

Monthly Review of
FOREIGN TRADE
December, 2017

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TRADE SUMMARY DECEMBER, 2017

EXPORTS

The total exports of Pakistan during December, 2017 amounted to Rs. 214,351.79 million showing an increase of 3.40% over November, 2017 and by 18.87% over December, 2016. Export during July, 2017-December, 2017 totaled Rs. 1,162,959.16 million showing an increase of 12.31% over the corresponding period of last year.

In terms of US dollar the export during December, 2017 amounted to \$1,972.01 million showing an increase of 0.23% over November, 2017 and by 14.53% over December, 2016. In terms of US dollars, exports during July, 2017-December, 2017 stands at \$10,976.36 million showing an increase of 10.93% over the corresponding period of last year..

IMPORTS

The total imports of Pakistan during December, 2017 amounted to Rs. 530,144.38 million showing an increase of 5.75% over November, 2017 and by 13.51% over December, 2016. Import during July, 2017-December, 2017 totaled Rs. 3,039,364.41 million showing an increase of 19.40% over the corresponding period of last year.

In terms of US dollar the import during December, 2017 amounted to \$4,877.30 million showing an increase of 2.51% over November, 2017 and by 9.36% over December, 2016. In terms of US dollars, exports during July, 2017-December, 2017 stands at \$28,694.90 million showing an increase of 17.97% over corresponding period of last year.

TOTAL TRADE

The total trade of Pakistan during December, 2017 amounted to Rs. 744,496.17 million showing an increase of 5.06% over November, 2017 and by 15.01% over December, 2016. Total trade during July, 2017-December, 2017 totaled Rs. 4,202,323.57 million showing an increase of 17.35% over the corresponding period of last year.

In terms of US dollar the total trade during December, 2017 amounted to \$6,849.31 million showing an increase of 1.84% over November, 2017 and by 10.80% over December, 2016. In terms of US dollars, total trade during July, 2017-December, 2017 stands at \$39,671.26 million showing an increase of 15.94% over the corresponding period of last year.

BALANCE OF TRADE

Balance of trade in December, 2017 was unfavorable to Pakistan to the tune of 315,792.59 million in rupees equal to US \$2,905.29 million, whereas during the period of July, 2017-December, 2017 it was also unfavorable to the tune of 1,876,405.25 million rupees equal to US \$17,718.54 million.

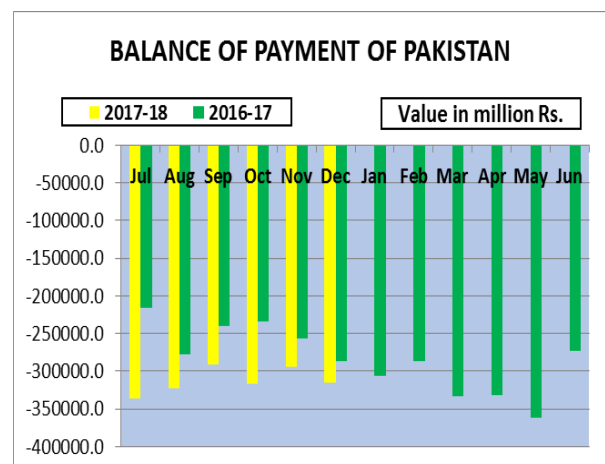
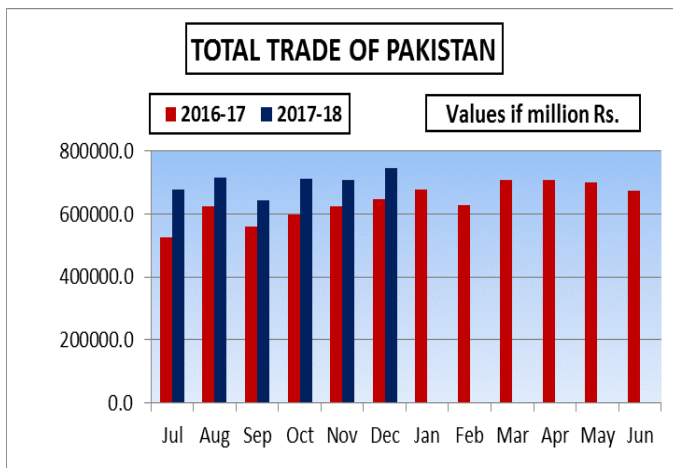
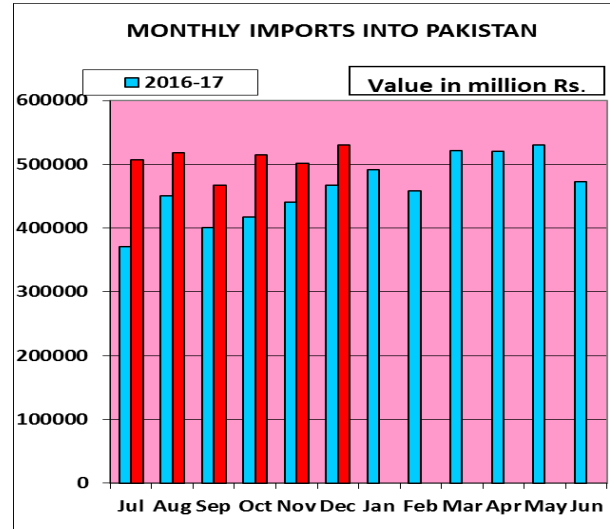
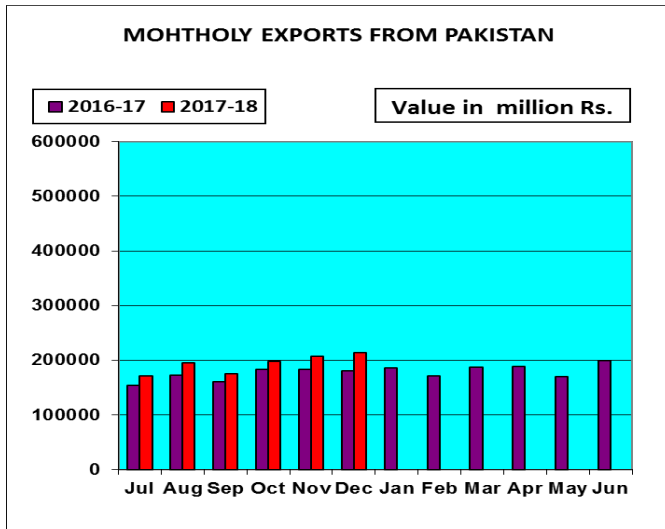
Table 1: Trade Summary

