

Government of Pakistan
Pakistan Bureau of Statistics

SUB: - ADVANCE RELEASE ON EXTERNALTRADE STATISTICS FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH, 2022.

EXPORTS:

According to the provisional figures compiled by the Pakistan Bureau of Statistics, exports from Pakistan during March, 2022 amounted to Rs.499,724 million (provisional) as against Rs.497,273 million in February, 2022 and Rs.368,925 million during March, 2021 showing an increase of 0.49% over February, 2022 and of 35.45% over March, 2021.

2. In terms of US dollars the exports in March, 2022 were \$ 2,782 million (provisional) as compared to \$ 2,834 million in February, 2022 showing a decrease of 1.83% but increased by 17.68% as compared to \$ 2,364 million in March, 2021.

3. Exports during July – March, 2021 - 2022 totaled Rs. 4,019,637 million (provisional) as against Rs. 3,020,244 million during the corresponding period of last year showing an increase of 33.09%.

4. In terms of US dollars the exports during July – March, 2021- 2022 totaled \$ 23,255 million (provisional) against \$ 18,687 million during the corresponding period of last year showing an increase of 24.98%.

5. Main commodities of exports during March, 2022 were Knitwear (Rs. 76,350 million), Readymade garments (Rs. 61,937 million), Bed wear (Rs. 46,869 million), Cotton Cloth (Rs. 37,732 million), Rice Others (Rs.33,981 million), Towels (Rs.18,483 million), Cotton Yarn (Rs.16,594 million), Madeup Articles (Excl. towels & Bedwear) (Rs.12,669 million), Rice Basmati (Rs.11,463 million) and Petroleum products (Rs.8,148 million).

6. The increase (+) / decrease (-) recorded in main commodities exported during March, 2022 over February, 2022 and March, 2021 is given below: -

S.No.	COMMODITIES	%Change for value in million Rupees in March, 2022 over	
		February, 2022	March, 2021
1	Knitwear	4.40	55.89
2	Readymade garments	-0.89	54.62
3	Bed wear	1.21	27.62
4	Cotton cloth	-8.05	31.51
5	Rice Others	7.19	50.65
6	Towels	3.94	45.48
7	Cotton Yarn	-26.26	-7.14
8	Madeup Articles (Excl. Towels & Bedwear.)	10.41	36.02
9	Rice Basmati	-10.99	-5.74
10	Petroleum crude	100.00	100.00

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IMPORTS

7. Imports into Pakistan during March, 2022 amounted to Rs. 1,154,120 million (provisional) as against Rs. 1,027,152 million in February, 2022 and Rs. 878,602 million during March, 2021 showing an increase of 12.36% over February, 2021 and of 31.36% over March, 2021.

8. In terms of US dollars the imports in March, 2022 were \$ 6,425 million (provisional) as compared to \$ 5,853 million in February, 2022 showing an increase of 9.77% and by 14.10% as compared to \$ 5,631 million in March, 2021.

9. Imports during July – March, 2021- 2022 totaled Rs. 10,120,638 million (provisional) as against Rs. 6,376,138 million during the corresponding period of last year showing an increase of 58.73%.

10. In terms of US dollars the imports during July – March, 2021 - 2022 totaled \$ 58,877 million (provisional) as against \$ 39,489 million during the corresponding period of last year showing an increase of 49.10%.

11. Main commodities of imports during March, 2022 were Petroleum products (Rs. 185.419 million), Petroleum crude (Rs.95,202 million), Plastic Materials (Rs. 59,200 million), Palm Oil (Rs. 52,183 million), Natural Gas Liquified (Rs. 43,155 million), Iron & Steel (Rs.38,160 million), Iron & Steel scrap (Rs.35,736 million), Mobile Phone (Rs.33,031 million), Electrical machinery (Rs.30,890 million) and Motor cars (CKD/SKD) (Rs.30,352 million).

12. The increase (+) / decrease (-) recorded in main commodities imported during March, 2022 over February, 2022 and March, 2021 is given below: -

S.No.	COMMODITIES	%Change for value in million Rupees in March, 2022 over	
		February, 2022	March, 2021
1	Petroleum products	101.86	111.96
2	Petroleum crude	49.96	126.45
3	Plastic Materials	31.98	65.37
4	Palm Oil	-4.00	21.37
5	Natural Gas Liquified	-20.85	19.36
6	Iron & Steel	-7.53	-0.04
7	Iron & Steel scrap	-4.97	43.55
8	Mobile Phone	32.52	-5.71
9	Electrical machinery	13.33	8.92
10	Motor cars (CKD/SKD)	32.76	25.88

BALANCE OF TRADE:

13. Based on the provisional figures of imports and exports the balance of trade in March, 2022 was (-)654,396 million in terms of Rupees and (-)3,643 million in US dollars. The balance of trade figures cumulative from July - March, 2021–2022 were (-)6,101,001 million in terms of Rupees and (-)35,522 million in US dollars.

14. Four statements giving quantity and value details of selected commodities of exports and imports for the month of March, 2022 and July – March, 2021 - 2022 along-with the data for previous month and corresponding period of last year are enclosed.