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**SUMMARY**  
**December, 2016**

Exports  
Imports  
Balance of Trade

(Rupees in Million)  
(U.S. Dollars in Million)

Series	December, 2016		November, 2016		% Change	
	Rs.	\$	Rs.	\$	December, 2016	November, 2016
					Rs.	\$
Exports	180,320.74	1,721.85	183,930.57	1,756.85	-1.96	-1.99
Imports	467,035.99	4,459.65	440,287.50	4,205.49	6.08	6.04
Trade	-286,715.25	-2,737.80	-256,356.93	-2,293.46	11.84	19.37
Series	December, 2016		December, 2015		% Change	
	Rs.	\$	Rs.	\$	December, 2016	December, 2015
					Rs.	\$
Exports	180,320.74	1,721.85	186,486.43	1,781.87	-3.31	-3.37
Imports	467,035.99	4,459.65	399,510.73	3,817.31	16.90	16.83
Trade	-286,715.25	-2,737.80	-213,024.30	-2,035.44	34.59	34.51
Series	Jul-Dec; 2016		Jul-Dec; 2015		% Change	
	Rs.	\$	Rs.	\$	Jul-Dec; 2016	Jul-Dec; 2015
					Rs.	\$
Exports	1,035,531.90	9,894.91	1,069,768.30	10,305.78	-3.20	-3.99
Imports	2,545,503.46	24,323.19	2,301,264.24	22,162.07	10.61	9.75
Trade	-1,509,971.56	-14,428.28	-1,231,495.94	-11,856.29	22.61	21.69

**Note: \*Balance of Trade does not include Re-exports & Re-imports.**

## **Review of Foreign Trade December, 2016**

### **EXPORTS**

The total Exports of Pakistan during December, 2016 amounted to Rs. 180,320.74 million as against Rs. 183,930.57 million in November, 2016 and Rs. 186,486.43 million during December, 2015 showing a decrease of 1.96% over November, 2016, and by 3.31% over December, 2015.

Exports during July–December, 2016 totalled Rs. 1,035,531.90 million as against Rs. 1,069,768.30 million during the corresponding period of last year showing a decrease of 3.20%.

In terms of U.S dollars, the exports during December, 2016 amounted to \$1,721.85 million as against \$1,756.85 million in November, 2016 and \$1,781.87 million during December, 2015 showing a decrease of 1.99% over November, 2016, and 3.37% over December, 2015.

In terms of U.S. dollars, the exports during July–December, 2016 totalled \$9,894.91million as against \$10,305.78 million during the corresponding period of last year showing a decrease of 3.99%.

### **IMPORTS**

The total Imports of Pakistan during December, 2016 amounted to Rs. 467,035.99 million as against Rs. 440,287.50 million in November, 2016 and Rs. 399,510.73 million during December, 2015 showing an increase of 6.08% over November, 2016 , and by 16.90% over December, 2015.

Imports during July–December, 2016 amounted to Rs. 2,545,503.46 million as against Rs. 2,301,264.24 million during the corresponding period of last year showing an increase of 10.61%.

In terms of US dollars, the imports during December, 2016 amounted to \$4,459.65 million as against \$4,205.49 million in November, 2016 and \$3,817.31 million during December, 2015 showing an increase of 6.04% over November, 2016, and by 16.83% over December, 2015.

In term of U.S. dollars, the imports during July–December, 2016 amounted \$24,323.19 million as against \$22,162.07 million during the corresponding period of last year showing an increase of 9.75%.

Based on the above figures of exports & imports the balance of trade in December, 2016 was unfavorable for Pakistan to the tune of 286,715.25million in rupees equal to US \$2,737.80 million and the balance of trade during Jul-December, 2016 was unfavorable to the tune of 1,509,971.56 million rupees equal to U.S. \$14,428.28million.

## **I - Exports by Group/Commodities**

Exports from Pakistan during December, 2016 amounted to Rs. 180,320.74 million as against the exports of Rs. 183,930.57 million in previous month and Rs. 186,486.43 million during the corresponding month of last year showing a decrease of 1.96% over previous month and by 3.31% over the corresponding month of last year.

Exports during July–December, 2016 totaled Rs. 1,035,531.90 million as against Rs. 1,069,768.30 million during the corresponding period of last year showing a decrease of 3.20%.

Comparative figure of exports by group/commodities during December, 2016 compared to November, 2016 and December, 2015 are given in table-1 and cumulative exports for the period July–December, 2016 of current financial year compared to the corresponding period of last year are given in table-2.

### **Primary Commodities**

During December, 2016 the 6 selected primary commodities contributed 14.49% of total exports in which the share of rice, fruit, vegetables & preparations thereof, fish & fish preparations, raw cotton (excluding linters) and raw wool were 9.03%, 3.72%, 1.59%, 0.14%, and 0.01% respectively.

During July–December, 2016 these 6 commodities contributed 12.15% of the total exports showing a decrease of 9.55% as against their combined share of 13.43% during the corresponding period of last year.

### **Textile Manufactures**

During December, 2016 the 9 selected commodities of Textile Manufactures contributed 57.70% of total exports in which the share of articles of apparel &

clothing accessories (excl. knitwear), knitwear , bed-wear , cotton fabrics, cotton yarn and towels were 12.29%, 11.45%, 9.88%, 9.80%, 6.23%, and 3.61%, respectively.

During July–December, 2016 these 9 commodities contributed 59.74% of the total exports showing an increase of 3.64% as against their combined share of 57.64% during the corresponding period of last year.

### **Other Manufactures**

During December, 2016 the 7 selected commodities of other Manufactures contributed 8.97% of total exports in which the share of leather clothes & accessories, sport goods (excl. toys), surgical instruments ,leather, and petroleum products were 2.64%, 1.69%, 1.54%, 1.50% and 0.67% respectively.

During July-December, 2016 these 7 commodities contributed 8.99% of the total exports showing an increase of 0.55% as against their combined share of 8.94% during the corresponding period of last year.

**Table - 1**  
**Monthly Exports by Major Commodities**

(Million Rs.)

Commodities	Dec, 2016	Nov, 2016	Dec, 2015	% Change	
				Dec, 2016	Dec, 2016
				Nov, 2016	Dec, 2015
<b>Total</b>	<b>180,320.74</b>	<b>183,930.57</b>	<b>186,486.43</b>	<b>-1.96</b>	<b>-3.31</b>
<b>A. Primary Commodities</b>	<b>26,119.55</b>	<b>26,280.55</b>	<b>31,424.34</b>	<b>-0.61</b>	<b>-16.88</b>
1 Rice	16,284.29	17,352.14	18,929.90	-6.15	-13.98
2 Fruits,vegetables & preparation thereof	6,699.07	4,075.47	8,700.41	64.38	-23.00
3 Fish & fish preparation	2,873.65	4,313.76	3,507.03	-33.38	-18.06
4 Raw cotton (excl. linters)	248.45	470.87	266.41	-47.24	-6.74
5 Raw wool	12.10	5.66	11.43	113.78	5.86
6 Tobacco un-manufactured	1.99	62.65	9.16	-96.82	-78.28
<b>B. Textile Manufactures</b>	<b>104,053.19</b>	<b>105,595.68</b>	<b>104,018.73</b>	<b>-1.46</b>	<b>0.03</b>
2 Articles of apparel and clothing accessories (excl. knitwear)	22,163.06	19,739.61	20,229.74	12.28	9.56
1 Knitwear	20,639.78	20,025.77	20,463.43	3.07	0.86
3 Bedwear	17,809.87	18,008.35	16,106.51	-1.10	10.58
4 Cotton fabrics	17,668.36	17,483.19	19,539.70	1.06	-9.58
5 Cotton yarn	11,240.66	13,511.61	11,328.11	-16.81	-0.77
6 Towels	6,515.16	7,259.18	6,795.53	-10.25	-4.13
8 Textile made up (excl. towels & bed wear)	5,849.10	5,975.09	5,968.60	-2.11	-2.00
7 Tarpaulin & other canvas goods	1,793.72	1,801.99	1,026.42	-0.46	74.75
9 Synthetic textile fabrics	373.48	1,790.89	2,560.69	-79.15	-85.41
<b>C. Other Manufactures</b>	<b>16,170.22</b>	<b>15,813.06</b>	<b>17,201.04</b>	<b>2.26</b>	<b>-5.99</b>
1 Leather clothes & accessories	4,758.88	4,597.81	5,030.81	3.50	-5.41
2 Sports goods (excl. toys)	3,052.60	2,458.63	3,314.26	24.16	-7.89
3 Surgical instruments	2,784.61	3,172.88	3,378.23	-12.24	-17.57
4 Leather	2,697.75	3,187.34	2,888.50	-15.36	-6.60
5 Petroleum products	1,215.59	916.41	290.64	32.65	318.25
6 Footwear	902.28	639.79	1,087.21	41.03	-17.01
7 Carpets, carpeting, rugs & mats	758.51	840.20	1,211.39	-9.72	-37.39
<b>Others</b>	<b>33,977.78</b>	<b>36,241.28</b>	<b>33,842.32</b>	<b>-6.25</b>	<b>0.40</b>