(Rupees in million)
(US Dollar in million)

DESCRIPTION	VALUES						% CHANGE			
	DECEMBER-2017		NOVEMBER-2017		DECEMBER-2016		DEC-2017 OVER NOV-2017		DEC-2017 OVER DEC-2016	
	Rs.	\$	Rs.	\$	Rs.	\$	Rs.	\$	Rs.	\$
Export	214,351.79	1,972.01	207,301.01	1,967.50	180,320.74	1,721.85	3.40	0.23	18.87	14.53
Import	530,144.38	4,877.25	501,304.92	4,757.90	467,036.00	4,459.65	5.75	2.51	13.51	9.36
Total Trade	744,496.17	6,849.26	708,605.93	6,725.40	647,356.74	6,181.50	5.06	1.84	15.01	10.80
Balance of Trade	-315,792.59	-2,905.24	-294,003.91	-2,790.40	-286,715.26	-2,737.80	7.41	4.12	10.14	6.12

(Rupees in million)
(US Dollar in million)

DESCRIPTION	VALUES				% CHANGE	
	JUL-DEC;2017		JUL-DEC;2016		JUL-DEC;2017 OVER JUL-DEC;2016	
	Rs.	\$	Rs.	\$	Rs.	\$
Export	1,162,959.16	10,976.36	1,035,531.90	9,894.91	12.31	10.93
Import	3,039,364.41	28,694.90	2,545,503.50	24,323.19	19.40	17.97
Total Trade	4,202,323.57	39,671.26	3,581,035.40	34,218.10	17.35	15.94
Balance of Trade	-1,876,405.25	-17,718.54	-1,509,971.60	-14,428.28	24.27	22.80



I – EXPORT BY GROUP/COMMODITIES

Food Group

During December, 2017 Food Group increased by 1.53% over November, 2017 and by 36.97% over December, 2016. This Group contributed 14.33% of total exports in December, 2017.

Food Group during July, 2017-December, 2017 increased by 15.87% compared to the same period of last year. This Group contributed 11.67% of total exports during July, 2017-December, 2017.

Textile Group

During December, 2017 Textile Group increased by 3.54% over November, 2017 and by 13.91% over December, 2016. Textile Group contributed 55.44% of total exports in December, 2017.

The export of textile group increased by 9.12% for the period of July, 2017-December, 2017 compared to the same period of last year. This group contributed 58.35% during July, 2017-December, 2017.

Manufactures Group

During December, 2017 export of manufactures group decreased by 5.52% over November, 2017 but increased by 4.25% over December, 2016. Manufactures Group contributed 7.86% of total exports in December, 21017.

Export for manufactures group during July, 2017-December, 2017 increased by 7.53% compared to the same period of last year. This group contributed 8.60% during July, 2017-December, 2017.

TABLE – 2

Monthly Exports by Group/Commodities

(Value in Million Rs.)

