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**SUMMARY**  
**February, 2017**

Exports  
Imports  
Balance of Trade

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

Series	February, 2017		January, 2017		% Change	
					February, 2017	
					January, 2017	
	Rs.	\$	Rs.	\$	Rs.	\$
Exports	171,029.37	1,633.20	185,875.87	1,774.80	-7.99	-7.98
Imports	457,799.80	4,371.64	491,952.82	4,697.34	-6.94	-6.93
Trade	-286,770.43	-2,738.44	-306,076.95	-2,293.46	-6.31	19.40
Series	February, 2017		February, 2016		% Change	
					February, 2017	
					February, 2016	
	Rs.	\$	Rs.	\$	Rs.	\$
Exports	171,029.37	1,633.20	186,869.09	1,786.12	-8.48	-8.56
Imports	457,799.80	4,371.64	343,205.74	3,280.40	33.39	33.27
Trade	-286,770.43	-2,738.44	-156,336.65	-1,494.28	83.43	83.26
Series	Jul-Feb; 2017		Jul-Feb; 2016		% Change	
					Jul-Feb; 2017	
					Jul-Feb; 2016	
	Rs.	\$	Rs.	\$	Rs.	\$
Exports	1,392,437.14	13,302.92	1,441,935.61	13,859.35	-3.43	-4.01
Imports	3,495,256.08	33,392.17	3,006,699.37	28,897.58	16.25	15.55
Trade	-2,102,818.94	-20,089.25	-1,564,763.76	-15,038.23	34.39	33.59

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

## **Review of Foreign Trade February, 2017**

### **EXPORTS**

The total Exports of Pakistan during February, 2017 amounted to Rs. 171,029.37 million as against Rs. 185,875.87 million in January, 2017 and Rs. 186,869.09 million during February, 2016 showing a decrease of 7.99% over January, 2017 and by 8.48% over February, 2016.

Exports during July–February, 2017 totalled Rs. 1,392,437.14 million as against Rs. 1,441,935.61 million during the corresponding period of last year showing a decrease of 3.43%.

In terms of U.S dollars, the exports during February, 2017 amounted to \$1,633.20 million as against \$ 1,774.80 million in January, 2017 and \$ 1,786.12 million during February, 2016 showing decrease of 7.98 % over January, 2017, and by 8.56% over February, 2016.

In terms of U.S. dollars, the exports during July–February, 2017 totalled \$ 13,302.92 million as against \$ 13,859.35 million during the corresponding period of last year showing a decrease of 4.01%.

### **IMPORTS**

The total Imports of Pakistan during February, 2017 amounted to Rs. 457,799.80 million as against Rs. 491,952.82 million in January, 2017 and Rs. 343,205.74 million during February, 2016 showing a fall of 6.94% over January, 2017 , but increased by 33.39 % over February, 2016.

Imports during July–February, 2017 amounted to Rs. 3,495,256.08 million as against Rs. 3,006,699.37 million during the corresponding period of last year showing an increase of 16.25%.

In terms of US dollars, the imports during February, 2017 amounted to \$ 4,371.64 million as against \$ 4,697.34 million in January, 2017 and \$ 3,280.40 million during February, 2016 showing decrease of 6.93% over January, 2017, but increased by 33.27% over February, 2016.

In term of U.S. dollars, the imports during July–February, 2017 amounted \$33,392.17 million as against \$28,897.58 million during the corresponding period of last year showing an increase of 15.55%.

Based on the above figures of exports & imports the balance of trade in February, 2017 was unfavorable for Pakistan to the tune of 286,770.43 million in rupees equal to US \$ 2,738.44 million and the balance of trade during July-February, 2017 was unfavorable to the tune of 2,102,818.94 million rupees equal to U.S. \$20,089.25 million.

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

Exports from Pakistan during February, 2017 amounted to Rs. 171,029.37 million as against the exports of Rs. 185,875.87 million in previous month and Rs. 186,869.09 million during the corresponding month of last year showing decrease of 7.70% over previous month and by 8.48% over the corresponding month of last year.

Exports during July–February, 2017 totaled Rs. 1,392,437.14 million as against Rs. 1,441,935.61 million during the corresponding period of last year showing a decrease of 3.43%.

Comparative figure of exports by group/commodities during February, 2017 compared to January, 2017 and February, 2016 are given in table-1 and cumulative exports for the period July–February, 2017 of current financial year compared to the corresponding period of last year are given in table-2.

### **Primary Commodities**

During February, 2017 the 6 selected primary commodities contributed 15.35% of total exports in which the share of rice, fruit, vegetables & preparations thereof, fish & fish preparations, raw cotton (excluding linters) and tobacco un-manufactured were 9.58%, 3.72%, 1.78%, 0.20% and 0.06% respectively.

During July–February, 2017 these 6 commodities contributed 13.04% of the total exports showing decrease of 8.15 % as against their combined share of 14.20 % during the corresponding period of last year.

### **Textile Manufactures**

During February, 2017 the 9 selected commodities of Textile Manufactures contributed 58.61% of total exports in which the share of articles of apparel & clothing accessories (excl. knitwear), bed-wear, knitwear, cotton fabrics, cotton yarn and towels were 12.10%, 10.87%, 10.84%, 9.55%, 5.76% and 4.34% respectively.

During July–February, 2017 these 9 commodities contributed 59.27% of the total exports showing an increase of 3.37% as against their combined share of 57.33% during the corresponding period of last year.

### **Other Manufactures**

During February, 2017 the 7 selected commodities of other Manufactures contributed 9.24% of total exports in which the share of leather clothes & accessories, , surgical instruments ,leather, sport goods (excl. toys) and petroleum products were 2.42%, 1.83 %, 1.63 %, 1.55% and 0.85 % respectively.

During July-February, 2017 these 7 commodities contributed 8.87% of the total exports showing an increase of 1.29% as against their combined share of 8.75% during the corresponding period of last year.

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

(Million Rs.)

Commodities	Feb, 2017	Jan, 2017	Feb, 2016	% Change	
				Feb, 2017	Feb, 2017
				Jan, 2017	Feb, 2016
<b>Total</b>	<b>171,029.37</b>	<b>185,875.87</b>	<b>186,869.09</b>	<b>-7.70</b>	<b>-8.48</b>
<b>A. Primary Commodities</b>	<b>26,250.20</b>	<b>29,519.62</b>	<b>30,916.76</b>	<b>-11.08</b>	<b>-15.09</b>
1 Rice	16,381.27	17,166.59	19,024.16	-4.57	-13.89
2 Fruits,vegetables & preparation thereof	6,369.02	8,876.79	9,355.73	-28.25	-31.92
3 Fish & fish preparation	3,050.95	2,849.54	2,274.65	7.07	34.13
4 Raw cotton (excl. linters)	346.05	111.55	75.17	210.22	360.36
5 Tobacco un-manufactured	96.70	505.64	177.85	-80.88	-45.63
6 Raw wool	6.21	9.51	9.20	-34.70	-32.50
<b>B. Textile Manufactures</b>	<b>100,245.30</b>	<b>106,386.22</b>	<b>102,027.56</b>	<b>-5.77</b>	<b>-1.75</b>
1 Articles of apparel and clothing accessories (excl. knitwear)	20,690.49	21,135.19	19,630.11	-2.10	5.40
2 Bedwear	18,582.55	18,593.80	17,872.43	-0.06	3.97
3 Knitwear	18,539.43	20,472.61	18,171.31	-9.44	2.03
4 Cotton fabrics	16,340.21	21,217.56	19,191.16	-22.99	-14.86
5 Cotton yarn	9,846.79	9,712.13	11,118.44	1.39	-11.44
6 Towels	7,427.79	7,332.94	6,985.71	1.29	6.33
7 Textile made up (excl. towels & bed wear)	5,252.10	5,709.96	5,323.52	-8.02	-1.34
8 Synthetic textile fabrics	2,140.73	590.49	2,628.52	262.53	-18.56
9 Tarpaulin & other canvas goods	1,425.21	1,621.54	1,106.36	-12.11	28.82
<b>C. Other Manufactures</b>	<b>15,803.16</b>	<b>14,598.66</b>	<b>15,296.87</b>	<b>8.25</b>	<b>3.31</b>
1 Leather clothes & accessories	4,130.73	4,004.51	4,448.01	3.15	-7.13
2 Surgical instruments	3,124.64	2,895.20	3,163.56	7.92	-1.23
3 Leather	2,792.33	2,583.40	2,679.14	8.09	4.22
4 Sports goods (excl. toys)	2,643.14	2,467.16	2,805.30	7.13	-5.78
5 Petroleum products	1,461.70	1,162.97	358.77	25.69	307.42
6 Footwear	900.89	960.39	1,121.78	-6.20	-19.69
7 Carpets, carpeting, rugs & mats	749.73	525.03	720.31	42.80	4.08
<b>Others</b>	<b>28,730.71</b>	<b>35,371.37</b>	<b>38,627.90</b>	<b>-18.77</b>	<b>-25.62</b>



