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SUMMARY
March, 2017

Exports
Imports
Balance of Trade

(Rupees in Million)
(U.S. Dollars in Million)

Series	March, 2017		February, 2017		% Change	
					March, 2017	
					February, 2017	
	Rs.	\$	Rs.	\$	Rs.	\$
Exports	187,921.84	1,794.15	171,029.37	1,633.20	9.88	9.85
Imports	521,302.38	4,977.00	457,799.80	4,371.64	13.87	13.85
Trade	-333,380.54	-3,182.85	-286,770.43	-2,293.46	16.25	38.78
Series	March, 2017		March, 2016		% Change	
					March, 2017	
					March, 2016	
	Rs.	\$	Rs.	\$	Rs.	\$
Exports	187,921.84	1,794.15	181,891.10	1,738.14	3.32	3.22
Imports	521,302.38	4,977.00	371,192.64	3,547.09	40.44	40.31
Trade	-333,380.54	-3,182.85	-189,301.54	-1,808.95	76.11	75.95
Series	Jul-Mar; 2017		Jul-Mar; 2016		% Change	
					Jul-Mar; 2017	
					Jul-Mar; 2016	
	Rs.	\$	Rs.	\$	Rs.	\$
Exports	1,580,358.97	15,097.06	1,623,826.71	15,597.49	-2.68	-3.21
Imports	4,016,558.46	38,369.19	3,377,892.01	32,444.67	16.25	18.26
Trade	-2,436,199.49	-23,272.13	-1,754,065.30	-16,847.18	38.89	38.14

Note: *Balance of Trade does not include Re-exports & Re-imports.

Review of Foreign Trade March, 2017

EXPORTS

The total Exports of Pakistan during March, 2017 amounted to Rs. 187,921.84 million as against Rs. 171,029.37 million in February, 2017 and Rs. 181,891.10 million during March, 2016 showing an increase of 9.88% over February, 2017 and by 3.32% over March, 2016.

Exports during July–March, 2017 totalled Rs. 1,580,358.97 million as against Rs. 1,623,826.71 million during the corresponding period of last year showing a decrease of 2.68%.

In terms of U.S dollars, the exports during March, 2017 amounted to \$1,794.15 million as against \$1,633.20 million in February, 2017 and \$1,738.14 million during March, 2016 showing an increase of 9.85% over February, 2017, and by 3.22% over March, 2016.

In terms of U.S. dollars, the exports during July–March, 2017 totalled \$15,097.06 million as against \$15,597.49 million during the corresponding period of last year showing an increase of 3.22%.

IMPORTS

The total Imports of Pakistan during March, 2017 amounted to Rs. 521,302.38 million as against Rs. 457,799.80 million in February, 2017 and Rs. 371,192.64 million during March, 2016 showing a rise of 13.87% over February, 2017, and by 40.44% over March, 2016.

Imports during July–March, 2017 amounted to Rs. 4,016,558.46 million as against Rs. 3,377,892.01 million during the corresponding period of last year showing an increase of 16.25%.

In terms of US dollars, the imports during March, 2017 amounted to \$4,977.00 million as against \$ 4,371.64 million in February, 2017 and \$3,547.09 million during March, 2016 showing increase of 13.85% over February, 2017, and an increase by 40.31% over March, 2016.

In term of U.S. dollars, the imports during July–March, 2017 amounted \$38,369.19 million as against \$32,444.67 million during the corresponding period of last year showing an increase of 18.26%.

Based on the above figures of exports & imports the balance of trade in March, 2017 was unfavorable for Pakistan to the tune of 333,380.54 million in rupees equal to US \$3,182.85 million and the balance of trade during July-March, 2017 was unfavorable to the tune of 2,436,199.49 million rupees equal to U.S. \$23,272.13 million.

I - Exports by Group/Commodities

Exports from Pakistan during March, 2017 amounted to Rs. 187,921.84 million as against the exports of Rs. 171,029.37 million in previous month and Rs. 181,891.10 million during the corresponding month of last year showing an increase of 9.88% over previous month and by 3.32% over the corresponding month of last year.

Exports during July–March, 2017 totaled Rs. 1,580,358.97 million as against Rs. 1,623,826.71 million during the corresponding period of last year showing a decrease of 2.68%.

Comparative figure of exports by group/commodities during March, 2017 compared to February, 2017 and March, 2016 are given in table-1 and cumulative exports for the period July–February, 2017 of current financial year compared to the corresponding period of last year are given in table-2.

Primary Commodities

During March, 2017 the 6 selected primary commodities contributed 12.21% of total exports in which the share of rice, fruit, vegetables & preparations thereof, fish & fish preparations, tobacco un-manufactured, raw cotton (excluding linters) and raw wool were 7.67%, 2.35%, 2.01%, 0.13%, 0.05% and 0.01% respectively.

During July–March, 2017 these 6 commodities contributed 12.94% of the total exports showing decrease of 9.32% as against their combined share of 14.27% during the corresponding period of last year.

Textile Manufactures

During March, 2017 the 9 selected commodities of Textile Manufactures contributed 56.68% of total exports in which the share of articles of apparel & clothing accessories (excl. knitwear), cotton fabrics, knitwear, bed-wear, cotton yarn and towels were 11.43%, 10.52%, 10.27%, 10.06%, 5.43% and 3.92% respectively.

During July–March, 2017 these 9 commodities contributed 58.96% of the total exports showing an increase of 3.39% as against their combined share of 57.03% during the corresponding period of last year.

Other Manufactures

During March, 2017 the 7 selected commodities of other Manufactures contributed 7.97% of total exports in which the share of leather clothes & accessories, leather, surgical instruments , sport goods (excl. toys) and Footwear were 2.06%, 1.73 %, 1.63 %, 1.50% and 0.43% respectively.

During July-March, 2017 these 7 commodities contributed 8.76% of the total exports showing an increase of 0.89% as against their combined share of 8.68% during the corresponding period of last year.

Table - 1
Monthly Exports by Major Commodities

(Million Rs.)

Commodities	Mar, 2017	Feb, 2017	Mar, 2016	% Change	
				Mar, 2017	Mar, 2017
				Feb, 2017	Mar, 2016
Total	187,921.84	171,029.37	181,891.10	9.88	3.32
A. Primary Commodities	22,938.86	26,250.20	27,020.04	-12.61	-15.10
1 Rice	14,404.87	16,381.27	17,503.45	-12.06	-17.70
2 Fruits,vegetables & preparation thereof	4,420.05	6,369.02	6,457.30	-30.60	-31.55
3 Fish & fish preparation	3,772.67	3,050.95	2,910.94	23.66	29.60
4 Tobacco un-manufactured	240.37	96.70	43.40	148.57	453.85
5 Raw cotton (excl. linters)	90.55	346.05	93.64	-73.83	-3.30
6 Raw wool	10.35	6.21	11.31	66.67	-8.49
B. Textile Manufactures	106,523.25	100,245.30	99,343.82	6.26	7.23
1 Articles of apparel and clothing accessories (excl. knitwear)	21,486.72	20,690.49	17,941.94	3.85	19.76
2 Cotton fabrics	19,762.11	16,340.21	20,899.34	20.94	-5.44
3 Knitwear	19,301.08	18,539.43	18,312.96	4.11	5.40
4 Bedwear	18,907.73	18,582.55	17,913.67	1.75	5.55
5 Cotton yarn	10,206.19	9,846.79	9,706.39	3.65	5.15
6 Towels	7,368.71	7,427.79	6,358.63	-0.80	15.89
7 Textile made up (excl. towels & bed wear)	6,137.86	5,252.10	5,275.18	16.86	16.35
8 Synthetic textile fabrics	2,526.48	2,140.73	2,455.36	18.02	2.90
9 Tarpaulin & other canvas goods	826.37	1,425.21	480.35	-42.02	72.03
C. Other Manufactures	14,977.88	15,803.16	14,768.96	-5.22	1.41
1 Leather clothes & accessories	3,878.67	4,130.73	3,985.17	-6.10	-2.67
2 Leather	3,251.43	2,792.33	3,305.58	16.44	-1.64
3 Surgical instruments	3,054.30	3,124.64	2,996.12	-2.25	1.94
4 Sports goods (excl. toys)	2,817.91	2,643.14	2,590.18	6.61	8.79
5 Footwear	805.79	900.89	772.85	-10.56	4.26
6 Petroleum products	603.81	1,461.70	481.11	-58.69	25.50
7 Carpets, carpeting, rugs & mats	565.97	749.73	637.95	-24.51	-11.28
Others	43,481.85	38,627.90	40,758.28	12.57	6.68

