Quarterly Review of

FOREIGN TRADE

January-March, 2019

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TRADE SUMMARY January-March, 2019

EXPORTS

The total exports of Pakistan during Jan-Mar, 2019 amounted to Rs. 817,532.45 million showing an increase of 4.88% over Oct-Dec, 2018 and by 20.95% over Jan-Mar, 2018.

In terms of US dollar the export during Jan-Mar, 2019 amounted to \$ 5,889.98 million showing an increase of 1.42% over Oct-Dec, 2018 but decreased by 3.25% over Jan-Mar, 2018.

Export during Jul-Mar, 2019 totaled Rs. 2,263,698.77 million showing an increase of 23.10% over the corresponding period of last year. In terms of US dollars, exports stand at \$ 17,071.14 million showing an increase of 0.04% over the corresponding period of last year.

IMPORTS

The total imports of Pakistan during Jan-Mar, 2019 amounted to Rs. 1,766,437.84 million showing a decrease of 4.38% over Oct-Dec, 2018 but increased by 2.13% over Jan-Mar, 2018.

In terms of US dollar the import during Jan-Mar, 2019 amounted to \$ 12,727.05 million showing a decrease of 7.69% over Oct-Dec, 2018 and by 18.34% over Jan-Mar, 2018.

Import during Jul-Mar, 2019 totaled Rs. 5,371,143.34 million showing an increase of 12.63% over the corresponding period of last year. In terms of US dollars, exports stand at \$ 40,679.48 million showing a decrease of 8.13% over the corresponding period of last year.

TOTAL TRADE

The total trade of Pakistan during Jan-Mar, 2019 amounted to Rs. 2,583,970.29 million showing a decrease of 1.63% over Oct-Dec, 2018 but increased by 7.42% over Jan-Mar, 2018.

In terms of US dollar the total trade during Jan-Mar, 2019 amounted to \$ 18,617.02 million showing a decrease of 4.99% over Oct-Dec, 2018 and by 14.10% over Jan-Mar, 2018.

Total trade during Jul-Mar, 2019 totaled Rs. 7,643,842.11 million showing an increase of 15.54% over the corresponding period of last year. In terms of US dollars, total trade stands at \$ 57,750.63 million showing a decrease of 5.86%.

BALANCE OF TRADE

Balance of trade in Jan-Mar, 2019 was unfavorable to Pakistan to the tune of 948,905.39 million in rupees equal to US \$ 6,837.07 million, whereas during the period of July-Mar, 2019 it was unfavorable to the tune of 3,107,444.57 million rupees equal to US \$ 23,608.34 million.

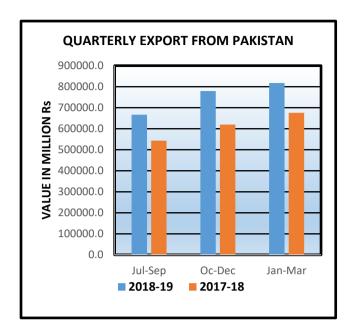
Table 1: Trade Summary

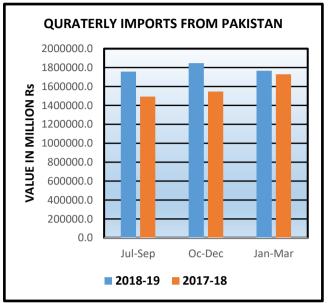
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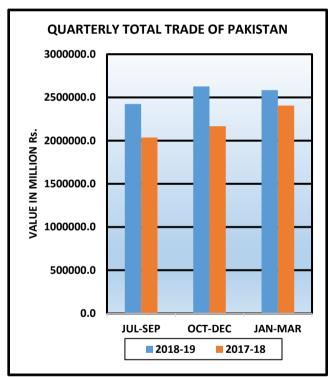
| | | | VALI | JES | | | % CHANGE JAN-MAR, 2019 OVER | | | |
|------------------|--------------|-----------|---------------|-----------|---------------|-----------|-----------------------------|---------|--------|---------|
| DESCRIPTION | JAN-MAI | R, 2019 | OCT-DEC | C, 2018 | JAN-MA | R, 2018 | OCT-DE | C, 2018 | JAN-MA | R, 2018 |
| | Rs. | \$ | Rs. | \$ | Rs. | \$ | Rs. | \$ | Rs. | \$ |
| Export | 817,532.45 | 5,889.98 | 779,503.15 | 5,807.23 | 675,913.75 | 6,088.11 | 4.88 | 1.42 | 20.95 | -3.25 |
| Import | 1,766,437.84 | 12,727.05 | 1,847,256.36 | 13,787.64 | 1,729,634.50 | 15,585.94 | -4.38 | -7.69 | 2.13 | -18.34 |
| Total Trade | 2,583,970.29 | 18,617.02 | 2,626,759.51 | 19,594.87 | 2,405,548.25 | 21,674.04 | -1.63 | -4.99 | 7.42 | -14.10 |
| Balance of Trade | -948,905.39 | -6,837.07 | -1,067,753.21 | -7,980.40 | -1,053,720.75 | -9,497.83 | -11.13 | -14.33 | -9.95 | -28.01 |