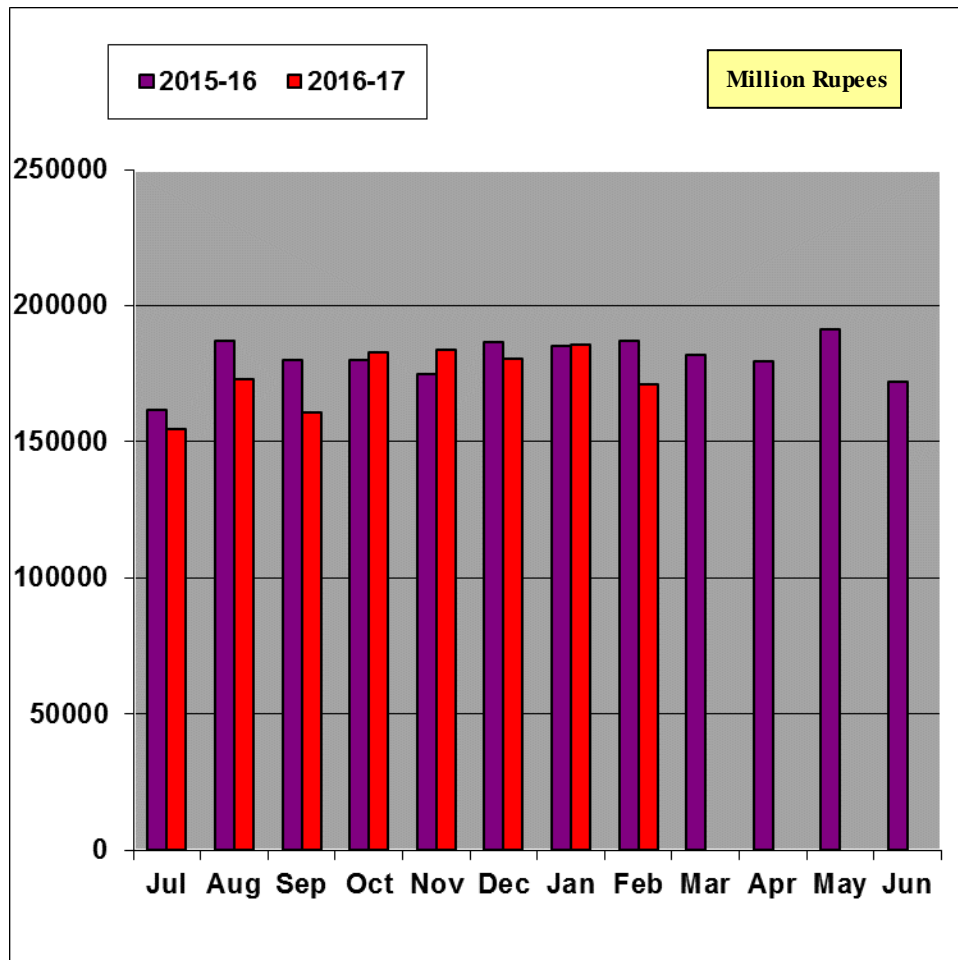
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Table - 2

## Cumulative Exports by Major Commodities

(Million Rs.)

Commodities	Jul-Feb; 2017	Jul-Feb; 2016	% Change
			Jul-Feb; 2017
			Jul-Feb; 2016
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,392,437.14</b>	<b>1,441,935.61</b>	<b>-3.43</b>
<b>A. Primary Commodities</b>	<b>181,588.05</b>	<b>204,729.89</b>	<b>-11.30</b>
1 Rice	108,153.12	126,055.27	-14.20
2 Fruits, vegetables and preparations thereof	43,133.05	47,932.57	-10.01
3 Fish & fish preparation	25,095.97	22,129.41	13.41
4 Raw Cotton (excl. linters)	4,212.11	7,717.77	-45.42
5 Tobacco unmanufactured	908.84	674.28	34.79
6 Raw wool	84.96	220.59	-61.49
<b>B. Textile Manufactures</b>	<b>825,235.59</b>	<b>826,690.38</b>	<b>-0.18</b>
1 Knitwear	162,250.44	163,419.33	-0.72
2 Articles of apparel & clothing & accessories	156,957.36	149,544.95	4.96
3 Cotton fabrics	149,218.45	154,539.87	-3.44
4 Bed-wear	147,950.86	139,122.02	6.35
5 Cotton yarn	88,337.63	93,123.29	-5.14
6 Towels	54,526.65	55,768.11	-2.23
7 Textile made up (excl. towels & bedwear)	44,150.26	43,850.61	0.68
8 Synthetic textile fabrics	11,464.17	20,666.32	-44.53
9 Tarpaulin & other canvas goods	10,379.77	6,655.88	55.95
<b>C. Other Manufactures</b>	<b>123,490.99</b>	<b>126,246.77</b>	<b>-2.18</b>
1 Leather clothes & accessories	35,379.63	37,265.50	-5.06
2 Leather	23,170.51	24,557.58	-5.65
3 Surgical instruments	23,217.61	24,354.96	-4.67
4 Sports goods (excl. toys)	21,127.36	21,838.11	-3.25
5 Petroleum Products	7,989.21	3,677.66	117.24
6 Footwear	6,766.77	7,480.70	-9.54
7 Carpets, carpeting rugs & mats	5,839.90	7,072.26	-17.43
<b>Others</b>	<b>262,122.51</b>	<b>284,268.57</b>	<b>-7.79</b>

## II – Analysis of Selected Commodities of Export

### *Cotton Fabrics*

Cotton fabrics moved down to fourth position on the exports list in its group for February, 2017 from first in the previous month. During this month its exports amounted to Rs. 16,340.21 million as against Rs. 21,217.56 million in January, 2017 and Rs. 19,191.16 million during February, 2016 showing decrease of 22.99 % over January, 2017 and by 14.86 % over February, 2016.

During July–February, 2017 of current financial year 1,391,436 thousand sq. meters of cotton fabrics valued at Rs. 149,218.45 million were exported as against 1,468,904 thousand sq. meters valued at Rs. 154,539.87 million during the same period of last year showing a decrease of 5.27% in terms of quantity and in terms of value was lower by 3.44%. The average unit price of cotton fabrics increased to Rs. 107.24 per sq. meter from Rs. 105.21 per sq. meter during the corresponding period of last year showing an increase of 1.93%. Main buyers of cotton fabrics during July–February, 2017 of current financial year were Bangladesh (Rs. 31,150.89 million), Italy (Rs. 10,416.97 million), China (Rs. 9,646.55 million), Germany (Rs. 6,718.54 million), U.S.A. (Rs. 6,170.93 million), Spain (Rs. 6,083.58 million), Turkey (Rs. 5,388.36 million), Sri Lanka (Rs. 5,284.98 million), United Kingdom (Rs. 4,836.03 million) and Netherlands (Rs. 4,514.43 million). Their total take-off accounted for 60.46% of total exports of cotton cloth as compared to their combined share of 61.61% during the same period of last year.

