

Government of Pakistan
Pakistan Bureau of Statistics

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

EXPORTS:

According to the provisional figures compiled by the Pakistan Bureau of Statistics, exports from Pakistan during August, 2016 amounted to Rs.173,496 million (provisional) as against Rs. 154,955 million (provisional) in July, 2016 and Rs.187,222 million during August, 2015 showing an increase of 11.97% over July,2016 but a decrease of 7.33% over August, 2015.

2. In terms of US dollars the exports in August, 2016 was \$ 1,658 million (provisional) as compared to \$ 1,479 million (provisional) in July, 2016 showing an increase of 12.10% but decreased by 9.35% as compared to \$ 1,829 million in August, 2015.

3. Exports during July - August, 2016 totalled Rs.328,451 million (provisional) as against Rs.348,756 million during the corresponding period of last year showing a decrease of 5.82%.

4. In terms of US dollars the exports during July – August, 2016 totalled \$ 3,138 million (provisional) against \$ 3,418 million during the corresponding period of last year showing a decrease of 8.19%.

5. Main commodities of exports during August, 2016 were Knitwear (Rs.21,980 million), Cotton cloth (Rs.20,567 million), Bedwear (Rs.19,683 million), Readymade garments (Rs.19,309 million), Cotton yarn (Rs.12,003 million), Towels (Rs.6,113 million), Madeup articles (excl. towels & bedwear) (Rs.5,721 million) Rice others (Rs.5,242 million), Fruits (Rs.4,028 million) and Leather tanned (Rs.3,233 million).

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

S.No.	COMMODITIES	%Change for value in million Rupees in August, 2016 over	
		July, 2016	August, 2015
1.	Knitwear	2.33	1.00
2.	Cotton cloth	26.15	1.19
3.	Bedwear	12.08	7.31
4.	Readymade garments	2.70	10.15
5.	Cotton yarn	11.73	-16.88
6.	Towels	3.77	-16.74
7.	Madeup articles (excl. towels & bedwear)	-2.46	-33.36
8.	Rice others	14.35	20.95
9.	Fruits	66.58	84.60
10.	Leather tanned	19.79	-1.94

IMPORTS

7. Imports into Pakistan during August, 2016 amounted to Rs.453.135 million (provisional) as against Rs. 372.549 million (provisional) in July, 2016 and Rs.389,086 million during August, 2015 showing an increase of 21.63% over July, 2016 and of 16.46% over August, 2015.

8. In terms of US dollars the imports in August, 2016 was \$ 4,331 million (provisional) as compared to \$ 3,557 million (provisional) in July, 2016 showing an increase of 21.76% and by 13.91% as compared to \$ 3,802 million in August, 2015.

9. Imports during July - August, 2016 totalled Rs.825,684 million (provisional) as against Rs.729,605 million during the corresponding period of last year showing an increase of 13.17%.

10. In terms of US dollars the imports during July - August, 2016 totalled \$ 7,888 million (provisional) as against \$ 7,150 million during the corresponding period of last year showing an increase of 10.32%.

11. Main commodities of imports during August, 2016 were Petroleum products (Rs.53,558 million), Power generating machinery (Rs.41,166 million), Iron & steel (Rs.19,475 million), Plastic materials (Rs.18,243 million), Electrical machinery & apparatus (Rs.16,466 million), Palm oil (Rs.14,540 million), Petroleum crude Rs.12,762 million), Natural gas (Liquefied) (Rs.8,902 Million), Medicinal products (Rs.8,303 million) and Pulses (leguminous vegetables) (Rs.7,331 million).

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

S.No.	COMMODITIES	%Change for value in million Rupees in August, 2016 over	
		July, 2016	August, 2015
1.	Petroleum products	6.33	-2.82
2.	Power generating machinery	140.93	212.38
3.	Iron & Steel	37.78	-4.70
4.	Plastic materials	40.24	12.56
5.	Electrical machinery & apparatus	9.76	84.12
6.	Palm oil	32.49	-16.41
7.	Petroleum crude	-33.15	-69.47
8.	Natural gas (Liquefied)	2.58	100.00
9.	Medicinal products	-10.08	33.11
10.	Pulses (Leguminous vegetables)	13.48	56.78

BALANCE OF TRADE:

13. Based on the provisional figures of imports and exports the balance of trade in August, 2016 was (-) 279,639 million in terms of Rupees and (-) 2,673 million in US dollars. The balance of trade figures cumulative from July - August, 2016 were (-) 497,233 million in terms of Rupees and (-) 4,750 million in US dollars.

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