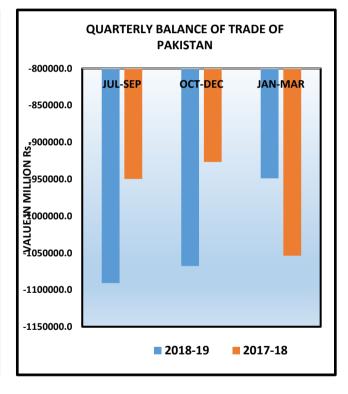
(Rupees in million) (US Dollar in million)

| | | VAL | | % CHANGE | | | |
|------------------|---------------|------------|---------------|------------|--|--------|--|
| DESCRIPTION | JUL-MAR, | 2018-19 | JUL-MAR, | 2017-18 | JUL-MAR, 2018-19 OVE JUL-MAR, 2017-18 | | |
| | Rs. | \$ | Rs. | \$ | Rs. | \$ | |
| Export | 2,263,698.77 | 17,071.14 | 1,838,872.91 | 17,064.46 | 23.10 | 0.04 | |
| Import | 5,371,143.34 | 40,679.48 | 4,768,998.92 | 44,280.85 | 12.63 | -8.13 | |
| Total Trade | 7,634,842.11 | 57,750.63 | 6,607,871.83 | 61,345.32 | 15.54 | -5.86 | |
| Balance of Trade | -3,107,444.57 | -23,608.34 | -2,930,126.01 | -27,216.39 | 6.05 | -13.26 | |









I – EXPORT BY GROUP/COMMODITIES

Food Group

During Jan-Mar, 2019 export of goods belonging to Food Group increased by 26.92% over Oct-Dec, 2018 and by 21.77% over Jan-Mar, 2018. Food Group contributed 17.16% of total exports.

The export of food group during Jul-Mar, 2019 increased by 23.24% compared to the same period of last year.

Textile Group

During Jan-Mar, 2019 export of Textile goods increased by 2.89% over Oct-Dec,2018 and by 25.45% over Jan-Mar, 2018. Textile Group contributed 55.07% of total exports.

The export of textile group increased by 23.38% for the period of Jul-Mar, 2019 compared to the same period of last year.

Manufactures Group

During Jan-Mar, 2019 export of manufactured goods decreased by 9.42% over Oct-Dec, 2018 but increased by 1.46% over Jan-Mar, 2018. Manufactures Group contributed 7.01% of total exports.

Export for manufacturer group during Jul-Mar, 2019 increased by 13.44% compared to the same period of last year.

TABLE – 2

Quarterly Exports by Group/Commodities

| | | | | | % Change | | | |
|------------|---|---------------|---------------|---------------|----------|---------------|--|--|
| | | | | | Jan-Ma | Jan-Mar, 2019 | | |
| | Commodities | Jan-Mar, 2019 | Oct-Dec, 2018 | Jan-Mar, 2018 | Over | | | |
| | | | | | Oct-Dec, | Jan-Mar, | | |
| | | | | | 2018 | 2018 | | |
| To | tal | 817,532.45 | 779,503.15 | 675,913.75 | 4.88 | 20.95 | | |
| A. | Food Group | 140,320.30 | 110,559.96 | 115,236.53 | 26.92 | 21.77 | | |
| 1 | Rice | 92,999.08 | 68,171.55 | 71,616.18 | 36.42 | 29.86 | | |
| 2 | Fruits, vegetables & preparation thereof | 31,899.51 | 24,813.07 | 30,561.99 | 28.56 | 4.38 | | |
| 3 | Fish & fish preparation | 15,307.34 | 15,591.14 | 12,782.34 | -1.82 | 19.75 | | |
| 4 | Tobacco un-manufactured | 114.37 | 1,984.20 | 276.02 | -94.24 | -58.56 | | |
| В. | Textile Group | 450,205.53 | 437,560.69 | 358,879.55 | 2.89 | 25.45 | | |
| 1 | Articles of apparel and clothing accessories (excl. knitwear) | 96,641.61 | 88,759.99 | 74,227.78 | 8.88 | 30.20 | | |
| 2 | Knitwear | 94,238.18 | 103,816.23 | 70,751.60 | -9.23 | 33.20 | | |
| 3 | Bedwear | 77,474.41 | 77,424.15 | 61,016.48 | 0.06 | 26.97 | | |
| 4 | Cotton fabrics | 75,451.11 | 70,128.88 | 62,550.80 | 7.59 | 20.62 | | |
| 5 | Cotton yarn | 39,871.73 | 31,459.87 | 36,239.80 | 26.74 | 10.02 | | |
| 6 | Towels | 29,159.61 | 25,952.26 | 23,644.41 | 12.36 | 23.33 | | |
| 7 | Textile made up (excl. towels & bed wear | 24,378.65 | 24,558.88 | 19,465.69 | -0.73 | 25.24 | | |
| 8 | Synthetic textile fabrics | 10,099.23 | 10,067.08 | 8,853.93 | 0.32 | 14.06 | | |
| 9 | Tarpaulin &other canvas goods | 2,634.42 | 4,407.74 | 1,803.92 | -40.23 | 46.04 | | |
| 10 | Raw cotton (excl. linters) | 230.52 | 921.47 | 278.81 | -74.98 | -17.32 | | |
| 11 | Raw wool | 26.06 | 64.14 | 46.33 | -59.37 | -43.75 | | |
| C . | Manufacture Grooup | 57,320.90 | 63,281.55 | 56,498.78 | -9.42 | 1.46 | | |
| 1 | Leather clothes & accessories | 15,456.45 | 17,218.42 | 14,028.40 | -10.23 | 10.18 | | |
| 2 | Surgical instruments | 12,639.75 | 13,623.42 | 10,439.71 | -7.22 | 21.07 | | |
| 3 | Sports goods (excl. toys) | 9,977.93 | 9,776.14 | 10,292.79 | 2.06 | -3.06 | | |
| 4 | Leather | 8,282.56 | 8,920.95 | 8,960.24 | -7.16 | -7.56 | | |
| 5 | Footwear | 4,555.65 | 3,752.34 | 3,417.02 | 21.41 | 33.32 | | |
| 6 | Petroleum products | 4,339.41 | 7,229.54 | 7,395.32 | -39.98 | -41.32 | | |
| 7 | Carpets, carpeting, rugs & mats | 2,069.15 | 2,760.74 | 1,965.30 | -25.05 | 5.28 | | |
| Ot | hers | 169,685.72 | 168,100.95 | 145,298.89 | 0.94 | 16.78 | | |