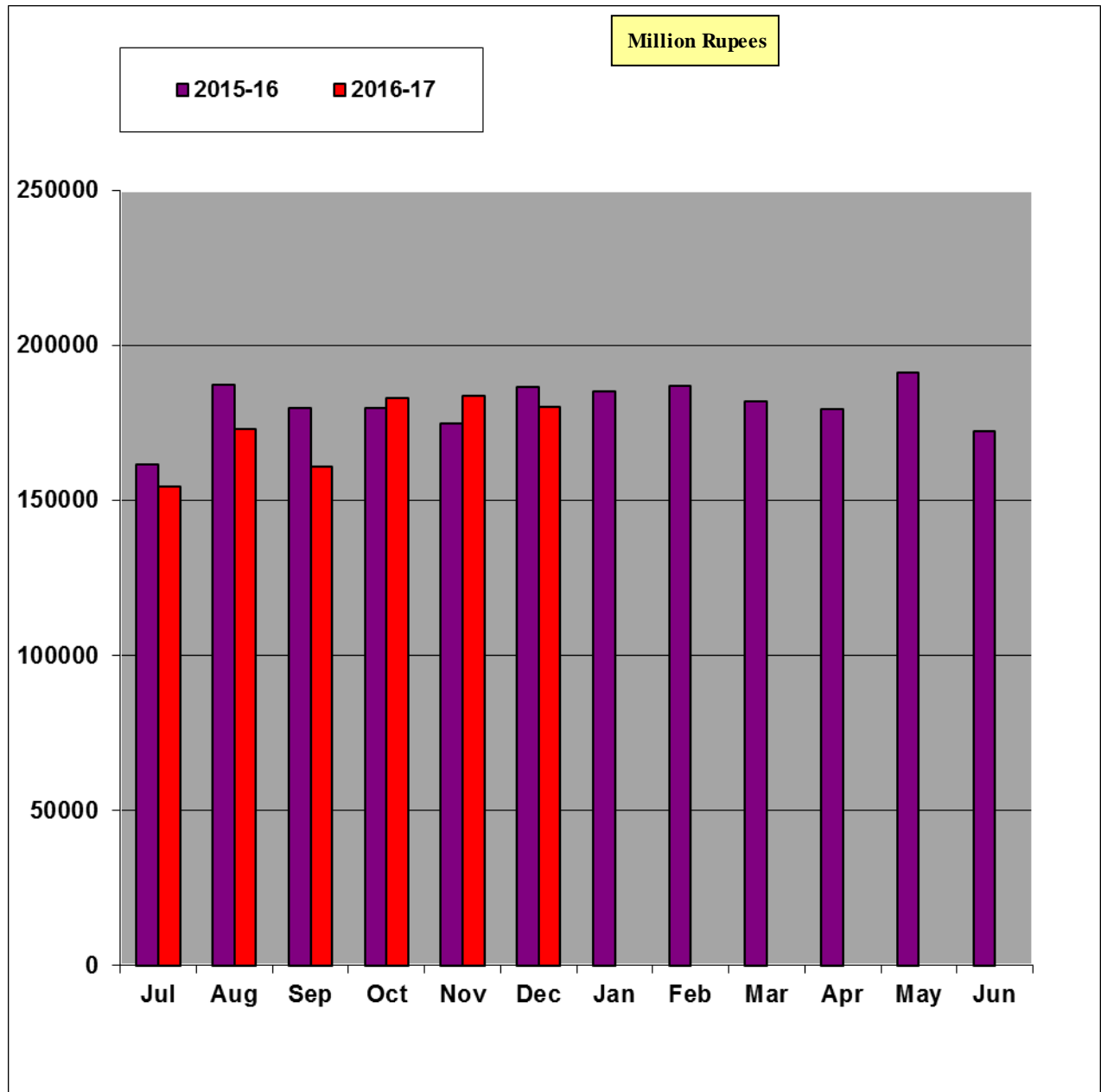
**MONTHLY EXPORT FROM PAKISTAN**

Table - 2

## Cumulative Exports by Major Commodities

(Million Rs.)

Commodities	Jul-Dec; 2016	Jul-Dec; 2015	% Change
			Jul-Dec; 2016
			Jul-Dec; 2015
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,035,531.90</b>	<b>1,069,768.30</b>	<b>-3.20</b>
<b>A. Primary Commodities</b>	<b>125,818.25</b>	<b>143,696.12</b>	<b>-12.44</b>
1 Rice	74,605.27	90,481.70	-17.55
2 Fruits, vegetables and preparations thereof	27,887.24	27,950.77	-0.23
3 Fish & fish preparation	19,195.48	17,318.29	10.84
4 Raw Cotton (excl. linters)	3,754.52	7,419.49	-49.40
5 Tobacco unmanufactured	306.50	335.95	-8.77
6 Raw wool	69.24	189.92	-63.54
<b>B. Textile Manufactures</b>	<b>618,604.08</b>	<b>616,608.23</b>	<b>0.32</b>
1 Knitwear	123,238.41	123,572.45	-0.27
2 Articles of apparel & clothing & accessories	115,131.68	107,944.85	6.66
3 Cotton fabrics	111,660.68	115,251.57	-3.12
4 Bed-wear	110,774.51	103,475.43	7.05
5 Cotton yarn	68,778.71	72,692.60	-5.38
6 Towels	39,765.92	42,031.63	-5.39
7 Textile made up (excl. towels & bedwear)	33,188.20	31,895.88	4.05
8 Synthetic textile fabrics	8,732.95	15,359.42	-43.14
9 Tarpaulin & other canvas goods	7,333.02	4,384.40	67.25
<b>C. Other Manufactures</b>	<b>93,089.15</b>	<b>95,640.65</b>	<b>-2.67</b>
1 Leather clothes & accessories	27,244.38	28,251.14	-3.56
2 Leather	17,794.78	19,160.22	-7.13
3 Surgical instruments	17,197.77	18,386.80	-6.47
4 Sports goods (excl. toys)	16,017.06	16,293.47	-1.70
5 Petroleum Products	5,364.54	2,899.23	85.03
6 Footwear	4,905.49	5,192.64	-5.53
7 Carpets, carpeting rugs & mats	4,565.13	5,457.15	-16.35
<b>Others</b>	<b>198,020.42</b>	<b>213,823.30</b>	<b>-7.39</b>

## II – Analysis of Selected Commodities of Export

### *Cotton Fabrics*

Cotton fabrics maintained its fourth position on the exports list in its group for December, 2016 similar in the previous month. During this month its exports amounted to Rs. 17,668.36 million as against Rs. 17,483.19 million in November, 2016 and Rs. 19,539.70 million during December, 2015 showing an increase of 1.06% over November, 2016 but decreased by 9.58% over December, 2015.

During July, 2016–December, 2016 of current financial year 1,006,132 thousand sq. meters of cotton fabrics valued at Rs. 111,660.68 million were exported as against 1,098,591 thousand sq. meters valued at Rs. 115,251.57 million during the same period of last year showing a decrease of 8.42% in terms of quantity and in terms of value was lower by 3.12%. The average unit price of cotton fabrics increased to Rs. 110.98 per sq. meter from Rs. 104.91 per sq. meter during the corresponding period of last year showing an increase of 5.79%. Main buyers of cotton fabrics during July–December, 2016 of current financial year were Bangladesh (Rs. 23,416.87 million), China (Rs. 7,583.49 million), Italy (Rs. 7,480.37 million), Germany (Rs. 5,273.94 million), U.S.A. (Rs. 4,834.84 million), Spain (Rs. 4,503.48 million), Turkey (Rs. 3,940.87 million), Sri Lanka (Rs. 3,756.12 million), Netherlands (Rs. 3,548.92 million) and United Kingdom (Rs. 3,539.76 million). Their total take-off accounted for 60.79% of total exports of cotton cloth as compared to their combined share of 61.33% during the same period of last year.