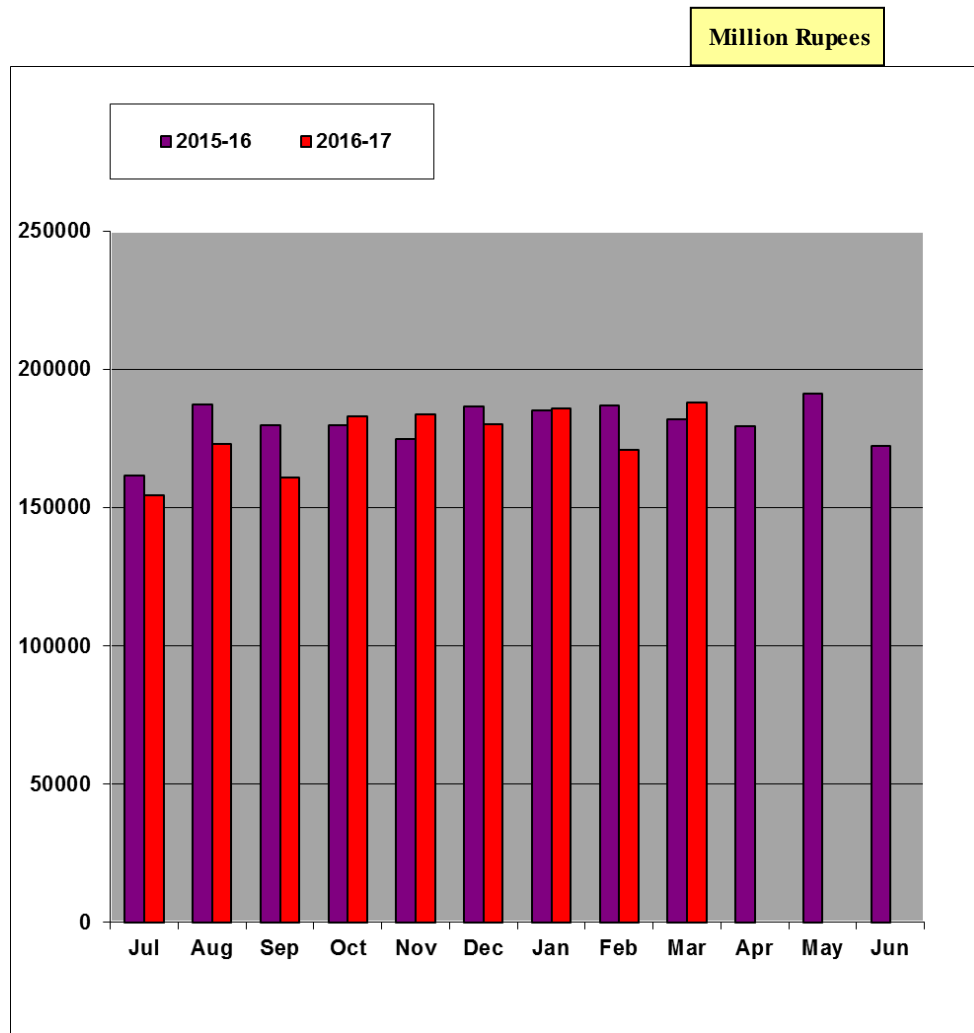
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Table - 2

Cumulative Exports by Major Commodities

(Million Rs.)

Commodities	Jul-Mar; 2017	Jul-Mar; 2016	% Change
			Jul-Mar; 2017
			Jul-Mar; 2016
Total	1,580,358.97	1,623,826.71	-2.68
A. Primary Commodities	204,526.91	231,749.93	-11.75
1 Rice	122,557.99	143,558.72	-14.63
2 Fruits, vegetables and preparations thereof	47,553.11	54,389.87	-12.57
3 Fish & fish preparation	28,868.63	25,040.35	15.29
4 Raw Cotton (excl. linters)	4,302.66	7,811.41	-44.92
5 Tobacco unmanufactured	1,149.21	717.68	60.13
6 Raw wool	95.31	231.90	-58.90
B. Textile Manufactures	931,758.85	926,034.18	0.62
1 Knitwear	181,551.52	181,732.29	-0.10
2 Articles of apparel & clothing & accessories	178,444.08	167,486.88	6.54
3 Cotton fabrics	168,980.56	175,439.21	-3.68
4 Bed-wear	166,858.60	157,035.69	6.26
5 Cotton yarn	98,543.82	102,829.68	-4.17
6 Towels	61,895.36	62,126.74	-0.37
7 Textile made up (excl. towels & bedwear)	50,288.12	49,125.79	2.37
8 Synthetic textile fabrics	13,990.65	23,121.68	-39.49
9 Tarpaulin & other canvas goods	11,206.14	7,136.22	57.03
C. Other Manufactures	138,468.86	141,015.74	-1.81
1 Leather clothes & accessories	39,258.29	41,250.67	-4.83
2 Leather	26,421.94	27,863.16	-5.17
3 Surgical instruments	26,271.91	27,351.08	-3.95
4 Sports goods (excl. toys)	23,945.27	24,428.29	-1.98
5 Petroleum Products	8,593.02	4,158.78	106.62
6 Footwear	7,572.56	8,253.55	-8.25
7 Carpets, carpeting rugs & mats	6,405.87	7,710.21	-16.92
Others	305,604.35	325,026.86	-5.98

II – Analysis of Selected Commodities of Export

Cotton Fabrics

Cotton fabrics moved up to second position on the exports list in its group for March, 2017 from fourth in the previous month. During this month its exports amounted to Rs. 19,762.11 million as against Rs. 16,340.21 million in February, 2017 and Rs. 20,899.34 million during March, 2016 showing increase of 20.94 % over February, 2017 but decrease by 5.44% over March, 2016.

During July–March, 2017 of current financial year 1,566,490 thousand sq. meters of cotton fabrics valued at Rs. 168,980.56 million were exported as against 1,659,455 thousand sq. meters valued at Rs. 175,439.21 million during the same period of last year showing a decrease of 5.60% in terms of quantity and in terms of value was lower by 3.68%. The average unit price of cotton fabrics increased to Rs. 107.87 per sq. meter from Rs. 105.72 per sq. meter during the corresponding period of last year showing an increase of 2.03%. Main buyers of cotton fabrics during July–March, 2017 of current financial year were Bangladesh (Rs. 35,963.03 million), Italy (Rs. 11,894.68 million), China (Rs. 10,512.40 million), Germany (Rs. 7,460.47 million), U.S.A. (Rs. 7,018.31 million), Spain (Rs. 6,774.22 million), Turkey (Rs. 6,167.35 million), Sri Lanka (Rs. 5,902.83 million), United Kingdom (Rs. 5,574.83 million) and Portugal (Rs. 5,311.64 million). Their total take-off accounted for 60.70% of total exports of cotton cloth as compared to their combined share of 62.31% during the same period of last year.

Variety-wise exports of cotton fabrics during July–March, 2017of current financial year and the corresponding period of last year are given below.

(Quantity in '000' Sq. M.)

(Value in million Rs.)