Commodities	Dec, 2017	Nov, 2017	Dec, 2016	% Change	
				Dec, 2017	Dec, 2017
				Nov, 2017	Dec, 2016
Total	214,351.79	207,301.01	180,320.74	3.40	18.87
A. Food Group	30,717.05	30,255.39	22,426.54	1.53	36.97
1 Rice	21,615.82	20,315.66	16,284.29	6.40	32.74
2 Fruits,vegetables & preparation thereof	4,745.23	4,098.78	3,458.71	15.77	37.20
3 Fish & fish preparation	3,673.03	4,659.45	2,681.55	-21.17	36.97
4 Tobacco un-manufactured	682.97	1,181.50	1.99	-42.19	34220.10
B. Textile Group	118,827.75	114,769.00	104,313.74	3.54	13.91
1 Articles of apparel and clothing accessories (excl. knitwear)	24,987.00	22,642.07	22,163.06	10.36	12.74
2 Knitwear	25,685.39	23,840.25	20,639.78	7.74	24.45
3 Bedwear	19,242.99	20,239.91	17,809.87	-4.93	8.05
4 Cotton fabrics	19,458.36	18,201.54	17,668.36	6.91	10.13
5 Cotton yarn	11,720.99	11,740.51	11,240.66	-0.17	4.27
6 Towels	6,962.34	7,287.65	6,515.16	-4.46	6.86
7 Textile made up (excl. towels & bed wear)	6,263.14	6,308.82	5,849.10	-0.72	7.08
8 Synthetic textile fabrics	2,604.56	2,459.82	373.48	5.88	597.38
9 Tarpaulin & other canvas goods	1,561.21	1,238.13	1,793.72	26.09	-12.96
10 Raw cotton (excl. linters)	337.30	804.37	248.45	-58.07	35.76
11 Raw wool	4.47	5.93	12.10	-24.62	-63.06
C. Manufacture Group	16,857.49	17,842.31	16,170.22	-5.52	4.25
1 Leather clothes & accessories	4,949.11	4,662.62	4,758.88	6.14	4.00
2 Leather	2,970.34	3,086.95	2,697.75	-3.78	10.10
3 Sports goods (excl. toys)	2,848.16	2,661.19	3,052.60	7.03	-6.70
4 Surgical instruments	3,510.28	3,775.75	2,784.61	-7.03	26.06
5 Footwear	1,160.44	858.81	902.28	35.12	28.61
6 Carpets, carpeting, rugs &	723.97	853.92	758.51	-15.22	-4.55
7 Petroleum products	695.19	1,943.07	1,215.59	-64.22	-42.81
Others	47,949.50	44,434.31	37,410.24	7.91	28.17

TABLE – 3**Cummulative Exports by Group/Commodities**

(Value in Million Rs.)

Commodities	Jul-Dec, 2017	Jul-Dec, 2016	% Change
			Jul-Dec,
			Jul-Dec,
Total	1,163,947.69	1,035,531.90	12.40
A. Food Group	135,889.58	117,275.41	15.87
1 Rice	90,161.62	74,605.27	20.85
2 Fruits,vegetables & preparation thereof	23,349.74	24,645.49	-5.26
3 Fish & fish preparation	20,299.18	17,718.15	14.57
4 Tobacco un-manufactured	2,079.04	306.50	578.32
B. Textile Group	679,167.35	622,427.84	9.12
1 Articles of apparel and clothing accessories (excl. knitwear)	132,397.68	115,131.68	15.00
2 Knitwear	141,388.06	123,238.41	14.73
3 Bedwear	119,050.86	110,774.51	7.47
4 Cotton fabrics	112,990.69	111,660.68	1.19
5 Cotton yarn	70,052.12	68,778.71	1.85
6 Towels	40,861.80	39,765.92	2.76
7 Textile made up (excl. towels & bed wear)	35,800.28	33,188.20	7.87
8 Synthetic textile fabrics	15,676.18	8,732.95	79.51
9 Tarpaulin & other canvas goods	5,284.50	7,333.02	-27.94
10 Raw cotton (excl. linters)	5,625.01	3,754.52	49.82
11 Raw wool	40.17	69.24	-41.98
C. Manufacture Group	100,101.01	93,089.15	7.53
1 Leather clothes & accessories	28,096.58	27,244.38	3.13
2 Leather	16,914.89	17,794.78	-4.94
3 Sports goods (excl. toys)	16,086.12	16,017.06	0.43
4 Surgical instruments	20,100.88	17,197.77	16.88
5 Footwear	5,308.47	4,905.49	8.21
6 Carpets, carpeting, rugs & mats	4,262.14	4,565.13	-6.64
7 Petroleum products	9,331.93	5,364.54	73.96
Others	248,789.75	202,739.50	22.71

II – DIRECTION OF EXPORTS

During the month of Dec, 2017 the share of European Union in total exports was 32.10% as against 32.91% in December, 2016. The share of North America during December, 2017 was 16.42% as against 17.73% in December, 2016. The share of Middle East during December, 2017 was 9.74% as against 9.71% in December, 2016. Country-wise U. S. A. was at the top of the export list for December, 2017 followed by China, Afghanistan, United Kingdom, Germany, and Spain. The share of these six countries in total exports for December, 2017 was 48.20% as against 50.59% in December, 2016.