Variety-wise exports of cotton fabrics during July–December, 2016 of current financial year and the corresponding period of last year are given below.

(Quantity in '000' Sq. M.)

(Value in million Rs.)

Commodity	Jul-Dec;2016		Jul-Dec;2015	
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
TOTAL: (COTTON FABRICS)	1,006,132	111,660.68	1,098,591	115,251.57
COTTON FABRICS GREY (UNBLEACHED)	383,197	39,836.13	430,102	43,475.08
COTTON PRINTS	93,659	10,467.32	79,304	8,199.05
COTTON SHEETINGS (BLEACHED)	69,248	7,857.89	70,973	7,446.42
CANVAS CLOTH WATER PROOF (DYED)	195,533	22,648.96	219,514	22,392.10
DENIME	182,832	23,136.31	225,504	26,759.09
OTHER COTTON FABRICS	81,664	7,714.06	73,194	6,979.83

## ***Cotton Yarn***

Cotton yarn maintained its fifth position on the exports list in its group for December, 2016 as observed in the previous month. Its exports in this month amounted to Rs. 11,240.66 million as against Rs. 13,511.61million in November, 2016 and Rs. 11,328.11 million in December, 2015 showing a decrease of 16.81% over November, 2016 and by 0.77% over December, 2015.

During July–December, 2016 exports of cotton yarn amounted to Rs. 68,778.71 million as against Rs. 72,692.60 million in the corresponding period of last year depicting a fall of 5.38%. In terms of quantity 230,915 thousand kg of cotton yarn was exported during the July–December, 2016 of current financial year as against 230,454 thousand kg exported during the corresponding period of last year showing an increase of 0.20%. The average unit price of cotton yarn for period July–December, 2016 of current financial year was Rs. 297.85 per kg as against Rs. 315.43 per kg in the same period of last year showing a decrease of 5.57%.

China (Rs. 48,134.14 million), Bangladesh (Rs. 3,813.61 million), Turkey (Rs. 2,470.73 million), Portugal (Rs. 2,203.45 million), Hong Kong (Rs. 1,863.77 million), Japan (Rs. 1,506.10 million), Korea Rep. of (Rs. 1,495.72 million), Italy (Rs. 889.07 million), U. S. A. (Rs. 720.55 million) and Viet Nam (Rs. 502.93 million) were major buyers of cotton yarn during this period. Their combined share accounted for 92.47% of total exports of cotton yarn as compared to their combined share of 92.80% during the same period of last year.

Variety-wise exports of cotton yarn in terms of quantity and value during July-December, 2016 of the current financial year and corresponding period of last year are given below:-

(Quantity in '000' Kg.)

(Value in million Rs.)

Commodity	Jul-Dec;2016		Jul-Dec;2015	
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
TOTAL	230,915	68,778.71	230,454	72,692.60
COTTON YARN SINGLE COMB/UNCOMB	201,135	59,824.34	197,401	62,810.20
COTTON YARN MULTIPLE COMB/UNCOMB	29,778	8,953.73	32,939	9,852.98
OTHER COTTON YARN	2	0.64	113	29.43

## **Rice**

Rice maintained its first position on the exports list in its group during December, 2016 as observed in the previous month. In this month it fetched Rs. 16,284.29 million as against Rs. 17,352.14 million in November, 2016 and Rs. 18,929.90 million in December, 2015 showing decrease of 6.15% over November, 2016 and by 13.98% over December, 2015.

During July–December, 2016 its exports amounted to Rs. 74,605.27 million as against the exports of Rs. 90,481.70 million during the corresponding period of last year showing a decrease of 17.55%. Kenya was the leading buyer of rice during July–December, 2016 with its share of 13.28% in the total exports of this item. Other major buyers were Afghanistan (10.92%), China (9.50%), United Arab Emirates (8.26%), Tanzania (4.15%), Indonesia (3.84%) and Saudi Arabia (3.48%). These seven countries accounted for 53.44% of total exports of rice during this period.

Exports of rice to major countries during July–December, 2016 and the corresponding period of last year are given below.

(Quantity in tonnes.)

(Value in million Rs.)

Commodity	July-December, 2016		July-December, 2015	
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
T O T A L	1,660,011	74,605.29	1,960,582	90,481.70
Kenya	260,753	9,909.05	234,611	9,972.90
Afghanistan	211,854	8,150.56	197,814	8,106.76
China	202,264	7,091.22	338,018	12,389.01
United Arab Emirates	79,884	6,159.41	72,729	5,655.95
U.R.of Tanzania	85,913	3,095.24	95,123	3,314.04
Indonesia	86,269	2,865.40	92,434	3,037.06
Saudi Arabia	38,827	2,598.97	70,011	4,614.59
O T H E R	694,247	34,735.44	859,842	43,391.39

Unit price of rice basmati for December, 2016 was Rs. 89,111.41 per tonne as against Rs. 99,527.56 per tonne in December, 2015 showing a fall of 10.47%. Average unit price of this variety for July–December, 2016 of current financial year was Rs. 97,363.11 per tonne as against Rs. 98,038.37 per tonne for the same period of last year showing a fall of 0.69%

Unit price of rice "Other Varieties" decreased to Rs. 37,002.45 per tonne in December, 2016 from Rs. 39,964.58 in December, 2015 showing a fall of 7.41%. The average unit price of rice "Other Varieties" for July, 2016–December, 2016 at Rs. 38,153.23 per tonne was lower by 1.78% compared to average unit price of Rs. 38,845.31 per tonne for the same period of last year.

Variety-wise exports of rice in terms of quantity and value are given below:-

(Quantity in tonnes.)

(Value in million Rs.)

Variety/ period	Quantity	Value	Unit value
			(Rs. Per tonne)
<b>RICE BASMATI</b>			
DECEMBER, 2016	39,717	3,539.24	89,111.41
DECEMBER, 2015	39,625	3,943.78	99,527.56
JULY-DECEMBER-2016	190,348	18,532.87	97,363.11
JULY-DECEMBER-2015	241,959	23,721.27	98,038.37
<b>RICE OTHER VARIETIES</b>			
DECEMBER, 2016	344,438	12,745.05	37,002.45
DECEMBER, 2015	374,985	14,986.12	39,964.58
JULY-DECEMBER-2016	1,469,663	56,072.40	38,153.23
JULY-DECEMBER-2015	1,718,623	66,760.44	38,845.31

### ***Petroleum Products***

Petroleum products maintained fifth position on the exports list in its group during December, 2016 same as in the previous month. In this month its exports amounted to Rs. 1,215.59 million as against Rs. 916.41 million in November, 2016 and Rs. 290.64 million in December, 2015 showing an increase of 32.65% over November, 2016 and by 318.25% over December, 2015.

Exports of this item for July–December, 2016 of current financial year stood at Rs. 5,364.54 million as against exports of Rs. 2,899.23 million during the corresponding period of last year showing an increase of 85.03%.

In terms of quantity 118,910 tonnes of petroleum products were exported during July–December, 2016 of current financial year as against 45,987 tonnes exported during the corresponding period of last year showing an increase of 158.57%.

The main buyers of petroleum products during July–December, 2016 were Afghanistan (Rs. 3,579.88 million), India (Rs. 1,282.85 million), Bangladesh (Rs. 156.28 million), Kazakstan (Rs. 156.10 million), Netherland (Rs. 133.27 million), United Arab Emirates (Rs. 40.34 million) and Korea, Republic of (9.36 million). These seven countries accounted for 99.88% of total exports of petroleum products during July, 2016–December, 2016 against 99.87% exports during the same period of last year.

Quantity and value of exports of petroleum products during July–December, 2016 and the corresponding period of last year are given below:-

(Quantity in tonnes)  
(Value in million Rs.)

