

Government of Pakistan
Pakistan Bureau of Statistics

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

EXPORTS:

According to the provisional figures compiled by the Pakistan Bureau of Statistics, exports from Pakistan during February, 2019 amounted to Rs. 261,669 million (provisional) as against Rs. 283,372 million (provisional) in January, 2019 and Rs. 209,415 million during February, 2018 showing a decrease of 7.66% over January, 2019 but an increase of 24.95% over February, 2018.

2. In terms of US dollars the exports in February, 2019 was \$ 1,889 million (provisional) as compared to \$ 2,043 million (provisional) in January, 2019 showing a decrease of 7.54% and by 0.37% as compared to \$1,896 million in February, 2018.

3. Exports during July - February, 2018 - 2019 totaled Rs.1,991,207 million (provisional) as against Rs.1,589,322 million during the corresponding period of last year showing an increase of 25.29%.

4. In terms of US dollars the exports during July–February, 2018 - 2019 totaled \$ 15,113 million (provisional) against \$ 14,838 million during the corresponding period of last year showing an increase of 1.85%.

5. Main commodities of exports during February, 2019 were Readymade garments (Rs. 31,293 million), Knitwear (Rs.29,839 million), Cotton cloth (Rs.24,527 million), Bed wear (Rs.24,299 million), Rice others (Rs.19,831 million), Cotton yarn (Rs.15,012 million), Towels (Rs.9,708 million), Rice Basmati (Rs.8,300 million), Madeup articles (excl. towels & bed wear) (Rs.7,674 million) and Fruits (Rs.6,406 million).

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

S.No.	COMMODITIES	%Change for value in million Rupees in February, 2019 over	
		January, 2019	February, 2018
1.	Readymade garments	-11.97	32.87
2.	Knitwear	-13.45	39.80
3.	Cotton cloth	-2.50	25.98
4.	Bed wear	-9.37	27.86
5.	Rice others	-19.95	33.04
6.	Cotton yarn	24.96	12.91
7.	Towels	2.29	35.32
8.	Rice Basmati	3.92	26.51
9.	Madeup articles (excl. towels & bedwear)	-11.48	27.03
10.	Fruits	-35.90	13.26

IMPORTS

7. Imports into Pakistan during February, 2019 amounted to Rs.579,039 million (provisional) as against Rs. 624,644 million (provisional) in January, 2019 and Rs. 526,141 million during February, 2018 showing a decrease of 7.30% over January, 2019 but an increase of 10.05% over February, 2018.

8. In terms of US dollars the imports in February, 2019 was \$ 4,180 million (provisional) as compared to \$ 4,504 million (provisional) in January, 2019 showing a decrease of 7.19% and by 12.26% as compared to \$ 4,764 million in February, 2018.

9. Imports during July-February, 2018 - 2019 totaled Rs.4,808,389 million (provisional) as against Rs.4,180,430 million during the corresponding period of last year showing an increase of 15.02%.

10. In terms of US dollars the imports during July - February, 2018 - 2019 totaled \$ 36,636 million (provisional) as against \$ 39,029 million during the corresponding period of last year showing a decrease of 6.13%.

11. Main commodities of imports during February, 2019 were Petroleum products (Rs.49,612 million), Petroleum crude (Rs.45,450 million), Natural Gas Liquefied (Rs. 29,791 million), Plastic materials (Rs. 26,399 million), Iron & steel (Rs.22,124 million), Raw cotton (Rs. 19,727 million), Power generating machinery (Rs.19,049 million), Palm oil (Rs. 18,630 million), Electrical machinery & apparatus (Rs. 17,585 million) and Iron & steel scrap (Rs.14,340 million).

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

S.No.	COMMODITIES	%Change for value in million Rupees in February, 2019 over	
		January, 2019	February, 2018
1	Petroleum products	-18.32	-3.36
2	Petroleum crude	16.13	9.08
3	Natural gas Liquefied	-18.74	5.06
4	Plastic Materials	12.08	22.81
5	Iron & steel	-18.72	-3.95
6	Raw cotton	705.18	-12.10
7	Power generating machinery	87.71	-2.61
8	Palm Oil	-20.62	22.95
9	Electrical machinery & apparatus	-21.67	-8.05
10	Iron and steel scrap	-20.66	26.90

BALANCE OF TRADE:

13. Based on the provisional figures of imports and exports the balance of trade in February, 2019 was (-)317,370 million in terms of Rupees and (-) 2,291 million in US dollars. The balance of trade figures cumulative from July-February, 2018 - 2019 were (-) 2,817,182 million in terms of Rupees and (-) 21,523 million in US dollars.

14. Four statements giving quantity and value details of selected commodities of exports and imports for the month of February, 2019 and July - February, 2018 - 2019 along-with the data for previous month and

corresponding period of last year are enclosed.