Variety-wise exports of cotton fabrics during July–February, 2017 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-Feb;2017		Jul-Feb;2016	
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
TOTAL: (COTTON FABRICS)	1,391,436	149,218.45	1,468,904	154,539.87
COTTON FABRICS GREY (UNBLEACHED)	523,268	52,598.08	571,824	57,708.52
COTTON PRINTS	119,156	13,220.08	104,196	10,871.81
COTTON SHEETINGS (BLEACHED)	96,173	10,403.28	93,226	9,841.83
CANVAS CLOTH WATER PROOF (DYED)	287,464	31,614.24	295,700	30,414.86
DENIME	254,683	30,977.43	306,776	36,114.39
OTHER COTTON FABRICS	110,692	10,405.35	97,180	9,588.45

## *Cotton Yarn*

Cotton yarn maintained its fifth position on the exports list in its group for February, 2017 as observed in the previous month. Its exports in this month amounted to Rs. 9,846.79 million as against Rs. 9,712.13 million in January, 2017 and Rs. 11,118.44 million in February, 2016 showing an increase of 1.39% over January, 2017 whereas, decreased by 11.44% over February, 2016.

During July–February, 2017 exports of cotton yarn amounted to Rs. 88,337.63 million as against Rs. 93,123.29 million in the corresponding period of last year depicting a fall of 5.14%. In terms of quantity 302,652 thousand kg of cotton yarn was exported during the July–February, 2017 of current financial year as against 295,810 thousand kg exported during the corresponding period of last year showing an increase of 2.31%. The average unit price of cotton yarn for period July–February, 2017 of current financial year was Rs. 291.88 per kg as against Rs. 314.81 per kg in the same period of last year showing a fall of 7.28%.

China (Rs. 60,568.32 million), Bangladesh (Rs. 5,012.49 million), Turkey (Rs. 3,493.64 million), Portugal (Rs. 2,885.21 million), Hong Kong (Rs. 2,490.11 million), Japan (Rs. 2,020.08 million), Korea Rep. of (Rs. 1,974.73 million), Italy (Rs. 1,298.97 million), U. S. A. (Rs. 976.64 million) and Viet Nam (Rs. 699.2 million), were major buyers of cotton yarn during this period. Their combined share accounted for 92.16% of total exports of cotton yarn as compared to their combined share of 92.78% during the same period of last year.

Variety-wise exports of cotton yarn in terms of quantity and value during July-February, 2017 of the current financial year and corresponding period of last year are given below:-

(Quantity in '000' Kg.)

(Value in million Rs.)

Commodity	Jul-Feb;2017		Jul-Feb;2016	
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
TOTAL	302,652	88,337.63	295,810	93,123.29
COTTON YARN SINGLE COMB/UNCOMB	264,016	76,655.25	253,052	80,380.60
COTTON YARN MULTIPLE COMB/UNCOMB	38,624	11,678.17	42,423	12,664.40
OTHER COTTON YARN	12	4.21	335	78.29

## ***Rice***

Rice maintained its first position on the exports list in its group during February, 2017 as observed in the previous month. In this month it fetched Rs. 16,381.27 million as against Rs. 17,166.59 million in January, 2017 and Rs. 19,024.16 million in February, 2016 showing a fall of 4.57 % over January, 2017 and 13.89 % over February, 2016.

During July–February, 2017 its exports amounted to Rs. 108,153.12 million as against the exports of Rs. 126,055.27 million during the corresponding period of last year showing a decrease of 14.20%. Kenya was the leading buyer of rice during July–February, 2017 with its share of 13.12% in the total exports of this item. Other major buyers were Afghanistan (9.48%), China (8.59%), United Arab Emirates (8.38%), Tanzania (4.02%), Mozambique (3.77%) and Saudi Arabia (3.34%). These seven countries accounted for 50.72% of total exports of rice during this period.

Exports of rice to major countries during July–February, 2017 and the corresponding period of last year are given below.

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

Commodity	July, 2016-Feb, 2017		July, 2015-Feb, 2016	
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
T O T A L	2,395,029	108,153.11	2,724,883	126,055.29
Kenya	371,715	14,194.42	315,377	13,687.26
Afghanistan	267,238	10,256.63	232,385	9,520.27
China	269,016	9,293.29	474,224	17,748.54
United Arab Emirates	115,619	9,058.22	102,606	7,668.73
U.R.of Tanzania	119,897	4,352.97	136,428	5,042.78
Mozambique	111,902	4,079.04	89,807	3,919.55
Saudi Arabia	53,800	3,617.61	96,965	6,136.13
O T H E R	1,085,842	53,300.93	1,277,091	62,332.03

Unit price of rice basmati for February, 2017 was Rs. 111,724.43 per tonne as against Rs. 97,970.62 per tonne in February, 2016 showing a rise of 14.04%. Average unit price of this variety for July–February, 2017 of current financial year was Rs. 100,368.44 per tonne as against Rs. 96,207.70 per tonne for the same period of last year showing an increase of 4.32%

Unit price of rice "Other Verities" decreased to Rs. 39,798.99 per tonne in February, 2017 from Rs. 39,970.54 in February, 2016 showing a fall of 0.43%. The average unit price of rice "Other Varities" for July–February, 2017 at Rs. 38,525.12 per tonne was lower by 2.54% compared to average unit price of Rs. 39,527.46 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>			
Feb-17	35,750	3,994.15	111,724.43
Feb-16	40,208	3,939.20	97,970.62
JULY- 2016-FEBRUARY-2017	256,848	25,779.43	100,368.44
JULY-2015- FEBRUARY-2016	323,703	31,142.72	96,207.70
<b>RICE OTHER VARITIES</b>			
Feb-17	311,242	12,387.12	39,798.99
Feb-16	377,402	15,084.96	39,970.54
JULY- 2016-FEBRUARY-2017	2,138,181	82,373.69	38,525.12
JULY-2015- FEBRUARY-2016	2,401,180	94,912.55	39,527.46

### ***Petroleum Products***

Petroleum products maintained fifth position on the exports list in its group during February, 2017 same as in the previous month. In this month its exports amounted to Rs. 1,461.70 million as against Rs. 1,162.97 million in January, 2017 and Rs. 358.77 million in February, 2016 showing an increase of 25.69% over January, 2017 and by 307.42% over February, 2016.

Exports of this item for July–February, 2017 of current financial year stood at Rs. 7,989.21 million as against exports of Rs. 3,677.66 million during the corresponding period of last year showing an increase of 117.24%.

In terms of quantity 173,416 tonnes of petroleum products were exported during July–February, 2017 of current financial year as against 61,459 tonnes exported during the corresponding period of last year showing an increase of 182.17%.

The main buyers of petroleum products during July–February, 2017 were Afghanistan (Rs. 4,762.41 million), India (Rs. 1,834.48 million), Kazakstan (Rs. 436.93 million), China (350.93 million), Netherland (Rs. 201.87 million), Philippines (Rs. 186.5 million) and Bangladesh (Rs. 156.28 million). These seven countries accounted for 99.25% of total exports of petroleum products during July–February, 2017 against 97.65% exports during the same period of last year.

Quantity and value of exports of petroleum products during July–February, 2017 and the corresponding period of last year are given below:-

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

Commodity	Jul-Feb;2017		Jul-Feb;2016	
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
TOTAL	173,416	7,989.21	61,459	3,677.66
PETROLEUM TOP-NEPTHA	80,967	3007.59	3080	111.08
OTHER PETROLEUM PRODUCTS	92,449	4,981.62	58,379	3,566.58

## **Leather**

Leather maintained third position on the exports list in its group for February, 2017 as similar observed in the previous month. Its exports in this month amounted to Rs. 2,792.33 million as against Rs. 2,583.40 million in January, 2017 and Rs. 2,679.14 million in February, 2016 showing an increase of 8.09% over January, 2017 and by 4.22% over February, 2016.

