

Government of Pakistan
Pakistan Bureau of Statistics

SUB: - ADVANCE RELEASE ON EXTERNALTRADE STATISTICS FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH, 2021.

EXPORTS:

According to the provisional figures compiled by the Pakistan Bureau of Statistics, exports from Pakistan during March, 2021 amounted to Rs. 368,976 million (provisional) as against Rs. 329,033 million (provisional) in February, 2021 and Rs. 286,847 million during March, 2020 showing an increase of 12.14% over February, 2021 and of 28.63% over March, 2020.

2. In terms of US dollars the exports in March, 2021 were \$ 2,365 million (provisional) as compared to \$ 2,068 million (provisional) in February, 2021 showing an increase of 14.36% and by 30.66% as compared to \$ 1,810 million in March 2020.

3. Exports during July – March, 2020 – 2021 totaled Rs. 3,020,295 million (provisional) as against Rs. 2,725,210 million during the corresponding period of last year showing an increase of 10.83%.

4. In terms of US dollars the exports during July – March, 2020 - 2021 totaled \$ 18,688 million (provisional) against \$ 17,443 million during the corresponding period of last year showing an increase of 7.14%.

5. Main commodities of exports during March, 2021 were Knitwear (Rs. 48,974 million), Readymade garments (Rs. 40,088 million), Bed wear (Rs. 36,726 million), Cotton cloth (Rs. 28,691 million), Rice others (Rs. 21,606 million), Cotton Yarn (Rs. 17,869 million), Basmati rice (Rs. 13,112 million), Towels (Rs.12,705 million), Madeup articles (excl. towels & bedwear) (Rs.9,285 million) and Fish and fish preparations (Rs. 8,177 million).

6. The increase (+) / decrease (-) recorded in main commodities exported during March, 2021 over February, 2021 and March, 2020 is given below: -

S.No.	COMMODITIES	%Change for value in million Rupees in March, 2021 over	
		February, 2021	March, 2020
1	Knitwear	5.40	47.35
2	Readymade garments	5.64	21.03
3	Bed wear	13.48	41.52
4	Cotton cloth	21.03	7.04
5	Rice others	3.02	7.80
6	Cotton yarn	-6.63	36.87
7	Basmati Rice	69.89	18.15
8	Towels	3.05	19.11
9	Madeup articles (excl. towels & bedwear)	-1.30	10.76
10	Fish and fish preparations	66.81	33.46

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IMPORTS

7. Imports into Pakistan during March, 2021 amounted to Rs. 883,175 million (provisional) as against Rs. 732,174 million (provisional) in February, 2021 and Rs. 524,074 million during March 2020 showing an increase of 20.62% over February, 2021 and of 68.52% over March 2020.

8. In terms of US dollars the imports in March, 2021 were \$ 5,660 million (provisional) as compared to \$ 4,601 million (provisional) in February, 2021 showing an increase of 23.02% and by 71.10% as compared to \$ 3,308 million in March 2020.

9. Imports during July – March, 2020 - 2021 totaled Rs. 6,380,711 million (provisional) as against Rs. 5,434,524 million during the corresponding period of last year showing an increase of 17.41%.

10. In terms of US dollars the imports during July – March, 2020 - 2021 totaled \$ 39,519 million (provisional) as against \$ 34,791 million during the corresponding period of last year showing an increase of 13.59%.

11. Main commodities of imports during March, 2021 were Petroleum products (Rs. 87,479 million), Palm Oil (Rs. 42,994 million), Petroleum crude (Rs.42,041 million), Iron & Steel (Rs. 38,174 million), Natural gas, liquefied (Rs. 36,156 million), Plastic Materials (Rs. 35,799 million), Mobile phone (Rs.35,029 million), Electrical machinery & apparatus (Rs.30,060 million) Power generating machinery (Rs.26,675 million) and Raw cotton (Rs.25,254 million).

12. The increase (+) / decrease (-) recorded in main commodities imported during March, 2021 over February, 2021 and March, 2020 is given below: -

S.No.	COMMODITIES	%Change for value in million Rupees in March, 2021 over	
		February, 2021	March, 2020
1	Petroleum products	62.97	70.64
2	Palm oil	24.19	37.50
3	Petroleum crude	24.90	93.67
4	Iron and steel	63.72	64.73
5	Natural gas, liquefied	1.18	28.21
6	Plastic Materials	12.57	37.60
7	Mobile phone	25.20	92.60
8	Electrical machinery & apparatus	47.51	-4.62
9	Power generating machinery	-15.60	193.49
10	Raw cotton	2.31	-4.28

BALANCE OF TRADE:

13. Based on the provisional figures of imports and exports the balance of trade in March,2021 was (-)514,199 million in terms of Rupees and (-)3,295 million in US dollars. The balance of trade figures cumulative from July - March,2020-2021 were (-)3,360,416 million in terms of Rupees and (-)20,831 million in US dollars.

14. Four statements giving quantity and value details of selected commodities of exports and imports for the month of March, 2021 and July – March, 2020 - 2021 along-with the data for previous month and corresponding period of last year are enclosed.