<u>TABLE - 3</u>
<u>Cumulative Exports by Group/Commodities</u>

| | | | | % Change |
|-----------|---|--------------------|------------------|------------------|
| | Common dition | I May 2010 10 | I. I. N. 2017 10 | Jul-Mar, 2018-19 |
| | Commodities | Jui-iviar, 2018-19 | Jul-Mar, 2017-18 | over |
| | | | | Jul-Mar, 2017-18 |
| Tot | tal | 2,263,698.77 | 1,838,872.91 | 23.10 |
| A. | Food Group | 315,181.09 | 255,749.99 | 23.24 |
| 1 | Rice | 199,899.56 | 161,792.10 | 23.55 |
| 2 | Fruits, vegetables & preparation thereof | 73,870.53 | 57,571.67 | 28.31 |
| 3 | Fish & fish preparation | 39,246.48 | 34,031.16 | 15.33 |
| 4 | Tobacco un-manufactured | 2,164.52 | 2,355.06 | -8.09 |
| В. | Textile Group | 1,280,789.12 | 1,038,046.89 | 23.38 |
| 1 | Knitwear | 285,061.14 | 212,139.66 | 34.37 |
| 2 | Articles of apparel and clothing accessories (excl. knitwear) | 259,672.49 | 206,625.46 | 25.67 |
| 3 | Bedwear | 227,333.38 | 180,067.34 | 26.25 |
| | Cotton fabrics | 211,205.81 | · | |
| 5 | Cotton yarn | 110,257.58 | , | |
| 6 | Towels | 77,988.88 | , | 20.90 |
| 7 | Textile made up (excl. towels & bed wear | 68,802.44 | | 24.49 |
| 8 | Synthetic textile fabrics | 29,167.69 | 24,530.11 | 18.91 |
| 9 | Tarpaulin & other canvas goods | 9,115.87 | | 28.60 |
| 10 | Raw cotton (excl. linters) | 2,025.98 | · | -65.68 |
| 11 | Raw wool | 157.86 | 86.49 | 82.52 |
| C. I | Manufacture Grooup | 177,651.39 | 156,598.63 | 13.44 |
| 1 | Leather clothes & accessories | 47,440.31 | 42,124.95 | 12.62 |
| 2 | Surgical instruments | 37,057.22 | 30,540.59 | 21.34 |
| 3 | Sports goods (excl. toys) | 29,442.00 | 26,378.91 | 11.61 |
| 4 | Leather | 24,846.27 | 25,874.69 | -3.97 |
| 5 | Petroleum products | 20,198.35 | 16,726.56 | 20.76 |
| 6 | Footwear | 11,948.33 | 8,725.49 | 36.94 |
| 7 | Carpets, carpeting, rugs & mats | 6,718.91 | 6,227.44 | 7.89 |
| Ot | hers | 490,077.17 | 388,477.40 | 26.15 |

II – DIRECTION OF EXPORTS

During the month of Jan-Mar, 2019, the share of European Union in total exports was 33.66% as against 32.53% in Jan-Mar, 2018. The share of Other Asia during Jan-Mar, 2019 was 29.40% as against 29.36% in Jan-Mar, 2019. The share of North America during Jan-Mar, 2019 was 17.88% as against 16.04% in Jan-Mar, 2018. The share of Middle East during Jan-Mar, 2019 was 9.20% as against 10.11% in Jan-Mar, 2018. The share of Other Africa during Jan-Mar, 2019 was 5.23% as against 6.83% in Jan-Mar, 2018. Country-wise U. S. A. was at the top of the export list for Jan-Mar, 2019 followed by China, United Kingdom, Afghanistan, Germany, and Netherlands. The share of these six countries in total exports for Jan-Mar, 2019 was 48.05% as against 44.95% in Jan-Mar, 2018.

During Jul-Mar, 2019 the share of European Union in total exports increased 34.11% from 33.98% during the same period of last year. The share of Other Asia increased to 28.33% from 28.26% during the same period of last year. The share of North America increased to 18.18% from 16.88% during the same period of last year. The share of Middle East decreased to 9.18% from 9.70% during the same period of last year. The share of Other Africa decreased to 5.39% from 6.39% during the same period of last year.

Country-wise, U.S.A. was at the top of the exports list for Jul-Mar, 2019 followed by China, United Kingdom, Germany, Afghanistan and Netherlands. The share of these six countries in total exports for Jul-Mar, 2019 of the current financial year was 47.86% as against 46.63% in the same period of last year.