Exports of this item during July–February, 2017 totalled Rs. 23,170.51 million as against Rs. 24,557.58 million during the corresponding period of last year showing a fall of 5.65%. In terms of quantity 13,092,687 sq. meter of leather was exported during July–February, 2017 as against 11,204,823 sq. meters exported during the corresponding period of last year showing an increase of 16.85%.

The main buyers of leather during July–February, 2017 were Hong Kong (Rs. 3,367.38million), Italy (Rs. 3,195.54 million), China (Rs. 2,836.67 million), Viet Nam (Rs. 1,698.92 million), India (Rs. 1,688.84 million), Korea Rep. of (Rs. 1,490.99 million), Bangladesh (Rs. 1,450.86 million), Spain (Rs. 1,209.30 million), Germany (Rs. 896.81 million), South Africa (Rs. 622.44 million) and Indonesia (Rs. 598.22 million) whose combined share in total exports of leather was 82.24% as against their combined share of 82.29% during the same period of last year.

Quantity and value of exports of leather during July–February, 2017 and the corresponding period of last year are given below:-

(Quantity in sq. meter.)

(Value in million Rs.)

Commodity	Jul-Feb;2017		Jul-Feb;2016	
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
TOTAL	13,092,687	23,170.51	11,204,823	24,557.58
TANED/CURST HIDE/SKIN BOVINE ANI	492,462	652.04	811,968	1,205.93
TANED/CURST DRESSED BOVINE ANI.	6,739,937	11,387.22	5,547,087	11,766.75
TANED/CURST HIDE/SKIN SHEEP/LAMB	20,604	40.21	16,342	29.24
TANED/CURST DRESSED SHEEP/LAMBS	1,017,153	1,975.98	630,949	1,832.94
TANED/CURST HIDE/SKIN GOAT/KIDS	28,326	71.56	49,643	121.16
TANED/CURST DRESSED OF GOAT/KIDS	3,426,961	6,289.82	3,292,719	7,811.14
LEATHER N.S.	1,367,244	2,753.68	856,115	1,790.42



### *Carpets, Carpeting Rugs & Mats*

Carpets, carpeting rugs and mats maintained seventh position on exports list in its group for February, 2017 same as in the previous month. Its exports in February, 2017 amounted to Rs. 749.73 million as against Rs. 525.03 million in January, 2017 and Rs. 720.31 million in February, 2016 showing an increase of 42.80% over January, 2017 and by 4.08% over February, 2016.

Exports of this item for the July–February, 2017 of current financial year amounted to Rs. 5,839.90 million as against Rs. 7,072.26 million during the corresponding period of last year showing a decrease of 17.43%.

In terms of quantity 1,257,848 sq. meters of carpets, carpeting rugs and mats were exported during July–February, 2017 of current financial year as against 1,250,121 sq. meters exported during the corresponding period of last year showing an increase of 0.62%.

The average unit price of carpets of woolen hand knotted was Rs. 5459.64 per sq. meter during July–February, 2017 as against Rs. 6326.72 per sq. meter in the corresponding period of last year showing a fall of 13.71%. U. S. A. (Rs. 3,050.74 million), Germany (Rs. 491.94 million), Italy (Rs. 344.29 million), France (Rs. 202.14 million), Kazakistan (Rs. 197.05 million), United Kingdom (Rs. 179.70 million), Spain (Rs. 145.84 million), Sweden (Rs. 135.90 million) and Canada (Rs. 119.80 million), were the main buyers of carpets, carpeting rugs and mats during July–January, 2017. They together accounted for 83.35% during July–February, 2017 as compared to their share of 83.29% during the same period of last year.

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

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

Commodity	Jul-Feb;2017		Jul-Feb;2016	
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
TOTAL	1,257,848	5,839.90	1,250,121	7,072.25
CARPETS OF WOOL HAND KNOTTED	999,350	5,456.09	1,026,755	6,495.99
OTHER CARPETS,CARPETING	258,498	383.81	223,366	576.27

## **Raw Cotton**

Raw Cotton moved up to fourth position on the exports list in its group for February, 2017 from fifth in the previous month. Its exports in this month amounted to Rs. 346.05 million as against Rs. 111.55 million in January, 2017 and Rs. 75.17 million in February, 2016 showing an increase of 210.22% over January, 2017 and by 360.36 % over February, 2016.

Exports of this item during July–February, 2017 amounted to Rs. 4,212.11 million as against Rs. 7,717.77 million showing a decrease of 45.42% compared to the same period of last year. In terms of quantity 23,476 tonnes of raw cotton was exported during July–February, 2017 as against 47,899 tonnes exported in the same period of last year showing a decrease of 50.99%.

The main buyers of raw cotton during July–February, 2017 were India (Rs. 1278.39 million), Viet Nam (Rs. 925.99 million), Bangladesh (Rs. 839.02 million), Indonesia (Rs. 721.17 million) and Thailand (Rs. 106.89 million). They together account for 91.91 % of total exports of raw cotton during July–February, 2017 as against their combined share of 98.29 % in the corresponding period of last year.

Quantity and value data of exports of raw cotton during July–February, 2017 and the corresponding period of last year are given below:-

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

Commodity	Jul-Feb;2017		Jul-Feb;2016	
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
TOTAL:	23,476	4,212.11	47,899	7,717.77
COTTON AMERICAN	--	--	--	--
COTTON EGYPTIAN	--	--	--	--
OTHER	23,476	4,212.11	47,899	7,717.77

(–) Indicate nil.

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

Exports by Territories/Regions and Major countries during February, 2017 compared with February, 2016 are given in table 3 & 4 and cumulative Exports by Territories/Regions and Major countries for the July–February, 2017 of the current financial year compared with the same period of last year are given in table 5 & 6 respectively.

During the month of February, 2017 (34.36 %) of total exports went to European Union. The share of North America during February, 2017 was 17.86% as against 14.62 % in February, 2016. The share of Middle East during February, 2017 was 10.98 % as against 12.56 % in February, 2016. Country-wise, U.S.A. was at the top of the exports list for February, 2017 followed by United Kingdom, China, Germany, Afghanistan and United Arab Emirates. The share of these six countries in total exports of February, 2017 was 46.11% as against their share of 46.72% in February, 2016.

During July–February, 2017 the share of European Union in total exports was 33.81%. The share of North America increased to 17.88% from 17.81% during the same period of last year. The share of Middle East decreased to 9.82% from 10.86% during the same period of last year.

Country-wise, U.S.A. was at the top of the exports list for July–February, 2017 followed by China, United Kingdom, Afghanistan Germany and Spain. The share of these six countries in total exports for July–February, 2017 of the current financial year was 48.45% as against 48.89% in the same period of last year.

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

(Million Rs.)

Territories/Regions	February, 2017		February, 2016	
	Value	% Share	Value	% Share
<i>T O T A L</i>	<i>171,029.37</i>	<i>100.00</i>	<i>186,869.09</i>	<i>100.00</i>
1 Latin & Central America	1,263.44	0.74	1,378.75	0.74
2 South America	1,932.64	1.13	2,161.53	1.16
3 North America	30,549.21	17.86	27,316.96	14.62
4 Eastern Europe	2,313.59	1.35	3,117.51	1.67
5 European Union	58,768.80	34.36	61,074.74	32.68
6 E.F.T.A	505.85	0.30	456.54	0.24
7 Other Europe	200.85	0.12	111.44	0.06
8 Middle East	18,782.99	10.98	23,476.27	12.56
Asian Countries	17,220.48	10.07	21,212.84	11.35
African Countries	1,562.51	0.91	2,263.43	1.21
9 Other Asia	44,527.84	26.04	53,745.10	28.76
10 Other Africa	9,938.83	5.81	11,645.97	6.23
11 Oceania	2,245.32	1.31	2,384.29	1.28

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

(Million Rs.)