Commodity	Jul-Mar;2017		Jul-Mar;2016	
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
TOTAL: (COTTON FABRICS)	1,566,490	168,980.56	1,659,455	175,439.21
COTTON FABRICS GREY (UNBLEACHED)	582,641	59,171.15	637,030	64,911.20
COTTON PRINTS	129,545	14,399.80	114,903	12,107.08
COTTON SHEETINGS (BLEACHED)	110,273	11,872.33	104,863	11,102.53
CANVAS CLOTH WATER PROOF (DYED)	328,833	36,018.19	334,189	34,806.26
DENIME	290,455	35,517.69	359,069	41,520.36
OTHER COTTON FABRICS	124,744	12,001.40	109,403	10,991.78

Cotton Yarn

Cotton yarn maintained its fifth position on the exports list in its group for March, 2017 as observed in the previous month. Its exports in this month amounted to Rs. 10,206.19 million as against Rs. 9,846.79 million in February, 2017 and Rs. 9,706.39 million in March, 2016 showing an increase of 3.65% over February, 2017 and by 5.15% over March, 2016.

During July–March, 2017 exports of cotton yarn amounted to Rs. 98,543.82 million as against Rs. 102,829.68 million in the corresponding period of last year depicting a fall of 4.17%. In terms of quantity 339,905 thousand kg of cotton yarn was exported during the July–March, 2017 of current financial year as against 327,036 thousand kg exported during the corresponding period of last year showing an increase of 3.94%. The average unit price of cotton yarn for period July–March, 2017 of current financial year was Rs. 289.92 per kg as against Rs. 314.43 per kg in the same period of last year showing a fall of 7.79%.

China (Rs. 65,981.57 million), Bangladesh (Rs. 6,018.11 million), Turkey (Rs. 4,237.69 million), Portugal (Rs. 3,403.18 million), Hong Kong (Rs. 2,904.12 million), Korea Rep. of (Rs. 2,302.51 million), Japan (Rs. 2,020.08 million), Italy (Rs. 1,505.84 million), U. S. A. (Rs. 1,111.67 million) and Viet Nam (Rs. 882.44 million), were major buyers of cotton yarn during this period. Their combined share accounted for 91.91% of total exports of cotton yarn as compared to their combined share of 92.67% during the same period of last year.

Variety-wise exports of cotton yarn in terms of quantity and value during July-March, 2017 of the current financial year and corresponding period of last year are given below:-

(Quantity in '000' Kg.)
(Value in million Rs.)

Commodity	Jul-Mar;2017		Jul-Mar;2016	
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
TOTAL	339,905	98,543.82	327,036	102,829.68
COTTON YARN SINGLE COMB/UNCOMB	295,596	85,122.71	279,734	88,784.66
COTTON YARN MULTIPLE COMB/UNCOMB	44,295	13,416.38	46,932	13,951.12
OTHER COTTON YARN	13	4.74	371	93.9

Rice

Rice maintained its first position on the exports list in its group during March, 2017 as observed in the previous month. In this month it fetched Rs. 14,404.87 million as against Rs. 16,381.27 million in February, 2017 and Rs. 17,503.45 million in March, 2016 showing a fall of 12.06% over February, 2017 and 17.70% over March, 2016.

During July–March, 2017 its exports amounted to Rs. 122,557.99 million as against the exports of Rs. 143,558.72 million during the corresponding period of last year showing a decrease of 14.63%. Kenya was the leading buyer of rice during July–March, 2017 with its share of 13.06% in the total exports of this item. Other major buyers were United Arab Emirates (9.14%), Afghanistan (8.56%), China (8.21%), Tanzania (3.90%), Mozambique (3.65%) and Saudi Arabia (3.36%). These seven countries accounted for 49.89% of total exports of rice during this period.

Exports of rice to major countries during July–March, 2017 and the corresponding period of last year are given below.

(Quantity in tonnes.)
(Value in million Rs.)

Commodity	July-Mar, 2017		July-Mar, 2016	
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
T O T A L	2,681,253	122,557.99	3,140,788	143,558.72
Kenya	420,454	16,012.08	349,723	14,995.47
United Arab Emirates	144,631	11,201.85	117,138	8,598.69
Afghanistan	274,052	10,489.78	240,049	9,822.97
China	296,593	10,066.18	582,875	21,860.05
U.R.of Tanzania	131,420	4,780.08	151,852	5,585.14
Mozambique	122,582	4,476.40	122,505	5,088.45
Saudi Arabia	60,939	4,114.98	106,123	6,634.59
O T H E R	1,230,582	61,416.64	1,470,523	70,973.36

Unit price of rice basmati for March, 2017 was Rs. 102,715.03 per tonne as against Rs. 103,940.20 per tonne in March, 2016 showing a fall of 1.18%. Average unit price of this variety for July–March, 2017 of current financial year was Rs. 100,721.52 per tonne as against Rs. 96,602.40 per tonne for the same period of last year showing an increase of 4.26%

Unit price of rice "Other Verities" increased to Rs. 40,427.60 per tonne in March, 2017 from Rs. 39,382.47 in March, 2016 showing a rise of 2.65%. The average unit price of rice "Other Varities" for July–March, 2017 at Rs. 38,717.64 per tonne was lower by 2.00 % compared to average unit price of Rs. 39,506.83 per tonne for the same period of last year.

Variety-wise exports of rice in terms of quantity and value are given below:-

(Quantity in tonnes.)
(Value in million Rs.)

Variety/ period	Quantity	Value	Unit value
			(Rs. Per tonne)
RICE BASMATI			
Mar-17	45,491	4,672.61	102,715.03
Mar-16	17,412	1,809.81	103,940.20
JULY-2016 - MARCH-2017	302,339	30,452.04	100,721.52
JULY-2015- MARCH-2016	341,115	32,952.53	96,602.40
RICE OTHER VARITIES			
Mar-17	240,733	9,732.26	40,427.60
Mar-16	398,493	15,693.64	39,382.47
JULY-2016 - MARCH-2017	2,378,914	92,105.95	38,717.64
JULY-2015- MARCH-2016	2,799,673	110,606.19	39,506.83

Petroleum Products

Petroleum products came down to sixth position on the exports list in its group during March, 2017 from fifth in the previous month. In this month its exports amounted to Rs. 603.81 million as against Rs. 1,461.70 million in February, 2017 and Rs. 481.11 million in March, 2016 showing decrease of 58.89% over February, 2017 but increased by 25.50% over March, 2016.

Exports of this item for July–March, 2017 of current financial year stood at Rs. 8,593.02 million as against exports of Rs. 4,158.78 million during the corresponding period of last year showing an increase of 106.62%.

In terms of quantity 185,685 tonnes of petroleum products were exported during July–March, 2017 of current financial year as against 71,062 tonnes exported during the corresponding period of last year showing an increase of 161.30%.

The main buyers of petroleum products during July–March, 2017 were Afghanistan (Rs. 4,966.52 million), India (Rs. 1,834.48 million), Kazakhstan (Rs. 829.61 million), China (350.93 million), Netherland (Rs. 201.87 million), Philippines (Rs. 186.5 million) and Bangladesh (Rs. 156.53 million). These seven countries accounted for 99.22% of total exports of petroleum products during July–March, 2017 against 97.93% exports during the same period of last year.

Quantity and value of exports of petroleum products during July–March, 2017 and the corresponding period of last year are given below:-

(Quantity in tonnes)
(Value in million Rs.)

Commodity	Jul-Mar,2017		Jul-Mar,2016	
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
TOTAL	185,685	8,593.02	71,062	4,158.78
PETROLEUM TOP-NEPHTA	89,767	3400.26	3080	111.08
OTHER PETROLEUM PRODUCTS	95,918	5,192.76	67,982	4,047.69

Leather

Leather came up to second position on the exports list in its group for March, 2017 from third in the previous month. Its exports in this month amounted to Rs. 3,251.43 million as against Rs. 2,792.33 million in February, 2017 and Rs. 3,305.58 million in March, 2016 showing an increase of 16.44% over February, 2017 but decrease by 1.64% over March, 2016.