Commodity	Jul-Dec;2016		Jul-Dec;2015	
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
TOTAL	118,910	5,364.54	45,987	2,899.23
PETROLEUM TOP-NEPHTHA	46,635	1637.69	3080	111.08
OTHER PETROLEUM PRODUCTS	72,275	3,726.85	42,907	2,788.15

## *Leather*

Leather moved down to fourth position on the exports list in its group for December, 2016 from third position in the previous month. Its exports in this month amounted to Rs. 2,697.75 million as against Rs. 3,187.34 million in November, 2016 and Rs. 2,888.50 million in December, 2015 showing a decrease of 15.36% over November, 2016 and by 6.60% over December, 2015.

Exports of this item during July–December, 2016 totalled Rs. 17,794.78 million as against Rs. 19,160.22 million during the corresponding period of last year showing a fall of 7.13%. In terms of quantity 9,101,851 sq. meter of leather was exported during July–December, 2016 as against 8,810,889 sq. meters exported during the corresponding period of last year showing an increase of 3.30%.

The main buyers of leather during July–December, 2016 were Hong Kong (Rs. 2,753.16 million), China (Rs. 2,281.23 million), Italy (Rs. 2,159.65 million), India (Rs. 1,419.44 million), Viet Nam (Rs. 1,357.93 million), Korea Rep. of (Rs. 1,204.39 million), Bangladesh (Rs. 1,123.51 million), Spain (Rs. 901.28 million), Germany (Rs. 691.17 million), South Africa (Rs. 429.98 million) and Indonesia (Rs. 388.72 million) whose combined share in total exports of leather was 82.67% as against their compared share of 82.92% during the same period of last year.

Quantity and value of exports of leather during July–December, 2016 and the corresponding period of last year are given below:-

(Quantity in sq. meter.)

(Value in million Rs.)

Commodity	Jul-Dec;2016		Jul-Dec;2015	
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
TOTAL	9,101,851	17,794.78	8,810,889	19,160.22
TANED/CURST HIDE/SKIN BOVINE ANI	365,078	523.13	702,592	1,043.10
TANED/CURST DRESSED BOVINE ANI.	4,322,074	8,535.28	4,202,675	8,938.59
TANED/CURST HIDE/SKIN SHEEP/LAMB	17,347	33.57	12,826	22.82
TANED/CURST DRESSED SHEEP/LAMBS	707,047	1,516.31	503,611	1,484.76
TANED/CURST HIDE/SKIN GOAT/KIDS	20,738	56.31	26,031	59.25
TANED/CURST DRESSED OF GOAT/KIDS	2,591,159	4,979.83	2,670,252	6,175.68
LEATHER N.S.	1,078,408	2,150.36	692,902	1,436.01



### *Carpets, Carpeting Rugs & Mats*

Carpets, carpeting rugs and mats moved down to seventh position on exports list in its group for December, 2016 from sixth in the previous month. Its exports in December, 2016 amounted to Rs. 758.51 million as against Rs. 840.20 million in November, 2016 and Rs. 1,211.39 million in December, 2015 showing a decrease of 9.72% over November, 2016 and by 37.39% over December, 2015.

Exports of this item for the July–December, 2016 of current financial year amounted to Rs. 4,565.13 million as against Rs. 5,457.15 million during the corresponding period of last year showing a decrease of 16.35%.

In terms of quantity 1,006,380 sq. meters of carpets, carpeting rugs and mats were exported during July–December, 2016 of current financial year as against 947,915 sq. meters exported during the corresponding period of last year showing an increase of 6.17%.

The average unit price of carpets of woolen hand knotted was Rs. 5449.26 per sq. meter during July–December, 2016 as against Rs. 6472.17 per sq. meter in the corresponding period of last year showing a fall of 15.80%. U. S. A. (Rs. 2,298.08 million), Germany (Rs. 382.63 million), Italy (Rs. 304.21 million), France (Rs. 194.33 million), Kazakistan (Rs. 163.63 million), United Kingdom (Rs. 139.26 million), Spain (Rs. 124.10 million), Sweden (Rs. 121.48 million) and Canada (Rs. 101.22 million), were the main buyers of carpets, carpeting rugs and mats during July–December, 2016. They together accounted for 83.87% during July–December, 2016 as compared to their share of 83.42% during the same period of last year.

Quantity and value of exports of carpets, carpeting rugs and mats during July–November, 2016 and corresponding period of last year are given below.

(Quantity in sq. meter)  
(Value in million Rs.)

Commodity	Jul-Nov;2016		Jul-Nov;2015	
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
TOTAL	1,006,380	4,565.13	947,915	5,457.15
CARPETS OF WOOL HAND KNOTTED	778,430	4,241.87	772,956	5,002.70
OTHER CARPETS,CARPETING	227,950	323.26	174,959	454.45

## **Raw Cotton**

Raw Cotton maintained its fourth position on the exports list in its group for December, 2016 as in the previous month. Its exports in this month amounted to Rs. 248.45 million as against Rs. 470.87 million in November, 2016 and Rs. 266.41 million in December, 2015 showing a decrease of 47.24% over November, 2016 and by 6.74% over December, 2015.

Exports of this item during July–December, 2016 amounted to Rs. 3,754.52 million as against Rs. 7,419.49 million showing a decrease of 49.40% compared to the same period of last year. In terms of quantity 20,913 tonnes of raw cotton was exported during July–December, 2016 as against 45,959 tonnes exported in the same period of last year showing a decrease of 54.50%.

The main buyers of raw cotton during July, 2016–December, 2016 were India (Rs. 1278.39 million), Viet Nam (Rs. 865.72 million), Bangladesh (Rs. 839.02 million), Indonesia (Rs. 604.78 million) and Thailand (Rs. 87.05 million). They together account for 97.88 % of total exports of raw cotton during July–December, 2016 as against their combined share of 98.74 % in the corresponding period of last year.

Quantity and value data of exports of raw cotton during July, 2016–December, 2016 and the corresponding period of last year are given below:-

(Quantity in 'Tonnes'.)  
(Value in million Rs.)

Commodity	Jul-Nov;2016		Jul-Nov;2015	
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
TOTAL:	20,913	3,754.52	45,959	7,419.49
COTTON AMERICAN	--	--	--	--
COTTON EGYPTIAN	--	--	--	--
OTHER	20,913	3,754.52	45,959	7,419.49

(-) Indicate nil.

### **III - Direction of Exports**

Exports by Territories/Regions and Major countries during December, 2016 compared with December, 2015 are given in table 3 & 4 and cumulative Exports by Territories/Regions and Major countries for the July, 2016–December, 2016 of the current financial year compared with the same period of last year are given in table 5 & 6 respectively.

During the month of December, 2016 (34.17%) of total exports went to European Union. The share of North America during December, 2016 was 17.73% as against 16.70 % in December, 2015. The share of Middle East during December, 2016 was 9.71% as against 10.26% in December, 2015. Country-wise, U.S.A. was at the top of the exports list for December, 2016 followed by China, Afghanistan, United Kingdom, Germany and Spain. The share of these six countries in total exports of December, 2016 was 50.59% as against their share of 48.14% in December, 2015.

During July–December, 2016 the share of European Union in total exports was 33.98%. The share of North America decreased to 18.11% from 18.26% during the same period of last year. The share of Middle East decreased to 9.69% from 10.53% during the same period of last year.

Country-wise, U.S.A. was at the top of the exports list for July–December, 2016 followed by China, United Kingdom, Afghanistan, Germany and Spain. The share of these six countries in total exports for July–December, 2016 of the current financial year was 49.29% as against 49.40% in the same period of last year.

**Table - 3****Monthly Exports by Territories/Regions**

(Million Rs.)

Territories/Regions	December, 2016		December, 2015	
	Value	% Share	Value	% Share
<i>T O T A L</i>	<i>180,320.74</i>	<i>100.00</i>	<i>186,486.43</i>	<i>100.00</i>
1 Latin & Central America	1,197.52	0.66	1,711.45	0.92
2 South America	2,191.93	1.22	1,930.92	1.04
3 North America	31,962.25	17.73	31,152.21	16.70
4 Eastern Europe	2,954.11	1.64	3,321.78	1.78
5 European Union	61,609.65	34.17	59,988.80	32.17
6 E.F.T.A	536.21	0.30	581.96	0.31
7 Other Europe	239.47	0.13	122.42	0.07
8 Middle East	17,517.00	9.71	19,142.56	10.26
Asian Countries	16,162.74	8.96	17,194.73	9.22
African Countries	1,354.26	0.75	1,947.83	1.04
9 Other Asia	48,209.70	26.74	52,583.26	28.20
10 Other Africa	10,418.93	5.78	12,217.72	6.55
11 Oceania	3,483.97	1.93	3,733.34	2.00

**Table - 4**  
**Monthly Export to Major Countries**

(Million Rs.)

