

Government of Pakistan
Pakistan Bureau of Statistics

SUB: - ADVANCE RELEASE ON EXTERNALTRADE STATISTICS FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH, 2023.

EXPORTS:

According to the provisional figures compiled by the Pakistan Bureau of Statistics, exports from Pakistan during March, 2023 amounted to Rs.664,727 million (provisional) as against Rs.584,156 million in February, 2023 and Rs.498,845 million during March, 2022 showing an increase of 13.79% over February, 2023 and by 33.25% over March, 2022.

2. In terms of US dollars the exports in March, 2023 were \$ 2,372 million (provisional) as compared to \$ 2,191 million in February, 2023 showing an increase of 8.26% but decreased by 14.58% as compared to \$ 2,777 million in March, 2022.

3. Exports during July – March,2022-2023 FY2022-23 totaled Rs. 4,952,237 million (provisional) as against Rs.4,018,757 million during the corresponding period of last year showing an increase of 23.23%.

4. In terms of US dollars the exports during July – March,2022-2023 FY2022-23 totaled \$ 21,051 million (provisional) against \$ 23,350 million during the corresponding period of last year showing a decrease of 9.85%.

5. Main commodities of exports during March, 2023 were Knitwear (Rs. 87,269 million), Readymade garments (Rs. 77,456 million), Bed wear (Rs. 55,154 million), Rice Others (Rs.48,799 million), Cotton Cloth (Rs. 44,260 million), Towels (Rs.22,077 million), Rice basmati (Rs.19,467 million), Cotton Yarn (Rs.19,073 million), Sugar (Rs.17,389 million) and Fish & fish preparations (Rs.15,325 million).

6. The increase (+) / decrease (-) recorded in main commodities exported during March, 2023 over February, 2023 and March, 2022 is given below: -

S.No.	COMMODITIES	%Change for value in million Rupees in March, 2023 over	
		February, 2023	March, 2022
1	Knitwear	18.09	14.30
2	Readymade garments	13.83	25.06
3	Bed wear	5.63	17.68
4	Rice others	-17.36	41.89
5	Cotton cloth	7.26	17.30
6	Towels	-1.05	19.45
7	Rice Basmati	46.37	82.86
8	Cotton Yarn	28.64	14.94
9	Sugar	210.59	100.00
10	Fish & fish preparations	49.95	106.60

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7. Imports into Pakistan during March, 2023 amounted to Rs. 1,069,317 million (provisional) as against Rs. 1,075,784 million in February, 2023 and Rs. 1,150,786 million during March, 2022 showing a decrease of 0.60% over February, 2023 and of 7.08% over March, 2022.

8. In terms of US dollars the imports in March, 2023 were \$ 3,816 million (provisional) as compared to \$ 4,034 million in February, 2023 showing a decrease of 5.40% and by 40.44% as compared to \$ 6,407 million in March, 2022.

9. Imports during July – March, 2022-2023 FY2022-23 totaled Rs. 10,249,491 million (provisional) as against Rs. 10,117,301 million during the corresponding period of last year showing an increase of 1.31%.

10. In terms of US dollars the imports during July – March, 2022-2023 FY2022-23 totaled \$ 43,934 million (provisional) as against \$ 58,859 million during the corresponding period of last year showing a decrease of 25.36%.

11. Main commodities of imports during March, 2023 were Petroleum products (Rs. 135,625 million), Petroleum crude (Rs.105,668 million), Natural gas, liquified (Rs.84,442 million), Palm oil (Rs. 66,180 million), Raw cotton (Rs.41,737 million), Plastic Materials (Rs. 40,722 million), Medicinal products (Rs.37,612 million), Wheat unmilled (Rs.34,081 million), Iron & steel (Rs.33,429 million) and Electric machinery & apparatus (Rs.31,529 million).

12. The increase (+) / decrease (-) recorded in main commodities imported during March, 2023 over February, 2023 and March, 2022 is given below: -

S.No.	COMMODITIES	%Change for value in million Rupees in March, 2023 over	
		February, 2023	March, 2022
1	Petroleum products	9.91	-26.68
2	Petroleum crude	3.42	10.99
3	Natural Gas Liquified	-11.64	95.67
4	Palm oil	5.80	26.82
5	Raw cotton	13.15	48.70
6	Plastic Materials	18.70	-31.19
7	Medicinal products	33.38	148.64
8	Wheat unmilled	26.33	346.23
9	Iron & Steel	-3.79	-12.40
10	Electrical machinery & apparatus	-8.05	5.61

BALANCE OF TRADE:

13. Based on the provisional figures of imports and exports the balance of trade in March, 2023 was (-)404,590 million in terms of Rupees and (-)1,444 million in US dollars. The balance of trade figures cumulative from July - March,2022-2023 FY2022-23 were (-)5,297,254 million in terms of Rupees and (-)22,883 million in US dollars.

14. Four statements giving quantity and value details of selected commodities of exports and imports for the month of March, 2023 and July – March,2022-2023 FY2022-23 along-with the data of previous month and corresponding period of last year are enclosed.