During July, 2017–December, 2017 the share of European Union in total exports was 33.59%. The share of North America decreased to 17.36% from 18.11% during the same period of last year. The share of Middle East decreased to 9.47% from 9.69% during the same period of last year.

Country-wise, U.S.A. was at the top of the exports list for July, 2017–December, 2017 followed by United Kingdom, China, Afghanistan Germany and Spain. The share of these six countries in total exports for July, 2017–December, 2017 of the current financial year was 48.42% as against 49.29% in the same period of last year.

TABLE – 4
MONTHLY & CUMMULATIVE EXPORTS BY TERRITORIES/REGIONS

(Value in million Rs.)

Territories/Regions	Dec, 2017		Dec, 2016		Jul-Dec, 2017		July-Dec, 2016	
	Value	% Share	Value	% Share	Value	% Share	Value	% Share
TOTAL	214,351.78	100.00	180,320.74	100.00	1,162,959.16	100.00	1,035,531.90	100.00
1 Latin & Central America	1,284.28	0.60	1,197.52	0.66	8,129.49	0.70	8,295.75	0.80
2 South America	2,686.49	1.25	2,191.93	1.22	13,600.22	1.17	12,715.10	1.23
3 North America	35,197.83	16.42	31,962.25	17.73	201,924.65	17.36	187,559.15	18.11
4 Eastern Europe	5,955.61	2.78	5,214.72	2.89	25,597.57	2.20	22,224.78	2.15
5 European Union	68,807.34	32.10	59,349.04	32.91	390,661.24	33.59	339,508.20	32.79
6 E.F.T.A	619.92	0.29	536.21	0.30	3,258.47	0.28	2816.06	0.27
7 Other Europe	164.43	0.08	239.47	0.13	1369.01	0.12	985.56	0.10
8 Middle East	20,872.38	9.74	17,517.00	9.71	110,126.22	9.47	100,343.05	9.69
Asian Countries	19,140.06	8.93	16,162.74	8.96	100,372.31	8.63	90,705.92	8.76
African Countries	1,732.32	0.81	1,354.26	0.75	9,753.91	0.84	9,637.13	0.93
9 Other Asia	60,617.73	28.28	48,209.70	26.74	321,300.17	27.62	294,154.22	28.41
10 Other Africa	16,055.77	7.49	10,418.93	5.78	71,455.88	6.14	51,893.99	5.01
11 Oceania	2,090.01	0.98	3,483.97	1.93	15,536.23	1.34	15,036.05	1.45

TABLE – 5

MONTHLY EXPORTS TO MAJOR COUNTRIES

(Value in million Rs.)

Countries		Dec, 2017		Dec, 2016	
		Value	% Share	Value	% Share
	TOTAL	214,351.78	100.00	180,320.74	100.00
1	U.S.America	33,121.23	15.45	30,211.64	16.75
2	China	16,355.55	7.63	15,162.54	8.41
3	Afghanistan	15,909.42	7.42	13,963.10	7.74
4	United Kingdom	15,144.52	7.07	13,247.10	7.35
5	Germany	14,031.42	6.55	11,453.30	6.35
6	Spain	8,754.24	4.08	7,185.70	3.98
7	United Arab Emirates	8,183.53	3.82	6,454.86	3.58
8	Belgium	7,155.48	3.34	5,626.82	3.12
9	Netherlands	6,487.62	3.03	6,567.08	3.64
10	Italy	6,431.97	3.00	5,572.34	3.09
11	Bangladesh	6,089.99	2.84	3,318.63	1.84
12	Kenya	3,886.33	1.81	3,351.92	1.86
13	France	3,464.53	1.62	3,257.18	1.81
14	Turkey	3,164.37	1.48	2,594.04	1.44
15	India	3,047.46	1.42	2,733.47	1.52
16	Madagascar	2,764.11	1.29	573.89	0.32
17	Saudi Arabia	2,692.28	1.26	3,010.85	1.67
18	Viet Nam	2,683.51	1.25	2,123.27	1.18
19	Sri Lanka	2,506.61	1.17	1,879.37	1.04
20	Korea, Republic of	2,396.81	1.12	1,622.56	0.90
	* OTHERS	50,080.81	23.36	40,411.08	22.41

TABLE – 5

CUMMULATIVE EXPORTS TO MAJOR COUNTRIES

(Value in million Rs.)