TABLE – 4

QUARTERLY & CUMMULATIVE EXPORTS BY TERRITORIES/REGIONS

| _ | 'iti/Di | Jan-Mar | , 2019 | Jan-Mar, | 2018 | Jul-Mar, 2 | 018-19 | Jul-Mar, 2017-18 | |
|----|-------------------------|------------|---------|------------|---------|--------------|---------|------------------|---------|
| ' | erritories/Regions | Value | % Share | Value | % Share | Value | % Share | Value | % Share |
| | TOTAL | 817,532.45 | 100.00 | 675,913.75 | 100.00 | 2,263,698.77 | 100.00 | 1,838,872.91 | 100.00 |
| 1 | European Union | 275,159.57 | 33.66 | 219,852.21 | 32.53 | 772,066.36 | 34.11 | 624,869.67 | 33.98 |
| 2 | Other Asia | 240,378.32 | 29.40 | 198,456.01 | 29.36 | 641,289.61 | 28.33 | 519,756.18 | 28.26 |
| 3 | North America | 146,161.69 | 17.88 | 108,394.40 | 16.04 | 411,475.18 | 18.18 | 310,319.05 | 16.88 |
| 4 | Middle East | 75,173.43 | 9.20 | 68,304.86 | 10.11 | 207,712.87 | 9.18 | 178,431.07 | 9.70 |
| | Asian Countries | 68,052.02 | 8.32 | 61,225.52 | 9.06 | 188,821.74 | 8.34 | 161,597.82 | 8.79 |
| | African Countries | 7,121.41 | 0.87 | 7,079.34 | 1.05 | 18,891.13 | 0.83 | 16,833.25 | 0.92 |
| 5 | Other Africa | 42,768.09 | 5.23 | 46,139.54 | 6.83 | 122,122.33 | 5.39 | 117,595.42 | 6.39 |
| 6 | Eastern Europe | 12,121.61 | 1.48 | 9,839.38 | 1.46 | 26,650.32 | 1.18 | 21,080.74 | 1.15 |
| 7 | Oceania | 9,151.13 | 1.12 | 9,329.78 | 1.38 | 31,631.19 | 1.40 | 24,866.01 | 1.35 |
| 8 | South America | 8,524.66 | 1.04 | 8,021.20 | 1.19 | 24,978.62 | 1.10 | 21,621.42 | 1.18 |
| 9 | Latin & Central America | 4,738.28 | 0.58 | 4,398.52 | 0.65 | 15,079.59 | 0.67 | 12,528.01 | 0.68 |
| 10 | E.F.T.A | 2486.75 | 0.30 | 1731.4 | 0.26 | 7,012.76 | 0.31 | 4989.87 | 0.27 |
| 11 | Other Europe | 868.92 | 0.11 | 1446.45 | 0.21 | 3679.95 | 0.16 | 2815.46 | 0.15 |

TABLE – 5

QUARTERLY EXPORTS TO MAJOR COUNTRIES

| | Countries | Jan-Mar, 20 |)19 | Jan-Mar, 2018 | | | |
|----|----------------------|-------------|---------|---------------|---------|--|--|
| | Countries | Value | % Share | Value | % Share | | |
| | TOTAL | 817,532.45 | 100.00 | 675,913.75 | 100.00 | | |
| 1 | U.S.America | 136,594.54 | 16.71 | 101,665.26 | 15.04 | | |
| 2 | China | 70,094.80 | 8.57 | 49,501.88 | 7.32 | | |
| 3 | United Kingdom | 57,201.73 | 7.00 | 47,851.81 | 7.08 | | |
| 4 | Afghanistan | 50,275.61 | 6.15 | 42,856.90 | 6.34 | | |
| 5 | Germany | 44,582.09 | 5.45 | 36,772.97 | 5.44 | | |
| 6 | Netherlands | 34,086.16 | 4.17 | 25,197.47 | 3.73 | | |
| 7 | Spain | 33,536.17 | 4.10 | 25,260.64 | 3.74 | | |
| 8 | Italy | 29,013.13 | 3.55 | 23,296.51 | 3.45 | | |
| 9 | Bangladesh | 28,496.57 | 3.49 | 24,159.28 | 3.57 | | |
| 10 | United Arab Emirates | 26,323.51 | 3.22 | 27,294.63 | 4.04 | | |
| 11 | Belgium | 22,037.79 | 2.70 | 18,282.28 | 2.70 | | |
| 12 | France | 12,618.76 | 1.54 | 11,331.04 | 1.68 | | |
| 13 | Saudi Arabia | 12,165.93 | 1.49 | 8,530.17 | 1.26 | | |
| 14 | Thailand | 11,029.27 | 1.35 | 5,483.21 | 0.81 | | |
| 15 | Sri Lanka | 10,247.82 | 1.25 | 11,330.99 | 1.68 | | |
| 16 | Canada | 9,566.68 | 1.17 | 6,728.40 | 1.00 | | |
| 17 | Turkey | 8,874.27 | 1.09 | 9,253.49 | 1.37 | | |
| 18 | Poland | 8,608.62 | 1.05 | 5,778.04 | 0.85 | | |
| 19 | Russian Federation | 8,576.16 | 1.05 | 7,022.20 | 1.04 | | |
| 20 | Korea, Republic of | 8,421.48 | 1.03 | 9,302.00 | 1.38 | | |
| | * O T H E R S | 195,181.36 | 23.87 | 179,014.58 | 26.48 | | |

TABLE – 6

CUMMULATIVE EXPORTS TO MAJOR COUNTRIES

| | Countries | Jul-Mar, 201 | 8-19 | Jul-Mar, 20 | 017-18 |
|----|----------------------|--------------|---------|--------------|---------|
| | Countries | Value | % Share | Value | % Share |
| | TOTAL | 2,263,698.77 | 100.00 | 1,838,872.91 | 100.00 |
| 1 | U.S.America | 384,613.28 | 16.99 | 290,861.87 | 15.82 |
| 2 | China | 182,084.66 | 8.04 | 133,916.65 | 7.28 |
| 3 | United Kingdom | 166,933.63 | 7.37 | 135,742.68 | 7.38 |
| 4 | Germany | 128,485.95 | 5.68 | 122,371.13 | 6.65 |
| 5 | Afghanistan | 125,560.02 | 5.55 | 106,864.45 | 5.81 |
| 6 | Netherlands | 95,676.13 | 4.23 | 67,639.77 | 3.68 |
| 7 | Spain | 93,223.34 | 4.12 | 77,283.28 | 4.20 |
| 8 | United Arab Emirates | 77,752.87 | 3.43 | 58,807.18 | 3.20 |
| 9 | Bangladesh | 77,267.47 | 3.41 | 69,139.70 | 3.76 |
| 10 | Italy | 74,261.08 | 3.28 | 59,958.30 | 3.26 |
| 11 | Belgium | 63,169.94 | 2.79 | 56,702.26 | 3.08 |
| 12 | France | 39,055.54 | 1.73 | 31,930.68 | 1.74 |
| 13 | India | 33,323.77 | 1.47 | 30,313.81 | 1.65 |
| 14 | Sri Lanka | 32,596.75 | 1.44 | 25,805.28 | 1.40 |
| 15 | Saudi Arabia | 30,985.61 | 1.37 | 24,229.72 | 1.32 |
| 16 | Kenya | 26,852.52 | 1.19 | 19,450.64 | 1.06 |
| 17 | Canada | 26,298.51 | 1.16 | 24,690.10 | 1.34 |
| 18 | Turkey | 26,144.58 | 1.15 | 26,955.94 | 1.47 |
| 19 | Viet Nam | 24,483.82 | 1.08 | 17,269.41 | 0.94 |
| 20 | Australia | 24,260.50 | 1.07 | 23,277.03 | 1.27 |
| | * O T H E R S | 530,668.80 | 23.44 | 435,663.03 | 23.69 |

