

Government of Pakistan
Pakistan Bureau of Statistics

SUB:- ADVANCE RELEASE ON EXTERNAL TRADE STATISTICS FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH, 2018.

EXPORTS:

According to the provisional figures compiled by the Pakistan Bureau of Statistics, exports from Pakistan during March, 2018 amounted to Rs.250,065 million (provisional) as against Rs.209,996 million (provisional) in February, 2018 and Rs.187,922 million during March, 2017 showing an increase of 19.08% over February,2018 but an increase of 33.07% over March, 2017.

2. In terms of US dollars the exports in March, 2018 was \$ 2,231 million (provisional) as compared to \$ 1,902 million (provisional) in February, 2018 showing an increase of 17.30% and by 24.36% as compared to \$ 1,794 million in March, 2017.

3. Exports during July - March, 2017 - 2018 totalled Rs.1,839,968 million (provisional) as against Rs.1,580,359 million during the corresponding period of last year showing an increase of 16.43%.

4. In terms of US dollars the exports during July – March, 2017 - 2018 totalled \$ 17,074 million (provisional) against \$ 15,097 million during the corresponding period of last year showing an increase of 13.10%.

5. Main commodities of exports during March, 2018 were Knitwear (Rs.25,788 million), Readymade garments (Rs.25,003 million), Cotton cloth (Rs.22,977 million), Bedwear (Rs.22,003 million), Rice others (Rs.20,117 million), Cotton yarn (Rs.14,330 million), Sugar (Rs.9,321 million), Towels (Rs.8,470 million), Madeup articles (excl. towels & bedwear) (Rs.6,862 million) and Rice Basmati (Rs.5,960 million).

6. The increase(+) / decrease(-) recorded in main commodities exported during March, 2018 over February, 2018 and March, 2017 is given below:-

S.No.	COMMODITIES	%Change for value in million Rupees in March, 2018 over	
		February, 2018	March, 2017
1.	Knitwear	16.29	33.61
2.	Readymade garments	6.31	16.36
3.	Cotton cloth	18.02	16.27
4.	Bedwear	16.07	16.37
5.	Rice others	16.38	106.71
6.	Cotton yarn	7.78	40.41
7.	Sugar	63.61	54.12
8.	Towels	19.16	14.94
9.	Madeup articles (excl. towels & bedwear)	11.29	11.80
10.	Rice Basmati	42.72	27.54

IMPORTS

7. Imports into Pakistan during March, 2018 amounted to Rs.591,741 million (provisional) as against Rs.529,775 million (provisional) in February, 2018 and Rs.521,302 million during March, 2017 showing an increase of 11.70% over February,2018 and of 13.51% over March, 2017.

8. In terms of US dollars the imports in March, 2018 was \$ 5,280 million (provisional) as compared to \$ 4,797 million (provisional) in February, 2018 showing an increase of 10.07% and by 6.09% as compared to \$ 4,977 million in March, 2017.

9. Imports during July - March, 2017 - 2018 totalled Rs. 4,775,806 million (provisional) as against Rs.4,016,558 million during the corresponding period of last year showing an increase of 18.90%.

10. In terms of US dollars the imports during July - March, 2017 - 2018 totalled \$ 44,342 million (provisional) as against \$ 38,369 million during the corresponding period of last year showing an increase of 15.57%.

11. Main commodities of imports during March, 2018 were Petroleum products (Rs.61,343 million), Petroleum crude (Rs.47,781 million), Iron & steel (Rs.31,508 million), Plastic materials (Rs.27,299 million), Natural gas, liquified (Rs.25,101 million), Palm oil (Rs.22,204 million), Raw cotton (Rs.20,508 million), Electrical machinery & apparatus (Rs.19,283 million), Power generating machinery (Rs.16,858 million) and Iron & steel scrap (Rs.14,506 million).

12. The increase(+) / decrease(-) recorded in main commodities imported during March, 2018 over February, 2018 and March, 2017 is given below:-

S.No.	COMMODITIES	%Change for value in million Rupees in March, 2018 over	
		February, 2018	March, 2017
1.	Petroleum products	19.49	-10.54
2.	Petroleum crude	14.68	77.80
3.	Iron & Steel	36.80	44.19
4.	Plastic materials	26.98	31.89
5.	Natural gas, liquified	-11.48	64.31
6.	Palm oil	46.54	7.06
7.	Raw cotton	-8.62	22.66
8.	Electrical machinery & apparatus	0.61	-20.59
9.	Power generating machinery	-13.81	-13.09
10.	Iron and steel scrap	28.37	18.00

BALANCE OF TRADE:

13. Based on the provisional figures of imports and exports the balance of trade in March, 2018 was (-) 341,676 million in terms of Rupees and (-) 3,049 million in US dollars. The balance of trade figures cumulative from July - March, 2017 - 2018 were (-) 2,935,838 million in terms of Rupees and (-) 27,268 million in US dollars.

14. Four statements giving quantity and value details of selected commodities of exports and imports for the month of March, 2018 and July - March, 2017 - 2018 along-with the data for previous month and corresponding period of last year are enclosed.