

**Government of Pakistan**  
**Pakistan Bureau of Statistics**

**SUB:- ADVANCE RELEASE ON EXTERNAL TRADE STATISTICS FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL, 2016.**

**EXPORTS:**

According to the provisional figures compiled by the Pakistan Bureau of Statistics, exports from Pakistan during April, 2016 amounted to Rs.180,203 million (provisional) as against Rs. 182,287 million (provisional) in March, 2016 and Rs.202,251 million during April, 2015 showing a decrease of 1.14% over March,2016 and of 10.90% over April, 2015.

2. In terms of US dollars the exports in April, 2016 was \$ 1,722 million (provisional) as compared to \$ 1,742 million (provisional) in March, 2016 showing a decrease of 1.15% and by 13.42% as compared to \$ 1,989 million in April, 2015.

3. Exports during July - April, 2015 - 2016 totalled Rs.1,804,426 million (provisional) as against Rs.2,015,054 million during the corresponding period of last year showing a decrease of 10.45%.

4. In terms of US dollars the exports during July – April, 2015 - 2016 totalled \$ 17,323 million (provisional) against \$ 19,910 million during the corresponding period of last year showing a decrease of 12.99%.

5. Main commodities of exports during April, 2016 were Cotton cloth (Rs.20,359 million), Readymade garments (Rs.19,805 million), Knitwear (Rs.19,516 million), Bedwear (Rs.17,784 million), Rice others (Rs.13,747 million), Cotton yarn (Rs.9,713 million), Towels (Rs.7,119 million), Madeup articles (excl. towels & bedwear) (Rs.5,814 million), Rice basmati (Rs.4,395 million) and Surgical goods & medical instruments (Rs.3,685 million).

6. The increase(+) / decrease(-) recorded in main commodities exported during April, 2016 over March, 2016 and April, 2015 is given below:-

S.No.	COMMODITIES	%Change for value in million Rupees in April, 2016 over	
		March, 2016	April, 2015
1.	Cotton cloth	-2.64	-4.89
2.	Readymade garments	9.92	14.18
3.	Knitwear	6.39	4.30
4.	Bedwear	1.70	-2.82
5.	Rice others	-1.28	11.10
6.	Cotton yarn	0.07	-24.65
7.	Towels	10.94	-3.68
8.	Madeup articles (excl. towels & bedwear)	5.27	13.53
9.	Rice basmati	23.28	-25.94
10.	Surgical goods & medical instruments	23.12	20.42

## **IMPORTS**

7. Imports into Pakistan during April, 2016 amounted to Rs.402.625 million (provisional) as against Rs. 373,493 million (provisional) in March, 2016 and Rs.385,076 million during April, 2015 showing an increase of 7.80% over March, 2016 and of 4.56% over April, 2015.

8. In terms of US dollars the imports in April, 2016 was \$ 3,846 million (provisional) as compared to \$ 3,569 million (provisional) in March, 2016 showing an increase of 7.76% and by 1.58% as compared to \$ 3,786 million in April, 2015.

9. Imports during July - April, 2015 - 2016 totalled Rs.3,782,817 million (provisional) as against Rs.3,820,518 million during the corresponding period of last year showing a decrease of 0.99%.

10. In terms of US dollars the imports during July - April, 2015 - 2016 totalled \$ 36,313 million (provisional) as against \$ 37,734 million during the corresponding period of last year showing a decrease of 3.77%.

11. Main commodities of imports during April, 2016 were Petroleum products (Rs.41,434 million), Iron & steel (Rs.22,281 million), Electrical machinery & apparatus (Rs.21,878 million), Power generating machinery (Rs.21,034 million), Plastic materials (Rs.18,242 million), Palm oil (Rs.14,112 million), Petroleum crude (Rs.11,908 million), Iron & steel scrap (Rs.9,887 million), Medicinal products (Rs.9,207 million) and Raw cotton (Rs.8,053 million).

12. The increase(+) / decrease(-) recorded in main commodities imported during April, 2016 over March, 2016 and April, 2015 is given below:-

S.No.	COMMODITIES	%Change for value in million Rupees in April, 2016 over	
		March, 2016	April, 2015
1.	Petroleum products	13.93	-29.59
2.	Iron & Steel	12.42	10.91
3.	Electrical machinery & apparatus	50.73	154.04
4.	Power generating machinery	32.57	27.28
5.	Plastic materials	7.40	7.46
6.	Palm oil	-13.11	18.64
7.	Petroleum crude	-11.52	-69.67
8.	Iron & steel scrap	2.99	1.91
9.	Medicinal products	6.74	37.01
10.	Raw cotton	-0.73	83.73

## **BALANCE OF TRADE:**

13. Based on the provisional figures of imports and exports the balance of trade in April, 2016 was (-) 222,422 million in terms of Rupees and (-) 2,124 million in US dollars. The balance of trade figures cumulative from July - April, 2015 - 2016 were (-) 1,978,391 million in terms of Rupees and (-) 18,990 million in US dollars.

14. Four statements giving quantity and value details of selected commodities of exports and imports for the month of April, 2016 and July - April, 2015 - 2016 along-with the data for previous month and corresponding period of last year are enclosed.