III – EXPORT BY ECONOMIC CATEGORIES

Export of Primary Commodities during Jan-Mar, 2019 increased by 18.96%, Semi-Manufactures decreased by 5.07% and Manufactured Goods increased by 26.28%. Whereas, their share in total export stands at 20.85%, 9.46% and 69.69% consecutively.

Whereas the share of primary commodities in total export for the period of Jul-Mar, 2019 stood at 18.16%, 9.37% for semi-manufacturer and 72.46% for manufactured goods.

Table - 7

Export by Economic Categories

| Economic Category | Jan-Mar, 2019 | Jan-Mar, 2018 | Jul-Mar, 2018-19 | Jul-Mar, 2017-18 |
|---------------------------|------------------|------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| TOTAL | 817,532.45 | 675,913.75 | 2,263,698.77 | 1,838,872.91 |
| | | | | |
| 1. PRIMARY COMMODITIES. | 170,478.14 | 143,301.31 | 411,195.22 | 320,912.12 |
| % SHARE IN TOTAL EXPORTS. | 20.85 | 21.20 | 18.16 | 17.45 |
| | | | | |
| 2. SEMI-MANUFACTURES. | 77,300.59 | 81,426.80 | 212,198.14 | 215,448.64 |
| % SHARE IN TOTAL EXPORTS. | 9.46 | 12.05 | 9.37 | 11.72 |
| | | | | |
| 3. MANUFACTURED GOODS. | 569,753.71 | 451,185.65 | 1,640,305.41 | 1,302,512.15 |
| % SHARE IN TOTAL EXPORTS. | 69.69 | 66.75 | 72.46 | 70.83 |

I – IMPORT BY ECONOMIC CATEGORIES

Food Group

During Jan-Mar, 2019 import of goods belonging to Food Group increased by 1.84% over Oct-Dec, 2018 and by 11.96% over Jan-Mar, 2018. This group contributed 6.24% of total imports.

The import of food group during Jul-Mar, 2019 increased by 12.32% compared to the same period of last year.

Machinery & Transport Group

During Jan-Mar, 2019 import of goods belonging to Machinery & Transport group remain unchanged over Oct-Dec, 2018 but decreased by 16.47% over Jan-Mar, 2018. This group contributed 21.92% of total imports.

The import of machinery & transport group during Jul-Mar, 2019 decreased by 8.01% compared to the same period of last year.

Petroleum Group

During Jan-Mar, 2019 import of goods belonging to Petroleum group decreased by 26.31% over Oct-Dec, 2018 and by 1.96% over Jan-Mar, 2018. This group contributed 16.98% of total imports.

The import of petroleum group during Jul-Mar, 2019 increased by 16.74% compared to the same period of last year.

Textile Group

During Jan-Mar, 2019 import of goods belonging to textile group increased by 13.75% over Oct-Dec, 2018 and by 27.90% over Jan-Mar, 2018. This group contributed 2.53% of total imports.

The import of textile group during Jul-Mar, 2019 increased by 27.10% compared to the same period of last year.

Chemical Group

During Jan-Mar, 2019 import of goods belonging to Chemical group decreased by 8.58% over Oct-Dec, 2018 but increased by 13.71% over Jan-Mar, 2018. This group contributed 15.72% of total imports.

The import of chemical group during Jul-Mar, 2019 increased by 24.67% compared to the same period of last year.

Metal Group

During Jan-Mar, 2019 export of Metal products increased by 0.59% over Oct-Dec, 2018 and by 0.15% over Jan-Mar, 2018. This group contributed 6.89% of total imports.

The import of metal group during Jul-Mar, 2019 increased by 12.62% compared to the same period of last year.

Miscellaneous Group

During Jan-Mar, 2019 exports of miscellaneous commodities decreased by 3.34% over Oct-Dec, 2018 but increased by 0.03% over Jan-Mar, 2018. This group contributed 1.29% of total imports.

The import of miscellaneous group during Jul-Mar, 2019 decreased by 3.33% compared to the same period of last year.

