

Government of Pakistan
Statistics Division
Pakistan Bureau of Statistics

SUB:- ADVANCE RELEASE ON EXTERNAL TRADE STATISTICS FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH, 2012.

EXPORTS:

According to the provisional figures compiled by the Pakistan Bureau of Statistics, exports from Pakistan during March, 2012 amounted to Rs. 181,507 million (provisional), February, 2012 Rs. 184,343 million (provisional) and March, 2011 Rs. 210,208 million showing a decrease of 1.54% over February, 2012 and of 13.65% over March, 2011.

2. In terms of US dollars the exports in March, 2012 was \$ 2,001 million (provisional) as compared to \$ 2,034 million (provisional) in February, 2012 showing a decrease of 1.62% and by 18.76% as compared to \$ 2,463 million in March, 2011.

3. Exports during July-March, 2011-2012 of Rs.1,518,592 million (provisional) as against Rs.1,517,216 million during the corresponding period of last year showing an increase of 0.09%.

4. In terms of US dollars the exports during July - March, 2011-2012 of \$ 17,190 million (provisional) as against \$ 17,727 million during the corresponding period of last year showing a decrease of 3.03%.

5. Main commodities of exports during March, 2012 were Cotton cloth (Rs.19,006 million), Cotton yarn (Rs.15,840 million), Knitwear (Rs.12,388 million), Rice others (Rs.11,493 million), Readymade garments (Rs.11,369 million), Bedwear (Rs.11,213 million), Jewellery (Rs.6,593 million), Raw cotton (Rs.6,202 million), Rice basmati (Rs.5,478 million) and Petroleum top naphta (Rs.5,199 million).

6. The increase(+) / decrease(-) recorded in main commodities exported during March, 2012 over February, 2012 and March, 2011 is given below:-

S.No.	COMMODITIES	%Change for value in million Rupees in March, 2012 over	
		February, 2012	March, 2011
1.	Cotton cloth	1.34	-21.22
2.	Cotton yarn	15.69	-24.63
3.	Knitwear	-1.04	-20.87
4.	Rice others	-14.38	1.47
5.	Readymade garments	-8.01	-19.31
6.	Bedwear	-0.93	-29.05
7.	Jewellery	-51.71	140.18
8.	Raw cotton	-19.83	55.83
9.	Rice basmati	7.03	-12.65
10.	Petroleum top naphta	83.13	342.09

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IMPORTS

7. Imports into Pakistan during March, 2012 amounted to Rs.317,229 million (provisional), February, 2012 Rs. 313,708 million (provisional) and March, 2011 Rs.291,581 million showing an increase of 1.12% over February, 2012 and of 8.80% over March, 2011.

8. In terms of US dollars the imports in March, 2012 was \$ 3,497 million (provisional) as compared to \$ 3,462 million (provisional) in February, 2012 showing an increase of 1.01% and by 2.34% as compared to \$ 3,417 million in March, 2011.

9. Imports during July -March, 2011-2012 of Rs.2,939,046 million (provisional) as against Rs.2,483,769 million during the corresponding period of last year showing an increase of 18.33%.

10. In terms of US dollars the imports during July -March, 2011-2012 totalled \$ 33,285 million (provisional) as against \$ 29,016 million during the corresponding period of last year showing an increase of 14.71%.

11. Main commodities of imports during March, 2012 were Petroleum products (Rs.81,954 million), Petroleum crude (Rs.26,981 million), Plastic materials (Rs.11,223 million), Palm oil (Rs.9,643 million), Iron & steel (Rs.9,344 million), Power generating machinery (Rs.8,131 million), Mobile phones (Rs.5,660 million), Other apparatus (Telecom) (Rs.5,547 million), Synthetic & artificial yarn (Rs.4,771 million) and Medicinal products (Rs.4,657 million).

12. The increase(+) / decrease(-) recorded in main commodities imported during March, 2012 over February, 2012 and March, 2011 is given below:-

S.No.	COMMODITIES	%Change for value in million Rupees in March, 2012 over	
		February, 2012	March, 2011
1.	Petroleum products	40.92	172.20
2.	Petroleum crude	-43.81	-42.66
3.	Plastic materials	2.63	-6.72
4.	Palm oil	-36.83	-7.80
5.	Iron & Steel	0.03	-7.85
6.	Power generating machinery	4.89	53.53
7.	Mobile phones	5.22	9.58
8.	Other apparatus (Telecom)	182.58	36.26
9.	Synthetic & artificial yarn	31.83	-9.23
10.	Medicinal products	4.82	-37.61

BALANCE OF TRADE:

13. Based on the provisional figures of imports and exports the balance of trade in March, 2012 was (-) 135,722 million in terms of Rupees and (-) 1,496 million in US dollars. The balance of trade figures cumulative from July - March, 2011-2012 were (-)1,420,454 million in terms of Rupees and (-)16,095 million in US dollars.

14. Four statements giving quantity and value details of selected commodities of exports and imports for the month of March, 2012 and July-March, 2011-2012 along-with the data for previous month and corresponding period are enclosed.