

Monthly Review of
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SUMMARY
March, 2015

Exports
Imports
Balance of Trade

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

Series	March, 2015		February, 2015		% Change	
	Rs.	\$	Rs.	\$	Mar; 2015	
					Feb; 2015	
					Rs.	\$
Exports	196,002.06	1,926.13	190,530.21	1,879.64	2.87	2.47
Imports	352,412.88	3,463.18	334,335.32	3,298.33	5.41	5.00
*Balance of Trade	-156,410.82	-1,537.05	-143,805.11	-1,418.69	8.77	8.34
Series	March, 2015		March, 2014		% Change	
	Rs.	\$	Rs.	\$	Mar; 2015	
					Mar; 2014	
					Rs.	\$
Exports	196,002.06	1,926.13	223,104.15	2,231.54	-12.15	-13.69
Imports	352,412.88	3,463.18	362,608.82	3,626.90	-2.81	-4.51
*Balance of Trade	-156,410.82	-1,537.05	-139,504.67	-1,395.36	12.12	10.15
Series	Jul - Mar; 2015		Jul - Mar; 2014		% Change	
	Rs.	\$	Rs.	\$	Jul - Mar; 2015	
					Jul - Mar; 2014	
					Rs.	\$
Exports	1,812,803.43	17,921.23	1,990,557.27	19,072.16	-8.93	-6.03
Imports	3,435,442.43	33,948.03	3,448,369.93	33,032.16	-0.37	2.77
*Balance of Trade	-1,622,639.00	-16,026.80	-1,457,812.66	-13,960.00	11.31	14.81

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

Review of Foreign Trade March, 2015

EXPORTS

The total Exports of Pakistan during March, 2015 amounted to Rs. 196,002.06 million as against Rs. 190,530.21 million in February, 2015 and Rs. 223,104.15 million during March, 2014 showing an increase of 2.87% over February, 2015 but decreased by 12.15% over March, 2014.

Exports during July–March, 2015 totalled Rs. 1,812,803.43 million as against Rs. 1,990,557.27 million during the corresponding period of last year showing a decrease of 8.93%.

In terms of U.S dollars, the exports during March, 2015 amounted to \$ 1,926.13 million as against \$ 1,879.64 million in February, 2015 and \$ 2,231.54 million during March, 2014 showing an increase of 2.47% over February, 2015 but decreased by 13.69% over March, 2014.

In terms of U.S. dollars, the exports during July–March, 2015 totalled \$ 17,921.23 million as against \$ 19,072.16 million during the corresponding period of last year showing a decrease of 6.03%.

IMPORTS

The total Imports of Pakistan during March, 2015 amounted to Rs. 352,412.88 million as against Rs. 334,335.32 million in February, 2015 and Rs. 362,608.82 million during March, 2014 showing an increase of 5.41% over February, 2015 but decreased by 2.81% over March, 2014.

Imports during July–March, 2015 amounted to Rs. 3,435,442.43 million as against Rs. 3,448,369.93 million during the corresponding period of last year showing a decrease of 0.37%.

In terms of US dollars, the imports during March, 2015 amounted to \$ 3,463.18 million as against \$ 3,298.33 million in February, 2015 and \$ 3,626.90 million during March, 2014 showing an increase of 5.00% over February, 2015 but decreased by 4.51% over March, 2014.

In term of U.S. dollars, the imports during July–March, 2015 amounted \$ 33,948.03 million as against \$ 33,032.16 million during the corresponding period of last year showing an increase of 2.77%.

Based on the above figures of exports & imports the balance of trade in March, 2015 was unfavorable for Pakistan to the tune of 156,410.82 million in rupees equal to US \$ 1,537.05 million. The balance of trade during July–March, 2015 was unfavorable to the tune of 1,622,639.00 million rupees equal to U.S. \$ 16,026.80 million.

I - Exports by Group/Commodities

Exports from Pakistan during March, 2015 amounted to Rs. 196,002.06 million as against the exports of Rs. 190,530.21 million in previous month and Rs. 223,104.15 million during the corresponding month of last year showing an increase of 2.87% over previous month but decreased by 12.15% over the corresponding month of last year.

Exports during July–March, 2015 totaled Rs. 1,812,803.43 million as against Rs. 1,990,557.27 million during the corresponding period of last year showing a decrease of 8.93%.

Comparative figure of exports by group/commodities during March, 2015 compared to February, 2015 and March, 2014 are given in table-1 and cumulative exports for the period July–March, 2015 of current financial year compared to the corresponding period of last year are given in table-2.

Primary Commodities

During March, 2015 the 6 selected primary commodities contributed 16.81% of total exports in which the share of rice, fruits, vegetables & preparations thereof, fish & fish preparations, raw cotton and tobacco (unmanufactured) were 11.06%, 4.08%, 1.38%, 0.14% and 0.05% respectively.

During July–March, 2015 these 6 commodities contributed 14.17% of the total exports showing an increase of 0.08% as against their combined share of 14.16% during the corresponding period of last year.

Textile Manufactures

During March, 2015 the 9 selected commodities of Textile Manufactures contributed 50.95% of total exports in which the share of cotton fabrics,

knitwear, articles of apparel & clothing (excl. knitwear), bed-wear and cotton yarn, were 10.98%, 8.64%, 8.42%, 8.03% and 6.80% respectively.

During July–March, 2015 these 9 commodities contributed 54.02% of the total exports showing an increase of 5.06% as against their combined share of 51.41% during the corresponding period of last year.

Other Manufactures

During March, 2015 the 7 selected commodities of Other Manufactures contributed 10.82% of total exports in which the share of leather clothes & accessories, leather, petroleum products, surgical instruments, sport goods (excl. toys) and carpet, carpeting, rugs & mats were 2.52%, 2.16%, 2.05, 1.61%, 1.50% and 0.50% respectively.

During July-March, 2015 these 7 commodities contributed 10.09% of the total exports showing a decrease of 9.33% as against their combined share of 11.13% during the corresponding period of last year.

Table - 1
Monthly Exports by Major Commodities

(Million Rs.)

Commodities	Mar; 2015	Feb; 2015	Mar; 2014	% Change	
				Mar; 2015	Mar; 2015
				Feb; 2015	Mar; 2014
Total	196,002.06	190,530.21	223,104.15	2.87	-12.15
A. Primary Commodities	32,956.13	30,359.42	34,342.88	8.55	-4.04
1 Rice	21,882.09	17,559.96	21,663.63	24.61	1.01
2 Fruits,vegetables & preparation thereof	7,995.20	10,093.97	7,521.54	-20.79	6.30
3 Fish & fish preparation	2,702.86	1,947.19	3,069.50	38.81	-11.94
4 Raw cotton (excl. linters)	274.25	681.86	1,885.93	-59.78	-85.46
5 Tobacco un-manufactured	92.12	66.59	177.89	38.34	-48.22
6 Raw wool	9.61	9.85	24.39	-2.44	-60.60
B. Textile Manufactures	99,872.78	106,205.53	115,765.34	-5.96	-13.73
1 Cotton fabrics	21,520.17	22,347.33	24,920.97	-3.70	-13.65
2 Knitwear	16,936.88	18,327.39	18,398.44	-7.59	-7.94
3 Articles of apparel and clothing accessories (excl. knitwear)	16,504.21	17,732.13	17,454.13	-6.92	-5.44
4 Bedwear	15,740.48	16,273.58	18,533.15	-3.28	-15.07
5 Cotton yarn	13,323.84	17,407.12	18,477.87	-23.46	-27.89
6 Towels	6,674.25	6,732.32	7,527.66	-0.86	-11.34
7 Textile made up (excl. towels & bed wear)	5,431.09	5,795.50	6,079.37	-6.29	-10.66
8 Synthetic textile fabrics	2,901.95	980.84	3,794.79	195.86	-23.53
9 Tarpaulin & other canvas goods	839.91	609.32	578.96	37.84	45.07
C. Other Manufactures	21,198.64	16,057.62	24,327.01	32.02	-12.86
1 Leather clothes & accessories	4,931.84	4,496.89	4,540.49	9.67	8.62
2 Leather	4,230.92	3,345.54	5,283.18	26.46	-19.92
3 Petroleum products	4,023.31	634.69	5,871.61	533.90	-31.48
4 Surgical instruments	3,159.35	2,916.32	3,171.76	8.33	-0.39
5 Sports goods (excl. toys)	2,940.69	2,848.79	3,528.99	3.23	-16.67
6 Carpets, carpeting, rugs & mats	973.07	591.19	939.38	64.60	3.59
7 Footwear	939.46	1,224.20	991.60	-23.26	-5.26
Others	41,974.51	37,907.64	48,668.92	10.73	-13.76