TABLE – 8

Quarterly Imports by Group/Commodities

| | | | | | % Cha | inge |
|-----|----------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|----------|-----------------|
| | | | | | Jan-Mai | r, 201 9 |
| | Commodities | Jan-Mar, 2019 | Oct-Dec, 2018 | Jan-Mar, 2018 | over | |
| | | | | | Oct-Dec, | Jan-Mar, |
| | | | | | 2018 | 2018 |
| | Total | 1,766,437.84 | 1,847,256.36 | 1,729,634.50 | -4.38 | 2.13 |
| | | | | | | |
| A- | Food Group | 110,230.92 | 108,234.83 | 98,458.30 | 1.84 | 11.96 |
| 1 | Palm oil | 63,074.09 | 59,817.13 | 56,254.74 | 5.44 | 12.12 |
| 2 | Tea | 20,003.23 | 20,579.88 | 18,555.84 | -2.80 | 7.80 |
| 3 | Pulses | 14,648.64 | 18,051.79 | 15,330.60 | -18.85 | -4.45 |
| 4 | Milk & milk food for infants | 9,761.96 | 6,312.19 | 7,383.94 | 54.65 | 32.21 |
| 5 | Soyabean oil | 2,743.00 | 3,473.84 | 933.18 | -21.04 | 193.94 |
| B-I | Machinery & Trans. Group | 387,181.00 | 387,188.66 | 463,506.25 | 0.00 | -16.47 |
| 1 | Machinery | 313,455.59 | 296,668.38 | 332,126.18 | 5.66 | -5.62 |
| 2 | Transport equipment | 73,725.41 | 90,520.28 | 131,380.07 | -18.55 | -43.88 |
| C-F | Petroleum Group | 299,940.75 | 407,053.96 | 305,924.45 | -26.31 | -1.96 |
| 1 | Petroleum products | 167,655.21 | 243,403.03 | 175,210.55 | -31.12 | -4.31 |
| 2 | Petroleum crude | 132,285.54 | 163,650.93 | 130,713.90 | -19.17 | 1.20 |
| D- | Textile Group | 44,668.49 | 39,267.66 | 34,925.19 | 13.75 | 27.90 |
| 1 | Synthetic & artificial silk yarn | 25,412.45 | 20,002.99 | 18,406.52 | 27.04 | 38.06 |
| 2 | Synthetic fibre | 19,256.04 | 19,264.67 | 16,518.67 | -0.04 | 16.57 |
| E-0 | Chemical Group | 277,632.91 | 303,675.92 | 244,156.88 | -8.58 | 13.71 |
| 1 | Chemicals (excl. 2, 3 & 4) | 226,401.49 | 219,242.97 | 200,888.54 | 3.27 | 12.70 |
| 2 | Medicinal products | 35,181.90 | 37,811.28 | 28,217.32 | -6.95 | 24.68 |
| 3 | Fertilizer manufactured | 9,714.27 | 40,464.84 | 11,353.47 | -75.99 | -14.44 |
| 4 | Insecticide | 6,335.25 | 6,156.83 | 3,697.55 | 2.90 | 71.34 |
| F-I | Metal Group | 121,698.93 | 120,987.57 | 121,511.02 | 0.59 | 0.15 |
| 1 | Iron & steel | 74,049.53 | 73,539.03 | 78,497.08 | 0.69 | -5.67 |
| 2 | Iron & steel scrap | 47,649.40 | 47,448.54 | 43,013.94 | 0.42 | 10.78 |
| G- | Miscellaneous Group | 22,854.15 | 23,644.22 | 22,847.06 | -3.34 | 0.03 |
| 1 | Paper & paper products | 19,273.31 | 18,564.01 | 15,753.50 | 3.82 | 22.34 |
| 2 | Tyres & tubes | 3,580.84 | 5,080.21 | 7,093.56 | -29.51 | -49.52 |
| Ot | hers | 502,230.69 | 457,203.54 | 438,305.35 | 9.85 | 14.58 |

TABLE – 9

<u>Cumulative Imports by Group/Commodities</u>

| Commodities | Jul-Mar, 2018-19 | Jul-Mar, 2017-18 | % Change Jul-Mar, 2018-19 over Jul-Mar,2017-18 | |
|------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|--|--|
| Total | 5,371,143.30 | 4,768,998.92 | 12.63 | |
| A-Food Group | 324,756.93 | 289,141.90 | 12.32 | |
| 1 Palm oil | 183,162.16 | 166,117.17 | 10.26 | |
| 2 Tea | 58,980.38 | 48,616.28 | 21.32 | |
| 3 Pulses | 51,675.77 | 43,951.89 | 17.57 | |
| 4 Milk & milk food for infants | 21,897.37 | 18,746.38 | 16.81 | |
| 5 Soyabean oil | 9,041.25 | 11,710.18 | -22.79 | |
| B-Machinery & Trans. Group | 1,153,884.52 | 1,254,360.06 | -8.01 | |
| 1 Machinery | 897,349.39 | 919,892.95 | -2.45 | |
| 2 Transport equipment | 256,535.13 | 334,467.11 | -23.30 | |
| C-Petroleum Group | 1,054,034.69 | 902,862.35 | 16.74 | |
| 1 Petroleum products | 608,980.54 | 586,161.72 | 3.89 | |
| 2 Petroleum crude | 445,054.15 | 316,700.63 | 40.53 | |
| D-Textile Group | 120,963.69 | 95,175.73 | 27.10 | |
| 1 Synthetic & artificial silk yarn | 64,443.82 | 52,464.97 | 22.83 | |
| 2 Synthetic fibre | 56,519.87 | 42,710.76 | 32.33 | |
| E-Chemical Group | 870,333.12 | 698,114.70 | 24.67 | |
| 1 Chemicals (excl. 2, 3 & 4) | 650,274.22 | 536,677.88 | 21.17 | |
| 2 Fertilizer manufactured | 92,855.60 | 65,585.79 | 41.58 | |
| 3 Medicinal products | 109,310.47 | 83,041.31 | 31.63 | |
| 4 Insecticide | 17,892.83 | 12,809.72 | 39.68 | |
| F-Metal Group | 365,017.52 | 324,127.31 | 12.62 | |
| 1 Iron & steel | 218,737.97 | 198,824.02 | 10.02 | |
| 2 Iron & steel scrap | 146,279.55 | 125,303.29 | 16.74 | |
| G-Miscellaneous Group | 70,436.48 | 72,863.43 | -3.33 | |
| 1 Paper & paper products | 55,359.83 | 45,517.47 | 21.62 | |
| 2 Tyres & tubes | 15,076.65 | 27,345.96 | -44.87 | |
| Others | 1,411,716.35 | 1,132,353.44 | 24.67 | |

II – DIRECTION OF IMPORTS

During the month of Jan-Mar, 2019, the share of Other Asia in total imports was 47.41% as against 48.67% in Jan-Mar, 2018. The share of Middle East during Jan-Mar, 2019 was 26.60% as against 25.58% in Jan-Mar, 2018. European Union in total imports was 10.95% as against 10.83% in Jan-Mar, 2018. The share of North America during Jan-Mar, 2019 was 6.48% as against 6.63% in Jan-Mar, 2018. The share of Other Africa during Jan-Mar, 2019 was 5.64% as against 4.88% in Jan-Mar, 2018. Country-wise China was at the top of the import list for Jan-Mar, 2019 followed by United Arab Emirates, U. S. A., Indonesia, Saudi Arabia and Qatar. The share of these six countries in total exports for Jan-Mar, 2019 was 56.29% as against 54.90% in Jan-Mar, 2018.