Countries	December, 2016		December, 2015	
	Value	% Share	Value	% Share
<b>* T O T A L</b>	<b>180,320.74</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>186,486.43</b>	<b>100.00</b>
1 U.S.America	30,211.64	16.75	29,413.85	15.77
2 China	15,162.54	8.41	15,596.40	8.36
3 Afghanistan	13,963.10	7.74	12,405.20	6.65
4 United Kingdom	13,247.10	7.35	14,104.50	7.56
5 Germany	11,453.30	6.35	10,927.31	5.86
6 Spain	7,185.70	3.98	7,336.06	3.93
7 Netherlands	6,567.08	3.64	5,929.51	3.18
8 United Arab Emirates	6,454.86	3.58	6,628.81	3.55
9 Belgium	5,626.82	3.12	4,985.23	2.67
10 Italy	5,572.34	3.09	5,343.80	2.87
11 Kenya	3,351.92	1.86	2,882.83	1.55
12 Bangladesh	3,318.63	1.84	5,010.32	2.69
13 France	3,257.18	1.81	3,315.92	1.78
14 Australia	3,207.99	1.78	1,853.33	0.99
15 Saudi Arabia	3,010.85	1.67	3,723.47	2.00
16 India	2,733.47	1.52	2,711.19	1.45
17 Turkey	2,594.04	1.44	1,805.37	0.97
18 Viet Nam	2,123.27	1.18	2,694.05	1.44
19 Russian Federation	2,114.59	1.17	2,513.91	1.35
20 Sri Lanka	1,879.37	1.04	2,070.85	1.11
<b>* O T H E R S</b>	<b>37,284.94</b>	<b>20.68</b>	<b>45,234.53</b>	<b>24.26</b>

**Table - 5**  
**Cumulative Export by Territories/Regions**

(Million Rs.)

Territories/Regions		Jul-Dec; 2016		Jul-Dec; 2015	
		Value	% Share	Value	% Share
<i>TOTAL</i>		<i>1,035,531.90</i>	<i>100.00</i>	<i>1,069,768.30</i>	<i>100.00</i>
1	Latin & Central America	7,098.23	0.69	8,019.84	0.75
2	South America	10,523.17	1.02	10,793.30	1.01
3	North America	155,596.90	15.03	164,209.85	15.35
4	Eastern Europe	6,878.04	0.66	6,534.06	0.61
5	European Union	290,291.18	28.03	272,783.33	25.50
6	E.F.T.A	2,279.85	0.22	2,193.75	0.21
7	Other Europe	745.59	0.07	681.8	0.06
8	Middle East	82,826.05	8.00	93,518.45	8.74
	Asian Countries	74,543.18	7.20	83,986.27	7.85
	African Countries	8,282.87	0.80	9,532.18	0.89
9	Other Asia	245,944.52	23.75	264,950.97	24.77
10	Other Africa	41,475.06	4.01	49,792.07	4.65
11	Oceania	11,552.08	1.12	9,804.46	0.92

**Table - 6**  
**Cumulative Export to Major Countries**  
(Million Rs.)

Countries	Jul-Dec; 2016		Jul-Dec; 2015	
	Value	% Share	Value	% Share
<i>* T O T A L</i>	<b>1,035,531.90</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>1,069,768.30</b>	<b>100.00</b>
1 U.S.America	146,161.65	14.11	155,082.95	17.56
2 China	69,177.30	6.68	77,886.78	8.82
3 United Kingdom	66,455.06	6.42	67,860.69	7.68
4 Afghanistan	52,129.64	5.03	60,275.72	6.82
5 Germany	50,267.83	4.85	46,145.66	5.22
6 Spain	34,981.60	3.38	31,410.86	3.56
7 United Arab Emirates	30,722.36	2.97	35,399.05	4.01
8 Bangladesh	28,901.16	2.79	30,725.01	3.48
9 Belgium	28,806.80	2.78	24,743.18	2.80
10 Netherlands	27,819.82	2.69	27,263.00	3.09
11 Italy	25,886.91	2.50	24,638.89	2.79
12 India	18,639.09	1.80	13,906.41	1.57
13 France	15,857.01	1.53	14,325.85	1.62
14 Saudi Arabia	13,793.42	1.33	17,196.33	1.95
15 Viet Nam	12,512.19	1.21	12,517.40	1.42
16 Korea, Republic of	11,795.76	1.14	11,862.13	1.34
17 Kenya	11,011.58	1.06	10,451.28	1.18
18 Sri Lanka	10,344.15	1.00	11,076.16	1.25
19 Australia	9,687.82	0.94	8178.84	0.93
20 Turkey	9,637.84	0.93	9288.14	1.05
<i>* O T H E R S</i>	<b>180,622.18</b>	<b>17.44</b>	<b>193,047.55</b>	<b>21.86</b>

## IV - Exports by Economic Categories

Performance of export by economic categories during December, 2016 and July–December, 2016 of the current financial year compared to the same period of last year are shown in table-7.

During December, 2016 exports of primary commodities decreased by 12.19%, whereas for semi-manufactures goods increased by 0.18% and manufactured goods decreased by 1.37% respectively during the current month as compared to the same month of last year.

During July–December, 2016 exports of primary commodities were lower by 10.27%, of semi manufactures by 9.31% and manufactured goods by 0.59% compared to the same period of last year.

**Table - 7**  
**Exports by Economic Categories**

(Million Rs.)

Economic Category	December, 2016	December, 2015	Jul-Dec; 2016	Jul-Dec; 2015
TOTAL	180,320.74	186,486.43	1,035,531.90	1,069,768.30
1. PRIMARY COMMODITIES.	32,063.60	32,329.79	119,619.43	132,527.39
% SHARE IN TOTAL EXPORTS.	17.78	17.34	11.55	12.39
2. SEMI-MANUFACTURES.	23,362.79	19,378.28	100,308.01	112,722.18
% SHARE IN TOTAL EXPORTS.	12.96	10.39	9.69	10.54
3. MANUFACTURED GOODS.	128,504.18	123,073.44	635,283.72	638,032.30
% SHARE IN TOTAL EXPORTS.	71.26	66.00	61.35	59.64



## **I – Import by Groups/Commodities**

Imports into Pakistan during December, 2016 amounted to Rs. 467,035.99 million as against the imports of Rs. 440,287.50 million in the previous month and Rs. 399,510.73 million during the corresponding month of last year showing an increase of 6.08% over previous month and by 16.90% over the corresponding month of last year.

Imports during July–December, 2016 amounted to Rs. 2,545,503.46 million as against Rs. 2,301,264.24 million during the corresponding period of last year showing an increase of 10.61%.

Comparative figures of imports by groups/commodities during December, 2016, November, 2016 and December, 2015 are given in Table-8 and cumulative imports for July-December, 2016 of current financial year and the previous year are given in Table-9.

### **Food Group**

During December, 2016 the 5 selected commodities of Food Groups contributed 7.14% of total imports in which the share of palm oil, pulses and tea were 3.82%, 1.31% and 0.86% respectively.

During July–December, 2016 this group contributed 6.71% of total imports showing a decrease of 6.35% as against their combined share of 7.17% during the corresponding period of last year.

### **Machinery & Transport Group**

During December, 2016 Machinery & Transport Group contributed 28.41% of total imports in which the share of machinery and transport equipment were 23.36% and 5.05% respectively.

During July–December, 2016 this Group contributed 28.96% of the total imports showing an increase of 20.62% as against their combined share of 24.01 % during the corresponding period of last year.

### **Petroleum Group**

During December, 2016 Petroleum Groups contributed 17.84% of total imports in which the share of Petroleum Products and Petroleum Crude were 13.52% and 4.32% respectively.

During July–December, 2016 this group contributed 17.97% of total imports showing a decrease of 4.55% as against their combined share of 18.83% during the corresponding period of last year.