Countries	February, 2017		February, 2016	
	Value	% Share	Value	% Share
<b>* T O T A L</b>	<b>171,029.37</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>186,869.09</b>	<b>100.00</b>
1 U.S.America	28,590.99	16.72	25,512.95	13.65
2 United Kingdom	13,259.41	7.75	13,637.56	7.30
3 China	12,009.65	7.02	15,100.59	8.08
4 Germany	10,911.97	6.38	10,108.91	5.41
5 Afghanistan	7,049.36	4.12	15,053.27	8.06
6 United Arab Emirates	7,036.61	4.11	7,890.03	4.22
7 Spain	6,885.50	4.03	8,463.67	4.53
8 Italy	5,858.23	3.43	6,190.39	3.31
9 Netherlands	5,803.39	3.39	6,724.27	3.60
10 Bangladesh	4,880.80	2.85	5,787.73	3.10
11 Belgium	4,863.51	2.84	5,056.22	2.71
12 Saudi Arabia	3,111.15	1.82	4,526.00	2.42
13 France	3,038.98	1.78	2,763.14	1.48
14 Turkey	2,757.92	1.61	1,830.34	0.98
15 India	2,669.98	1.56	2,072.64	1.11
16 Sri Lanka	2,345.40	1.37	2,076.15	1.11
17 Kenya	2,299.27	1.34	2,071.24	1.11
18 Philippines	2,128.17	1.24	1,160.22	0.62
19 Korea, Republic of	2,060.07	1.20	2,007.68	1.07
20 Canada	1,957.87	1.14	1,804.01	0.97
<b>* O T H E R S</b>	<b>41,511.14</b>	<b>24.27</b>	<b>47,032.07</b>	<b>25.17</b>

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

(Million Rs.)

Territories/Regions	Jul-Feb; 2017		Jul-Feb; 2016	
	Value	% Share	Value	% Share
<i>T O T A L</i>	<i>1,392,437.13</i>	<i>100.00</i>	<i>1,441,935.61</i>	<i>100.00</i>
1 Latin & Central America	11,077.44	0.80	12,570.50	0.87
2 South America	16,728.06	1.20	17,077.07	1.18
3 North America	249,014.71	17.88	256,788.19	17.81
4 Eastern Europe	15,195.63	1.09	17,039.53	1.18
5 European Union	470,813.51	33.81	454,376.00	31.51
6 E.F.T.A	3,831.37	0.28	3,835.53	0.27
7 Other Europe	1398.95	0.10	1114.78	0.08
8 Middle East	136,801.08	9.82	156,640.70	10.86
Asian Countries	124,015.79	8.91	140,831.51	9.77
African Countries	12,785.29	0.92	15,809.19	1.10
9 Other Asia	392,229.19	28.17	418,850.22	29.05
10 Other Africa	75,548.42	5.43	85,577.25	5.93
11 Oceania	19,798.78	1.42	18,065.87	1.25

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

Countries	Jul-Feb; 2017		Jul-Feb; 2016	
	Value	% Share	Value	% Share
<b>* T O T A L</b>	<b>1,392,437.13</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>1,441,935.61</b>	<b>100.00</b>
1 U.S.America	233,920.15	16.80	242,079.33	16.79
2 China	108,750.39	7.81	119,972.73	8.32
3 United Kingdom	106,635.33	7.66	109,764.13	7.61
4 Afghanistan	86,039.89	6.18	100,143.70	6.95
5 Germany	82,661.13	5.94	77,669.18	5.39
6 Spain	56,686.58	4.07	55,393.23	3.84
7 United Arab Emirates	50,206.14	3.61	57,185.06	3.97
8 Netherlands	45,894.46	3.30	45,346.88	3.14
9 Belgium	44,548.23	3.20	40,770.75	2.83
10 Italy	43,911.94	3.15	41,853.64	2.90
11 Bangladesh	42,927.14	3.08	48,243.30	3.35
12 India	27,021.22	1.94	20,819.93	1.44
13 France	25,019.32	1.80	22,924.55	1.59
14 Saudi Arabia	22,857.37	1.64	29,564.84	2.05
15 Kenya	20,295.08	1.46	18,380.82	1.27
16 Korea, Republic of	18,716.16	1.34	17,578.34	1.22
17 Viet Nam	18,583.64	1.33	18,750.23	1.30
18 Turkey	17,741.24	1.27	14,949.50	1.04
19 Sri Lanka	17,266.46	1.24	17632.26	1.22
20 Australia	16,679.43	1.20	13767.73	0.95
<b>* O T H E R S</b>	<b>306,075.85</b>	<b>21.98</b>	<b>329,145.48</b>	<b>22.83</b>

## IV - Exports by Economic Categories

Performance of export by economic categories during February, 2017 and July–February, 2017 of the current financial year compared to the same period of last year are shown in table-7.

During February, 2017 exports of primary commodities, semi-manufactures and manufactured goods decreased by 12.64%, 29.96% and 3.22% respectively during the current month as compared to the same month of last year.

During July–February, 2017 exports of primary commodities were lower by 9.52%, of semi manufactures by 11.27% and manufactured goods by 0.69% compared to the same period of last year.

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

(Million Rs.)

Economic Category	February, 2017	February, 2016	Jul-Feb; 2017	Jul-Feb; 2016
TOTAL	171,029.37	186,869.09	1,392,437.14	1,441,935.61
1. PRIMARY COMMODITIES.	29,633.73	33,922.50	214,359.47	236,922.02
% SHARE IN TOTAL EXPORTS.	17.33	18.15	15.39	16.43
2. SEMI-MANUFACTURES.	17,374.82	24,805.75	156,389.87	176,245.54
% SHARE IN TOTAL EXPORTS.	10.16	13.27	11.23	12.22
3. MANUFACTURED GOODS.	124,020.81	128,140.84	1,021,687.80	1,028,768.05
% SHARE IN TOTAL EXPORTS.	72.51	68.57	73.37	71.35



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

Imports into Pakistan during February, 2017 amounted to Rs. 457,799.80 million as against the imports of Rs. 491,952.82 million in the previous month and Rs. 343,205.74 million during the corresponding month of last year showing decrease of 1.98% over previous month but increased by 33.39% over the corresponding month of last year.

Imports during July, 2016–February, 2017 amounted to Rs. 3,495,256.08 million as against Rs. 3,006,699.37 million during the corresponding period of last year showing an increase of 16.25%.

Comparative figures of imports by groups/commodities during February, 2017, January, 2017 and February, 2016 are given in Table-8 and cumulative imports for July-February, 2017 of current financial year and the previous year are given in Table-9.

### **Food Group**

During February, 2017 the 5 selected commodities of Food Groups contributed 8.24% of total imports in which the share of palm oil, pulses and tea were 3.91%, 2.50% and 1.28% respectively.

During July–February, 2017 this group contributed 7.04% of total imports showing a decrease of 4.97% as against their combined share of 7.41% during the corresponding period of last year.

### **Machinery & Transport Group**

During February, 2017 Machinery & Transport Group contributed 27.22% of total imports in which the share of machinery and transport equipment were 22.18% and 5.04% respectively.

During July, 2016–February, 2017 this Group contributed 29.20% of the total imports showing an increase of 17.95% as against their combined share of 24.76 % during the corresponding period of last year.

### **Petroleum Group**

During February, 2017 Petroleum Groups contributed 15.93% of total imports in which the share of Petroleum Products and Petroleum Crude were 10.72% and 5.21% respectively.

During July–February, 2017 this group contributed 17.30% of total imports showing a decrease of 1.92% as against their combined share of 17.64% during the corresponding period of last year.

### **Textile Group**

During February, 2017 Textile Groups contributed 2.25% of total imports in which the share of Synthetic & artificial silk yarn and Synthetic fibre were 1.24% and 1.01% respectively.

During July–February, 2017 this group contributed 2.18% of total imports showing a decrease of 15.57% as against their combined share of 2.59% during the corresponding period of last year.

### **Chemical Group**

During February, 2017 the Chemical Groups contributed 14.52% of total imports in which the share of Chemical (excl. fertilizer, medicines & insecticide) (11.71%), Medicinal products (1.96%), Fertilizer manufactured (0.65%), and Insecticide (0.19%).

During July, 2016–February, 2017 Chemical group contributed 14.56% of the total imports showing a decrease of 11.71% as against their combined share of 16.49% during the corresponding period of last year.

