

Government of Pakistan
Pakistan Bureau of Statistics

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

EXPORTS:

According to the provisional figures compiled by the Pakistan Bureau of Statistics, exports from Pakistan during January, 2018 amounted to Rs.217,588 million (provisional) as against Rs.214,877 million (provisional) in December, 2017 and Rs.185,876 million during January, 2017 showing an increase of 1.26% over December,2017 and of 17.06% over January, 2017.

2. In terms of US dollars the exports in January, 2018 was \$ 1,971 million (provisional) as compared to \$ 1,977 million (provisional) in December, 2017 showing a decrease of 0.30% but increased by 11.04% as compared to \$ 1,775 million in January, 2017.

3. Exports during July - January, 2017 - 2018 totalled Rs.1,381,807 million (provisional) as against Rs.1,221,408 million during the corresponding period of last year showing an increase of 13.13%.

4. In terms of US dollars the exports during July – January, 2017 - 2018 totalled \$ 12,959 million (provisional) against \$ 11,670 million during the corresponding period of last year showing an increase of 11.05%.

5. Main commodities of exports during January, 2018 were Readymade garments (Rs.25,743 million), Knitwear (Rs.24,392 million), Rice others (Rs.20,653 million), Cotton cloth (Rs.20,142 million), Bedwear (Rs.19,999 million), Cotton yarn (Rs.8,590 million), Towels (Rs.7,612 million), Fruits (Rs.6,997 million), Madeup articles (excl. towels & bedwear) (Rs.6,498 million) and Sugar (Rs.5,050 million).

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

S.No.	COMMODITIES	%Change for value in million Rupees in January, 2018 over	
		December, 2017	January, 2017
1.	Readymade garments	3.01	21.80
2.	Knitwear	-5.11	19.14
3.	Rice others	11.24	48.43
4.	Cotton cloth	3.50	-5.07
5.	Bedwear	3.96	7.56
6.	Cotton yarn	-26.72	-11.55
7.	Towels	9.70	3.80
8.	Fruits	11.83	9.16
9.	Madeup articles (excl. towels & bedwear)	3.98	13.80
10.	Sugar	-11.94	100.00

IMPORTS

7. Imports into Pakistan during January, 2018 amounted to Rs.618,979 million (provisional) as against Rs.533,670 million (provisional) in December, 2017 and Rs.491,953 million during January, 2017 showing an increase of 15.99% over December,2017 and of 25.82% over January, 2017.

8. In terms of US dollars the imports in January, 2018 was \$ 5,607 million (provisional) as compared to \$ 4,910 million (provisional) in December, 2017 showing an increase of 14.20% and by 19.37% as compared to \$ 4,697 million in January, 2017.

9. Imports during July - January, 2017 - 2018 totalled Rs.3,676,579 million (provisional) as against Rs.3,037,456 million during the corresponding period of last year showing an increase of 21.04%.

10. In terms of US dollars the imports during July - January, 2017 - 2018 totalled \$ 34,473 million (provisional) as against \$ 29,021 million during the corresponding period of last year showing an increase of 18.79%.

11. Main commodities of imports during January, 2018 were Petroleum products (Rs.62,532 million), Petroleum crude (Rs.41,268 million), Power generating machinery (Rs.39,724 million), Aircrafts, ships and boats (Rs.36,740 million), Natural gas, liquified (Rs.28,002 million), Plastic materials (Rs.24,302 million), Iron & steel (Rs.23,955 million), Electrical machinery & apparatus (Rs.19,926 million), Palm oil (Rs.18,899 million), Iron & steel scrap (Rs.17,201 million).

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

S.No.	COMMODITIES	%Change for value in million Rupees in January, 2018 over	
		December, 2017	January, 2017
1.	Petroleum products	-6.99	15.09
2.	Petroleum crude	28.94	106.72
3.	Power generating machinery	157.01	36.34
4.	Aircrafts, ships and boats	342.60	256.04
5.	Natural gas, liquified	47.03	195.63
6.	Plastic materials	30.18	41.98
7.	Iron & Steel	12.42	26.01
8.	Electrical machinery & apparatus	-25.41	-28.51
9.	Palm oil	1.35	4.95
10.	Iron and steel scrap	30.76	46.22

BALANCE OF TRADE:

13. Based on the provisional figures of imports and exports the balance of trade in January, 2018 was (-) 401,391 million in terms of Rupees and (-) 3,636 million in US dollars. The balance of trade figures cumulative from July - January, 2017 - 2018 were (-) 2,294,772 million in terms of Rupees and (-) 21,514 million in US dollars.

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