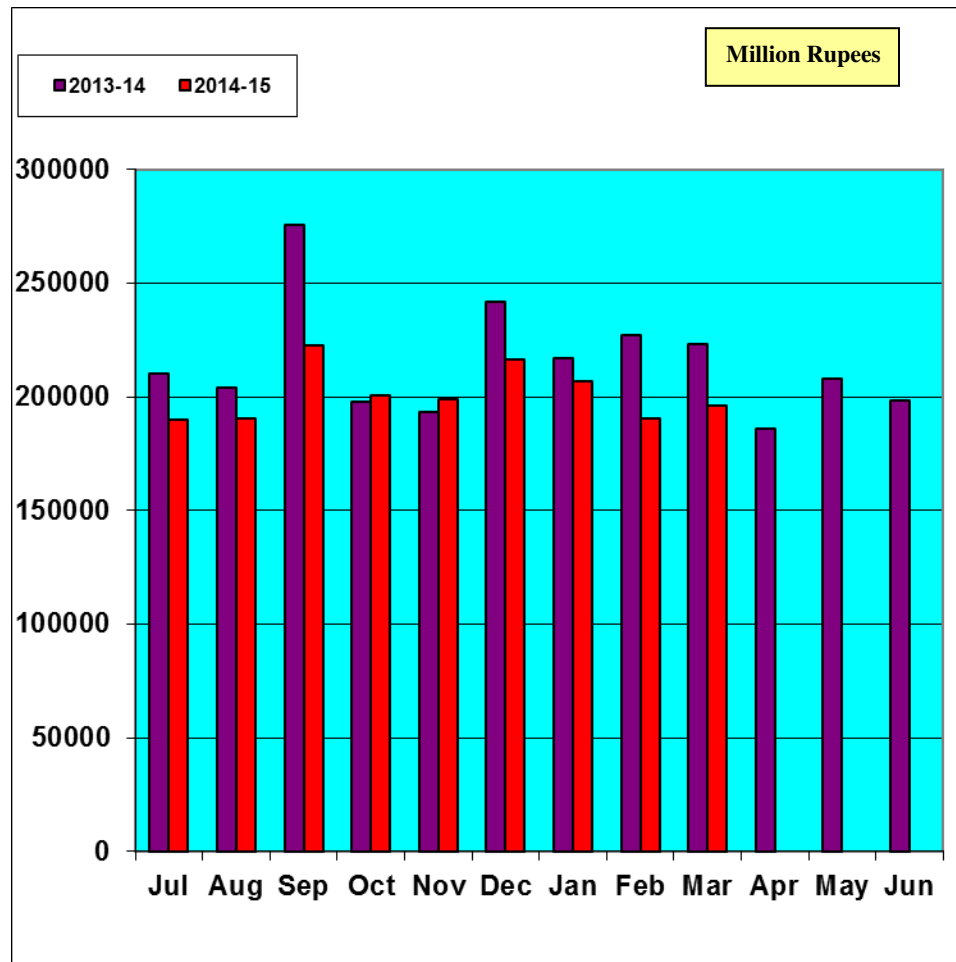
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Table - 2
Cumulative Exports by Major Commodities

(Million Rs.)

Commodities	Jul - Mar; 2015	Jul - Mar; 2014	% Change	
			Jul - Mar; 2015	
			Jul - Mar; 2014	
<i>Total</i>	<i>1,812,803.43</i>	<i>1,990,557.27</i>	<i>-8.93</i>	
A. Primary Commodities	256,873.40	281,821.50	-8.85	
1 Rice	158,897.16	174,216.52	-8.79	
2 Fruits, vegetables and preparations thereof	56,774.50	60,096.08	-5.53	
3 Fish & fish preparation	25,687.09	26,653.40	-3.63	
4 Raw Cotton (excl. linters)	14,421.14	19,082.92	-24.43	
5 Tobacco unmanufactured	868.67	1,205.89	-27.96	
6 Raw wool	224.84	566.69	-60.32	
B. Textile Manufactures	979,191.40	1,023,420.15	-4.32	
1 Cotton fabrics	189,724.74	222,119.86	-14.58	
2 Knitwear	180,706.58	173,910.66	3.91	
3 Bed-wear	158,812.96	167,954.17	-5.44	
4 Articles of apparel & clothing & accessories	156,185.02	148,816.13	4.95	
5 Cotton yarn	148,165.04	164,573.88	-9.97	
6 Towels	59,745.61	59,457.14	0.49	
7 Textile made up (excl. towels & bedwear)	49,390.55	50,902.27	-2.97	
8 Synthetic textile fabrics	25,861.76	29,613.96	-12.67	
9 Tarpaulin & other canvas goods	10,599.14	6,072.08	74.56	
C. Other Manufactures	182,971.64	221,584.30	-17.43	
1 Leather clothes & accessories	46,604.86	49,743.47	-6.31	
2 Leather	37,127.12	40,462.05	-8.24	
3 Petroleum Products	29,818.13	59,748.02	-50.09	
4 Surgical instruments	25,752.12	26,589.50	-3.15	
5 Sports goods (excl. toys)	24,294.68	25,970.62	-6.45	
6 Footwear	9,976.91	8,882.51	12.32	
7 Carpets, carpeting rugs & mats	9,397.82	10,188.13	-7.76	
Others	393,766.99	463,731.32	-15.09	

II – Analysis of Selected Commodities of Export

Cotton Fabrics

Cotton fabrics maintained its first position on the exports list in its group for March, 2015 as in the previous month. During this month its exports amounted to Rs. 21,520.17 million as against Rs. 22,347.33 million in February, 2015 and Rs. 24,920.97 million during March, 2014 showing a decrease of 3.70% over February, 2015 and by 13.65% over March, 2014.

During July–March, 2015 of current financial year 1,566,777 thousand sq. meters of cotton fabrics valued at Rs. 189,724.74 million were exported as against 1,973,821 thousand sq. meters valued at Rs. 222,119.86 million during the same period of last year showing a decrease of 20.62% in terms of quantity and in terms of value was lower by 14.58%. The average unit price of cotton fabrics increased to Rs. 121.09 per sq. meter from Rs. 112.53 per sq. meter during the corresponding period of last year showing an increase of 7.61%. Main buyers of cotton fabrics during July–March, 2015 of current financial year were Bangladesh (Rs. 33,471.14 million), China (Rs. 18,989.36 million), Italy (Rs. 11,889.73 million), Turkey (Rs. 8,360.75 million), Germany (Rs. 8,334.08 million), U.S.A. (Rs. 7,120.91 million), Sri Lanka (Rs. 6,801.59 million), Spain (Rs. 6,550.86 million), Egypt (Rs. 6,059.05 million) and United Kingdom (Rs. 5,440.78 million). Their total take-off accounted for 59.57% of total exports of cotton fabrics as compared to their combined share of 58.55% during the same period of last year.