**Metal Group**

During February, 2017 the Metal Groups contributed 6.05% of total imports in which the share of Iron & steel and Iron & steel scrap were 3.85% and 2.20% respectively.

During July–February, 2017 this group contributed 5.91% of total imports showing a decrease of 11.91% as against their combined share of 6.70% during the corresponding period of last year.

**Miscellaneous Group**

During February, 2017 the Miscellaneous Group contributed 1.59% of total imports in which the share of Paper & paper product and Tyres & tubes were 1.02% and 0.56% respectively.

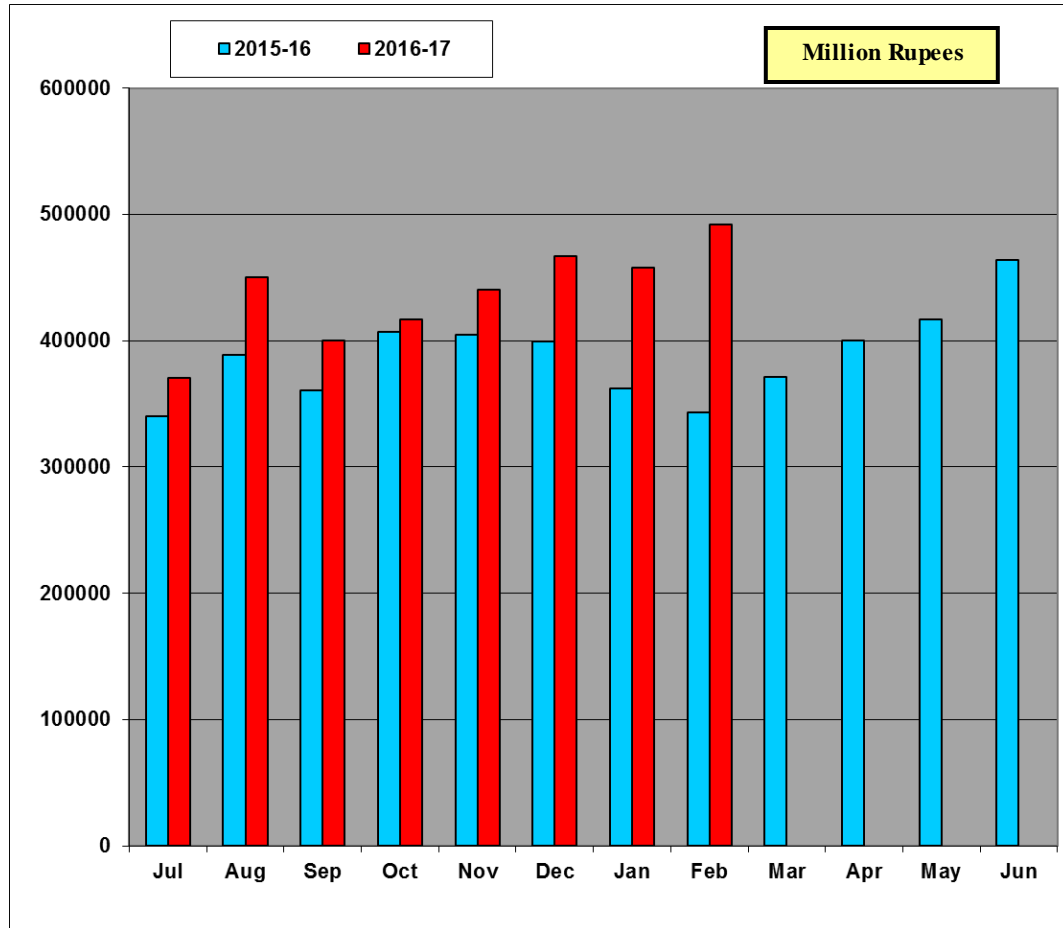
During July–February, 2017 this group contributed 1.71% of total imports showing a decrease of 4.11% as against their combined share of 1.78% during the corresponding period of last year.

Table - 8

## Monthly Import by Groups/Commodities

(Million Rs.)

Commodities	Feb, 2017	Jan, 2017	Feb, 2016	% Change	
				Feb, 2017	Feb, 2017
				Jan, 2017	Feb, 2016
<b>Total</b>	<b>457,799.80</b>	<b>491,952.82</b>	<b>343,205.74</b>	<b>-1.98</b>	<b>33.39</b>
<b>A-Food Group</b>	<b>37,700.62</b>	<b>37,453.35</b>	<b>27,766.48</b>	<b>0.66</b>	<b>35.78</b>
1 Palm oil	17,888.11	18,007.89	14,097.51	-0.67	26.89
2 Pulses	11,433.03	12,544.20	5,245.84	-8.86	117.94
3 Tea	5,859.03	5,024.03	4,002.90	16.62	46.37
4 Milk & milk food for infants	2,505.22	1,869.82	2,488.18	33.98	0.68
5 Soyabean oil	15.23	7.41	1,932.05	105.53	-99.21
<b>B-Machinery &amp; Trans. Group</b>	<b>124,630.52</b>	<b>158,039.59</b>	<b>89,787.74</b>	<b>-21.14</b>	<b>38.81</b>
1 Machinery	101,559.33	123,988.25	71,529.36	-18.09	41.98
2 Transport equipment	23,071.19	34,051.34	18,258.38	-32.25	26.36
<b>C-Petroleum Group</b>	<b>72,934.31</b>	<b>70,549.29</b>	<b>46,451.58</b>	<b>3.38</b>	<b>57.01</b>
1 Petroleum products	49,061.68	49,784.67	33,465.65	-1.45	46.60
2 Petroleum crude	23,872.63	20,764.62	12,985.93	14.97	83.83
<b>D-Textile Group</b>	<b>10,306.01</b>	<b>10,711.72</b>	<b>8,810.79</b>	<b>-3.79</b>	<b>16.97</b>
1 Synthetic & artificial silk yarn	5,672.94	6,727.68	5,621.69	-15.68	0.91
2 Synthetic fibre	4,633.07	3,984.04	3,744.94	16.29	23.72
<b>E-Chemical Group</b>	<b>66,453.94</b>	<b>69,891.11</b>	<b>54,454.15</b>	<b>-4.92</b>	<b>22.04</b>
1 Chemicals (excl. 2, 3 & 4)	53,610.51	56,668.85	42,336.33	-5.40	26.63
2 Fertilizer manufactured	2,986.37	3,863.94	2,795.67	-22.71	6.82
3 Medicinal products	8,983.13	8,275.81	8,542.98	8.55	5.15
4 Insecticide	873.93	1,082.51	779.17	-19.27	12.16
<b>F-Metal Group</b>	<b>27,690.29</b>	<b>30,773.95</b>	<b>26,731.86</b>	<b>-10.02</b>	<b>3.59</b>
1 Iron & steel	17,622.56	19,009.85	17,597.26	-7.30	0.14
2 Iron & steel scrap	10,067.73	11,764.10	9,134.60	-14.42	10.22
<b>G-Miscellaneous Group</b>	<b>7,260.62</b>	<b>7,636.54</b>	<b>5,664.18</b>	<b>-4.92</b>	<b>28.18</b>
1 Paper & paper products	4,682.25	4,614.63	3,987.30	1.47	17.43
2 Tyres & tubes	2,578.37	3,021.91	1,676.88	-14.68	53.76
<b>Others</b>	<b>110,823.49</b>	<b>106,897.27</b>	<b>82,983.12</b>	<b>3.67</b>	<b>33.55</b>

**MONTHLY IMPORTS INTO PAKISTAN**

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

(Million Rs.)