Exports of this item during July–March, 2017 totalled Rs. 26,421.94 million as against Rs. 27,863.16 million during the corresponding period of last year showing a fall of 5.17%. In terms of quantity 15,885,733 sq. meter of leather was exported during July–March, 2017 as against 12,690,884 sq. meters exported during the corresponding period of last year showing an increase of 25.17%.

The main buyers of leather during July–March, 2017 were Hong Kong (Rs. 3,797.81 million), Italy (Rs. 3,797.28 million), China (Rs. 3,193.36 million), India (Rs. 1,955.76 million), Viet Nam (Rs. 1,950.43 million), Bangladesh (Rs. 1,696.40 million), Korea Rep. of (Rs. 1,627.38 million), Spain (Rs. 1,300.62 million), Germany (Rs. 973.88 million), South Africa (Rs. 674.33 million) and Indonesia (Rs. 673.44 million) whose combined share in total exports of leather was 81.90% as against their combined share of 82.29% during the same period of last year.

Quantity and value of exports of leather during July–March, 2017 and the corresponding period of last year are given below:-

(Quantity in sq. meter.)

(Value in million Rs.)

Commodity	Jul-Mar;2017		Jul-Mar;2016	
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
TOTAL	15,885,733	26,421.94	12,690,884	27,863.16
TANED/CURST HIDE/SKIN BOVINE ANI	747,450	907.04	874,134	1,292.97
TANED/CURST DRESSED BOVINE ANI.	8,422,739	13,139.24	6,463,247	13,722.93
TANED/CURST HIDE/SKIN SHEEP/LAMB	22,067	43.21	16,842	30.07
TANED/CURST DRESSED SHEEP/LAMBS	1,173,525	2,206.93	678,193	1,993.78
TANED/CURST HIDE/SKIN GOAT/KIDS	31,126	78.19	58,032	142.97
TANED/CURST DRESSED OF GOAT/KIDS	3,955,855	7,039.88	3,691,550	8,773.04
LEATHER N.S.	1,532,971	3,007.46	908,886	1,907.40

Carpets, Carpeting Rugs & Mats

Carpets, carpeting rugs and mats maintained seventh position on exports list in its group for March, 2017 same as in the previous month. Its exports in March, 2017 amounted to Rs. 565.97 million as against Rs. 749.73 million in February, 2017 and Rs. 637.95 million in March, 2016 showing a decrease of 24.51% over February, 2017 and by 11.28% over March, 2016.

Exports of this item for the July–March, 2017 of current financial year amounted to Rs. 6,405.87 million as against Rs. 7,710.21 million during the corresponding period of last year showing a decrease of 16.92%.

In terms of quantity 1,407,341 sq. meters of carpets, carpeting rugs and mats were exported during July–March, 2017 of current financial year as against 1,371,851 sq. meters exported during the corresponding period of last year showing an increase of 2.59%.

The average unit price of carpets of woolen hand knotted was Rs. 5428.76 per sq. meter during July–March, 2017 as against Rs. 6309.13 per sq. meter in the corresponding period of last year showing a fall of 13.95%. U. S. A. (Rs. 3,298.41 million), Germany (Rs. 530.24 million), Italy (Rs. 364.71 million), France (Rs. 223.96 million), Kazakhstan (Rs. 215.72 million), United Kingdom (Rs. 212.19 million), Sweden (Rs. 170.6 million), Spain (Rs. 167.41 million) and Canada (Rs. 142.73 million), were the main buyers of carpets, carpeting rugs and mats during July–March, 2017. They together accounted for 83.14% during July–March, 2017 as compared to their share of 83.33% during the same period of last year.

Quantity and value of exports of carpets, carpeting rugs and mats during July–March, 2016 and corresponding period of last year are given below.

(Quantity in sq. meter)
(Value in million Rs.)

Commodity	Jul-Mar;2017		Jul-Mar;2016	
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
TOTAL	1,407,341	6,405.87	1,371,851	7,710.21
CARPETS OF WOOL HAND KNOTTED	1,096,518	5,952.73	1,121,252	7,074.13
OTHER CARPETS,CARPETING	310,823	453.14	250,599	636.07

Raw Cotton

Raw Cotton moved down to fifth position on the exports list in its group for March, 2017 from fourth in the previous month. Its exports in this month amounted to Rs. 90.55 million as against Rs. 346.05 million in February, 2017 and Rs. 93.64 million in March, 2016 showing a decrease of 73.83% over February, 2017 but increased by 3.30% over March, 2016.

Exports of this item during July–March, 2017 amounted to Rs. 4,302.66 million as against Rs. 7,811.41 million showing a decrease of 44.92% compared to the same period of last year. In terms of quantity 23,970 tonnes of raw cotton was exported during July–March, 2017 as against 48,513 tonnes exported in the same period of last year showing a decrease of 50.59%.

The main buyers of raw cotton during July–March, 2017 were India (Rs. 1278.39 million), Viet Nam (Rs. 925.99 million), Bangladesh (Rs. 839.02 million), Indonesia (Rs. 774.65 million) and Thailand (Rs. 143.96 million). They together account for 92.08 % of total exports of raw cotton during July–March, 2017 as against their combined share of 98.31 % in the corresponding period of last year.

Quantity and value data of exports of raw cotton during July–March, 2017 and the corresponding period of last year are given below:-

(Quantity in `Tonnes`.)
(Value in million Rs.)

Commodity	Jul-Mar;2017		Jul-Mar;2016	
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
TOTAL:	23,970	4,302.66	48,513	7,811.41
COTTON AMERICAN	--	--	--	--
COTTON EGYPTIAN	--	--	--	--
OTHER	23,970	4,302.66	48,513	7,811.41

(-) Indicate nil.

III - Direction of Exports

Exports by Territories/Regions and Major countries during March, 2017 compared with March, 2016 are given in table 3 & 4 and cumulative Exports by Territories/Regions and Major countries for the July–March, 2017 of the current financial year compared with the same period of last year are given in table 5 & 6 respectively.

During the month of March, 2017 (32.88 %) of total exports went to European Union. The share of North America during March, 2017 was 18.36% as against 16.55% in March, 2016. The share of Middle East during March, 2017 was 12.21 % as against 10.34 % in March, 2016. Country-wise, U.S.A. was at the top of the exports list for March, 2017 followed by United Kingdom, China, Germany, United Arab Emirates and Netherlands. The share of these six countries in total exports of March, 2017 was 44.57% as against their share of 42.70% in March, 2016.

During July–March, 2017 the share of European Union in total exports was 33.70%. The share of North America increased to 17.94% from 17.67% during the same period of last year. The share of Middle East decreased to 10.11% from 10.80% during the same period of last year.

Country-wise, U.S.A. was at the top of the exports list for July–March, 2017 followed by United Kingdom, China, Germany, Afghanistan and Spain. The share of these six countries in total exports for July–March, 2017 of the current financial year was 47.78% as against 48.86% in the same period of last year.

Table - 3**Monthly Exports by Territories/Regions**

(Million Rs.)

Territories/Regions	March, 2017		March, 2016	
	Value	% Share	Value	% Share
<i>T O T A L</i>	<i>187,921.84</i>	<i>100.00</i>	<i>181,891.10</i>	<i>100.00</i>
1 Latin & Central America	1,331.69	0.71	1,500.73	0.83
2 South America	2,061.57	1.10	1,972.50	1.08
3 North America	34,493.63	18.36	30,094.16	16.55
4 Eastern Europe	1,899.12	1.01	1,540.15	0.85
5 European Union	61,794.78	32.88	57,351.17	31.53
6 E.F.T.A	532.31	0.28	434.37	0.24
7 Other Europe	2,013.23	1.07	174.02	0.10
8 Middle East	22,952.88	12.21	18,804.46	10.34
Asian Countries	19,908.12	10.59	16,769.72	9.22
African Countries	3,044.76	1.62	2,034.74	1.12
9 Other Asia	47,361.14	25.20	56,035.76	30.81
10 Other Africa	9,742.98	5.18	10,743.90	5.91
11 Oceania	3,738.50	1.99	3,239.88	1.78

Table - 4
Monthly Export to Major Countries

(Million Rs.)

