

Government of Pakistan
Pakistan Bureau of Statistics

SUB:- ADVANCE RELEASE ON EXTERNAL TRADE STATISTICS FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH, 2017.

EXPORTS:

According to the provisional figures compiled by the Pakistan Bureau of Statistics, exports from Pakistan during March, 2017 amounted to Rs.188,608 million (provisional) as against Rs. 171,511 million (provisional) in February, 2017 and Rs.181,891 million during March, 2016 showing an increase of 9.97% over February,2017 and of 3.69% over March, 2016.

2. In terms of US dollars the exports in March, 2017 was \$ 1,801 million (provisional) as compared to \$ 1,638 million (provisional) in February, 2017 showing an increase of 9.95% and by 3.62% as compared to \$ 1,738 million in March, 2016.

3. Exports during July - March, 2016 - 2017 totalled Rs.1,582,613 million (provisional) as against Rs.1,623,827 million during the corresponding period of last year showing a decrease of 2.54%.

4. In terms of US dollars the exports during July – March, 2016 - 2017 totalled \$ 15,119 million (provisional) against \$ 15,597 million during the corresponding period of last year showing a decrease of 3.06%.

5. Main commodities of exports during March, 2017 were Readymade garments (Rs.21,465 million), Cotton cloth (Rs.19,762 million), Knitwear (Rs.19,327 million), Bedwear (Rs.18,904 million), Cotton yarn (Rs.10,204 million), Rice others (Rs.9,797 million), Towels (Rs.7,369 million), Madeup articles (excl. towels & bedwear) (Rs.6,126 million) Sugar (Rs.6,048 million) and Rice basmati (Rs.4,606 million).

6. The increase(+) / decrease(-) recorded in main commodities exported during March, 2017 over February, 2017 and March, 2016 is given below:-

S.No.	COMMODITIES	%Change for value in million Rupees in March, 2017 over	
		February, 2017	March, 2016
1.	Readymade garments	3.77	19.64
2.	Cotton cloth	20.69	-5.44
3.	Knitwear	4.13	5.54
4.	Bedwear	2.93	5.53
5.	Cotton yarn	3.57	5.13
6.	Rice others	-19.14	-37.57
7.	Towels	9.63	15.88
8.	Madeup articles (excl. towels & bedwear)	12.47	16.13
9.	Sugar	558.82	1.70
10.	Rice basmati	8.00	154.48

IMPORTS

7. Imports into Pakistan during March, 2017 amounted to Rs.524,669 million (provisional) as against Rs. 462,764 million (provisional) in February, 2017 and Rs.371,193 million during March, 2016 showing an increase of 13.38% over February, 2017 and of 41.35% over March, 2016.

8. In terms of US dollars the imports in March, 2017 was \$ 5,009 million (provisional) as compared to \$ 4,419 million (provisional) in February, 2017 showing an increase of 13.35% and by 41.22% as compared to \$ 3547 million in March, 2016.

9. Imports during July - March, 2016 - 2017 totalled Rs.4,030,659 million (provisional) as against Rs.3,377,892 million during the corresponding period of last year showing an increase of 19.32%.

10. In terms of US dollars the imports during July - March, 2016 - 2017 totalled \$ 38,504 million (provisional) as against \$ 32,445 million during the corresponding period of last year showing an increase of 18.67%.

11. Main commodities of imports during March, 2017 were Petroleum products (Rs.68,391 million), Petroleum crude (Rs.26,874 million), Electrical machinery & apparatus (Rs.24,287 million), Iron & steel (Rs.21,870 million), Palm oil (Rs.20,740 million), Plastic materials (Rs.20,698 million), Power generating machinery (Rs.19,399 million), Raw cotton (Rs.16,494 million), Natural gas, liquified (Rs.15,277 million) and Pulses (Leguminous vegetables) Rs.12,836 million).

12. The increase(+) / decrease(-) recorded in main commodities imported during March, 2017 over February, 2017 and March, 2016 is given below:-

S.No.	COMMODITIES	%Change for value in million Rupees in March, 2017 over	
		February, 2017	March, 2016
1.	Petroleum products	39.40	87.18
2.	Petroleum crude	12.57	99.67
3.	Electrical machinery & apparatus	15.36	68.04
4.	Iron & Steel	24.16	9.91
5.	Palm oil	15.94	27.69
6.	Plastic materials	17.97	21.47
7.	Power generating machinery	-17.41	16.15
8.	Raw cotton	22.60	103.33
9.	Natural gas, liquified	4.80	149.50
10.	Pulses (Leguminous vegetables)	13.14	176.22

BALANCE OF TRADE:

13. Based on the provisional figures of imports and exports the balance of trade in March, 2017 was (-) 336,061 million in terms of Rupees and (-) 3,208 million in US dollars. The balance of trade figures cumulative from July - March, 2016 - 2017 were (-) 2,448,046 million in terms of Rupees and (-) 23,385 million in US dollars.

14. Four statements giving quantity and value details of selected commodities of exports and imports for the month of March, 2017 and July - March, 2016 - 2017 along-with the data for previous month and corresponding period of last year are enclosed.