

Government of Pakistan
Pakistan Bureau of Statistics

SUB: - ADVANCE RELEASE ON EXTERNAL TRADE STATISTICS FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH, 2019.

EXPORTS:

According to the provisional figures compiled by the Pakistan Bureau of Statistics, exports from Pakistan during March, 2019 amounted to Rs. 275,384 million (provisional) as against Rs. 261,669 million (provisional) in February, 2019 and Rs. 249,551 million during March, 2018 showing an increase of 5.24% over February, 2019 and of 10.35% over March, 2018.

2. In terms of US dollars the exports in March, 2019 was \$ 1,979 million (provisional) as compared to \$ 1,889 million (provisional) in February, 2019 showing an increase of 4.76% but decreased by 11.13% as compared to \$ 2,227 million in March, 2018.

3. Exports during July - March, 2018 - 2019 totaled Rs.2,265,399 million (provisional) as against Rs.1,838,873 million during the corresponding period of last year showing an increase of 23.19%.

4. In terms of US dollars the exports during July–March, 2018 - 2019 totaled \$ 17,083 million (provisional) against \$ 17,064 million during the corresponding period of last year showing an increase of 0.11%.

5. Main commodities of exports during March, 2019 were Knitwear (Rs.29,960 million), Readymade garments (Rs. 29,909 million), Bedwear (Rs.26,335 million), Cotton cloth (Rs.25,823 million), Rice others (Rs.23,756 million), Cotton yarn (Rs.12,792 million), Towels (Rs.9,916 million), Rice Basmati (Rs.8,185 million), Madeup articles (excl. towels & bed wear) (Rs.8,126 million) and Fish & Fish preparations (Rs.6,387 million).

6. The increase (+) / decrease (-) recorded in main commodities exported during March, 2019 over February, 2019 and March, 2018 is given below:-

S.No.	COMMODITIES	%Change for value in million Rupees in March, 2019 over	
		February, 2019	March, 2018
1.	Knitwear	0.41	16.13
2.	Readymade Garments	-4.42	19.94
3.	Bed wear	8.38	19.67
4.	Cotton Cloth	5.28	12.57
5.	Rice others	19.79	34.11
6.	Cotton yarn	-14.79	-10.88
7.	Towels	2.14	17.07
8.	Rice Basmati	-1.39	-2.22
9.	Madeup articles (excl. towels & bedwear)	5.89	17.48
10.	Fish & Fish Preparations	50.00	10.89

IMPORTS

7. Imports into Pakistan during March, 2019 amounted to Rs.578,273 million (provisional) as against Rs. 579,039 million (provisional) in February, 2019 and Rs. 588,568 million during March, 2018 showing a decrease of 0.13% over February, 2019 and by 1.75% over March, 2018.

8. In terms of US dollars the imports in March, 2019 was \$ 4,155 million (provisional) as compared to \$ 4,180 million (provisional) in February, 2019 showing a decrease of 0.60 % and by 20.88% as compared to \$ 5,252 million in March, 2018.

9. Imports during July-March, 2018 - 2019 totaled Rs. 5,381,604 million (provisional) as against Rs.4,768,999 million during the corresponding period of last year showing an increase of 12.85%.

10. In terms of US dollars the imports during July - March, 2018 - 2019 totaled \$ 40,755 million (provisional) as against \$ 44,281 million during the corresponding period of last year showing a decrease of 7.96%.

11. Main commodities of imports during March, 2019 were Petroleum products (Rs.57,305 million), Petroleum crude (Rs.47,698 million), Natural Gas Liquefied (Rs. 30,051 million), Plastic materials (Rs. 26,060 million), Iron & steel (Rs.24,801 million), Electrical machinery & apparatus (Rs. 21,438 million), Palm oil (Rs. 20,975 million), Raw cotton (Rs. 18,388 million), Power generating machinery (Rs. 15,265 million) and Iron & steel scrap (Rs.15,235 million).

12. The increase (+) / decrease (-) recorded in main commodities imported during March, 2019 over February, 2019 and March, 2018 is given below:-

S.No.	COMMODITIES	%Change for value in million Rupees in March, 2019 over	
		February, 2019	March, 2018
1	Petroleum products	15.51	-6.58
2	Petroleum crude	4.95	-0.17
3	Natural gas Liquefied	0.87	19.72
4	Plastic Materials	-1.28	-4.52
5	Iron and steel	12.10	-21.29
6	Electrical Machinery and Apparatus	21.91	11.54
7	Palm Oil	12.59	-5.54
8	Raw Cotton	-6.79	-10.34
9	Power Generating Machinery	-19.86	-9.49
10	Iron and steel scrap	6.24	4.97

BALANCE OF TRADE:

13. Based on the provisional figures of imports and exports the balance of trade in March, 2019 was (-) 302,889 million in terms of Rupees and (-) 2,176 million in US dollars. The balance of trade figures cumulative from July-March, 2018 - 2019 were (-) 3,116,205 million in terms of Rupees and (-) 23,672 million in US dollars.

14. Four statements giving quantity and value details of selected commodities of exports and imports for the month of March, 2019 and July - March, 2018 - 2019 along-with the data for previous month and corresponding period of last year are enclosed.