Countries	March, 2017		March, 2016	
	Value	% Share	Value	% Share
* T O T A L	187,921.84	100.00	181,891.10	100.00
1 U.S.America	32,316.93	17.20	28,381.78	15.60
2 United Kingdom	14,929.83	7.94	14,160.65	7.79
3 China	11,693.65	6.22	14,033.35	7.72
4 Germany	9,876.21	5.26	9,306.15	5.12
5 United Arab Emirates	8,113.85	4.32	6,673.83	3.67
6 Netherlands	6,821.65	3.63	5,104.48	2.81
7 Bangladesh	6,752.56	3.59	7,409.46	4.07
8 Spain	6,606.03	3.52	6,610.45	3.63
9 Italy	6,496.79	3.46	6,762.92	3.72
10 Korea, Republic of	5,326.99	2.83	2,038.28	1.12
11 Belgium	5,021.76	2.67	4,765.69	2.62
12 Afghanistan	4,940.13	2.63	15,899.32	8.74
13 Saudi Arabia	4,480.26	2.38	3,338.69	1.84
14 Turkey	3,062.67	1.63	2,053.16	1.13
15 France	2,891.67	1.54	2,530.48	1.39
16 Viet Nam	2,605.60	1.39	2,073.66	1.14
17 India	2,525.50	1.34	2,687.04	1.48
18 Kenya	2,486.15	1.32	1,821.42	1.00
19 Sri Lanka	2,427.70	1.29	2,267.15	1.25
20 Canada	2,176.18	1.16	1,712.32	0.94
* O T H E R S	46,369.72	24.68	42,260.83	23.23

Table - 5
Cumulative Export by Territories/Regions

(Million Rs.)

Territories/Regions		Jul-Mar; 2017		Jul-Mar; 2016	
		Value	% Share	Value	% Share
	TOTAL	1,580,358.97	100.00	1,623,826.71	100.00
1	Latin & Central America	12,409.13	0.79	14,071.23	0.87
2	South America	18,789.63	1.19	19,049.57	1.17
3	North America	283,508.34	17.94	286,882.35	17.67
4	Eastern Europe	17,094.75	1.08	18,579.68	1.14
5	European Union	532,608.30	33.70	511,727.16	31.51
6	E.F.T.A	4,363.68	0.28	4,269.90	0.26
7	Other Europe	3412.18	0.22	1288.79	0.08
8	Middle East	159,753.95	10.11	175,445.15	10.80
	Asian Countries	143,923.90	9.11	157,601.22	9.71
	African Countries	15,830.05	1.00	17,843.93	1.10
9	Other Asia	439,590.33	27.82	474,885.97	29.24
10	Other Africa	85,291.40	5.40	96,321.15	5.93
11	Oceania	23,537.28	1.49	21,305.75	1.31

Table - 6
Cumulative Export to Major Countries

(Million Rs.)

Countries	Jul-Mar; 2017		Jul-Mar; 2016	
	Value	% Share	Value	% Share
<i>* T O T A L</i>	1,580,358.97	100.00	1,623,826.71	100.00
1 U.S.America	266,237.07	16.85	270,461.11	16.66
2 United Kingdom	121,565.16	7.69	123,924.78	7.63
3 China	120,444.04	7.62	134,006.08	8.25
4 Germany	92,537.34	5.86	86,975.32	5.36
5 Afghanistan	90,980.02	5.76	116,043.02	7.15
6 Spain	63,292.61	4.00	62,003.68	3.82
7 United Arab Emirates	58,319.99	3.69	63,858.89	3.93
8 Netherlands	52,716.11	3.34	50,451.35	3.11
9 Italy	50,408.73	3.19	48,616.56	2.99
10 Bangladesh	49,679.70	3.14	55,652.76	3.43
11 Belgium	49,570.00	3.14	45,536.44	2.80
12 India	29,546.71	1.87	23,506.96	1.45
13 France	27,910.99	1.77	25,455.04	1.57
14 Saudi Arabia	27,337.62	1.73	32,903.53	2.03
15 Korea, Republic of	24,043.16	1.52	19,616.62	1.21
16 Kenya	22,781.23	1.44	20,202.23	1.24
17 Viet Nam	21,189.25	1.34	20,823.89	1.28
18 Turkey	20,803.90	1.32	17,002.66	1.05
19 Sri Lanka	19,694.16	1.25	19899.41	1.23
20 Australia	18,176.98	1.15	16647.53	1.03
<i>* O T H E R S</i>	353,124.19	22.34	370,238.83	22.80

IV - Exports by Economic Categories

Performance of export by economic categories during March, 2017 and July–March, 2017 of the current financial year compared to the same period of last year are shown in table-7.

During March, 2017 exports of primary commodities decreased by 5.97%, semi-manufactures goods and manufactured goods increased by 2.19% and 5.83% respectively during the current month as compared to the same month of last year.

During July–March, 2017 exports of primary commodities were lower by 9.10%, of semi manufactures by 9.69% and manufactured goods increased by 0.03% compared to the same period of last year.

Table - 7
Exports by Economic Categories

(Million Rs.)

Economic Category	March, 2017	March, 2016	Jul-Mar; 2017	Jul-Mar; 2016
TOTAL	187,921.84	181,891.10	1,580,358.97	1,623,826.71
1. PRIMARY COMMODITIES.	29,712.17	31,597.10	244,071.64	268,519.13
% SHARE IN TOTAL EXPORTS.	15.81	17.37	15.44	16.54
2. SEMI-MANUFACTURES.	23,889.17	23,377.93	180,279.03	199,623.47
% SHARE IN TOTAL EXPORTS.	12.71	12.85	11.41	12.29
3. MANUFACTURED GOODS.	134,320.50	126,916.07	1,156,008.30	1,155,684.12
% SHARE IN TOTAL EXPORTS.	71.48	69.78	73.15	71.17

I – Import by Groups/Commodities

Imports into Pakistan during March, 2017 amounted to Rs. 521,302.38 million as against the imports of Rs. 457,799.80 million in the previous month and Rs. 371,192.64 million during the corresponding month of last year showing increase of. 13.87% over previous month and by 40.44% over the corresponding month of last year.

Imports during July, 2016–March, 2017 amounted to Rs. 4,016,558.46 million as against Rs. 3,377,892.01 million during the corresponding period of last year showing an increase of 18.91%.

Comparative figures of imports by groups/commodities during March, 2017, February, 2017 and March, 2016 are given in Table-8 and cumulative imports for July-March, 2017 of current financial year and the previous year are given in Table-9.

Food Group

During March, 2017 the 5 selected commodities of Food Groups contributed 8.06% of total imports in which the share of palm oil, pulses and tea were 3.98%, 2.46% and 1.00% respectively.

During July–March, 2017 this group contributed 7.17% of total imports showing a decrease of 3.79% as against their combined share of 7.45% during the corresponding period of last year.

Machinery & Transport Group

During March, 2017 Machinery & Transport Group contributed 26.35% of total imports in which the share of machinery and transport equipment were 20.47% and 5.88% respectively.

During July, 2016–March, 2017 this Group contributed 28.83% of the total imports showing an increase of 15.52% as against their combined share of 24.96 % during the corresponding period of last year.

Petroleum Group

During March, 2017 Petroleum Groups contributed 18.31% of total imports in which the share of Petroleum Products and Petroleum Crude were 13.15% and 5.16% respectively.

During July–March, 2017 this group contributed 17.43% of total imports showing an increase of 1.46% as against their combined share of 17.18% during the corresponding period of last year.