Countries	Jul-Dec, 2017		Jul-Dec, 2016	
	Value	% Share	Value	% Share
<i>TOTAL</i>	<i>1,162,959.16</i>	<i>100.00</i>	<i>1,035,531.90</i>	<i>100.00</i>
1 U.S.America	189,199.16	16.27	176,373.29	17.03
2 United Kingdom	87,890.87	7.56	79,702.15	7.70
3 China	84,414.77	7.26	84,339.84	8.14
4 Afghanistan	79,514.23	6.84	66,092.74	6.38
5 Germany	70,091.48	6.03	61,721.13	5.96
6 Spain	52,022.65	4.47	42,167.30	4.07
7 Netherlands	42,442.30	3.65	34,386.90	3.32
8 United Arab Emirates	41,845.07	3.60	37,177.22	3.59
9 Belgium	38,419.98	3.30	34,433.62	3.33
10 Italy	36,661.78	3.15	31,459.25	3.04
11 Bangladesh	34,647.89	2.98	32,219.79	3.11
12 France	20,599.64	1.77	19,114.19	1.85
13 India	19,048.64	1.64	21,372.55	2.06
14 Turkey	17,702.45	1.52	12,231.88	1.18
15 Viet Nam	16,083.85	1.38	14,635.47	1.41
16 Kenya	15,978.75	1.37	14,363.50	1.39
17 Saudi Arabia	15,699.55	1.35	16,804.27	1.62
18 Korea, Republic of	15,388.09	1.32	13,418.33	1.30
19 Sri Lanka	14,474.29	1.24	12,223.51	1.18
20 Australia	13,376.90	1.15	12,895.82	1.25
* OTHERS	257,459.37	22.14	218,399.15	21.09

III – EXPORT BY ECONOMIC CATEGORIES

Export of Primary Commodities during December, 2017 increased by 30.99%, Semi-Manufactures by 20.82% and Manufactured Goods by 15.55%. Whereas, their share in total export stands at 19.47%, 11.46% and 69.08% respectively.

During July, 2017-December, 2017 export of Primary Commodities increased by 17.26%, Semi-Manufactures 11.10% and Manufacture Goods by 11.51% over the corresponding period of last year. Whereas the share of primary commodities in total export for the period of July, 2017-December, 2017 stood at 15.27%, 11.52% for semi-manufacturer and 73.20% for manufactured goods.

Table - 6
Export by Economic Categories

(Value in million Rs.)

Economic Category	Dec, 2017	Dec, 2016	Jul-Dec, 2017	Jul-Dec, 2016
T O T A L	214,351.78	180,320.74	1,162,959.16	1,035,531.90
1. PRIMARY COMMODITIES.	41,727.36	31,855.48	177,613.03	151,474.91
% SHARE IN TOTAL EXPORTS.	19.47	17.67	15.27	14.63
2. SEMI-MANUFACTURES.	24,560.35	20,328.31	134,021.84	120,636.32
% SHARE IN TOTAL EXPORTS.	11.46	11.27	11.52	11.65
3. MANUFACTURED GOODS.	148,064.08	128,136.95	851,324.29	763,420.67
% SHARE IN TOTAL EXPORTS.	69.08	71.06	73.20	73.72

I – IMPORT BY ECONOMIC CATEGORIES

Food Group

During December, 2017 import of goods belonging to Food Group increased by 1.10% over November, 2017 and decreased by 2.30% over December, 2016. This group contributed 6.15% of total imports.

The import of food group during July, 2017-December, 2017 increased by 11.61% compared to the same period of last year. This group contributed 6.27% during July, 2017-December, 2017 of total exports.

Machinery & Transport Group

During December, 2017 import of goods belonging to Machinery & Transport group increased by 13.34% over November, 2017 and by 8.60% over December, 2016. This group contributed 27.18% of total imports during December, 2017.

The import of machinery & transport group during July, 2017-December, 2017 increased by 7.28% compared to the same period of last year. This group contributed 26.09% of total import during July, 2017-December, 2017.

Petroleum Group

During December, 2017 import of goods belonging to Petroleum group increased by 1.82% over November, 2017 and by 19.14% over December, 2016. This group contributed 18.72% of total imports during December, 2017.

The import of petroleum group during July-Dec, 2017 increased by 30.48% compared to the same period of last year. This group contributed 19.64% of total import during July, 2017-December, 2017.

Textile Group

During December, 2017 import of goods belonging to textile group increased by 16.30% over November, 2017 and by 8.85% over December, 2016. This group contributed 1.95% of total imports during December, 2017.

The import of textile group during July, 2017-December, 2017 increased by 9.23% compared to the same period of last year. This group contributed 1.98% of total imports during July, 2017-December, 2017. This group contributed 1.98% of total imports during July, 2017-December, 2017.