During Jul-Mar, 2019 the share of Other Asia in total import decreased to 45.42% from 48.48% during the same period of last year. The share of Middle East increased to 29.65% from 26.56% during the same period of last year. The share of European Union in total import decreased to 10.34% from 10.97% during the same period of last year. The share of North America decreased to 5.80% from 5.86% during the same period of last year. The share of Other Africa increased to 5.380% from 4.06% during the same period of last year.

Country-wise China was on the top of the imports list followed by United Arab Emirates, Saudi Arabia, U.S.A., Indonesia and Qatar during Jul-Mar, 2019. The combined share of these six countries in total imports during this period was 56.96% as against their combined share of 55.97% during the corresponding period of last year.

TABLE – 10

QURATERLY & CUMMULATIVE IMPORTS BY TERRITORIES/REGIONS

| _ | 'aunitaniaa (Daniana | Jan-Mar | , 2019 | Jan-Mar, | 2018 | Jul-Mar, 2018-19 Jul-Mar, | | Jul-Mar, 2 | 017-18 |
|----|-------------------------|--------------|---------|--------------|---------|---------------------------|---------|--------------|---------|
| ١' | erritories/Regions | Value | % Share | Value | % Share | Value | % Share | Value | % Share |
| | TOTAL | 1,766,437.84 | 100.00 | 1,729,634.50 | 100.00 | 5,371,143.30 | 100.00 | 4,768,998.92 | 100.00 |
| 1 | Other Asia | 837,509.46 | 47.41 | 841,819.04 | 48.67 | 2,439,823.15 | 45.42 | 2,311,988.39 | 48.48 |
| 2 | Middle East | 469,900.89 | 26.60 | 442,487.14 | 25.58 | 1,592,366.53 | 29.65 | 1,266,822.00 | 26.56 |
| | Asian Countries | 464,378.64 | 26.29 | 437,832.68 | 25.31 | 1,575,034.44 | 29.32 | 1,250,263.53 | 26.22 |
| | African Countries | 5,522.25 | 0.31 | 4,654.46 | 0.27 | 17,332.09 | 0.32 | 16,558.47 | 0.35 |
| 3 | European Union | 193,505.71 | 10.95 | 187,315.96 | 10.83 | 555,498.96 | 10.34 | 523,206.21 | 10.97 |
| 4 | North America | 114,507.26 | 6.48 | 114,647.65 | 6.63 | 311,565.12 | 5.80 | 279,533.39 | 5.86 |
| 5 | Other Africa | 99,554.99 | 5.64 | 84,449.02 | 4.88 | 289,090.04 | 5.38 | 193,495.81 | 4.06 |
| 6 | Eastern Europe | 14,954.43 | 0.85 | 15,063.85 | 0.87 | 51,350.49 | 0.96 | 47,379.60 | 0.99 |
| 7 | South America | 13,785.51 | 0.78 | 13,742.35 | 0.79 | 45,109.85 | 0.84 | 63,975.31 | 1.34 |
| 8 | E.F.T.A | 8697.04 | 0.49 | 14810.32 | 0.86 | 34278.27 | 0.64 | 31,811.74 | 0.67 |
| 9 | Oceania | 7,725.47 | 0.44 | 10,874.16 | 0.63 | 39,271.30 | 0.73 | 41,593.19 | 0.87 |
| 10 | Latin & Central America | 5,318.54 | 0.30 | 4,311.01 | 0.25 | 11,421.56 | 0.21 | 8,784.72 | 0.18 |
| 11 | Other Europe | 978.54 | 0.06 | 113.99 | 0.01 | 1368.06 | 0.03 | 408.55 | 0.01 |

TABLE – 11

QUARTERLY IMPORTS FROM MAJOR COUNTRIES

| | | Jan-Mar, 20 | 19 | Jan-Mar, 2018 | | |
|----|----------------------|--------------|---------|---------------|---------|--|
| | Countries | Value | % Share | Value | % Share | |
| | TOTAL | 1,766,437.84 | 100.00 | 1,729,634.50 | 100.00 | |
| 1 | China | 438,021.73 | 24.80 | 446,180.55 | 25.80 | |
| 2 | United Arab Emirates | 210,012.15 | 11.89 | 191,895.52 | 11.09 | |
| 3 | U.S.America | 96,617.93 | 5.47 | 86,750.06 | 5.02 | |
| 4 | Indonesia | 87,228.54 | 4.94 | 71,114.84 | 4.11 | |
| 5 | Saudi Arabia | 86,773.00 | 4.91 | 92,981.35 | 5.38 | |
| 6 | Qatar | 75,708.61 | 4.29 | 60,727.91 | 3.51 | |
| 7 | India | 57,069.56 | 3.23 | 69,559.38 | 4.02 | |
| 8 | Japan | 53,211.26 | 3.01 | 70,248.09 | 4.06 | |
| 9 | South Africa | 45,743.30 | 2.59 | 37,040.16 | 2.14 | |
| 10 | Singapore | 43,658.85 | 2.47 | 49,556.28 | 2.87 | |
| 11 | Kuwait | 41,555.75 | 2.35 | 39,233.32 | 2.27 | |
| 12 | Thailand | 41,383.99 | 2.34 | 36,405.06 | 2.10 | |
| 13 | Germany | 34,923.92 | 1.98 | 41,360.39 | 2.39 | |
| 14 | Malaysia | 29,988.57 | 1.70 | 29,932.14 | 1.73 | |
| 15 | United Kingdom | 27,046.60 | 1.53 | 20,331.78 | 1.18 | |
| 16 | Korea, Republic of | 23,348.81 | 1.32 | 25,813.09 | 1.49 | |
| 17 | Europien Union | 22,025.69 | 1.25 | 22,000.14 | 1.27 | |
| 18 | O.Asia(Tai.For.Pe.Ki | 21,367.38 | 1.21 | 12,959.69 | 0.75 | |
| 19 | Italy | 21,273.47 | 1.20 | 17,711.05 | 1.02 | |
| 20 | Canada | 17,889.33 | 1.01 | 24,953.33 | 1.44 | |
| | * O T H E R S | 291,589.40 | 16.51 | 282,880.37 | 16.35 | |