### **Textile Group**

During December, 2016 Textile Groups contributed 2.03% of total imports in which the share of Synthetic & artificial silk yarn and Synthetic fibre were 1.36% and 0.66% respectively.

During July–December, 2016 this group contributed 2.17% of total imports showing a decrease of 16.34% as against their combined share of 2.59% during the corresponding period of last year.

### **Chemical Group**

During December, 2016 the Chemical Groups contributed 14.41% of total imports in which the share of Chemical (excl. fertilizer, medicines & insecticide) (11.14%), Medicinal products (1.62%), Fertilizer manufactured (1.43%) and Insecticide (0.23%).

During July–December, 2016 Chemical group contributed 14.81% of the total imports showing a decrease of 13.17% as against their combined share of 17.06% during the corresponding period of last year.

**Metal Group**

During December, 2016 the Metal Groups contributed 5.81% of total imports in which the share of Iron & steel and Iron & steel scrap were 3.55% and 2.26% respectively.

During July–December, 2016 this group contributed 5.81% of total imports showing a decrease of 8.67% as against their combined share of 6.37% during the corresponding period of last year.

**Miscellaneous Group**

During December, 2016 the Miscellaneous Group contributed 1.78% of total imports in which the share of Paper & paper product and Tyres & tubes were 1.05% and 0.73% respectively.

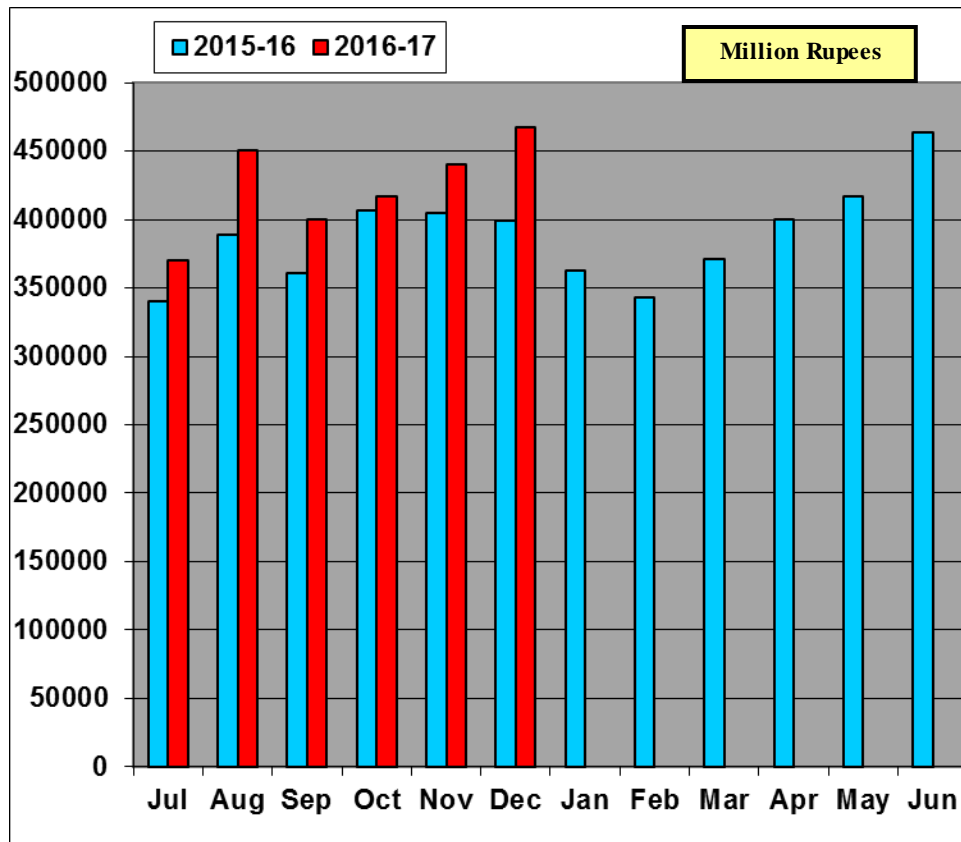
During July–December, 2016 this group contributed 1.76% of total imports showing a decrease of 2.32% as against their combined share of 1.80% during the corresponding period of last year.

Table - 8

## Monthly Import by Groups/Commodities

(Million Rs.)

Commodities	Dec, 2016	Nov, 2016	Dec, 2015	% Change	
				Dec, 2016	Dec, 2016
				Nov, 2016	Dec, 2015
<b>Total</b>	<b>467,035.99</b>	<b>440,287.50</b>	<b>399,510.73</b>	<b>6.08</b>	<b>16.90</b>
<b>A-Food Group</b>	<b>33,362.55</b>	<b>28,693.36</b>	<b>26,179.43</b>	<b>16.27</b>	<b>27.44</b>
1 Palm oil	18,154.70	16,809.97	11,463.35	13.98	31.34
2 Pulses	8,655.31	5,785.81	5,282.72	11.03	44.19
3 Tea	5,130.27	3,770.73	5,685.86	-4.93	-27.41
4 Milk & milk food for infants	1,350.09	2,006.66	2,108.82	41.98	6.65
5 Soyabean oil	72.18	320.19	1,638.68	-72.04	-82.04
<b>B-Machinery &amp; Trans. Group</b>	<b>132,700.21</b>	<b>118,617.82</b>	<b>107,711.66</b>	<b>11.87</b>	<b>23.20</b>
1 Machinery	109,119.97	96,362.50	83,544.15	13.24	30.61
2 Transport equipment	23,580.24	22,255.32	24,167.51	5.95	-2.43
<b>C-Petroleum Group</b>	<b>83,298.76</b>	<b>83,261.08</b>	<b>60,985.86</b>	<b>0.05</b>	<b>36.59</b>
1 Petroleum products	63,133.85	61,052.81	37,779.83	3.41	67.11
2 Petroleum crude	20,164.91	22,208.27	23,206.03	-9.20	-13.10
<b>D-Textile Group</b>	<b>9,474.27</b>	<b>9,030.87</b>	<b>9,263.44</b>	<b>4.91</b>	<b>2.28</b>
1 Synthetic & artificial silk yarn	6,368.79	6,136.90	5,460.90	3.78	16.63
2 Synthetic fibre	3,105.48	2,893.97	3,802.54	7.31	-18.33
<b>E-Chemical Group</b>	<b>67,315.19</b>	<b>66,151.56</b>	<b>65,912.49</b>	<b>1.76</b>	<b>2.13</b>
1 Chemicals (excl. 2, 3 & 4)	52,005.39	45,865.70	46,910.27	13.39	10.86
2 Medicinal products	7,558.58	8,308.65	12,634.51	-9.03	-40.18
3 Fertilizer manufactured	6,698.63	10,934.88	5,204.92	-38.74	28.70
4 Insecticide	1,052.59	1,042.33	1,162.79	0.98	-9.48
<b>F-Metal Group</b>	<b>27,131.04</b>	<b>29,003.04</b>	<b>27,765.48</b>	<b>-6.45</b>	<b>-2.28</b>
1 Iron & steel	16,588.66	20,277.71	17,034.42	-18.19	-2.62
2 Iron & steel scrap	10,542.38	8,725.33	10,731.06	20.83	-1.76
<b>G-Miscellaneous Group</b>	<b>8,328.56</b>	<b>6,641.09</b>	<b>6,775.22</b>	<b>25.41</b>	<b>22.93</b>
1 Paper & paper products	4,917.35	4,189.89	4,012.82	17.36	22.54
2 Tyres & tubes	3,411.21	2,451.20	2,762.40	39.16	23.49
<b>Others</b>	<b>105,425.41</b>	<b>98,888.68</b>	<b>94,917.15</b>	<b>6.61</b>	<b>11.07</b>

**MONTHLY IMPORTS INTO PAKISTAN**

**Table - 9**  
**Cumulative Import by Groups/Commodities**

(Million Rs.)