Chemical Group

During December, 2017 import of goods belonging to Chemical group decreased by 2.23% over November, 2017 and increased by 14.05% over December, 2016. This group contributed 14.48% of total imports during December, 2017.

The import of chemical group during July-Dec, 2017 increased by 20.42% compared to the same period of last year. This group contributed 14.94% of total imports during July, 2017-December, 2017.

Metal Group

During December, 2017 export of Metal products increased by 15.58% over November, 2017 and by 27.02% over December, 2016. This group contributed 6.50% of total imports during December, 2017.

The import of metal group during July, 2017-December, 2017 increased by 36.92% compared to the same period of last year. This group contributed 6.67% of total imports during July, 2017-December, 2017.

Miscellaneous Group

During December, 2017 exports of miscellaneous commodities decreased by 6.64% over November, 2017 and by 8.20% over December, 2016. This group contributed 1.44% of total imports during December, 2017.

The import of miscellaneous group during July, 2017-December, 2017 increased by 11.51% compared to the same period of last year. This group contributed 1.65% of total imports during July, 2017-December, 2017.

TABLE – 7

Monthly Imports by Group/Commodities

(Value in Million Rs.)

Commodities	Dec, 2017	Nov, 2017	Dec, 2016	% Change	
				Dec, 2017	Dec, 2017
				Nov, 2017	Dec, 2016
Total	530,144.38	501,304.92	467,035.99	5.75	13.51
A-Food Group	32,596.10	32,242.03	33,362.55	1.10	-2.30
1 Palm oil	18,647.00	18,626.22	18,154.70	0.11	2.71
2 Pulses	6,043.66	4,419.00	8,655.31	36.77	-30.17
3 Tea	5,776.10	4,920.79	5,130.27	17.38	12.59
4 Soyabean oil	396.26	1,622.53	72.18	-75.58	448.99
5 Milk & milk food for infants	1,733.08	2,653.49	1,350.09	-34.69	28.37
B-Machinery & Trans. Group	144,109.68	127,151.23	132,700.21	13.34	8.60
1 Machinery	105,729.52	91,344.14	109,119.97	15.75	-3.11
2 Transport equipment	38,380.16	35,807.09	23,580.24	7.19	62.76
C-Petroleum Group	99,238.12	97,461.21	83,298.76	1.82	19.14
1 Petroleum products	67,232.61	65,872.84	63,133.85	2.06	6.49
2 Petroleum crude	32,005.51	31,588.37	20,164.91	1.32	58.72
D-Textile Group	10,312.61	8,867.42	9,474.27	16.30	8.85
1 Synthetic & artificial silk ya	6,163.08	5,151.77	6,368.79	19.63	-3.23
2 Synthetic fibre	4,149.53	3,715.65	3,105.48	11.68	33.62
E-Chemical Group	76,771.28	78,522.63	67,315.19	-2.23	14.05
1 Chemicals (excl. 2, 3 & 4)	58,026.81	54,557.38	52,005.39	6.36	11.58
2 Fertilizer manufactured	6,535.66	13,545.43	6,698.63	-51.75	-2.43
3 Medicinal products	10,641.49	8,880.67	7,558.58	19.83	40.79
4 Insecticide	1,567.32	1,539.15	1,052.59	1.83	48.90
F-Metal Group	34,460.50	29,815.94	27,131.04	15.58	27.02
1 Iron & steel	21,305.83	17,111.24	16,588.66	24.51	28.44
2 Iron & steel scrap	13,154.67	12,704.70	10,542.38	3.54	24.78
G-Miscellaneous Group	7,645.73	8,189.27	8,328.56	-6.64	-8.20
1 Paper & paper products	4,809.45	4,897.57	4,917.35	-1.80	-2.19
2 Tyres & tubes	2,836.28	3,291.70	3,411.21	-13.84	-16.85
Others	125,010.36	119,055.19	105,425.41	5.00	18.58

TABLE – 7

Cummulative Imports by Group/Commodities

(Value in Million Rs.)