Commodities	Jul-Feb; 2017	Jul-Feb; 2016	% Change
			Jul-Feb; 2017
			Jul-Feb; 2016
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,495,256.08</b>	<b>3,006,699.37</b>	<b>16.25</b>
<b>A-Food Group</b>	<b>245,996.53</b>	<b>222,672.98</b>	<b>10.47</b>
1 Palm oil	124,151.66	112,951.87	9.92
2 Pulses	62,824.72	41,642.17	50.87
3 Tea	37,818.10	37,930.29	-0.30
4 Milk & milk food for infants	15,111.61	15,681.34	-3.63
5 Soya-bean oil	6,090.44	14,467.31	-57.90
<b>B-Machinery &amp; Transport Group</b>	<b>1,020,667.25</b>	<b>744,367.00</b>	<b>37.12</b>
1 Machinery	823,193.40	575,407.51	43.06
2 Transport equipment	197,473.85	168,959.49	16.88
<b>C-Petroleum Group</b>	<b>604,741.99</b>	<b>530,377.81</b>	<b>14.02</b>
1 Petroleum products	438,927.40	353,467.55	24.18
2 Petroleum crude	165,814.59	176,910.26	-6.27
<b>D-Textile Group</b>	<b>76,174.65</b>	<b>77,778.11</b>	<b>-2.06</b>
1 Synthetic & artificial silk yarn	45,301.27	43,331.79	4.55
2 Synthetic fibre	30,873.38	34,446.32	-10.37
<b>E-Chemical Group</b>	<b>508,789.40</b>	<b>495,712.70</b>	<b>2.64</b>
1 Chemicals (excl. 2, 3 & 4)	383,535.76	358,706.04	6.92
2 Fertilizer manufactured	49,304.29	64,830.44	-23.95
3 Medicinal products	65,780.16	61,358.78	7.21
4 Insecticide	10,169.19	10,817.44	-5.99
<b>F-Metal Group</b>	<b>206,448.31</b>	<b>201,597.47</b>	<b>2.41</b>
1 Iron & steel	138,391.15	130,284.13	6.22
2 Iron & steel scrap	68,057.16	71,313.34	-4.57
<b>G-Miscellaneous Group</b>	<b>59,750.60</b>	<b>53,600.72</b>	<b>11.47</b>
1 Paper & paper products	35,021.74	32,262.37	8.55
2 Tyres & tubes	24,728.86	21,338.35	15.89
<b>Others</b>	<b>772,687.35</b>	<b>680,592.58</b>	<b>13.53</b>

## II – Analysis of Selected Commodities of Import

### POL

Imports of POL during February, 2017 valued at Rs. 72,934.31 million was higher by 3.38% compared to January, 2017 Rs. 70,549.29 million and by 57.01% compared to February, 2016 Rs. 46,451.58 million. Cumulative imports of POL during the period July–February, 2017 amounted to Rs. 604,741.99 million as against Rs. 530,377.81 million during the corresponding period of last year showing an increase of 14.02.

The share of POL in total imports in February, 2017 was 15.93% as against 14.34% in January, 2017 and by 13.53% in February, 2016. During July–February, 2017 its share was 17.30% as against 17.64% in the corresponding period of last year.

Variety wise details of imports of POL during July–February, 2017 and the corresponding period of last year are given below:-

(Million Rs.)

Commodity	Jul-Feb;2017	Jul-Feb;2016
TOTAL: (PETROLEUM PRODUCTS)	604,741.99	530,377.81
PETROLEUM CRUDE	165,814.59	176,910.26
MOTOR SPIRIT	166,886.43	145,512.54
KEROSENE	4,888.97	3,780.83
DIESEL OIL	0.20	0.42
LUBRICATING OILS,GREASES	11,127.08	12,475.86
MINERAL JELLY, WAX	513.32	797.15
OTHER PETROL. & PETROL. PRODUCTS	255,511.39	190,900.76

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

Imports of chemicals during February, 2017 valued at Rs. 53,610.51 million was lower by 5.40% compared to January, 2017 Rs. 56,668.85 million but higher by 26.63% compared to February, 2016 Rs. 42,336.33 million. During July–February, 2017 its imports amounted to Rs. 383,535.76 million which was higher by 6.92% compared to imports of Rs. 358,706.04 million during the corresponding period of last year.

The share of chemicals in total imports in February, 2017 was 11.71% as against 11.52% in January, 2017 and 12.34% in February, 2016. During July–February, 2017 its share was 10.97% as against 11.93% in the corresponding period of last year.

Details of imports of chemicals by type during July–February, 2017 and the corresponding period of last year are given below:-

(Million Rs.)

Commodity	Jul-Feb;2017	Jul-Feb;2016
TOTAL	383,535.76	358,706.04
ORGANIC CHEMICALS	129,828.55	114,652.61
INORGANIC CHEMICALS	30,763.49	35,002.43
DYING, TANNING & COLOURING	29,637.87	27,310.57
ESSENTIAL OIL, PERFUME & FLAVOUR	23,130.42	21,843.73
ARTIFICIAL RESINS, PLASTIC	126,561.53	119,772.68
OTHER CHEMICAL MATERIAL	43,613.91	40,124.03



## ***Machinery***

Imports of machinery during February, 2017 valued at Rs. 101,559.33million lower by 18.09% compared to January, 2017 Rs. 123,988.25 million but higher by 41.98% compared to February, 2016, Rs. 71,529.36 million. Cumulative imports of machinery during the period July–February, 2017 amounted to Rs. 823,193.40 million as against Rs. 575,407.51 million during the corresponding period of last year showing an increase of 43.06%.

The share of machinery in total imports in February, 2017 was 22.18% as against 25.20% in January, 2017 and 20.84% in February, 2016. During July–February, 2017 its share was 23.55% as against 19.14% in the corresponding period of last year.

Details of imports of machinery during July–February, 2017and the corresponding period of last year are given below:-

(Million Rs.)

<b>Commodity</b>	<b>Jul-Feb;2017</b>	<b>Jul-Feb;2016</b>
TOTAL	823,193.40	575,407.51
POWER GENERATING MACH. & EQUIP.	228,697.79	123,175.02
AGRI. MACHINERY & IMPLEMENTS	4,458.30	4,645.50
TRACTORS ALL SORTS	3,418.16	1,063.31
TEXTILE AND LEATHER MACHINERY	39,352.76	33,270.12
CONSTRUCTION & MINING MACHINERY	35,037.20	20,767.06
METAL WORKING MACHINERY	9,518.93	6,663.81
OFFICE MACHINES & AUTOMATIC	33,375.20	20,997.78
EQUIPMENT FOR DISTRIBUTING ELECT	14,047.59	11,050.09
TELECOMMUNICATION APPRATUS	3,731.10	4,853.88
OTHER MACHINERY & APPRATUS	451,556.37	348,920.94

### ***Transport Equipment***

Transport equipment was Rs. 23,071.19 million was imported during February, 2017 as against its imports of Rs. 34,051.34 million in January, 2017 and Rs. 18,258.38 million in February, 2016 showing decrease of 32.25% over January, 2017, and an increase of 26.36 % over February, 2016. The imports of this item during July–February, 2017 totaled Rs. 197,473.85 million which was higher by 16.88% as compared to its imports of Rs. 168,959.49 million during the corresponding period of last year.

The share of transport equipment in total imports in February, 2017 was 5.04% as against 6.92% in January, 2017 and 5.32% in February, 2016. During July, 2016–February, 2017 its share was 5.65% as against the share of 5.62% in the corresponding period of last year.

Details of imports of transport equipment during July-February, 2017 and the corresponding period of last year are given below:-

(Million Rs.)		
Commodity	Jul-Feb;2017	Jul-Feb;2016
TOTAL	197,473.85	168,959.49
PASSENGER MOTOR VEHICLES	76,779.02	62,529.54
BUSES & THEIR CHASIS WITH ENGINE	7,643.50	5,636.46
LORRIES & TRUCKS INCL. SPECIAL	7,921.62	2,270.83
AIRCRAFTS	4,358.78	27,338.12
SHIPS & BOATS	24,807.01	16,792.68
RAILWAY VEHICLES	12,171.96	3,436.13
MOTORCYCLES, SCOOTERS	6,104.16	7,606.54
OTHERS	57,687.80	43,349.20

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

Imports by Territories/Regions and major countries during February, 2017 and July, 2016–February, 2017 of current financial year compared with the corresponding period of last year are given in table 10, 11, 12 and 13 respectively.

