

Government of Pakistan
Pakistan Bureau of Statistics

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

EXPORTS:

According to the provisional figures compiled by the Pakistan Bureau of Statistics, exports from Pakistan during October, 2018 amounted to Rs. 248,128 million (provisional) as against Rs. 214,367 million (provisional) in September, 2018 and Rs. 198,177 million during October, 2017 showing an increase of 15.75% over September, 2018 and of 25.21% over October, 2017.

2. In terms of US dollars the exports in October, 2018 was \$ 1,903 million (provisional) as compared to \$ 1,728 million (provisional) in September, 2018 showing an increase of 10.15% and by 1.17% as compared to \$1,881 million in October, 2017.

3. Exports during July-October, 2018 totaled Rs. 915,387 million (provisional) as against Rs. 741,306 million during the corresponding period of last year showing an increase of 23.48%.

4. In terms of US dollars the exports during July-October, 2018 totaled \$ 7,282 million (provisional) against \$ 7,037 million during the corresponding period of last year showing an increase of 3.48%.

5. Main commodities of exports during October, 2018 were Knitwear (Rs. 34,101 million), Readymade garments (Rs. 27,496 million), Bedwear (Rs. 24,431 million), Cotton cloth (Rs. 24,018 million), Rice others (Rs. 11,839 million), Cotton yarn (Rs. 10,306 million), Towels (Rs. 8,533 million), Madeup articles (excl. towels & bedwear) (Rs. 8,298 million), Fish & fish preparations (Rs. 5,539 million) and Rice Basmati (Rs. 4,939 million).

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

S.No.	COMMODITIES	%Change for value in million Rupees in October, 2018 over	
		September, 2018	October, 2017
1.	Knitwear	24.14	43.75
2.	Readymade garments	35.26	33.20
3.	Bedwear	4.37	23.32
4.	Cotton cloth	6.17	22.28
5.	Rice others	61.30	-0.67
6.	Cotton yarn	-7.27	-19.36
7.	Towels	16.49	20.21
8.	Madeup articles (excl. towels & bedwear)	29.83	34.69
9.	Fish & Fish preparations	18.66	13.23
10.	Rice Basmati	36.88	91.95

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7. Imports into Pakistan during October,2018 amounted to Rs.631,246 million (provisional) as against Rs. 549,708 million (provisional)in September,2018 and Rs.515,086 million during October,2017 showing an increase of 14.83% over September,2018 and of 22.55% over October,2017.

8. In terms of US dollars the imports in October, 2018 was \$ 4,841 million (provisional) as compared to \$ 4,430 million (provisional) in September, 2018 showing an increase of 9.28% but decreased by 1.00% as compared to \$ 4,890 million in October, 2017.

9. Imports during July-October, 2018 totaled Rs.2,392,907 million (provisional) as against Rs.2,007,915 million during the corresponding period of last year showing an increase of 19.17%.

10. In terms of US dollars the imports during July - October, 2018 totaled \$ 19,040 million (provisional) as against \$ 19,060 million during the corresponding period of last year showing a decrease of 0.10%.

11. Main commodities of imports during October, 2018 were Petroleum products (Rs.82,552 million), Petroleum crude (Rs.62,870 million), Iron & steel (Rs.33,217 million), Natural Gas Liquefied (Rs. 33,189 million), Plastic materials (Rs. 24,045 million), Electrical machinery & apparatus (Rs. 19,242 million), Palm oil (Rs. 17,850 million), Iron & steel scrap (Rs.13,692 million), Medicinal Products (Rs.11,723 million) and Fertilizer manufactured (Rs.11,233 million).

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

S.No.	COMMODITIES	%Change for value in million Rupees in October, 2018 over	
		September, 2018	October, 2017
1	Petroleum products	27.59	4.09
2	Petroleum crude	57.45	70.08
3	Iron & Steel	51.95	72.97
4	Natural gas, liquefied	-4.73	129.66
5	Plastic Materials	16.08	14.04
6	Electrical machinery & apparatus	18.89	-1.73
7	Palm Oil	-15.36	-5.19
8	Iron & steel scrap	-7.50	6.78
9	Medicinal Products	-3.85	15.98
10	Fertilizers manufactured	-10.91	13.30

BALANCE OF TRADE:

13. Based on the provisional figures of imports and exports the balance of trade in October, 2018 was (-) 383,118 million in terms of Rupees and (-) 2,938 million in US dollars. The balance of trade figures cumulative from July-October, 2018 were (-) 1,477,520 million in terms of Rupees and (-) 11,758 million in US dollars.

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