

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

**SUB:- ADVANCE RELEASE ON EXTERNAL TRADE STATISTICS FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY, 2018.**

**EXPORTS:**

According to the provisional figures compiled by the Pakistan Bureau of Statistics, exports from Pakistan during February, 2018 amounted to Rs.209,996 million (provisional) as against Rs.217,588 million (provisional) in January, 2018 and Rs.171,029 million during February, 2017 showing a decrease of 3.49% over January,2018 but an increase of 22.78% over February, 2017.

2. In terms of US dollars the exports in February, 2018 was \$ 1,902 million (provisional) as compared to \$ 1,971 million (provisional) in January, 2018 showing a decrease of 3.50% but increased by 16.47% as compared to \$ 1,633 million in February, 2017.

3. Exports during July - February, 2017 - 2018 totalled Rs.1,590,543 million (provisional) as against Rs.1,392,437 million during the corresponding period of last year showing an increase of 14.23%.

4. In terms of US dollars the exports during July – February, 2017 - 2018 totalled \$ 14,849 million (provisional) against \$ 13,303 million during the corresponding period of last year showing an increase of 11.62%.

5. Main commodities of exports during February, 2018 were Readymade garments (Rs.23,519 million), Knitwear (Rs.22,176 million), Cotton cloth (Rs.19,469 million), Bedwear (Rs.18,956 million), Rice others (Rs.17,286 million), Cotton yarn (Rs.13,296 million), Towels (Rs.7,108 million), Madeup articles (excl. towels & bedwear) (Rs.6,166 million) and Sugar (Rs.5,697 million) Fruits (Rs.5,627 million).

6. The increase(+)/decrease(-) recorded in main commodities exported during February, 2018 over January, 2018 and February, 2017 is given below:-

S.No.	COMMODITIES	%Change for value in million Rupees in February, 2018 over	
		January, 2018	February, 2017
1.	Readymade garments	-8.64	13.67
2.	Knitwear	-9.08	19.62
3.	Cotton cloth	-3.34	19.15
4.	Bedwear	-5.22	2.01
5.	Rice others	-16.30	39.55
6.	Cotton yarn	54.78	35.03
7.	Towels	-6.62	-4.31
8.	Madeup articles (excl. towels & bedwear)	-5.11	17.40
9.	Sugar	12.81	519.91
10.	Fruits	-19.58	27.89

## **IMPORTS**

7. Imports into Pakistan during February, 2018 amounted to Rs.529,775 million (provisional) as against Rs.618,979 million (provisional) in January, 2018 and Rs.457,800 million during February, 2017 showing a decrease of 14.41% over January,2018 but an increase of 15.72% over February, 2017.

8. In terms of US dollars the imports in February, 2018 was \$ 4,797 million (provisional) as compared to \$ 5,607 million (provisional) in January, 2018 showing a decrease of 14.45% but increased by 9.72% as compared to \$ 4,372 million in February, 2017.

9. Imports during July - February, 2017 - 2018 totalled Rs.4,188,118 million (provisional) as against Rs.3,495,256 million during the corresponding period of last year showing an increase of 19.82%.

10. In terms of US dollars the imports during July - February, 2017 - 2018 totalled \$ 39,099 million (provisional) as against \$ 33,392 million during the corresponding period of last year showing an increase of 17.09%.

11. Main commodities of imports during February, 2018 were Petroleum products (Rs.51,337 million), Petroleum crude (Rs.41,665 million), Natural gas, liquified ( Rs.28,357 million), Iron & steel (Rs.23,033 million), Raw cotton (Rs.22,442 million), Plastic materials (Rs.21,498 million), Power generating machinery (Rs.19,560 million), Electrical machinery & apparatus (Rs.19,166 million), Palm oil (Rs.15,152 million), Iron & steel scrap ( Rs.11,300 million).

12. The increase(+) / decrease(-) recorded in main commodities imported during February, 2018 over January, 2018 and February, 2017 is given below:-

S.No.	COMMODITIES	%Change for value in million Rupees in February, 2018 over	
		January, 2018	February, 2017
1.	Petroleum products	-17.90	4.64
2.	Petroleum crude	0.96	74.53
3.	Natural gas, liquified	1.27	94.53
4.	Iron & Steel	-3.85	30.70
5.	Raw cotton	125.41	66.81
6.	Plastic materials	-11.54	22.53
7.	Power generating machinery	-50.76	-16.39
8.	Electrical machinery & apparatus	-3.81	-9.00
9.	Palm oil	-19.83	-15.30
10.	Iron and steel scrap	-34.31	12.24

### **BALANCE OF TRADE:**

13. Based on the provisional figures of imports and exports the balance of trade in February, 2018 was (-) 319,779 million in terms of Rupees and (-) 2,895 million in US dollars. The balance of trade figures cumulative from July - February, 2017 - 2018 were (-) 2,597,575 million in terms of Rupees and (-) 24,250 million in US dollars.

14. Four statements giving quantity and value details of selected commodities of exports and imports for the month of February, 2018 and July - February, 2017 - 2018 along-with the data for previous month and corresponding period of last year are enclosed.