During February, 2017 (12.59%) of total imports were from European Union. The share of imports of Middle East was 24.18% and North America was 6.42%. Country-wise, China was at the top of imports list during February, 2017 followed by United Arab Emirates, Indonesia, Saudi Arabia, India and U.S.A. The combined share of these six countries during February, 2017 was 56.21% as against their combined share of 56.80% during February, 2016.

During July–February, 2017 imports from European Union 10.76 %, Imports from Middle East were 25.37% and from North America 6.07% 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., Indonesia, Saudi Arabia and Japan during July–February, 2017. The combined share of these six countries in total imports during this period was 60.50% as against their combined share of 57.83% during the corresponding period of last year.

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

(Million Rs.)

Countries		February, 2017		February, 2016	
		Value	% Share	Value	% Share
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>457,799.80</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>343,205.74</b>	<b>100.00</b>
1	Latin & Central America	1,010.57	0.22	2,684.22	0.78
2	South America	5,492.70	1.20	5,546.50	1.62
3	North America	29,394.27	6.42	20,054.50	5.84
4	Eastern Europe	4,492.74	0.98	1,811.79	0.53
5	European Union	57,622.68	12.59	42,773.36	12.46
6	E.F.T.A	2,396.99	0.52	2,100.06	0.61
7	Other Europe	49.26	0.01	9.82	0.00
8	Middle East	110,688.29	24.18	67,194.43	19.58
	Asian Countries	109,210.40	23.86	66,206.18	19.29
	African Countries	1,477.89	0.32	988.25	0.29
9	Other Asia	222,248.79	48.55	183,772.46	53.55
10	Other Africa	15,970.77	3.49	10,785.89	3.14
11	Oceania	8,432.74	1.84	6,472.72	1.89

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

(Million Rs.)

Countries	February, 2017		February, 2016	
	Value	% Share	Value	% Share
<b>* T O T A L</b>	<b>457,799.88</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>343,205.74</b>	<b>100.00</b>
1 China	119,606.03	26.11	100,401.27	29.25
2 United Arab Emirates	52,192.39	11.40	35,520.55	10.35
3 Indonesia	22,167.12	4.84	16,354.73	4.77
4 Saudi Arabia	21,838.21	4.77	12,324.89	3.59
5 India	21,817.10	4.77	17,147.11	5.00
6 U.S.America	19,721.94	4.31	13,208.53	3.85
7 Japan	15,735.66	3.44	13,127.98	3.83
8 Qatar	13,763.54	3.01	1,470.94	0.43
9 Kuwait	11,559.80	2.53	8,947.16	2.61
10 Thailand	10,208.14	2.23	6,521.05	1.90
11 Canada	9,672.33	2.11	6,845.97	1.99
12 European Union	9,364.91	2.05	5,053.01	1.47
13 France	9,134.44	2.00	3,337.49	0.97
14 Korea, Republic of	8,592.20	1.88	6,276.28	1.83
15 Germany	8,270.01	1.81	6,725.63	1.96
16 Netherlands	7,941.14	1.73	4,655.76	1.36
17 Australia	7,698.38	1.68	5,233.87	1.52
18 Malaysia	7,047.84	1.54	8,345.55	2.43
19 South Africa	6,676.54	1.46	3,916.56	1.14
20 Singapore	6,378.97	1.39	3,592.77	1.05
<b>* O T H E R S</b>	<b>68,413.20</b>	<b>14.94</b>	<b>64,198.63</b>	<b>18.71</b>

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

(Million Rs.)

Territories/Regions		Jul-Feb; 2017		Jul-Feb; 2016	
		Value	% Share	Value	% Share
<b>T O T A L</b>		<b>3,495,256.08</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>3,006,699.37</b>	<b>100.00</b>
1	Latin & Central America	5,732.44	0.16	7,611.73	0.25
2	South America	42,767.39	1.22	63,172.10	2.10
3	North America	212,331.33	6.07	162,281.84	5.40
4	Eastern Europe	38,763.05	1.11	27,118.51	0.90
5	European Union	376,203.91	10.76	344,883.38	11.47
6	E.F.T.A	16,338.97	0.47	16,877.78	0.56
7	Other Europe	2348.95	0.07	2122.53	0.07
8	Middle East	886,805.45	25.37	723,141.82	24.05
	Asian Countries	871,181.43	24.92	708,642.72	23.57
	African Countries	15,624.02	0.45	14,499.10	0.48
9	Other Asia	1,770,323.14	50.65	1,507,625.27	50.14
10	Other Africa	104,415.47	2.99	105,587.27	3.51
11	Oceania	39,225.98	1.12	46,277.15	1.54

Table - 13

## Cumulative Import from Major Countries

(Million Rs.)

Countries	Jul-Feb; 2017		Jul-Feb; 2016	
	Value	% Share	Value	% Share
<b>* T O T A L</b>	<b>3,495,256.16</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>3,006,699.40</b>	<b>100.00</b>
1 China	1,036,884.94	29.67	813,371.22	27.05
2 United Arab Emirates	490,173.34	14.02	368,633.15	12.26
3 U.S.America	159,642.94	4.57	123,071.50	4.09
4 Indonesia	147,016.09	4.21	141,515.43	4.71
5 Saudi Arabia	142,506.15	4.08	171,992.38	5.72
6 Japan	138,471.07	3.96	120,250.92	4.00
7 India	114,124.83	3.27	122,047.34	4.06
8 Kuwait	92,421.28	2.64	92,188.62	3.07
9 Germany	75,591.56	2.16	65,810.32	2.19
10 Qatar	74,330.73	2.13	16,734.56	0.56
11 Thailand	68,859.19	1.97	54,340.70	1.81
12 Malaysia	64,723.88	1.85	62,624.01	2.08
13 Canada	52,688.37	1.51	39,206.72	1.30
14 European Union	51,422.96	1.47	43,048.20	1.43
15 Korea, Republic of	50,455.21	1.44	49,651.30	1.65
16 Singapore	50,223.82	1.44	42,180.64	1.40
17 United Kingdom	44,101.25	1.26	40,518.05	1.35
18 France	43,109.93	1.23	26,485.15	0.88
19 South Africa	41,955.70	1.20	32,441.16	1.08
20 Italy	35,768.16	1.02	33,023.21	1.10
<b>* O T H E R S</b>	<b>520,784.77</b>	<b>14.90</b>	<b>547,564.83</b>	<b>18.21</b>

## IV - Imports by Economic Categories

During February, 2017 imports of consumer goods increased by 42.63% and of raw material for consumer goods by 34.11% compared to February, 2016. Imports of capital goods during February, 2017 increased by 31.57% and of raw materials for capital goods increased by 19.10% compared to the same month of last year.

During the eight months of current financial year July–February, 2017 imports of consumer goods was higher by 11.32%, while raw material for consumer goods by 9.77% compared to July–February, 2016. Imports of capital goods during July–February, 2017 increased by 30.98% and of raw material for capital goods increased by 5.11% 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	February, 2017	February, 2016	Jul-Feb; 2017	Jul-Feb; 2016
TOTAL	457,799.80	343,205.74	3,495,256.08	3,006,699.37
1. CONSUMER GOODS	87,123.52	61,084.23	642,468.13	577,131.71
% SHARE IN TOTAL IMPORTS.	19.03	17.80	18.38	19.19
2. RAW MATERIAL FOR CONSUMER GOODS	183,144.31	136,562.41	1,347,012.70	1,227,090.70
% SHARE IN TOTAL EXPORTS.	40.01	39.79	38.54	40.81
3. RAW MATERIAL FOR CAPITAL GOODS	38,036.89	31,937.70	281,275.55	267,598.31
% SHARE IN TOTAL IMPORTS.	8.31	9.31	8.05	8.90
4. CAPITAL GOODS	149,495.08	113,621.41	1,224,499.70	934,878.66
% SHARE IN TOTAL IMPORTS.	32.66	33.11	35.03	31.09