Commodities	Jul-Dec; 2016	Jul-Dec; 2015	% Change
			Jul-Dec; 2016
			Jul-Dec; 2015
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,545,503.46</b>	<b>2,301,264.24</b>	<b>10.61</b>
<b>A-Food Group</b>	<b>170,842.56</b>	<b>164,915.18</b>	<b>3.59</b>
1 Palm oil	88,255.66	86,135.83	2.46
2 Pulses	38,847.49	27,903.11	39.22
3 Tea	26,935.04	29,094.30	-7.42
4 Milk & milk food for infants	10,736.57	11,234.87	-4.44
5 Soya-bean oil	6,067.80	10,547.07	-42.47
<b>B-Machinery &amp; Transport Group</b>	<b>737,195.70</b>	<b>552,591.11</b>	<b>33.41</b>
1 Machinery	597,645.82	421,116.27	41.92
2 Transport equipment	139,549.88	131,474.84	6.14
<b>C-Petroleum Group</b>	<b>457,511.00</b>	<b>433,344.63</b>	<b>5.58</b>
1 Petroleum products	335,532.22	280,476.81	19.63
2 Petroleum crude	121,978.78	152,867.82	-20.21
<b>D-Textile Group</b>	<b>55,156.92</b>	<b>59,600.70</b>	<b>-7.46</b>
1 Synthetic & artificial silk yarn	32,900.65	32,492.93	1.25
2 Synthetic fibre	22,256.27	27,107.77	-17.90
<b>E-Chemical Group</b>	<b>376,993.18</b>	<b>392,534.20</b>	<b>-3.96</b>
1 Chemicals (excl. 2, 3 & 4)	277,805.23	275,351.71	0.89
2 Fertilizer manufactured	42,453.98	61,344.76	-30.79
3 Medicinal products	48,521.22	46,883.75	3.49
4 Insecticide	8,212.75	8,953.98	-8.28
<b>F-Metal Group</b>	<b>147,984.07</b>	<b>146,480.70</b>	<b>1.03</b>
1 Iron & steel	101,758.74	94,789.30	7.35
2 Iron & steel scrap	46,225.33	51,691.40	-10.57
<b>G-Miscellaneous Group</b>	<b>44,853.44</b>	<b>41,511.27</b>	<b>8.05</b>
1 Paper & paper products	25,724.86	24,411.21	5.38
2 Tyres & tubes	19,128.58	17,100.06	11.86
<b>Others</b>	<b>554,966.59</b>	<b>510,286.45</b>	<b>8.76</b>

## II – Analysis of Selected Commodities of Import

### POL

Imports of POL during December, 2016 valued at Rs. 83,298.76 million was higher by 0.05% compared to November, 2016 Rs. 83,261.08 million and by 36.59% compared to December, 2015 Rs. 60,985.86 million. Cumulative imports of POL during the period July–December, 2016 amounted to Rs. 457,511.00 million as against Rs. 433,344.63 million during the corresponding period of last year showing an increase of 5.58.

The share of POL in total imports in December, 2016 was 17.84% as against 18.91% in November, 2016 and by 15.27% in December, 2015. During July–December, 2016 its share was 17.97% as against 18.83% in the corresponding period of last year.

Variety wise details of imports of POL during July–December, 2016 and the corresponding period of last year are given below:-

(Million Rs.)

Commodity	Jul-Dec;2016	Jul-Dec;2015
TOTAL	457,511.00	433,344.64
PETROLEUM CRUDE	121,978.78	152,867.82
MOTOR SPIRIT	123,601.10	113,639.44
KEROSENE	2,875.05	2,957.41
DIESEL OIL	0.05	0.32
LUBRICATING OILS,GREASES	8,466.27	9,946.70
MINERAL JELLY, WAX	389.07	640.51
OTHER PETROL. & PETROL. PRODUCTS	200,200.68	153,292.42

***Chemicals (Excluding fertilizer, insecticides & medicines)***

Imports of chemicals during December, 2016 valued at Rs. 52,005.39 million was higher by 13.39% compared to November, 2016 Rs. 45,865.70 million and by 10.86% compared to December, 2015 Rs. 46,910.27 million. During July, 2016–December, 2016 its imports amounted to Rs. 277,805.23 million which was higher by 0.89% compared to imports of Rs. 275,351.71 million during the corresponding period of last year.

The share of chemicals in total imports in December, 2016 was 11.14% as against 10.42% in November, 2016 and 11.74% in December, 2015. During July–December, 2016 its share was 10.91% as against 11.97% in the corresponding period of last year.

Details of imports of chemicals by type during July–December, 2016 and the corresponding period of last year are given below:-

(Million Rs.)

Commodity	Jul-Dec;2016	Jul-Dec;2015
TOTAL	277,805.23	275,351.71
ORGANIC CHEMICALS	91,689.17	87,300.22
INORGANIC CHEMICALS	24,142.48	27,673.16
DYING, TANNING & COLOURING	21,476.36	20,428.68
ESSENTIAL OIL, PERFUME & FLAVOUR	17,137.25	16,604.97
ARTIFICIAL RESINS, PLASTIC	91,899.57	93,519.15
OTHER CHEMICAL MATERIAL	31,460.40	29,825.53



## ***Machinery***

Imports of machinery during December, 2016 valued at Rs. 109,119.97 million was higher by 13.24% compared to November, 2016 Rs. 96,362.50 million which was higher by 30.61% compared to December, 2015, Rs. 83,544.15 million. Cumulative imports of machinery during the period July, 2016–December, 2016 amounted to Rs. 597,645.82 million as against Rs. 421,116.27 million during the corresponding period of last year showing an increase of 41.92%.

The share of machinery in total imports in December, 2016 was 23.36% as against 21.89% in November, 2016 and 20.91% in December, 2015. During July–December, 2016 its share was 23.48% as against 18.30% in the corresponding period of last year.

Details of imports of machinery during July, 2016–December, 2016 and the corresponding period of last year are given below:-

(Million Rs.)

<b>Commodity</b>	<b>Jul-Dec;2016</b>	<b>Jul-Dec;2015</b>
TOTAL	597,645.82	421,116.27
POWER GENERATING MACH. & EQUIP.	176,166.26	82,189.55
AGRI. MACHINERY & IMPLEMENTS	3,373.54	3,577.50
TRACTORS ALL SORTS	1,974.00	894.01
TEXTILE AND LEATHER MACHINERY	29,436.18	26,110.55
CONSTRUCTION & MINING MACHINERY	26,226.95	16,776.21
METAL WORKING MACHINERY	6,069.53	4,686.61
OFFICE MACHINES & AUTOMATIC	27,007.18	15,537.13
EQUIPMENT FOR DISTRIBUTING ELECT	11,121.29	7,945.02
TELECOMMUNICATION APPRATUS	2,683.26	4,055.05
OTHER MACHINERY & APPRATUS	313,587.62	259,344.65

### ***Transport Equipment***

Transport equipment was Rs. 23,580.24 million was imported during December, 2016 as against its imports of Rs. 22,255.32 million in November, 2016 and Rs. 24,167.51million in December, 2015 showing an increase of 5.95% over November, 2016, but decreased by 2.43% over December, 2015. The imports of this item during July–December, 2016 totaled Rs. 139,549.88 million which was higher by 6.14% as compared to its imports of Rs. 131,474.84 million during the corresponding period of last year.

The share of transport equipment in total imports in December, 2016 was 5.05%, same as in November, 2016 and 6.05% in December, 2015. During July–December, 2016 its share was 5.48% as against the share of 5.71% in the corresponding period of last year.

Details of imports of transport equipment during July–December, 2016 and the corresponding period of last year are given below:-

(Million Rs.)		
Commodity	Jul-Dec;2016	Jul-Dec;2015
TOTAL	139,549.88	131,474.84
PASSENGER MOTOR VEHICLES	55,091.19	46,506.51
BUSES & THEIR CHASIS WITH ENGINE	5,998.06	4,467.37
LORRIES & TRUCKS INCL. SPECIAL	7,005.16	1,712.33
AIRCRAFTS	3,370.34	25,366.40
SHIPS & BOATS	11,575.03	12,070.93
RAILWAY VEHICLES	6,896.58	2,762.52
MOTORCYCLES, SCOOTERS	4,419.93	6,018.04
OTHERS	45,193.58	32,570.74

### **III - Direction of Imports**

Imports by Territories/Regions and major countries during December, 2016 and July–December, 2016 of current financial year compared with the corresponding period of last year are given in table 10, 11, 12 and 13 respectively.