Textile Group

During March, 2017 Textile Groups contributed 2.10% of total imports in which the share of Synthetic & artificial silk yarn and Synthetic fiber were 1.08% and 1.03% respectively.

During July–March, 2017 this group contributed 2.17% of total imports showing a decrease of 15.84% as against their combined share of 2.58% during the corresponding period of last year.

Chemical Group

During March, 2017 the Chemical Groups contributed 14.07% of total imports in which the share of Chemical (excl. fertilizer, medicines & insecticide) (11.56%), Medicinal products (2.08%), Insecticide (0.28%) and Fertilizer manufactured (0.15%).

During July, 2016– March, 2017 Chemical group contributed 14.49% of the total imports showing a decrease of 12.09% as against their combined share of 16.49% during the corresponding period of last year.

Metal Group

During March, 2017 the Metal Groups contributed 6.55% of total imports in which the share of Iron & steel and Iron & steel scrap were 4.19% and 2.36% respectively.

During July–March, 2017 this group contributed 5.99% of total imports showing a decrease of 12.45% as against their combined share of 6.84% during the corresponding period of last year.

Miscellaneous Group

During March, 2017 the Miscellaneous Group contributed 1.60% of total imports in which the share of Paper & paper product and Tyres & tubes were 1.05% and 0.54% respectively.

During July–March, 2017 this group contributed 1.69% of total imports showing a decrease of 6.10% as against their combined share of 1.81% during the corresponding period of last year.

Table - 8

Monthly Import by Groups/Commodities

(Million Rs.)

Commodities	Mar, 2017	Feb, 2017	Mar, 2016	% Change	
				Mar, 2017	Mar, 2017
				Feb, 2017	Mar, 2016
Total	521,302.38	457,799.80	371,192.64	13.87	40.44
A-Food Group	42,035.91	37,700.62	29,095.52	11.50	44.48
1 Palm oil	20,739.99	17,888.11	16,242.24	15.94	27.69
2 Pulses	12,833.80	11,433.03	4,647.01	12.25	176.17
3 Tea	5,230.67	5,859.03	4,145.14	-10.72	26.19
4 Milk & milk food for infants	1,737.32	2,505.22	2,802.56	-30.65	-38.01
5 Soyabean oil	1,494.13	15.23	1,258.57	9710.44	18.72
B-Machinery & Trans. Group	137,378.91	124,630.52	98,704.21	10.23	39.18
1 Machinery	106,700.43	101,559.33	76,506.98	5.06	39.46
2 Transport equipment	30,678.48	23,071.19	22,197.23	32.97	38.21
C-Petroleum Group	95,446.20	72,934.31	49,995.63	30.87	90.91
1 Petroleum products	68,572.12	49,061.68	36,536.62	39.77	87.68
2 Petroleum crude	26,874.08	23,872.63	13,459.01	12.57	99.67
D-Textile Group	10,968.90	10,306.01	8,810.79	6.43	24.49
1 Synthetic & artificial silk yarn	5,613.55	5,672.94	5,423.46	-1.05	3.50
2 Synthetic fibre	5,355.35	4,633.07	3,880.49	15.59	38.01
E-Chemical Group	73,332.22	66,453.94	61,143.76	10.35	19.93
1 Chemicals (excl. 2, 3 & 4)	60,287.11	53,610.51	49,481.63	12.45	21.84
2 Medicinal products	10,825.15	8,983.13	8,618.90	20.51	25.60
3 Insecticide	1,440.10	873.93	1,271.29	64.78	13.28
4 Fertilizer manufactured	779.86	2,986.37	1,771.94	-73.89	-55.99
F-Metal Group	34,144.05	27,690.29	29,499.05	23.31	15.75
1 Iron & steel	21,851.10	17,622.56	19,899.48	24.00	9.81
2 Iron & steel scrap	12,292.95	10,067.73	9,599.57	22.10	28.06
G-Miscellaneous Group	8,329.04	7,260.62	7,374.27	14.72	12.95
1 Paper & paper products	5,497.94	4,682.25	5,370.99	17.42	2.36
2 Tyres & tubes	2,831.10	2,578.37	2,003.28	9.80	41.32
Others	119,667.15	110,823.49	86,076.25	7.98	39.02

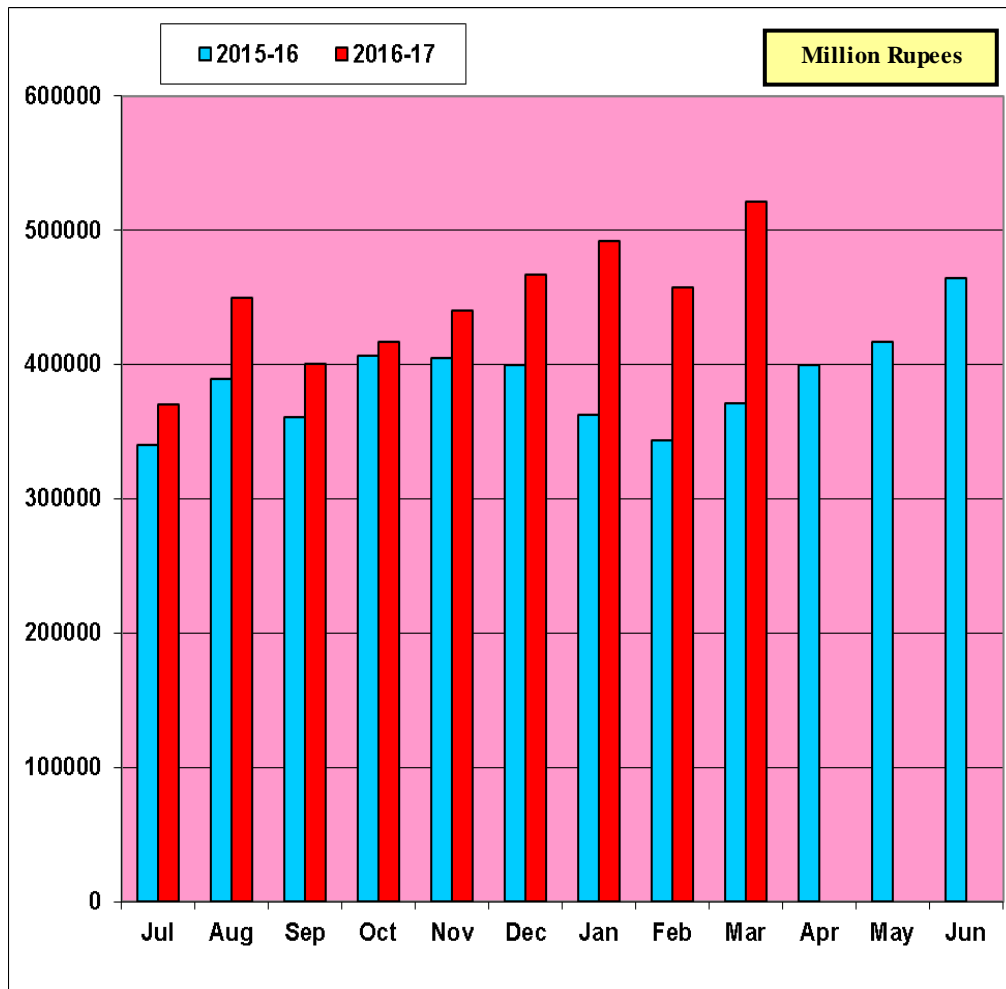
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Table - 9
Cumulative Import by Groups/Commodities

(Million Rs.)