Commodities	Jul-Dec, 2017	Jul-Dec, 2016	% Change
			Jul-Dec, 2017
			Jul-Dec, 2016
Total	3,039,360.88	2,545,503.46	19.40
A-Food Group	190,680.06	170,842.56	11.61
1 Palm oil	109,862.44	88,255.66	24.48
2 Pulses	28,617.75	38,847.49	-26.33
3 Tea	30,060.43	26,935.04	11.60
4 Soyabean oil	10,777.00	6,067.80	77.61
5 Milk & milk food for infants	11,362.44	10,736.57	5.83
B-Machinery & Trans. Group	790,853.81	737,195.70	7.28
1 Machinery	587,766.77	597,645.82	-1.65
2 Transport equipment	203,087.04	139,549.88	45.53
C-Petroleum Group	596,937.90	457,511.00	30.48
1 Petroleum products	410,951.16	335,532.22	22.48
2 Petroleum crude	185,986.74	121,978.78	52.47
D-Textile Group	60,250.53	55,156.92	9.23
1 Synthetic & artificial silk yarn	34,058.45	32,900.65	3.52
2 Synthetic fibre	26,192.08	22,256.27	17.68
E-Chemical Group	453,957.80	376,993.18	20.42
1 Chemicals (excl. 2, 3 & 4)	335,789.33	277,805.23	20.87
2 Fertilizer manufactured	54,232.32	42,453.98	27.74
3 Medicinal products	54,823.99	48,521.22	12.99
4 Insecticide	9,112.16	8,212.75	10.95
F-Metal Group	202,616.29	147,984.07	36.92
1 Iron & steel	120,326.94	101,758.74	18.25
2 Iron & steel scrap	82,289.35	46,225.33	78.02
G-Miscellaneous Group	50,016.38	44,853.44	11.51
1 Paper & paper products	29,763.98	25,724.86	15.70
2 Tyres & tubes	20,252.40	19,128.58	5.88
Others	694,048.11	554,966.59	25.06

II – DIRECTION OF IMPORTS

During the month of December, 2017 the share of European Union in total imports was 11.09% as against 8.62% in December, 2016. The share of North America during December, 2017 was 6.10% as against 6.79% in December, 2016. The share of Middle East during December, 2017 was 25.56% as against 26.26% in December, 2016. Country-wise China was at the top of the import list for December, 2017 followed by United Arab Emirates, Saudi Arabia, Indonesia, U.S. America, and Japan. The share of these six countries in total exports for Dece, 2017 was 56.93% as against 62.69% in December, 2016.

During July, 2017–December, 2017 the share of European Union in total import was 10.59%. The share of North America decreased to 5.43% from 5.80% during the same period of last year. The share of Middle East increased to 27.12% from 25.95% during the same period of last year.

Country-wise China was on the top of the imports list followed by United Arab Emirates, Saudi Arabia, U.S.A., Indonesia and Japan and during July, 2017–December, 2017. The combined share of these six countries in total imports during this period was 56.59% as against their combined share of 61.69 % during the corresponding period of last year.

TABLE – 9
MONTHLY & CUMMULATIVE IMPORTS BY TERRITORIES/REGIONS

(Value in million Rs.)

Countries	Dec, 2017		Dec, 2016		Jul-Dec, 2017		July-Dec, 2016	
	Value	% Share	Value	% Share	Value	% Share	Value	% Share
TOTAL	530,144.38	100.00	467,035.99	100.00	3,039,363.43	100.00	2,545,503.46	100.00
1 Latin & Central America	796.97	0.15	478.99	0.10	4,473.71	0.15	3,867.97	0.15
2 South America	2,051.15	0.39	3,445.10	0.74	50,232.96	1.65	33,751.18	1.33
3 North America	32,364.04	6.10	31,726.64	6.79	164,885.73	5.43	147,618.40	5.80
4 Eastern Europe	7,519.82	1.42	6,040.59	1.29	46,273.27	1.52	39,996.75	1.57
5 European Union	58,799.34	11.09	40,259.38	8.62	321,932.73	10.59	248,129.75	9.75
6 E.F.T.A	2188.67	0.41	2126.3	0.46	17001.42	0.56	12,236.29	0.48
7 Other Europe	120.1	0.02	86.67	0.02	293.58	0.01	2,252.89	0.09
8 Middle East	135,505.38	25.56	122,631.96	26.26	824,334.87	27.12	660,460.28	25.95
Asian Countries	134,342.53	25.34	120,350.82	25.77	812,430.86	26.73	648,125.73	25.46
African Countries	1,162.85	0.22	2,281.14	0.49	11,904.01	0.39	12,334.55	0.48
9 Other Asia	267,896.53	50.53	240,526.30	51.50	1,470,169.35	48.37	1,297,277.88	50.96
10 Other Africa	18,954.72	3.58	16,141.57	3.46	109,046.78	3.59	76,492.79	3.01
11 Oceania	3,947.64	0.74	3,572.49	0.76	30,719.03	1.01	23,419.29	0.92

TABLE – 10

MONTHLY IMPORTS FROM MAJOR COUNTRIES

(Value in million Rs.)