Variety-wise exports of cotton fabrics during July–March, 2015 of current financial year and the corresponding period of last year are given below.

(Quantity in '000' Sq. M.)
(Value in million Rs.)

Commodity	July - March, 2015		July - March, 2014	
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
TOTAL: (COTTON FABRICS)	1,566,777	189,724.74	1,973,821	222,119.86
COTTON FABRICS GREY (UNBLEACHED)	695,123	74,544.60	881,175	89,906.62
COTTON PRINTS	132,469	17,348.64	190,612	24,441.78
COTTON SHEETINGS (BLEACHED)	92,136	10,672.17	106,003	11,350.59
CANVAS CLOTH WATER PROOF (DYED)	283,315	34,512.42	344,198	39,815.47
DENIME	264,588	40,236.57	300,718	41,670.36
OTHER COTTON FABRICS	99,146	12,410.34	151,116	14,935.04

Cotton Yarn

Cotton yarn came down to fifth position on the exports list in its group for March, 2015 from fourth in the previous month. Its exports in this month amounted to Rs. 13,323.84 million as against Rs. 17,407.12 million in February, 2015 and Rs. 18,477.87 million in March, 2014 showing a decrease of 23.46% over February, 2015 and by 27.89% over March, 2014.

During July–March, 2015 exports of cotton yarn amounted to Rs. 148,165.04 million as against Rs. 164,573.88 million in the corresponding period of last year depicting a fall of 9.97%. In terms of quantity 512,609 thousand Kg. of cotton yarn was exported during the July–March, 2015 of current financial year as against 523,436 thousand Kg. exported during the corresponding period of last year showing a decrease of 2.07%. The average unit price of cotton yarn for period July–March, 2015 of current financial year was Rs. 289.04 per Kg. as against Rs. 314.41 per Kg. in the same period of last year showing a decrease of 8.07%.

China (Rs. 103,935.44 million), Hong Kong (Rs. 8,565.59 million), Bangladesh (Rs. 8,471.08 million), Turkey (Rs. 3,733.83 million), Korea Rep. of (Rs. 3,574.12 million), Portugal (Rs. 2,664.57 million), Japan (Rs. 2,364.62 million), Viet Nam (Rs. 1,513.94 million), Egypt (1,470.34 million), Italy (Rs. 1,242.83 million) and U.S.A. (Rs. 1,209.28 million) were major buyers of cotton yarn during this period. Their combined share accounted for 93.64% of total exports of cotton yarn as compared to their combined share of 93.23% during the same period of last year.

Variety-wise exports of cotton yarn in terms of quantity and value during July, 2014-March, 2015 of the current financial year and corresponding period of last year are given below:-

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

Commodity	July - March, 2015		July - March, 2014	
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
TOTAL	512,609	148,165.04	523,436	164,573.88
COTTON YARN SINGLE COMB/UNCOMB	442,118	126,510.24	447,710	138,873.32
COTTON YARN MULTIPLE COMB/UNCOMB	70,387	21,625.95	75,596	25,658.44
OTHER COTTON YARN	104	28.85	130	42.12

Rice

Rice maintained its first position on the exports list in its group during March, 2015 as in the previous month. In this month it fetched Rs. 21,882.09 million as against Rs. 17,559.96 million in February, 2015 and Rs. 21,663.63 million in March, 2014 showing an increase of 24.61% over February, 2015 and by 1.01% over March, 2014.

During July–March, 2015 its exports amounted to Rs. 158,897.17 million as against the exports of Rs. 174,216.52 million during the corresponding period of last year showing a decrease of 8.79%. Kenya was the leading buyer of rice during July–March, 2015 with its share of 11.74% in the total exports of this item. Other major buyers were United Arab Emirates (7.59%), Oman (6.29%), Saudi Arabia (5.27%), China (5.05%), Malaysia (5.02%) and Afghanistan (4.81%). These seven countries accounted for 45.78% of total exports of rice during this period.

Exports of rice to major countries during July–March, 2015 and the corresponding period of last year are given below.

Commodity	July - March, 2015		July - March, 2014	
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
T O T A L	2,948,187	158,897.17	2,970,319	174,216.52
Kenya	415,123	18,652.67	398,262	18,024.17
United Arab Emirates	129,780	12,061.46	152,345	15,545.91
Oman	103,153	9,998.14	70,552	7,434.92
Saudi Arabia	207,924	8,375.48	319,224	12,532.90
China	95,260	8,025.66	127,498	9,730.33
Malaysia	139,915	7,982.64	86,370	5,095.88
Afghanistan	200,947	7,644.50	173,215	12,020.95
O T H E R	1,656,085	86,156.62	1,642,853	93,831.46

Unit price of rice basmati for March, 2015 was Rs. 112,318.43 per tonne as against Rs. 124,806.43 per tonne in March, 2014 showing a fall of 10.01%. Average unit price of this variety for July–March, 2015 of current financial year was Rs. 120,135.33 per tonne as against Rs. 117,758.30 per tonne for the same period of last year showing a rise of 2.02%.

Unit price of rice "Other Varieties" decreased to Rs. 40,831.94 per tonne in March, 2015 from Rs. 50,581.09 in March, 2014 showing a fall of 19.27%. The average unit price of rice "Other Varieties" for July–March, 2015 at Rs. 43,838.17 per tonne was lower by 7.25% compared to average unit price of Rs. 47,267.07 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			
MARCH, 2015	46,197	5,188.77	112,318.43
MARCH, 2014	61,249	7,644.27	124,806.43
JULY - MARCH, 2015	388,665	46,692.40	120,135.33
JULY - MARCH, 2014	479,751	56,494.66	117,758.30
RICE OTHER VARIETIES			
MARCH, 2015	408,830	16,693.32	40,831.94
MARCH, 2014	277,166	14,019.36	50,581.09
JULY - MARCH, 2015	2,559,522	112,204.76	43,838.17
JULY - MARCH, 2014	2,490,568	117,721.86	47,267.07

Leather

Leather maintained its second position on the exports list in its group for March, 2015 as in the previous month. Its exports in this month amounted to Rs. 4,230.92 million as against Rs. 3,345.54 million in February, 2015 and Rs. 5,283.18 million in March, 2014 showing an increase of 26.46% over February, 2015 but decreased by 19.92% over March, 2014.

Exports of this item during July–March, 2015 totalled Rs. 37,127.12 million as against Rs. 40,462.05 million during the corresponding period of last year showing a fall of 8.24%. In terms of quantity 16,285,616 sq. meter of leather was exported during July–March, 2015 as against 21,007,602 sq. meters exported during the corresponding period of last year showing an increase of 18.36%.

The main buyers of leather during July–March, 2015 were Hong Kong (Rs. 8,247.43 million), Italy (Rs. 4,607.14 million), China (Rs. ,153.70 million), India (Rs. 2,628.71 million), Viet Nam (Rs. 2,337.15 million), Korea Republic of (2,334.60), Germany (Rs. 1,834.40 million), South Africa (Rs. 1,422.35 million), Bangladesh (Rs. 1,285.90 million) and Spain (1,214.761 million) whose combined share in total exports of leather was 80.98% as against their compared share of 80.37% during the same period of last year.

