

Government of Pakistan
Pakistan Bureau of Statistics

SUB:- ADVANCE RELEASE ON EXTERNAL TRADE STATISTICS FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH, 2014.

EXPORTS:

According to the provisional figures compiled by the Pakistan Bureau of Statistics, exports from Pakistan during March, 2014 amounted to Rs.223,802 million (provisional) as against Rs. 227,615 million (provisional) in February, 2014 and Rs.209,241 million during March, 2013 showing a decrease of 1.68% over February,2014 but an increase of 6.96% over March, 2013.

2. In terms of US dollars the exports in March, 2014 was \$ 2,239 million (provisional) as compared to \$ 2,167 million (provisional) in February, 2014 showing an increase of 3.32% and of 4.92% as compared to \$ 2,134 million in March, 2013.

3. Exports during July-March, 2013 - 2014 totalled Rs.1,991,577 million (provisional) as against Rs.1,732,180 million during the corresponding period of last year showing an increase of 14.98%.

4. In terms of US dollars the exports during July - March, 2013 - 2014 totalled \$ 19,082 million (provisional) as against \$ 18,016 million during the corresponding period of last year showing an increase of 5.92%.

5. Main commodities of exports during March, 2014 were Cotton cloth (Rs.25,015 million), Bedwear (Rs.18,508 million), Knitwear (Rs.18,453 million), Cotton yarn (Rs.18,329 million), Readymade garments (Rs.17,464 million), Rice others (Rs.14,166 million), Rice basmati (Rs. 7,494 million), Towels (Rs.7,351 million), Made-up articles (excl. towels & bedwear) (Rs.6,641 million) and Petroleum Top Naphta (Rs.5,739 million).

6. The increase(+) / decrease(-) recorded in main commodities exported during March, 2014 over February, 2014 and March, 2013 is given below:-

S.No.	COMMODITIES	%Change for value in million Rupees in March, 2014 over	
		February, 2014	March, 2013
1.	Cotton cloth	0.37	0.45
2.	Bedwear	4.97	23.96
3.	Knitwear	-0.32	27.56
4.	Cotton yarn	4.73	-12.03
5.	Readymade garments	5.66	15.72
6.	Rice others	-23.60	9.92
7.	Rice basmiti	15.31	5.77
8.	Towels	12.35	4.39
9.	Madeup articles (excl. towels, bedwear)	4.01	23.55
10.	Petroleum Top Naphta	101.65	100.00

IMPORTS

7. Imports into Pakistan during March, 2014 amounted to Rs.362,922 million (provisional) as against Rs. 378,171 million (provisional) in February, 2014 and Rs.361,585 million during March, 2013 showing a decrease of 4.03% over February, 2014 but an increase of 0.37% over March, 2013.

8. In terms of US dollars the imports in March, 2014 was \$ 3,630 million (provisional) as compared to \$ 3,600 million (provisional) in February, 2014 showing an increase of 0.83 but decreased by 1.55% as compared to \$ 3,687 million in March, 2013.

9. Imports during July - March, 2013-2014 totalled Rs.3,448,945 million (provisional) as against Rs.3,149,713 million during the corresponding period of last year showing an increase of 9.50%.

10. In terms of US dollars the imports during July - March, 2013-2014 totalled \$ 33,038 million (provisional) as against \$ 32,756 million during the corresponding period of last year showing an increase of 0.86%.

11. Main commodities of imports during March, 2014 were Petroleum products (Rs.54,398 million), Petroleum crude (Rs.44,233 million), Iron & steel (Rs.19,301 million), Plastic materials (Rs.17,391 million), Palm oil (Rs.13,910 million), Raw cotton (Rs.7,875 million), Electrical machinery & apparatus (Rs.8,364 million), Power generating machinery (Rs.6,366 million), Medicinal products (Rs.6,190 million) and Synthetic & artificial silk yarn (Rs.5,939 million).

12. The increase(+) / decrease(-) recorded in main commodities imported during March, 2014 over February, 2014 and March, 2013 is given below:-

S.No.	COMMODITIES	%Change for value in million Rupees in March, 2014 over	
		February, 2014	March, 2013
1.	Petroleum products	-22.00	-29.95
2.	Petroleum crude	-23.87	-7.92
3.	Iron & Steel	80.15	47.37
4.	Plastic materials	16.96	65.02
5.	Palm oil	-7.26	7.56
6.	Raw cotton	-22.81	-31.61
7.	Electrical machinery & apparatus	-8.67	90.09
8.	Power generating machinery	-19.41	-7.02
9.	Medicinal products	5.61	-23.57
10.	Synthetic and artificial silk yarn	8.26	45.28

BALANCE OF TRADE:

13. Based on the provisional figures of imports and exports the balance of trade in March, 2014 was (-) 139,120 million in terms of Rupees and (-) 1,391 million in US dollars. The balance of trade figures cumulative from July - March, 2013-2014 were (-) 1,457,368 million in terms of Rupees and (-) 13,956 million in US dollars.

14. Four statements giving quantity and value details of selected commodities of exports and imports for the month of March, 2014 and July - March, 2013-2014 along-with the data for previous month and corresponding period are enclosed.