleum crude (Rs.29,839 million), Power generating machinery (Rs.21,352 million), Plastic materials (Rs.19,539 million), Iron & steel (Rs.19,039 million), Electrical machinery & apparatus (Rs.17,395 million), Palm oil (Rs.15,871 million), Natural gas, liquified ( Rs.13,752 million), Iron & steel scrap ( Rs.12,435 million) and Medicinal products (Rs.8,869 million).

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

S.No.	COMMODITIES	%Change for value in million Rupees in September, 2017 over	
		August, 2017	September, 2016
1.	Petroleum products	12.69	40.24
2.	Petroleum crude	-8.34	15.74
3.	Power generating machinery	-2.60	-9.32
4.	Plastic materials	-1.77	37.18
5.	Iron & Steel	-18.88	46.99
6.	Electrical machinery & apparatus	22.10	-0.35
7.	Palm oil	-17.65	21.81
8.	Natural gas, liquified	-0.01	54.33
9.	Iron & steel scrap	-22.83	83.33
10.	Medicinal products	9.78	6.69

### **BALANCE OF TRADE:**

13. Based on the provisional figures of imports and exports the balance of trade in September, 2017 was (-) 294,709 million in terms of Rupees and (-) 2,798 million in US dollars. The balance of trade figures cumulative from July - September, 2017 were (-) 957,526 million in terms of Rupees and (-) 9,088 million in US dollars.

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