Quantity and value of exports of leather during July–March, 2015 and the corresponding period of last year are given below:-

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

Commodity	July - March, 2015		July - March, 2014	
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
TOTAL	16,285,616	37,127.12	21,007,602	40,462.05
TANED/CURST HIDE/SKIN BOVINE ANI	519,761	876.40	428,994	724.03
TANED/CURST DRESSED BOVINE ANI.	8,102,098	17,243.95	9,513,531	17,825.65
TANED/CURST HIDE/SKIN SHEEP/LAMB	87,841	157.04	33,656	65.76
TANED/CURST DRESSED SHEEP/LAMBS	1,272,709	2,989.73	1,892,541	3,728.83
TANED/CURST HIDE/SKIN GOAT/KIDS	46,755	90.63	50,836	89.11
TANED/CURST DRESSED OF GOAT/KIDS	3,778,977	9,848.97	6,017,602	11,801.33
LEATHER N.S.	2,477,475	5,920.39	3,070,442	6,227.34

Carpets, Carpeting Rugs & Mats

Carpets, carpeting rugs and mats came up to sixth position on exports list in its group for March, 2015 from seventh in the previous month. Its exports in March, 2015 amounted to Rs. 973.07 million as against Rs. 591.19 million in February, 2015 and Rs. 939.38 million in March, 2014 showing an increase of 64.60% over February, 2015 and by 3.59% over March, 2014.

Exports of this item for the July–March, 2015 of current financial year amounted to Rs. 9,397.82 million as against Rs. 10,188.13 million during the corresponding period of last year showing a decrease of 7.76%.

In terms of quantity 1,925,756 sq. meters of carpets, carpeting rugs and mats were exported during July–March, 2015 of current financial year as against 2,591,281 sq. meters exported during the corresponding period of last year showing a decrease of 25.68%.

The average unit price of carpets of woolen hand knotted was Rs. 5,482.71 per sq. meter during July–March, 2015 as against Rs. 4,510.80 per sq. meter in the corresponding period of last year showing a rise of 21.55%. U. S. A. (Rs. 4,451.19 million), Germany (Rs. 591.94 million), Turkey (Rs.572.72 million), Iraq (513.14 million), Japan (Rs. 386.29 million), Italy (Rs. 332.74 million), United Kingdom (Rs. 307.57 million), France (Rs. 268.25 million) and South Africa (Rs. 213.78 million), were the main buyers of carpets, carpeting rugs and mats during July–March, 2015. They together accounted for 72.87% during July–March, 2015 as compared to their share of 70.72% during the same period of last year.

Quantity and value of exports of carpets, carpeting rugs and mats during July–March, 2015 and corresponding period of last year are given below.

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

Commodity	July - March, 2015		July - March, 2014	
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
TOTAL	1,925,756	9,397.82	2,591,281	10,188.13
CARPETS OF WOOL HAND KNOTTED	1,512,912	8,294.86	2,104,669	9,493.75
OTHER CARPETS,CARPETING	412,844	1,102.96	486,612	694.37

Raw Cotton

Raw Cotton maintained its fourth position on the exports list in its group for March, 2015 the same position in the previous month. Its exports in this month amounted to Rs. 274.25 million as against Rs. 681.86 million in February, 2015 and Rs. 1885.93 million in March, 2014 showing a decrease of 59.78% over February, 2015 and by 85.46% over March, 2014.

Exports of this item during July–March, 2015 amounted to Rs. 14,421.14 million as against Rs. 19,082.92 million showing a decrease of 24.43% compared to the same period of last year. In terms of quantity 90,877 tonnes of raw cotton was exported during July–March, 2015 as against 102,312 tonnes exported in the same period of last year showing a decrease of 11.18%.

The main buyers of raw cotton during July–March, 2015 were Indonesia (Rs. 4,267.08 million), India (Rs. 3,728.02 million), Bangladesh (Rs. 3,300.38 million), Viet Nam (Rs. 1,503.32 million), Thailand (Rs. 885.64 million), Djibouti (96.59 million) and Philippines (23.81 million). They together account for 95.73% of total exports of raw cotton during July–March, 2015 as against their combined share of 73.39% in the corresponding period of last year.

Quantity and value data of exports of raw cotton during July–March, 2015 and the corresponding period of last year are given below:-

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

Commodity	July - March, 2015		July - March, 2014	
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
TOTAL:	90,877	14,421.14	102,312	19,082.92
COTTON AMERICAN	--	--	--	--
COTTON EGYPTIAN	--	--	5,293	927.58
OTHER	90,877	14,421.14	97,019	18,155.34

(-) Indicate nil.

Petroleum Products

Petroleum products came up to third position on the exports list in its group during March, 2015 from sixth in the previous month. In this month its exports amounted to Rs. 4,023.31 million as against Rs. 634.69 million in February, 2015 and Rs. 5,871.61 million in March, 2014 showing an increase of 533.90% over February, 2015 but decrease by 31.48% over March, 2014.

Exports of this item for July–March, 2015 of current financial year stood at Rs. 29,818.13 million as against exports of Rs. 59,748.02 million during the corresponding period of last year showing a decrease of 50.09%.

In terms of quantity 323,107 tons of petroleum products were exported during July–March, 2015 of current financial year as against 679,447 tones exported during the corresponding period of last year showing a decrease of 52.45%.

The main buyers of petroleum products during July–March, 2015 were United Arab Emirates (Rs. 13,302.49 million), Afghanistan (Rs. 5,910.17 million), Korea Republic of (Rs. 1,818.18 million), and China (1,018.79 million). These four countries accounted for 73.95% of total exports of petroleum products during July–March, 2015 as against 77.35% exports during the same period of last year.

Quantity and value of exports of petroleum products during July–March, 2015 and the corresponding period of last year are given below:-

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

Commodity	July - March, 2015		July - March, 2014	
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
TOTAL	323,107	29,818.13	679,447	59,748.02
PETROLEUM TOP-NEPHTHA	259,150	23,868.59	629,065	54,673.67
OTHER PETROLEUM PRODUCTS	63,957	5,949.53	50,382	5,074.35

III - Direction of Exports

Exports by Territories/Regions and Major countries during March, 2015 compared with March, 2014 are given in table 3 & 4 and cumulative Exports by Territories/Regions and Major countries for the July–March, 2015 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, 2015 (25.99%) of total exports went to European Union. The share of North America during March, 2015 was 15.61% as against 15.90% in March, 2014. The share of Middle East during March, 2015 was 13.61% as against 15.93% in March, 2014. Country-wise, U.S.A. was at the top of the exports list for March, 2015 followed by Afghanistan, China, United Kingdom, Germany and United Arab Emirates. The share of these six countries in total exports of March, 2015 was 48.43% as against their share of 50.66% in March, 2014.

During July–March, 2015 the share of European Union in total exports was 28.37%. The share of North America increased to 16.19% from 15.63% during the same period of last year. The share of Middle East decreased to 11.84% from 15.47% during the same period of last year.

Country-wise, U.S.A. was at the top of the exports list for July–March, 2015 followed by China, Afghanistan, United Kingdom, Germany, and United Arab Emirates. The share of these six countries in total exports for July–March, 2015 of the current financial year was 48.61% as against 50.15% in the same period of last year.

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

(Million Rs.)

Territories/Regions		March, 2015		March, 2014	
		Value	% Share	Value	% Share
TOTAL		196,002.06	100.00	223,104.15	100.00
1	Latin & Central America	1,329.88	0.68	1,889.08	0.85
2	South America	2,668.38	1.36	3,011.24	1.35
3	North America	30,593.67	15.61	35,477.75	15.90
4	Eastern Europe	2,527.84	1.29	2,412.46	1.08
5	European Union	50,937.42	25.99	60,476.89	27.11
6	E.F.T.A	499.89	0.26	673.59	0.30
7	Other Europe	157.24	0.08	172.89	0.08
8	Middle East	26,677.18	13.61	35,530.77	15.93
	Asian Countries	23,642.80	12.06	32,564.90	14.60
	African Countries	3,034.38	1.55	2,965.87	1.33
9	Other Asia	64,972.62	33.15	68,689.18	30.79
10	Other Africa	13,826.10	7.05	12,722.05	5.70
11	Oceania	1,811.84	0.92	2,048.23	0.92

Table - 4
Monthly Export to Major Countries

(Million Rs.)