TABLE – 12

<u>CUMMULATIVE IMPORTS FROM MAJOR COUNTRIES</u>

| Countries | | Jul-Mar, 2018-19 | | Jul-Mar, 2017-18 | |
|-----------|----------------------|------------------|---------|------------------|---------|
| | | Value | % Share | Value | % Share |
| | TOTAL | 5,371,143.34 | 100.00 | 4,768,998.92 | 100.00 |
| 1 | China | 1,267,356.76 | 23.60 | 1,252,772.19 | 26.29 |
| 2 | United Arab Emirates | 759,722.17 | 14.14 | 584,258.68 | 12.25 |
| 3 | Saudi Arabia | 286,196.60 | 5.33 | 255,838.97 | 5.36 |
| 4 | U.S.America | 259,557.75 | 4.83 | 221,921.20 | 4.65 |
| 5 | Indonesia | 245,545.50 | 4.57 | 205,580.45 | 4.31 |
| 6 | Qatar | 241,115.85 | 4.49 | 148,996.96 | 3.12 |
| 7 | Japan | 188,231.17 | 3.50 | 198,229.25 | 4.16 |
| 8 | India | 154,824.43 | 2.88 | 142,435.35 | 2.99 |
| 9 | Kuwait | 133,810.37 | 2.49 | 120,447.49 | 2.53 |
| 10 | Thailand | 130,927.72 | 2.44 | 104,683.63 | 2.20 |
| 11 | South Africa | 119,151.65 | 2.22 | 92,082.15 | 1.93 |
| 12 | Germany | 105,438.51 | 1.96 | 101,233.68 | 2.12 |
| 13 | Malaysia | 102,955.47 | 1.92 | 94,630.70 | 1.98 |
| 14 | United Kingdom | 85,369.11 | 1.59 | 60,559.36 | 1.27 |
| 15 | Singapore | 79,679.03 | 1.48 | 94,893.50 | 1.99 |
| 16 | Korea, Republic of | 79,667.68 | 1.48 | 73,580.79 | 1.54 |
| 17 | Europien Union | 65,221.73 | 1.21 | 57,841.24 | 1.21 |
| 18 | Oman | 61,904.23 | 1.15 | 67,371.24 | 1.41 |
| 19 | Afghanistan | 59,449.04 | 1.11 | 38,723.23 | 0.81 |
| 20 | O.Asia(Tai.For.Pe.Ki | 59,110.93 | 1.10 | 38,361.89 | 0.80 |
| | * O T H E R S | 885,907.64 | 16.49 | 814,556.97 | 17.08 |

III – IMPORTS BY ECONOMIC CATEGORIES

Imports of Consumer Goods during Jan-Mar, 2019 increased by 14.83%, Raw Material for Consumer Goods by 4.98%, Capital Goods decreased by 12.32% and Raw Material for Capital Goods increased by 18.81% over Jan-Mar, 2018. Their respective share in total imports were 17.43%, 43.35%, 28.23% and 10.99% respectively for Jan-Mar, 2018.

Meanwhile, the share of consumer goods for the period of Jul-Mar, 2019 stood at 18.13%, raw material of consumer goods at 44.00%, Capital goods at 27.38% and raw material for capital goods at 10.50%.

TABLE – 13

MONTHLY & CUMULATIVE IMPORTS BY ECONOMIC CATEGORIES

| Economic Category | Jan-Mar, 2019 | Jan-Mar, 2018 | Jul-Mar, 2018-19 | Jul-Mar, 2017-18 |
|------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| TOTAL | 1,766,437.84 | 1,729,634.50 | 5,371,143.34 | 4,768,998.92 |
| | | | | |
| 1. CONSUMER GOODS | 307,851.65 | 268,081.75 | 973,733.53 | 798,202.35 |
| % SHARE IN TOTAL IMPORTS. | 17.43 | 15.50 | 18.13 | 16.74 |
| | | | | |
| 2. RAW MATERIAL FOR CONSUMER GOODS | 765,741.83 | 729,386.46 | 2,363,343.77 | 1,983,998.32 |
| % SHARE IN TOTAL EXPORTS. | 43.35 | 42.17 | 44.00 | 41.60 |
| | | | | |
| 3. RAW MATERIAL FOR CAPITAL GOODS | 194,191.69 | 163,444.75 | 563,708.76 | 466,326.14 |
| % SHARE IN TOTAL IMPORTS. | 10.99 | 9.45 | 10.50 | 9.78 |
| | | | | |
| 4. CAPITAL GOODS | 498,652.67 | 568,721.54 | 1,470,357.28 | 1,520,472.11 |
| % SHARE IN TOTAL IMPORTS. | 28.23 | 32.88 | 27.38 | 31.88 |