During December, 2016 (8.98%) of total imports were from European Union. The share of imports of Middle East was 26.26% and North America was 6.79%. Country-wise, China was at the top of imports list during December, 2016 followed by United Arab Emirates, Indonesia, U.S.A., Saudi Arabia and Japan. The combined share of these six countries during December, 2016 was 62.68% as against their combined share of 56.14% during December, 2015.

During July–December, 2016 imports from European Union 10.14%, Imports from Middle East were 25.95% and from North America 5.80% of total imports during this period. Country-wise China was on the top of the imports list followed by United Arab Emirates, U.S.A., Japan, Indonesia and Saudi Arabia during July–December, 2016. The combined share of these six countries in total imports during this period was 61.69% as against their combined share of 54.50% during the corresponding period of last year.

**Table - 10****Monthly Imports by Territories/Regions**

(Million Rs.)

Countries		December, 2016		December, 2015	
		Value	% Share	Value	% Share
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>467,035.99</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>399,425.41</b>	<b>100.00</b>
1	Latin & Central America	478.99	0.10	490.27	0.12
2	South America	3,445.10	0.74	6,041.13	1.51
3	North America	31,726.64	6.79	24,044.51	6.02
4	Eastern Europe	4,377.33	0.94	2,160.57	0.54
5	European Union	41,922.63	8.98	53,933.29	13.50
6	E.F.T.A	2,126.30	0.46	2,675.37	0.67
7	Other Europe	86.67	0.02	25.44	0.01
8	Middle East	122,631.96	26.26	84,831.62	21.23
	i) Asian Countries	120,350.82	25.77	83,072.67	20.79
	ii) African Countries	2,281.14	0.49	1,758.95	0.44
9	Other Asia	240,526.30	51.50	205,755.96	51.50
10	Other Africa	16,141.57	3.46	15,938.87	3.99
11	Oceania	3,572.49	0.76	3,613.70	0.90

**Table - 11**  
**Monthly Imports by Major Countries**

(Million Rs.)

Countries	December, 2016		December, 2015	
	Value	% Share	Value	% Share
<b>* T O T A L</b>	<b>467,035.99</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>399,510.76</b>	<b>100.00</b>
1 China	146,353.75	31.34	110,143.86	27.57
2 United Arab Emirates	68,646.61	14.70	44,525.55	11.15
3 Indonesia	22,785.25	4.88	16,978.28	4.25
4 U.S.America	20,562.40	4.40	17,999.96	4.51
5 Saudi Arabia	18,636.96	3.99	18,337.09	4.59
6 Japan	15,768.44	3.38	16,294.28	4.08
7 Kuwait	15,226.47	3.26	11,516.13	2.88
8 India	13,395.96	2.87	25,175.22	6.30
9 Canada	11,164.24	2.39	6,044.56	1.51
10 Qatar	9,721.61	2.08	1,831.40	0.46
11 Germany	8,968.43	1.92	9,406.59	2.35
12 Singapore	8,451.34	1.81	6,101.82	1.53
13 Thailand	8,095.78	1.73	6,958.47	1.74
14 South Africa	7,546.31	1.62	4,161.26	1.04
15 Malaysia	6,936.09	1.49	5,745.77	1.44
16 European Union	6,307.46	1.35	8,192.68	2.05
17 Korea, Republic of	6,231.89	1.33	5,971.99	1.49
18 United Kingdom	5,630.27	1.21	5,767.37	1.44
19 Kenya	4,380.11	0.94	4,537.06	1.14
20 Italy	4,076.64	0.87	4,053.96	1.01
<b>* O T H E R S</b>	<b>58,149.99</b>	<b>12.45</b>	<b>69,767.48</b>	<b>17.46</b>

**Table – 12****Cumulative Import by Territories/Regions**

(Million Rs.)

Territories/Regions		Jul-Dec; 2016		Jul-Dec; 2015	
		Value	% Share	Value	% Share
	<b>Total</b>	<b>2,545,503.46</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>2,301,264.24</b>	<b>100.00</b>
1	Latin & Central America	3,867.97	0.15	4,436.50	0.19
2	South America	33,751.18	1.33	52,531.60	2.28
3	North America	147,618.40	5.80	117,769.28	5.12
4	Eastern Europe	29,974.09	1.18	22,686.47	0.99
5	European Union	258,152.40	10.14	251,176.70	10.91
6	E.F.T.A.	12,236.29	0.48	13,236.23	0.58
7	Other Europe	2252.89	0.09	2059.29	0.09
8	Middle East	660,460.28	25.95	588,395.36	25.57
	i) Asian Countries	648,125.73	25.46	576,800.81	25.06
	ii) African Countries	12,334.55	0.48	11,594.55	0.50
9	Other Asia	1,297,277.88	50.96	1,131,267.59	49.16
10	Other Africa	76,492.79	3.01	84,880.47	3.69
11	Oceania	23,419.29	0.92	32,824.76	1.43

Table - 13

## Cumulative Import from Major Countries

(Million Rs.)

Countries	Jul-Dec; 2016		Jul-Dec; 2015	
	Value	% Share	Value	% Share
<b>* T O T A L</b>	<b>2,545,503.46</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>2,301,264.24</b>	<b>100.00</b>
1 China	773,075.18	30.37	604,718.20	26.28
2 United Arab Emirates	374,143.21	14.70	298,119.04	12.95
3 U.S.America	112,303.18	4.41	95,484.17	4.15
4 Japan	104,585.61	4.11	90,622.00	3.94
5 Indonesia	103,408.47	4.06	18,062.81	4.70
6 Saudi Arabia	102,815.90	4.04	147,138.95	6.39
7 India	73,376.82	2.88	88,099.40	3.83
8 Kuwait	68,241.09	2.68	74,449.18	3.24
9 Germany	57,352.85	2.25	50,865.70	2.21
10 Qatar	49,916.00	1.96	12,470.79	0.54
11 Thailand	49,662.05	1.95	41,621.20	1.81
12 Malaysia	49,087.69	1.93	46,846.44	2.04
13 Canada	35,315.21	1.39	22,282.86	0.97
14 Singapore	34,904.48	1.37	35,488.87	1.54
15 Korea, Republic of	34,500.07	1.36	37,810.27	1.64
16 European Union	32,647.87	1.28	31,064.95	1.35
17 United Kingdom	31,101.69	1.22	31,094.03	1.35
18 South Africa	29,320.12	1.15	25,349.31	1.10
19 Italy	26,356.54	1.04	23,016.21	1.00
20 France	25,756.83	1.01	20,464.52	0.89
<b>* O T H E R S</b>	<b>377,632.62</b>	<b>14.84</b>	<b>378,754.92</b>	<b>18.09</b>

## IV - Imports by Economic Categories

During December, 2016 imports of consumer goods increased by 11.59% and of raw material for consumer goods by 17.95% compared to December, 2015. Imports of capital goods during December, 2016 increased by 20.58% and of raw materials for capital goods increased by 10.41% compared to the same month of last year.

During the Six months of current financial year July–December, 2016, imports of consumer goods and raw material for consumer goods was higher by 4.19% and 2.32% respectively compared to July–December, 2016. Imports of capital goods during July–December, 2016 increased by 28.64% and of raw material for capital goods by 2.17% compared to the corresponding period of last year.

Performance of imports by economic categories is shown in table–14.

**Table - 14**

### Imports by Economic Categories

(Million Rs.)

Economic Category	December, 2016	December, 2015	Jul-Dec; 2016	Jul-Dec; 2015
TOTAL	467,035.99	399,425.41	2,545,503.46	2,300,797.95
1. CONSUMER GOODS	84,960.34	76,136.29	464,119.49	445,471.51
% SHARE IN TOTAL IMPORTS.	18.19	19.06	18.23	19.36
2. RAW MATERIAL FOR CONSUMER GOODS	178,088.40	150,985.29	981,533.95	959,300.23
% SHARE IN TOTAL EXPORTS.	38.13	37.79	38.56	41.69
3. RAW MATERIAL FOR CAPITAL GOODS	42,178.43	38,200.67	206,104.45	201,733.50
% SHARE IN TOTAL IMPORTS.	9.03	9.56	8.10	8.77
4. CAPITAL GOODS	161,808.82	134,188.48	893,745.57	694,759.00
% SHARE IN TOTAL IMPORTS.	34.65	33.59	35.11	30.19