Commodities	Jul-Mar; 2017	Jul-Mar; 2016	% Change
			Jul-Mar; 2017
			Jul-Mar; 2016
Total	4,016,558.46	3,377,892.01	18.91
A-Food Group	288,032.42	251,768.50	14.40
1 Palm oil	144,891.65	129,194.11	12.15
2 Pulses	75,658.52	46,289.18	63.45
3 Tea	43,048.76	42,075.43	2.31
4 Milk & milk food for infants	16,848.92	18,483.90	-8.85
5 Soya-bean oil	7,584.57	15,725.88	-51.77
B-Machinery & Transport Group	1,158,046.16	843,071.20	37.36
1 Machinery	929,893.83	651,914.48	42.64
2 Transport equipment	228,152.33	191,156.72	19.35
C-Petroleum Group	700,188.19	580,373.44	20.64
1 Petroleum products	507,499.52	390,004.17	30.13
2 Petroleum crude	192,688.67	190,369.27	1.22
D-Textile Group	87,143.54	87,082.06	0.07
1 Synthetic & artificial silk yarn	50,914.82	48,755.25	4.43
2 Synthetic fibre	36,228.72	38,326.81	-5.47
E-Chemical Group	582,121.62	556,856.46	4.54
1 Chemicals (excl. 2, 3 & 4)	443,822.87	408,187.67	8.73
2 Fertilizer manufactured	50,084.15	66,602.39	-24.80
3 Medicinal products	76,605.31	69,977.68	9.47
4 Insecticide	11,609.29	12,088.72	-3.97
F-Metal Group	240,592.36	231,096.52	4.11
1 Iron & steel	160,242.25	150,183.61	6.70
2 Iron & steel scrap	80,350.11	80,912.91	-0.70
G-Miscellaneous Group	68,079.64	60,974.99	11.65
1 Paper & paper products	40,519.68	37,633.36	7.67
2 Tyres & tubes	27,559.96	23,341.63	18.07
Others	892,354.53	766,668.84	16.39

II – Analysis of Selected Commodities of Import

POL

Imports of POL during March, 2017 valued at Rs. 95,446.20 million was higher by 30.87% compared to February, 2017 Rs. 72,934.31 million and higher by 90.91% compared to March, 2016 Rs. 49,995.63 million. Cumulative imports of POL during the period July–March, 2017 amounted to Rs. 700,188.19 million as against Rs. 580,373.44 million during the corresponding period of last year showing an increase of 20.64.

The share of POL in total imports in March, 2017 was 18.31% as against 15.93% in February, 2017 and by 13.47% in March, 2016. During July–March, 2017 its share was 17.43% as against 17.18% in the corresponding period of last year.

Variety wise details of imports of POL during July–March, 2017 and the corresponding period of last year are given below:-

(Million Rs.)

Commodity	Jul-Mar;2017	Jul-Mar;2016
TOTAL: (PETROLEUM PRODUCTS)	700,188.18	580,373.44
PETROLEUM CRUDE	192,688.67	190,369.27
MOTOR SPIRIT	193,787.04	160,105.81
KEROSENE	5,679.52	4,019.09
DIESEL OIL	0.20	0.42
LUBRICATING OILS,GREASES	13,262.80	13,896.43
MINERAL JELLY, WAX	588.34	853.71
OTHER PETROL. & PETROL. PRODUCTS	294,181.61	211,128.72

Chemicals (Excluding fertilizer, insecticides & medicines)

Imports of chemicals during March, 2017 valued at Rs. 60,287.11 million was higher by 12.45% compared to February, 2017 Rs. 53,610.51 million and higher by 21.84% compared to March, 2016 Rs. 49,481.63 million. During July–March, 2017 its imports amounted to Rs. 443,822.87 million which was higher by 8.73% compared to imports of Rs. 408,187.67 million during the corresponding period of last year.

The share of chemicals in total imports in March, 2017 was 11.56% as against 11.71% in February, 2017 and 13.33% in March, 2016. During July–March, 2017 its share was 11.05% as against 12.08% in the corresponding period of last year.

Details of imports of chemicals by type during July–March, 2017 and the corresponding period of last year are given below:-

(Million Rs.)

Commodity	Jul-Mar;2017	Jul-Mar;2016
TOTAL	443,822.87	408,187.67
ORGANIC CHEMICALS	149,869.79	130,272.71
INORGANIC CHEMICALS	35,468.41	38,963.83
DYING, TANNIG & COLOURING	34,111.11	30,933.99
ESSENTIAL OIL, PERFUME & FLAVOUR	26,897.72	25,033.77
ARTIFICIAL RESINS, PLASTIC	147,259.54	136,811.23
OTHER CHEMICAL MATERIAL	50,216.31	46,172.14

Machinery

Imports of machinery during March, 2017 valued at Rs.106,700.43 million higher by 5.06% compared to February, 2017 Rs. 101,559.33 million and by 39.46% compared to March, 2016, Rs. 76,506.98 million. Cumulative imports of machinery during the period July–March, 2017 amounted to Rs. 929,893.83 million as against Rs. 651,914.48 million during the corresponding period of last year showing an increase of 42.64%.

The share of machinery in total imports in March, 2017 was 20.47% as against 22.18% in February, 2017 and 20.61% in March, 2016. During July–March, 2017 its share was 23.15% as against 19.30% in the corresponding period of last year.

Details of imports of machinery during July–March, 2017 and the corresponding period of last year are given below:-

(Million Rs.)

Commodity	Jul-Mar;2017	Jul-Mar;2016
TOTAL	929,893.83	651,914.48
POWER GENERATING MACH. & EQUIP.	248,094.89	139,876.25
AGRI. MACHINERY & IMPLEMENTS	5,155.47	5,232.30
TRACTORS ALL SORTS	3,824.97	1,153.68
TEXTILE AND LEATHER MACHINERY	45,718.18	37,828.05
CONSTRUCTION & MINING MACHINERY	39,061.42	23,248.30
METAL WORKING MACHINERY	10,571.39	7,352.99
OFFICE MACHINES & AUTOMATIC	38,881.41	24,135.52
EQUIPMENT FOR DISTRIBUTING ELECT	15,620.66	12,326.94
TELECOMMUNICATION APPRATUS	4,098.59	5,622.39
OTHER MACHINERY & APPRATUS	518,866.85	395,138.06

Transport Equipment

Transport equipment was Rs. 30,678.48 million was imported during March, 2017 as against its imports of Rs. 23,071.19 million in February, 2017 and Rs. 22,197.23 million in March, 2016 showing increase of 32.97% over February, 2017, and an increase of 38.21 % over March, 2016. The imports of this item during July–March, 2017 totaled Rs. 228,152.33 million which was higher by 19.35% as compared to its imports of Rs. 191,156.72 million during the corresponding period of last year.

The share of transport equipment in total imports in March, 2017 was 5.88% as against 5.04% in February, 2017 and 5.98% in March, 2016. During July, 2016–March, 2017 its share was 5.68% as against the share of 5.66% in the corresponding period of last year.

Details of imports of transport equipment during July-March, 2017 and the corresponding period of last year are given below:-

(Million Rs.)

Commodity	Jul-Mar;2017	Jul-Mar;2016
TOTAL	228,152.33	191,156.72
PASSENGER MOTOR VEHICLES	88,565.55	71,134.79
BUSES & THEIR CHASIS WITH ENGINE	8,519.50	6,346.49
LORRIES & TRUCKS INCL. SPECIAL	8,377.20	2,683.59
AIRCRAFTS	4,743.78	28,056.38
SHIPS & BOATS	29,764.42	21,273.82
RAILWAY VEHICLES	15,293.44	3,919.91
MOTORCYCLES, SCOOTERS	7,147.04	8,214.88
OTHERS	65,741.39	49,526.86

III - Direction of Imports

Imports by Territories/Regions and major countries during March, 2017 and July, 2016–March, 2017 of current financial year compared with the corresponding period of last year are given in table 10, 11, 12 and 13 respectively.

During March, 2017 (11.45%) of total imports were from European Union. The share of imports of Middle East was 24.98% and North America was 7.19%. Country-wise, China was at the top of imports list during March, 2017 followed by United Arab Emirates, U.S.A. Indonesia, India and Saudi Arabia. The combined share of these six countries during March, 2017 was 58.55% as against their combined share of 54.80% during March, 2016.

