

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

**SUB:- ADVANCE RELEASE ON EXTERNAL TRADE STATISTICS FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH, 2015.**

**EXPORTS:**

According to the provisional figures compiled by the Pakistan Bureau of Statistics, exports from Pakistan during March, 2015 amounted to Rs.196,553 million (provisional) as against Rs. 190,961 million (provisional) in February, 2015 and Rs.223,104 million during March, 2014 showing an increase of 2.93% over February,2015 but a decrease of 11.90% over March, 2014.

2. In terms of US dollars the exports in March, 2015 was \$ 1,932 million (provisional) as compared to \$ 1,884 million (provisional) in February, 2015 showing an increase of 2.55% but decreased by 13.44% as compared to \$ 2,232 million in March, 2014.

3. Exports during July - March, 2014 - 2015 totalled Rs.1,813,785 million (provisional) as against Rs.1,990,557 million during the corresponding period of last year showing a decrease of 8.88%.

4. In terms of US dollars the exports during July – March, 2014 - 2015 totalled \$ 17,931 million (provisional) as against \$ 19,072 million during the corresponding period of last year showing a decrease of 5.98%.

5. Main commodities of exports during March, 2015 were Cotton cloth (Rs.21,699 million), Knitwear (Rs.17,338 million), Rice others (Rs.16,938 million), Readymade garments (Rs.16,842 million), Bedwear (Rs.15,687 million), Cotton yarn (Rs.13,826 million), Towels (Rs.6,204 million), Madeup articles (excl. towels & bedwear) (Rs.5,345 million) Rice basmati (Rs.4,938 million), and Sugar (Rs. 4,468 million).

6. The increase(+) / decrease(-) recorded in main commodities exported during March, 2015 over February, 2015 and March, 2014 is given below:-

S.No.	COMMODITIES	%Change for value in million Rupees in March, 2015 over	
		February, 2015	March, 2014
1.	Cotton cloth	5.60	-12.93
2.	Knitwear	-5.69	-5.76
3.	Rice others	27.68	20.82
4.	Readymade garments	-5.25	-3.51
5.	Bedwear	-3.45	-15.36
6.	Cotton yarn	-22.36	-28.10
7.	Towels	1.74	-17.59
8.	Madeup articles (excl. towels & bedwear)	-5.16	-12.07
9.	Rice basmati	14.89	-35.40
10.	Sugar	1.57	14.45

## **IMPORTS**

7. Imports into Pakistan during March, 2015 amounted to Rs.354,923 million (provisional) as against Rs. 336,878 million (provisional) in February, 2015 and Rs.362,609 million during March, 2014 showing an increase of 5.36% over February, 2015 but a decrease of 2.12 over March, 2014.

8. In terms of US dollars the imports in March, 2015 was \$ 3,488 million (provisional) as compared to \$ 3,323 million (provisional) in February, 2015 showing an increase of 4.97 but decreased by 3.83% as compared to \$ 3,627 million in March, 2014.

9. Imports during July - March, 2014 - 2015 totalled Rs.3,440,495 million (provisional) as against Rs.3,448,370 million during the corresponding period of last year showing a decrease of 0.23%.

10. In terms of US dollars the imports during July - March, 2014 - 2015 totalled \$ 33,998 million (provisional) as against \$ 33,032 million during the corresponding period of last year showing an increase of 2.92%.

11. Main commodities of imports during March, 2015 were Petroleum products (Rs.50,118 million), Petroleum crude (Rs.21,505 million), Plastic materials (Rs.16,016 million), Iron & steel (Rs.14,152 million), Palm oil (Rs.13,749 million), Electrical machinery & apparatus (Rs.9,981 million), Medicinal products (Rs.8,939 million) , Aircrafts, ships & boats (Rs.8,893 million), Power generating machinery (Rs.8,735 million), and Iron & steel scrap (Rs.8,710 million).

12. The increase(+) / decrease(-) recorded in main commodities imported during March, 2015 over February, 2015 and March, 2014 is given below:-

S.No.	COMMODITIES	%Change for value in million Rupees in March, 2015 over	
		February, 2015	March, 2014
1.	Petroleum products	-3.22	-7.95
2.	Petroleum crude	28.00	-51.38
3.	Plastic materials	15.47	-8.99
4.	Iron & Steel	3.78	-29.43
5.	Palm oil	3.38	-1.16
6.	Electrical machinery & apparatus	3.23	22.36
7.	Medicinal products	26.90	44.13
8.	Aircrafts, ships & boats	151.85	50.60
9.	Power generating machinery	18.34	20.40
10.	Iron & steel scrap	23.84	56.85

## **BALANCE OF TRADE:**

13. Based on the provisional figures of imports and exports the balance of trade in March, 2015 was (-) 158,370 million in terms of Rupees and (-) 1,556 million in US dollars. The balance of trade figures cumulative from July - March, 2014 2015 were (-) 1,626,710 million in terms of Rupees and (-) 16,067 million in US dollars.

14. Four statements giving quantity and value details of selected commodities of exports and imports for the month of March, 2015 and July - March, 2014 - 2015 along-with the data for previous month and corresponding period are enclosed.