Government of Pakistan
Pakistan Bureau of Statistics

SUB: -   **ADVANCE RELEASE ON EXTERNALTRADE STATISTICS FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER 2019.**

EXPORTS:

According to the provisional figures compiled by the Pakistan Bureau of Statistics, exports from Pakistan during December 2019 amounted to Rs. 308,697 million (provisional) as against Rs. 312,420 million (provisional) in November, 2019 and Rs. 286,802 million during December 2018 showing a decrease of 1.19% over November, 2019 but an increase of 7.63% over December 2018.

2. In terms of US dollars the exports in December 2019 was $ 1,993 million (provisional) as compared to $ 2,011 million (provisional) in November, 2019 showing a decrease of 0.90% and by 3.81% as compared to $ 2,072 million in December 2018.

3. Exports during July - December 2019 totaled Rs. 1,805,074 million (provisional) as against Rs. 1,446,166 million during the corresponding period of last year showing an increase of 24.82%.

4. In terms of US dollars the exports during July - December 2019 totaled $ 11,533 million (provisional) against $ 11,181 million during the corresponding period of last year showing an increase of 3.15%.

5. Main commodities of exports during December 2019 were Knitwear (Rs. 41,324 million), Readymade garments (Rs. 39,659 million), Bed wear (Rs. 28,564 million), Cotton cloth (Rs. 25,759 million), Rice others (Rs.20,168 million), Rice Basmati (Rs. 10,380 million), Fruits (Rs. 10,146 million), Towels (Rs. 9,506 million), Cotton Yarn (Rs. 9,041 Million) and Made-up articles (excl. towels & bed wear) (Rs. 8,846 million).

6. The increase (+) / decrease (-) recorded in main commodities exported during December 2019 over November, 2019 and December 2018 is given below: -

S.No.	COMMODITIES	%Change for value in million Rupees in December 2019 over	
		November, 2019	December 2018
1	Knitwear	-0.33	14.67
2	Readymade garments	1.84	20.42
3	Bed wear	-5.94	6.89
4	Cotton cloth	-1.50	8.06
5	Rice others	-12.02	-11.39
6	Rice Basmati	22.54	49.07
7	Fruits	229.42	2.39
8	Towels	-6.41	7.89
9	Cotton Yarn	-40.93	-14.01
10	Made-up articles (excl. towels & bed wear)	-0.10	5.91

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7.   Imports into Pakistan during December 2019 amounted to Rs. 625,463 million (provisional) as against Rs. 612,215 million (provisional) in November, 2019 and Rs. 609,596 million during December 2018 showing an increase of 2.16% over November, 2019 and of 2.60% over December 2018.

8.   In terms of US dollars the imports in December 2019 was $ 4,037 million (provisional) as compared to $ 3,940 million (provisional) in November, 2019 showing an increase of 2.46% but decreased by 8.35% as compared to $ 4,405 million in December 2018.

9.   Imports during July - December 2019 totaled Rs. 3,635,558 million (provisional) as against Rs. 3,604,706 million during the corresponding period of last year showing an increase of 0.86%.

10.   In terms of US dollars the imports during July - December 2019 totaled $ 23,229 million (provisional) as against $ 27,952 million during the corresponding period of last year showing a decrease of 16.90%.

11.   Main commodities of imports during December 2019 were Petroleum products (Rs. 64,506 million), Electrical machinery and apparatus (Rs. 51,763 million), Natural gas, liquified (Rs.45,329 million), Petroleum crude (Rs. 44,075 million), Palm oil (Rs. 25,630 million), Plastic Materials (Rs.24,441 million), Iron and steel scrap (Rs. 22,509 million), Iron and steel (Rs. 19,228 million), Mobile phone (Rs.18,231 million) and Power generating machinery (Rs.15,875 million).

12.   The increase (+) / decrease (-) recorded in main commodities imported during December 2019 over November, 2019 and December 2018 is given below: -

S.No.	COMMODITIES	%Change for value in million Rupees in December 2019 over	
		November, 2019	December 2018
1	Petroleum products	-9.71	-4.83
2	Electrical machinery and apparatus	10.22	164.32
3	Natural gas, liquified	104.35	29.87
4	Petroleum Crude	-5.54	-11.71
5	Palm oil	-3.18	27.74
6	Plastic Materials	-8.54	10.18
7	Iron and steel scrap	11.25	24.64
8	Iron and steel	-3.17	-11.36
9	Mobile phone	5.98	121.79
10	Power generating Machinery	66.35	-17.80

BALANCE OF TRADE:

13.   Based on the provisional figures of imports and exports the balance of trade in December 2019 was (-) 316,766 million in terms of Rupees and (-) 2,044 million in US dollars. The balance of trade figures cumulative from July - December 2019 were (-) 1,830,484 million in terms of Rupees and (-) 11,696 million in US dollars.

14.   Four statements giving quantity and value details of selected commodities of exports and imports for the month of December 2019 and July - December 2019 along-with the data for previous month and corresponding period of last year are enclosed.