Countries		March, 2015		March, 2014	
		Value	% Share	Value	% Share
	<i>Total</i>	<i>196,002.06</i>	<i>100.00</i>	<i>223,104.15</i>	<i>100.00</i>
1	U.S.America	28,862.87	14.73	33,305.62	14.93
2	Afghanistan	18,689.64	9.54	14,059.66	6.30
3	China	16,880.57	8.61	23,674.90	10.61
4	United Kingdom	12,473.47	6.36	14,227.73	6.38
5	Germany	9,077.33	4.63	10,729.27	4.81
6	United Arab Emirates	8,945.52	4.56	17,030.42	7.63
7	Bangladesh	6,516.56	3.32	6,983.03	3.13
8	Spain	5,843.14	2.98	6,198.42	2.78
9	Italy	5,056.14	2.58	6,853.70	3.07
10	Netherlands	4,811.76	2.45	5,260.88	2.36
11	Belgium	4,571.11	2.33	5,389.06	2.42
12	Saudi Arabia	3,851.93	1.97	4,657.28	2.09
13	Oman	2,974.08	1.52	1,166.73	0.52
14	Turkey	2,599.39	1.33	3,544.35	1.59
15	Sri Lanka	2,597.55	1.33	1,986.18	0.89
16	Singapore	2,509.83	1.28	676.52	0.30
17	France	2,415.48	1.23	3,195.07	1.43
18	Hong Kong S.A.Re.Chi	2,360.41	1.20	3,257.23	1.46
19	India	2,286.68	1.17	4,101.93	1.84
20	Viet Nam	2,211.74	1.13	2,120.76	0.95
	Others	50,466.86	25.75	54,685.42	24.51

Table - 5
Cumulative Export by Territories/Regions

(Million Rs.)

Territories/Regions		Jul - Mar; 2015		Jul - Mar; 2014	
		Value	% Share	Value	% Share
	TOTAL	1,812,803.43	100.00	1,990,557.27	100.00
1	Latin & Central America	13,241.64	0.73	14,872.88	0.75
2	South America	23,222.71	1.28	27,683.77	1.39
3	North America	293,459.75	16.19	311,033.02	15.63
4	Eastern Europe	24,266.49	1.34	26,090.02	1.31
5	European Union	514,271.49	28.37	516,410.89	25.94
6	E.F.T.A	4,903.84	0.27	5,153.52	0.26
7	Other Europe	1373.99	0.08	1159.68	0.06
8	Middle East	214,605.32	11.84	307,873.97	15.47
	Asian Countries	194,150.46	10.71	284,568.49	14.30
	African Countries	20,454.86	1.13	23,305.48	1.17
9	Other Asia	588,111.61	32.44	629,797.32	31.64
10	Other Africa	119,314.38	6.58	125,085.68	6.28
11	Oceania	16,032.20	0.88	25,396.51	1.28

Table - 6
Cumulative Export to Major Countries

(Million Rs.)

Countries	Jul - Mar; 2015		Jul - Mar; 2014	
	Value	% Share	Value	% Share
<i>Total</i>	<i>1,812,803.43</i>	<i>100.00</i>	<i>1,990,557.27</i>	<i>100.00</i>
1 U.S.America	276,522.98	15.25	291,866.37	14.66
2 China	169,883.28	9.37	199,863.88	10.04
3 Afghanistan	143,581.67	7.92	144,530.54	7.26
4 United Kingdom	120,721.93	6.66	120,563.94	6.06
5 Germany	90,072.85	4.97	87,840.52	4.41
6 United Arab Emirates	80,454.70	4.44	153,596.89	7.72
7 Spain	60,601.59	3.34	51,223.07	2.57
8 Bangladesh	53,165.15	2.93	56,475.42	2.84
9 Italy	50,629.93	2.79	52,157.46	2.62
10 Netherlands	49,934.39	2.75	52,304.06	2.63
11 Belgium	46,138.40	2.55	48,828.97	2.45
12 Saudi Arabia	34,474.38	1.90	37,916.57	1.90
13 India	29,447.32	1.62	34,536.39	1.74
14 France	28,266.46	1.56	31,353.40	1.58
15 Turkey	25,364.70	1.40	31,408.74	1.58
16 Korea, Republic of	24,715.34	1.36	33,462.56	1.68
17 Kenya	23,412.57	1.29	23,390.00	1.18
18 Singapore	23,184.38	1.28	6,362.25	0.32
19 Viet Nam	22,074.37	1.22	28,679.61	1.44
20 Hong Kong S.A.Re.Chi	22,063.72	1.22	20,051.55	1.01
Others	438,093.31	24.17	484,145.06	24.32

IV - Exports by Economic Categories

Performance of export by economic categories during March, 2015 and July–March, 2015 of the current financial year compared to the same period of last year are shown in table-7.

During March, 2015 exports of primary commodities, semi-manufactured goods and manufactured goods decreased by 0.57%, 10.50% and 15.45% respectively, during the current month as compared to the same month of last year.

During July–March, 2015 exports of primary commodities, semi manufactures and manufactured goods were lower by 4.91%, 7.90% and 10.11%, respectively, compared to the same period of last year.

Table - 7
Exports by Economic Categories

(Million Rs.)

Economic Category	March, 2015	March, 2014	Jul - Mar, 2015	Jul - Mar, 2014
TOTAL	196,002.06	223,104.15	1,812,803.43	1,990,557.27
1. PRIMARY COMMODITIES.	38,158.84	38,377.09	312,467.40	328,615.10
% SHARE IN TOTAL EXPORTS.	19.47	17.20	17.24	16.51
2. SEMI-MANUFACTURES.	29,923.17	33,432.37	266,161.72	289,003.76
% SHARE IN TOTAL EXPORTS.	15.27	14.99	14.68	14.52
3. MANUFACTURED GOODS.	127,920.05	151,294.70	1,234,174.31	1,372,938.42
% SHARE IN TOTAL EXPORTS.	65.26	67.81	68.08	68.97

I – Import by Groups/Commodities

Imports into Pakistan during March, 2015 amounted to Rs. 352,412.88 million as against the imports of Rs. 334,335.32 million in the previous month and Rs. 362,608.82 million during the corresponding month of last year showing an increase of 5.41% over previous month but decreased by 2.81% over the corresponding month of last year.

Imports during July–March, 2015 amounted to Rs. 3,435,442.43 million as against Rs. 3,448,369.93 million during the corresponding period of last year showing a decrease of 0.37%.

Comparative figures of imports by groups/commodities during March, 2015, February, 2015 and March, 2014 are given in Table-8 and cumulative imports for July–March, 2015 of current financial year and the previous year are given in Table-9.

Food Group

During March, 2015 the 5 selected commodities of Food Groups contributed 6.33% of total imports in which the share of palm oil, tea and pulses were 3.90, 1.06% and 0.86% respectively.

During July–March, 2015 this group contributed 6.16% of total imports showing an increase of 3.61% as against their combined share of 5.95% during the corresponding period of last year.

Machinery & Transport Group

During March, 2015 Machinery & Transport Group contributed 24.13% of total imports in which the share of machinery and transport equipment were 18.10% and 6.03% respectively.

During July–March, 2015 this Group contributed 21.56% of the total imports showing an increase of 14.27% as against their combined share of 18.87% during the corresponding period of last year.

Petroleum Group

During March, 2015 Petroleum Groups contributed 20.50% of total imports in which the share of Petroleum Products and Petroleum Crude were 14.40% and 6.10% respectively.

During July–March, 2015 this group contributed 26.20% of total imports showing a decrease of 20.93% as against their combined share of 33.14% during the corresponding period of last year.