During July–March, 2017 imports from European Union 10.85 %, Imports from Middle East were 25.38% and from North America 6.22% of total imports during this period. Country-wise China was on the top of the imports list followed by United Arab Emirates, U.S.A., Indonesia, Saudi Arabia and Japan during July–March, 2017. The combined share of these six countries in total imports during this period was 60.18% as against their combined share of 57.49% during the corresponding period of last year.

Table - 10**Monthly Imports by Territories/Regions**

(Million Rs.)

Countries		March, 2017		March, 2016	
		Value	% Share	Value	% Share
	TOTAL	521,302.38	100.00	371,192.64	100.00
1	Latin & Central America	1,130.51	0.22	2,008.10	0.54
2	South America	4,462.53	0.86	8,719.47	2.35
3	North America	37,459.78	7.19	19,704.24	5.31
4	Eastern Europe	4,526.85	0.87	3,767.87	1.02
5	European Union	59,680.41	11.45	46,541.16	12.54
6	E.F.T.A	4,899.26	0.94	2,422.64	0.65
7	Other Europe	45.77	0.01	912.58	0.25
8	Middle East	132,581.97	25.43	80,227.46	21.61
	Asian Countries	130,234.78	24.98	78,513.74	21.15
	African Countries	2,347.19	0.45	1,713.72	0.46
9	Other Asia	244,036.32	46.81	190,435.65	51.30
10	Other Africa	22,819.23	4.38	11,594.10	3.12
11	Oceania	9,659.75	1.85	4,859.39	1.31

Table - 11**Monthly Imports by Major Countries**

(Million Rs.)

Countries		March, 2017		March, 2016	
		Value	% Share	Value	% Share
* T O T A L		521,302.70	100.00	371,192.64	100.00
1	China	129,029.03	24.75	95,561.67	25.76
2	United Arab Emirates	73,012.12	14.01	39,315.04	10.59
3	U.S.America	34,238.45	6.57	12,542.37	3.38
4	Indonesia	26,400.92	5.06	22,496.55	6.06
5	India	22,139.18	4.25	17,181.27	4.63
6	Saudi Arabia	20,396.83	3.91	15,116.02	4.07
7	Japan	19,561.57	3.75	17,977.44	4.84
8	Qatar	14,801.24	2.84	5,732.41	1.54
9	Thailand	13,398.87	2.57	8,253.62	2.22
10	Kuwait	12,644.05	2.43	9,301.14	2.51
11	Netherlands	10,656.60	2.04	4,281.97	1.15
12	South Africa	10,531.70	2.02	4,054.13	1.09
13	Germany	10,182.72	1.95	8,842.52	2.38
14	Australia	9,212.01	1.77	4,006.26	1.08
15	Malaysia	8,723.68	1.67	7,165.52	1.93
16	United Kingdom	7,093.96	1.36	5,700.08	1.54
17	Korea, Republic of	7,093.39	1.36	5,680.19	1.53
18	Europien Union	6,277.02	1.20	6,306.77	1.70
19	France	5,946.80	1.14	4,074.66	1.10
20	Singapore	5,664.37	1.09	3,612.88	0.97
* O T H E R S		74,298.19	14.25	73,990.13	19.93

Table – 12
Cumulative Import by Territories/Regions

(Million Rs.)

Territories/Regions		Jul-Mar; 2017		Jul-Mar; 2016	
		Value	% Share	Value	% Share
	T O T A L	4,016,558.46	100.00	3,377,892.01	100.00
1	Latin & Central America	6,862.95	0.17	9,619.83	0.28
2	South America	47,229.92	1.18	71,891.56	2.13
3	North America	249,791.11	6.22	181,986.08	5.39
4	Eastern Europe	43,289.90	1.08	30,886.37	0.91
5	European Union	435,884.32	10.85	391,424.54	11.59
6	E.F.T.A	21,238.23	0.53	19,300.42	0.57
7	Other Europe	2394.72	0.06	3035.11	0.09
8	Middle East	1,019,387.42	25.38	803,369.27	23.78
	Asian Countries	1,001,416.21	24.93	787,156.45	23.30
	African Countries	17,971.21	0.45	16,212.82	0.48
9	Other Asia	2,014,359.46	50.15	1,698,060.92	50.27
10	Other Africa	127,234.70	3.17	117,181.37	3.47
11	Oceania	48,885.73	1.22	51,136.54	1.51

Table - 13**Cumulative Import from Major Countries**

(Million Rs.)

Countries	Jul-Mar; 2017		Jul-Mar; 2016	
	Value	% Share	Value	% Share
* T O T A L	4,016,558.85	100.00	3,377,892.05	100.00
1 China	1,165,913.96	29.03	908,932.89	26.91
2 United Arab Emirates	563,185.46	14.02	407,948.19	12.08
3 U.S.America	193,881.39	4.83	135,613.86	4.01
4 Indonesia	173,417.01	4.32	164,011.99	4.86
5 Saudi Arabia	162,902.97	4.06	187,108.40	5.54
6 Japan	158,032.64	3.93	138,228.36	4.09
7 India	136,264.01	3.39	139,228.62	4.12
8 Kuwait	105,065.33	2.62	101,489.76	3.00
9 Qatar	89,131.97	2.22	22,466.97	0.67
10 Germany	85,774.27	2.14	74,652.84	2.21
11 Thailand	82,258.06	2.05	62,594.32	1.85
12 Malaysia	73,447.57	1.83	69,789.53	2.07
13 European Union	57,699.98	1.44	49,354.97	1.46
14 Korea, Republic of	57,548.60	1.43	55,331.48	1.64
15 Canada	55,909.70	1.39	46,368.53	1.37
16 Singapore	55,888.19	1.39	45,793.52	1.36
17 South Africa	52,487.39	1.31	36,495.29	1.08
18 United Kingdom	51,195.22	1.27	46,218.13	1.37
19 France	49,056.73	1.22	30,559.81	0.90
20 Australia	44,876.71	1.12	46,324.61	1.37
* O T H E R S	602,621.68	15.00	609,379.98	18.04

IV - Imports by Economic Categories

During March, 2017 imports of consumer goods increased by 42.79% and of raw material for consumer goods by 44.53% compared to March, 2016. Imports of capital goods during March, 2017 increased by 34.71% and of raw materials for capital goods increased by 38.97% compared to the same month of last year.

During the nine months of current financial year July–March, 2017 imports of consumer goods was higher by 14.51%, while raw material for consumer goods by 13.51% compared to July–March, 2016. Imports of capital goods during July–March, 2017 increased by 31.42% and of raw material for capital goods increased by 8.97% compared to the corresponding period of last year.

Performance of imports by economic categories is shown in table–14.

Table - 14

Imports by Economic Categories

(Million Rs.)

Economic Category	March, 2017	March, 2016	Jul-Mar; 2017	Jul-Mar; 2016
TOTAL	521,302.38	371,192.64	4,016,558.46	3,377,892.01
1. CONSUMER GOODS	92,992.03	65,124.46	735,460.16	642,256.17
% SHARE IN TOTAL IMPORTS.	17.84	17.54	18.31	19.01
2. RAW MATERIAL FOR CONSUMER GOODS	213,905.55	147,998.94	1,560,918.25	1,375,089.63
% SHARE IN TOTAL EXPORTS.	41.03	39.87	38.86	40.71
3. RAW MATERIAL FOR CAPITAL GOODS	47,790.71	34,389.87	329,066.26	301,988.18
% SHARE IN TOTAL IMPORTS.	9.17	9.26	8.19	8.94
4. CAPITAL GOODS	166,614.09	123,679.37	1,391,113.78	1,058,558.03
% SHARE IN TOTAL IMPORTS.	31.96	33.32	34.63	31.34