

Government of Pakistan
Pakistan Bureau of Statistics

SUB:- ADVANCE RELEASE ON EXTERNAL TRADE STATISTICS FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH, 2013.

EXPORTS:

According to the provisional figures compiled by the Pakistan Bureau of Statistics, exports from Pakistan during March, 2013 amounted to Rs.209,274 million (provisional) as against Rs. 179,817 million (provisional) in February, 2013 and Rs.178,944 million during March, 2012 showing an increase of 16.38% over February,2013 and of 16.95% over March, 2012.

2. In terms of US dollars the exports in March, 2013 was \$ 2,134 million (provisional) as compared to \$ 1,835 million (provisional) in February, 2013 showing an increase of 16.29% and by 8.16% as compared to \$ 1,973 million in March, 2012.

3. Exports during July-March, 2012 - 2013 totalled Rs. 1,732,299 million (provisional) as against Rs.1,510,547 million during the corresponding period of last year showing an increase of 14.68 %.

4. In terms of US dollars the exports during July - March, 2012 - 2013 totalled \$ 18,017 million (provisional) as against \$ 17,101 million during the corresponding period of last year showing an increase of 5.36%.

5. Main commodities of exports during March, 2013 were Cotton cloth (Rs.24,951 million), Cotton yarn (Rs.20,368 million), Readymade garments (Rs.15,496 million), Bedwear (Rs.15,015 million), Rice others (Rs.14,468 million), Knitwear (Rs.14,337 million), Sugar (Rs.8,137 million), Towels (Rs.7,246 million), Rice basmati (Rs.7,159 million) and Madeup articles (Excl Towels & Bedwear) (Rs. 5,621 million).

6. The increase(+) / decrease(-) recorded in main commodities exported during March, 2013 over February, 2013 and March, 2012 is given below:-

S.No.	COMMODITIES	%Change for value in million Rupees in March, 2013 over	
		February, 2013	March, 2012
1.	Cotton cloth	24.67	10.66
2.	Cotton yarn	13.12	22.04
3.	Readymade garments	20.45	40.13
4.	Bedwear	17.19	33.63
5.	Rice others	9.05	28.23
6.	Knitwear	5.28	16.99
7.	Sugar	89.06	3532.59
8.	Towels	29.97	53.81
9.	Rice basmati	46.25	24.27
10.	Madeup articles (Excl Towels & Bedwear)	25.38	25.25

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7. Imports into Pakistan during March, 2013 amounted to Rs.426,105 million (provisional) as against Rs. 331,465 million (provisional) in February, 2013 and Rs.317,229 million during March, 2012 showing an increase of 28.55% over February, 2013 and of 34.32% over March, 2012.

8. In terms of US dollars the imports in March, 2013 was \$ 4,345 million (provisional) as compared to \$ 3,383 million (provisional) in February, 2013 showing an increase of 28.44% and by 24.25% as compared to \$ 3,497 million in March, 2012.

9. Imports during July - March, 2012 - 2013 totalled Rs.3,214,234 million (provisional) as against Rs.2,939,046 million during the corresponding period of last year showing an increase of 9.36%.

10. In terms of US dollars the imports during July - March, 2012 - 2013 totalled \$ 33,414 million (provisional) as against \$ 33,285 million during the corresponding period of last year showing an increase of 0.39%.

11. Main commodities of imports during March, 2013 were Petroleum products (Rs.77,654 million), Petroleum crude (Rs.48,035 million), Iron & steel (Rs.13,097 million), Palm oil (Rs.12,932 million), Raw cotton (Rs.11,515 million), Plastic materials (Rs.10,541 million), Aluminum wrought & worked (Rs. 8,271 million), Medicinal products (Rs.8,099 million), Mobile phones (Rs.7,576 million) and Power generating machinery (Rs.6,740 million).

12. The increase(+) / decrease(-) recorded in main commodities imported during March, 2013 over February, 2013 and March, 2012 is given below:-

S.No.	COMMODITIES	%Change for value in million Rupees in March, 2013 over	
		February, 2013	March, 2012
1.	Petroleum products	29.72	11.06
2.	Petroleum crude	46.57	23.11
3.	Iron & Steel	-7.99	40.12
4.	Palm oil	-34.49	34.11
5.	Raw cotton	-1.07	256.94
6.	Plastic materials	-8.79	-6.08
7.	Aluminum wrought & worked	871.92	867.37
8.	Medicinal products	52.44	73.91
9.	Mobile phones	51.37	33.85
10.	Power generating machinery	-42.78	-18.84

BALANCE OF TRADE:

13. Based on the provisional figures of imports and exports the balance of trade in March, 2013 was (-) 216,831 million in terms of Rupees and (-) 2,211 million in US dollars. The balance of trade figures cumulative from July - March, 2012 - 2013 were (-) 1,481,935 million in terms of Rupees and (-) 15,397 million in US dollars.

14. Four statements giving quantity and value details of selected commodities of exports and imports for the month of March, 2013 and July - March, 2012 - 2013 along-with the data for previous month and corresponding period are enclosed.