Textile Group

During March, 2015 Textile Groups contributed 2.51% of total imports in which the share of synthetic & artificial silk yarn and synthetic fibre were 1.57% and 0.94% respectively.

During July–March, 2015 this group contributed 2.60% of total imports showing an increase of 11.91% as against their combined share of 2.32% during the corresponding period of last year.

Chemical Group

During March, 2015 the Chemical Groups contributed 17.60% of total imports in which the share of chemical (excl. fertilizer, medicines & insecticide) (13.86%), medicinal products (2.54%), fertilizer manufactured (0.94%), and insecticide (0.27%) respectively.

During July–March, 2015 Chemical group contributed 16.36% of the total imports showing an increase of 8.66% as against their combined share of 15.05% during the corresponding period of last year.

Metal Group

During March, 2015 the Metal Groups contributed 6.49% of total imports in which the share of iron & steel and iron & steel scrap were 4.02% and 2.47% respectively.

During July–March, 2015 this group contributed 6.02% of total imports showing an increase of 31.86% as against their combined share of 4.56% during the corresponding period of last year.

Miscellaneous Group

During March, 2015 the Miscellaneous Group contributed 1.63% of total imports in which the share of paper & paper product and tyres & tubes were 1.11% and 0.52% respectively.

During July–March, 2015 this group contributed 1.60% of total imports showing an increase of 20.31% as against their combined share of 1.33% during the corresponding period of last year.

Table - 8

Monthly Import by Groups/Commodities

(Million Rs.)

Commodities	Mar; 2015	Feb; 2015	Mar; 2014	% Change	
				Mar; 2015	Mar; 2015
				Feb; 2015	Mar; 2014
Total	352,412.88	334,335.32	362,608.82	5.41	-2.81
A-Food Group	22,292.18	20,762.38	22,812.48	7.37	-2.28
1 Palm oil	13,749.09	13,298.77	13,910.24	3.39	-1.16
2 Tea	3,727.40	2,750.17	2,897.64	35.53	28.64
3 Pulses	3,029.26	3,084.04	2,863.30	-1.78	5.80
4 Milk & milk food for infants	1,778.97	1,609.05	1,084.40	10.56	64.05
5 Soyabean oil	7.46	20.35	2,056.90	-63.34	-99.64
B-Machinery & Trans. Group	85,025.76	83,370.77	66,202.03	1.99	28.43
1 Machinery	63,788.70	61,060.82	48,830.72	4.47	30.63
2 Transport equipment	21,237.06	22,309.95	17,371.31	-4.81	22.25
C-Petroleum Group	72,253.88	68,586.18	98,677.47	5.35	-26.78
1 Petroleum products	50,749.10	51,785.45	54,444.42	-2.00	-6.79
2 Petroleum crude	21,504.78	16,800.73	44,233.05	28.00	-51.38
D-Textile Group	8,846.48	9,234.67	9,227.89	-4.20	-4.13
1 Synthetic & artificial silk yarn	5,537.51	5,429.97	5,966.59	1.98	-7.19
2 Synthetic fibre	3,308.97	3,804.70	3,261.30	-13.03	1.46
E-Chemical Group	62,032.47	61,756.51	57,946.59	0.45	7.05
1 Chemicals (excl. 2, 3 & 4)	48,852.97	40,867.09	49,582.05	19.54	-1.47
2 Medicinal products	8,938.76	7,043.56	6,202.04	26.91	44.13
3 Fertilizer manufactured	3,297.53	12,920.14	774.02	-74.48	326.03
4 Insecticide	943.21	925.72	1,388.48	1.89	-32.07
F-Metal Group	22,860.52	20,669.62	25,607.29	10.60	-10.73
1 Iron & steel	14,150.25	13,636.34	20,054.42	3.77	-29.44
2 Iron & steel scrap	8,710.27	7,033.28	5,552.87	23.84	56.86
G-Miscellaneous Group	5,759.69	4,979.67	5,046.13	15.66	14.14
1 Paper & paper products	3,923.54	3,922.45	3,996.31	0.03	-1.82
2 Tyres & tubes	1,836.15	1,057.22	1,049.82	73.68	74.90
Others	73,341.90	64,975.52	77,088.94	12.88	-4.86

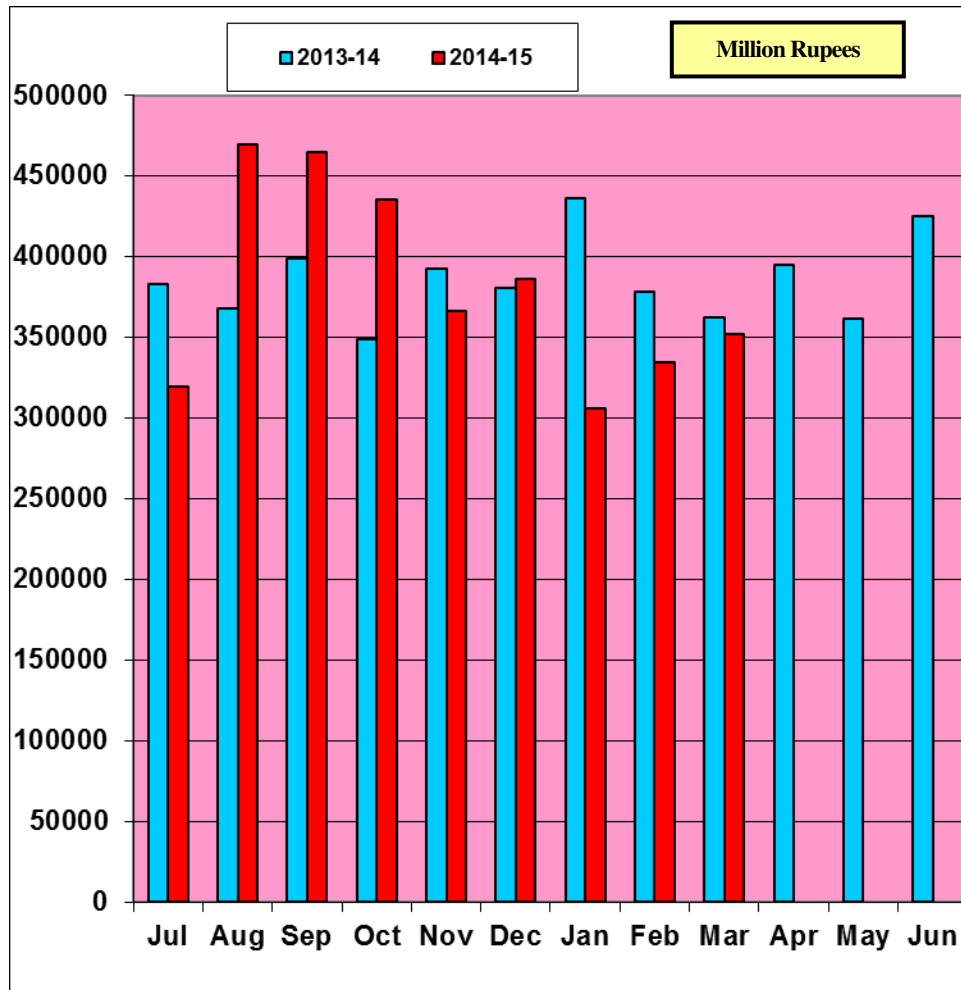
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Table - 9
Cumulative Import by Groups/Commodities

(Million Rs.)

