

Government of Pakistan
Pakistan Bureau of Statistics

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

EXPORTS:

According to the provisional figures compiled by the Pakistan Bureau of Statistics, exports from Pakistan during February, 2017 amounted to Rs.171,511 million (provisional) as against Rs. 186,384 million (provisional) in January, 2017 and Rs.186,870 million during February, 2016 showing a decrease of 7.98% over January,2017 and of 8.22% over February, 2016.

2. In terms of US dollars the exports in February, 2017 was \$ 1,638 million (provisional) as compared to \$ 1,780 million (provisional) in January, 2017 showing a decrease of 7.98% and by 8.29% as compared to \$ 1,786 million in February, 2016.

3. Exports during July - February, 2016 - 2017 totalled Rs.1,394,005 million (provisional) as against Rs.1,441,936 million during the corresponding period of last year showing a decrease of 3.32%.

4. In terms of US dollars the exports during July – February, 2016 - 2017 totalled \$ 13,318 million (provisional) against \$ 13,859 million during the corresponding period of last year showing a decrease of 3.90%.

5. Main commodities of exports during February, 2017 were Readymade garments (Rs.20,685 million), Knitwear (Rs.18,561 million), Bedwear (Rs.18,366 million), Cotton cloth (Rs.16,374 million), Rice others (Rs.12,116 million), Cotton yarn (Rs.9,852 million), Towels (Rs.6,722 million), Makeup articles (excl. towels & bedwear) (Rs.5,447 million) Fruits (Rs.4,354 million) and Rice basmati (Rs.4,265 million).

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

| S.No. | COMMODITIES | %Change for value in million Rupees in February, 2017 over | |
|-------|--|--|----------------|
| | | January, 2017 | February, 2016 |
| 1. | Readymade garments | -2.23 | 5.37 |
| 2. | Knitwear | -11.23 | 2.15 |
| 3. | Bedwear | 1.24 | 2.76 |
| 4. | Cotton cloth | -15.83 | -14.68 |
| 5. | Rice others | -9.89 | -19.68 |
| 6. | Cotton yarn | 1.47 | -11.39 |
| 7. | Towels | 1.05 | -3.78 |
| 8. | Makeup articles (excl. towels & bedwear) | -5.09 | 2.31 |
| 9. | Fruits | -31.79 | -34.21 |
| 10. | Rice basmati | 14.62 | 8.28 |

IMPORTS

7. Imports into Pakistan during February, 2017 amounted to Rs.462,764 million (provisional) as against Rs. 494,721 million (provisional) in January, 2017 and Rs.343,206 million during February, 2016 showing a decrease of 6.46% over January, 2017 but an increase of 34.84% over February, 2016.

8. In terms of US dollars the imports in February, 2017 was \$ 4,419 million (provisional) as compared to \$ 4,724 million (provisional) in January, 2017 showing a decrease of 6.46% but increased by 34.73% as compared to \$ 3,280 million in February, 2016.

9. Imports during July - February, 2016 - 2017 totalled Rs.3,505,990 million (provisional) as against Rs.3,006,699 million during the corresponding period of last year showing an increase of 16.61%.

10. In terms of US dollars the imports during July - February, 2016 - 2017 totalled \$ 33,495 million (provisional) as against \$ 28,898 million during the corresponding period of last year showing an increase of 15.91%.

11. Main commodities of imports during February, 2017 were Petroleum products (Rs.49,062 million), Petroleum crude (Rs.23,873 million), Power generating machinery (Rs.23,487 million), Electrical machinery & apparatus (Rs.21,053 million), Palm oil (Rs.17,888 million), Iron & steel (Rs.17,614 million), Plastic materials (Rs.17,545 million), Natural gas, liquified (Rs.14,577 million), Raw cotton (Rs.13,454 million) and Pulses (Leguminous vegetables) Rs.11,345 million).

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

| S.No. | COMMODITIES | %Change for value in million Rupees in February, 2017 over | |
|-------|----------------------------------|--|----------------|
| | | January, 2017 | February, 2016 |
| 1. | Petroleum products | -9.70 | 46.60 |
| 2. | Petroleum crude | 19.59 | 83.84 |
| 3. | Power generating machinery | -19.08 | 40.62 |
| 4. | Electrical machinery & apparatus | -24.51 | 60.50 |
| 5. | Palm oil | -0.67 | 26.88 |
| 6. | Iron & Steel | -7.35 | 0.10 |
| 7. | Plastic materials | 2.47 | 27.52 |
| 8. | Natural gas, liquified | 53.90 | 186.61 |
| 9. | Raw cotton | 123.08 | 31.28 |
| 10. | Pulses (Leguminous vegetables) | -9.56 | 116.26 |

BALANCE OF TRADE:

13. Based on the provisional figures of imports and exports the balance of trade in February, 2017 was (-) 291,253 million in terms of Rupees and (-) 2,781 million in US dollars. The balance of trade figures cumulative from July - February, 2016 - 2017 were (-) 2,111,985 million in terms of Rupees and (-) 20,177 million in US dollars.

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