Countries	Dec, 2017		Dec, 2016	
	Value	% Share	Value	% Share
Countries	530,144.40	100.00	467,035.99	100.00
1 China	154,060.59	29.06	146,353.75	31.34
2 United Arab Emirates	54,792.95	10.34	68,646.61	14.70
3 Saudi Arabia	30,193.96	5.70	18,636.96	3.99
4 Indonesia	22,222.10	4.19	22,785.25	4.88
5 U.S.America	21,488.37	4.05	20,562.40	4.40
6 Japan	19,056.77	3.59	15,768.44	3.38
7 Kuwait	19,004.26	3.58	15,226.47	3.26
8 Qatar	18,308.44	3.45	9,721.61	2.08
9 India	14,105.85	2.66	13,395.96	2.87
10 Netherlands	13,671.32	2.58	2,552.19	0.55
11 Thailand	11,172.49	2.11	8,095.78	1.73
12 Malaysia	10,912.51	2.06	6,936.09	1.49
13 Germany	10,581.31	2.00	8,968.43	1.92
14 Singapore	9,143.46	1.72	8,451.34	1.81
15 Korea, Republic of	8,509.23	1.61	6,231.89	1.33
16 Canada	8,187.80	1.54	11,164.24	2.39
17 South Africa	7,872.10	1.48	7,546.31	1.62
18 O.Asia(Tai.For.Pe.Ki)	6,166.99	1.16	3,317.33	0.71
19 United Kingdom	5,902.95	1.11	5,630.27	1.21
20 European Union	5,401.07	1.02	6,307.46	1.35
* O T H E R S	79,389.89	14.98	60,737.22	13.00

TABLE – 11

CUMMULATIVE IMPORTS FROM MAJOR COUNTRIES

(Value in million Rs.)

Countries		Jul-Dec, 2017		Jul-Dec, 2016	
		Value	% Share	Value	% Share
	TOTAL	1,031,449.32	100.00	2,545,503.46	100.00
1	China	274,719.96	26.63	773,075.18	30.37
2	United Arab Emirates	115,222.42	11.17	374,143.21	14.70
3	Saudi Arabia	58,831.92	5.70	102,815.90	4.04
4	U.S.America	49,761.30	4.82	112,303.18	4.41
5	Indonesia	43,817.72	4.25	103,408.47	4.06
6	Japan	41,298.89	4.00	104,585.61	4.11
7	Kuwait	36,379.46	3.53	68,241.09	2.68
8	Qatar	32,482.45	3.15	49,916.00	1.96
9	India	28,644.03	2.78	73,376.82	2.88
10	Thailand	22,968.38	2.23	49,662.05	1.95
11	Malaysia	22,479.86	2.18	49,087.69	1.93
12	Singapore	19,954.36	1.93	34,904.48	1.37
13	Netherlands	19,916.10	1.93	14,228.37	0.56
14	Germany	19,222.46	1.86	57,352.85	2.25
15	South Africa	18,640.87	1.81	29,320.12	1.15
16	Korea, Republic of	16,466.98	1.60	34,500.07	1.36
17	Oman	12,594.35	1.22	17,537.48	0.69
18	Canada	12,536.92	1.22	35,315.21	1.39
19	United Kingdom	12,129.48	1.18	31,101.69	1.22
20	Italy	11,046.27	1.07	26,356.54	1.04
	* OTHERS	162,335.18	15.74	404,271.47	15.88

III – IMPORTS BY ECONOMIC CATEGORIES

Imports of Consumer Goods during December, 2017 increased by 8.23%, Raw Material for Consumer Goods by 20.88%, Capital Goods by 5.91% and Raw Material for Capital Goods by 22.10 % over December, 2016. Their respective share in total imports were 17.77%, 40.61%, 9.71% and 31.91% for December, 2017.

Imports of Consumer Goods increased by 14.22%, Raw Material for Consumer Goods by 27.82, Capital Goods 6.49% and Raw Material for Capital Goods by 49.96%. Meanwhile, the share of consumer goods for the period of July, 2017-December, 2017 stood at 17.44%, raw material of consumer goods at 41.28%, capital goods 31.31% and raw material for capital goods at 9.97% 31.31% for Capital goods.

TABLE – 11

MONTHLY & CUMULATIVE IMPORTS BY ECONOMIC CATEGORIES

(Value in million Rs.)

Economic Category	Dec, 2017	Dec, 2016	Jul-Dec, 2017	Jul-Dec, 2016
T O T A L	530,144.38	467,035.99	3,039,364.41	2,545,503.46
1. CONSUMER GOODS	94,213.12	87,047.52	530,120.60	464,119.49
% SHARE IN TOTAL IMPORTS.	17.77	18.64	17.44	18.23
2. RAW MATERIAL FOR CONSUMER GOODS	215,276.58	178,088.40	1,254,611.86	981,533.95
% SHARE IN TOTAL EXPORTS.	40.61	38.13	41.28	38.56
3. RAW MATERIAL FOR CAPITAL GOODS	51,501.16	42,178.43	302,881.39	206,104.45
% SHARE IN TOTAL IMPORTS.	9.71	9.03	9.97	8.10
4. CAPITAL GOODS	169,153.53	161,800.82	951,750.56	893,745.57
% SHARE IN TOTAL IMPORTS.	31.91	34.64	31.31	35.11