Commodities	Jul - Mar; 2015	Jul - Mar; 2014	% Change
			Jul - Mar; 2015
			Jul - Mar; 2014
Total	3,435,442.43	3,448,369.93	-0.37
A-Food Group	211,616.36	205,014.63	3.22
1 Palm oil	135,584.06	142,758.30	-5.03
2 Pulses	28,760.72	22,372.92	28.55
3 Tea	26,552.60	23,148.53	14.71
4 Milk & milk food for infants	16,958.22	10,816.79	56.78
5 Soya-bean oil	3,760.76	5,918.09	-36.45
B-Machinery & Transport Group	740,720.57	650,636.88	13.85
1 Machinery	554,141.57	487,149.22	13.75
2 Transport equipment	186,579.00	163,487.66	14.12
C-Petroleum Group	900,214.49	1,142,856.18	-21.23
1 Petroleum products	576,002.22	693,577.49	-16.95
2 Petroleum crude	324,212.27	449,278.69	-27.84
D-Textile Group	89,344.10	80,139.13	11.49
1 Synthetic & artificial silk yarn	49,752.31	47,412.39	4.94
2 Synthetic fibre	39,591.79	32,726.74	20.98
E-Chemical Group	561,920.06	519,083.22	8.25
1 Chemicals (excl. 2, 3 & 4)	404,365.23	388,676.60	4.04
2 Medicinal products	74,417.16	60,887.59	22.22
3 Fertilizer manufactured	73,073.27	60,907.48	19.97
4 Insecticide	10,064.40	8,611.55	16.87
F-Metal Group	206,696.49	157,346.06	31.36
1 Iron & steel	130,585.52	103,045.14	26.73
2 Iron & steel scrap	76,110.97	54,300.92	40.17
G-Miscellaneous Group	55,060.03	45,936.68	19.86
1 Paper & paper products	35,707.90	29,628.29	20.52
2 Tyres & tubes	19,352.13	16,308.39	18.66
Others	669,870.33	647,357.15	3.48

II – Analysis of Selected Commodities of Import

POL

Imports of POL during March, 2015 valued at Rs. 72,253.88 million was higher by 5.35% compared to February, 2015 Rs. 68,586.18 million but lower by 26.78% compared to March, 2014 Rs. 98,677.47 million. Cumulative imports of POL during the period July–March, 2015 amounted to Rs. 900,214.49 million as against Rs. 1,142,856.18 million during the corresponding period of last year showing a decrease of 21.23%.

The share of POL in total imports in March, 2015 was 20.50% as against 20.51% in February, 2015 and by 27.21% in March, 2014. During July–March, 2015 its share was 26.20% as against 33.14% in the corresponding period of last year.

Variety wise details of imports of POL during July–March, 2015 and the corresponding period of last year are given below:-

(Million Rs.)

Commodity	Jul - Mar, 2015	Jul - Mar, 2014
TOTAL	900,214.49	1,142,856.18
PETROLEUM CRUDE	324,212.27	449,278.69
MOTOR SPIRIT	159,033.86	169,662.73
KEROSENE	6,317.40	5,151.15
DIESEL OIL	2.72	5.63
LUBRICATING OILS,GREASES	10,789.81	9,111.96
MINERAL JELLY, WAX	887.95	705.87
OTHER PETROL. & PETROL. PRODUCTS	398,970.48	508,940.14

Chemicals (Excluding fertilizer, insecticides & medicines)

Imports of chemicals during March, 2015 valued at Rs. 48,852.97 million was higher by 19.54% compared to February, 2015 Rs. 40,867.09 million but decreased by 1.47% compared to March, 2014 Rs. 49,582.05 million. During July–March, 2015 its imports amounted to Rs. 404,365.23 million which was higher by 4.04% compared to imports of Rs. 388,676.60 million during the corresponding period of last year.

The share of chemicals in total imports in March, 2015 was 13.86% as against 12.22% in February, 2015 and 13.67% in March, 2014. During July–March, 2015 its share was 11.77% as against 11.27% in the corresponding period of last year.

Details of imports of chemicals by type during July–March, 2015 and the corresponding period of last year are given below:-

(Million Rs.)

Commodity	Jul - Mar, 2015	Jul - Mar, 2014
TOTAL	404,365.23	388,676.60
ORGANIC CHEMICALS	137,266.51	143,735.19
INORGANIC CHEMICALS	36,452.00	31,821.36
DYING, TANNIG & COLOURING	29,254.04	28,088.05
ESSENTIAL OIL, PERFUME & FLAVOUR	21,712.95	17,976.34
ARTIFICIAL RESINS, PLASTIC	131,614.03	125,744.69
OTHER CHEMICAL MATERIAL	48,065.69	41,310.97

Machinery

Imports of machinery during March, 2015 valued at Rs. 63,788.70 million was higher by 4.47% compared to February, 2015 Rs. 61,060.82 million and by 30.63% compared to March, 2014, Rs. 48,830.72 million. Cumulative imports of machinery during the period July–March, 2015 amounted to Rs. 554,141.57 million as against Rs. 487,149.22 million during the corresponding period of last year showing an increase of 13.75%.

The share of machinery in total imports in March, 2015 was 18.10% as against 18.26% in February, 2015 and 13.47% in March, 2014. During July–March, 2015 its share was 16.13% as against 14.13% in the corresponding period of last year.

Details of imports of machinery during July–March, 2015 and the corresponding period of last year are given below:-

(Million Rs.)

Commodity	Jul - Mar, 2015	Jul - Mar, 2014
TOTAL	554,141.57	487,149.22
POWER GENERATING MACH. & EQUIP.	94,552.62	83,300.48
AGRI. MACHINERY & IMPLEMENTS	5,485.81	3,498.78
TRACTORS ALL SORTS	2,354.32	1,708.99
TEXTILE AND LEATHER MACHINERY	37,186.90	46,995.60
CONSTRUCTION & MINING MACHINERY	20,076.68	18,592.29
METAL WORKING MACHINERY	5,712.75	4,849.22
OFFICE MACHINES & AUTOMATIC	31,810.04	15,895.42
EQUIPMENT FOR DISTRIBUTING ELECT	12,024.25	8,005.99
TELECOMMUNICATION APPRATUS	6,378.70	6,137.63
OTHER MACHINERY & APPRATUS	338,559.50	298,164.83

Transport Equipment

Transport equipment was Rs. 21,237.06 million was imported during March, 2015 as against its imports of Rs. 22,309.95 million in February, 2015 and Rs. 17,371.31 million in March, 2014 showing a decrease of 4.81% over February, 2015 but increased by 22.25% over March, 2014. The imports of this item during July–March, 2015 totalled Rs. 186,579.00 million which was higher by 14.12% as compared to its imports of Rs. 163,487.66 million during the corresponding period of last year.

The share of transport equipment in total imports in March, 2015 was 6.03% as against 6.67% in February, 2015 and 4.79% in March, 2014. During July–March, 2015 its share was 5.43% as against the share of 4.74% in the corresponding period of last year.

Details of imports of transport equipment during July–March, 2015 and the corresponding period of last year are given below:-

(Million Rs.)

Commodity	Jul - Mar, 2015	Jul - Mar, 2014
TOTAL	186,579.00	163,487.66
PASSENGER MOTOR VEHICLES	59,355.14	50,349.64
BUSES & THEIR CHASIS WITH ENGINE	4,654.24	3,833.42
LORRIES & TRUCKS INCL. SPECIAL	2,612.92	2,377.93
AIRCRAFTS	12,873.84	8,616.66
SHIPS & BOATS	48,623.26	60,770.79
RAILWAY VEHICLES	18,420.58	3,460.45
MOTORCYCLES, SCOOTERS	6,603.30	5,818.62
OTHERS	33,435.73	28,260.16

III - Direction of Imports

Imports by Territories/Regions and major countries during March, 2015 and July–March, 2015 of current financial year compared with the corresponding period of last year are given in table 10, 11, 12 and 13 respectively.

During March, 2015 (10.99%) of total imports were from European Union. The share of imports of Middle East was 30.02% and North America was 5.01%. Country-wise, China was at the top of imports list during March, 2015 followed by United Arab Emirates, Saudi Arabia, Indonesia, India and U.S.A. The combined share of these six countries during March, 2015 was 56.15% as against their combined share of 53.60% during March, 2014.

During July–March, 2015 imports from European Union 9.80%, imports from Middle East were 32.85% and from North America 4.60% of total imports during this period. Country-wise China was on the top of the imports list followed by United Arab Emirates, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Indonesia and India during July–March, 2015. The combined share of these six countries in total imports during this period was 59.47% as against their combined share of 58.54% during the corresponding period of last year.

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

(Million Rs.)

Countries		March, 2015		March, 2014	
		Value	% Share	Value	% Share
TOTAL		352,412.88	100.00	362,608.82	100.00
1	Latin & Central America	585.90	0.17	511.37	0.14
2	South America	3,368.23	0.96	5,596.80	1.54
3	North America	17,642.17	5.01	20,099.26	5.54
4	Eastern Europe	1,984.37	0.56	3,167.75	0.87
5	European Union	38,715.61	10.99	37,562.71	10.36
6	E.F.T.A	3,878.31	1.10	3,613.49	1.00
7	Other Europe	459.23	0.13	413.11	0.11
8	Middle East	105,785.80	30.02	111,345.61	30.71
	Asian Countries	104,292.39	29.59	110,235.14	30.40
	African Countries	1,493.41	0.42	1,110.47	0.31
9	Other Asia	160,894.07	45.65	165,951.80	45.77
10	Other Africa	13,250.90	3.76	9,595.04	2.65
11	Oceania	5,848.28	1.66	4,751.89	1.31

Table - 11
Monthly Imports by Major Countries

(Million Rs.)

Countries		March, 2015		March, 2014	
		Value	% Share	Value	% Share
	<i>Total</i>	<i>352,412.88</i>	<i>100.00</i>	<i>362,608.82</i>	<i>100.00</i>
1	China	72,347.77	20.53	59,794.50	16.49
2	United Arab Emirates	49,605.50	14.08	48,241.61	13.30
3	Saudi Arabia	28,052.71	7.96	34,304.56	9.46
4	Indonesia	17,498.35	4.97	11,412.46	3.15
5	India	16,134.19	4.58	22,799.19	6.29
6	U.S.America	14,257.08	4.05	17,812.96	4.91
7	Japan	13,285.64	3.77	21,444.41	5.91
8	Kuwait	12,352.72	3.51	13,641.83	3.76
9	Singapore	9,279.60	2.63	14,522.87	4.01
10	Malaysia	8,820.68	2.50	12,467.54	3.44
11	Germany	8,371.37	2.38	8,628.90	2.38
12	Thailand	7,243.90	2.06	5,629.44	1.55
13	Korea, Republic of	6,674.18	1.89	4,970.30	1.37
14	United Kingdom	6,609.77	1.88	4,764.45	1.31
15	Australia	5,554.68	1.58	4,233.37	1.17
16	Oman	5,415.72	1.54	9,274.68	2.56
17	South Africa	4,751.31	1.35	3,707.51	1.02
18	Qatar	4,107.45	1.17	1,304.40	0.36
19	Switzerland	3,786.51	1.07	3,432.97	0.95
20	Europien Union	3,702.71	1.05	3,749.63	1.03
	* O T H E R S	54,561.04	15.48	56,471.23	15.57

Table – 12**Cumulative Import by Territories/Regions**

(Million Rs.)

Territories/Regions		Jul - Mar; 2015		Jul - Mar; 2014	
		Value	% Share	Value	% Share
	Total	3,435,442.43	100.00	3,448,369.93	100.00
1	Latin & Central America	4,597.71	0.13	3,905.99	0.11
2	South America	44,156.90	1.29	22,618.59	0.66
3	North America	157,928.52	4.60	155,856.82	4.52
4	Eastern Europe	77,604.05	2.26	52,064.53	1.51
5	European Union	336,615.61	9.80	360,712.48	10.46
6	E.F.T.A.	22,127.06	0.64	24,394.69	0.71
7	Other Europe	3820.94	0.11	3622.9	0.11
8	Middle East	1,128,575.33	32.85	1,363,713.04	39.55
	i) Asian Countries	1,112,345.87	32.38	1,352,314.03	39.22
	ii) African Countries	16,229.46	0.47	11,399.01	0.33
9	Other Asia	1,529,816.31	44.53	1,363,035.04	39.53
10	Other Africa	97,620.96	2.84	70,758.42	2.05
11	Oceania	32,579.04	0.95	27,687.44	0.80

Table - 13

Cumulative Import from Major Countries

(Million Rs.)

Countries		Jul - Mar; 2015		Jul - Mar; 2014	
		Value	% Share	Value	% Share
	Total	3,435,442.43	100.00	3,448,369.93	100.00
1	China	775,998.92	22.59	565,358.00	16.39
2	United Arab Emirates	515,067.69	14.99	588,976.35	17.08
3	Saudi Arabia	264,870.98	7.71	335,082.00	9.72
4	Kuwait	195,995.05	5.71	256,839.93	7.45
5	Indonesia	157,082.43	4.57	105,070.02	3.05
6	India	134,054.09	3.90	167,520.20	4.86
7	U.S.America	127,888.02	3.72	144,329.00	4.19
8	Japan	123,181.71	3.59	137,385.79	3.98
9	Oman	80,766.22	2.35	117,891.67	3.42
10	Germany	71,516.56	2.08	96,309.23	2.79
11	Malaysia	70,675.02	2.06	134,654.41	3.90
12	Singapore	70,177.44	2.04	56,991.42	1.65
13	Thailand	58,003.58	1.69	50,578.06	1.47
14	Korea, Republic of	49,939.75	1.45	51,535.69	1.49
15	United Kingdom	45,101.11	1.31	44,303.79	1.28
16	Ukraine	37,669.35	1.10	21,664.73	0.63
17	South Africa	35,936.99	1.05	20,997.38	0.61
18	Europien Union	34,750.56	1.01	31,212.21	0.91
19	Italy	31,807.89	0.93	37,555.02	1.09
20	Canada	30,013.68	0.87	11,501.32	0.33
	Others	524,945.39	15.28	472,613.72	13.71

IV - Imports by Economic Categories

During March, 2015 imports of consumer goods and raw material for consumer goods decreased by 1.14% and 12.02%, respectively, compared to March, 2014, while import of raw materials for capital goods and capital goods during March, 2015 increased by 16.89% and 8.47% respectively, compared to the same month of last year.

During the nine months of current financial year July–March, 2015, imports of consumer goods was higher by 5.29%, raw material for consumer goods decreased by 11.47% compared to July–March, 2014. Imports of capital goods and raw material for capital goods during July–March, 2015 increased by 12.97% and 30.42% respectively, 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, 2015	March, 2014	Jul - Mar; 2015	Jul - Mar; 2014
TOTAL	352,412.88	362,608.82	3,435,442.43	3,448,369.93
1. CONSUMER GOODS	62,348.70	63,065.00	609,921.80	579,303.97
% SHARE IN TOTAL IMPORTS.	17.69	17.39	17.75	16.80
2. RAW MATERIAL FOR CONSUMER GOODS	159,074.31	180,810.20	1,643,124.47	1,855,966.51
% SHARE IN TOTAL EXPORTS.	45.14	49.86	47.83	53.82
3. RAW MATERIAL FOR CAPITAL GOODS	30,471.81	26,067.98	283,744.65	217,593.41
% SHARE IN TOTAL IMPORTS.	8.65	7.19	8.26	6.31
4. CAPITAL GOODS	100,518.07	92,665.63	898,651.50	795,506.05
% SHARE IN TOTAL IMPORTS.	28.52	25.56	26.16	23.07