

Monthly Trade Statistics – April 2009

1. Balance of Visible Trade

Balance of Visible Trade showed a deficit of Rs 5,047 million in April 2009, higher by 21.7% compared to the previous month but lower by 12.1% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year.

Summary of External Trade

Value : Rs Mn

	2008 ¹	2009 ¹	
	Apr	Mar ²	Apr ³
A. Total exports (f.o.b)	5,016	5,405	4,971
<i>Domestic exports</i>	3,273	4,134	3,743
<i>Re-exports</i>	979	788	828
<i>Ship's Stores and Bunkers</i>	764	483	400
B. Total Imports (c.i.f)	10,760	9,551	10,018
Total International Trade (A+B)	15,776	14,956	14,989
Balance of Visible Trade (A-B)	-5,744	-4,146	-5,047

¹ Provisional ² Revised estimates ³ First estimates

2. Imports

Total Imports by S.I.T.C section

C.I.F value : Rs Mn

SITC SECTION/DESCRIPTION	2008 ¹	2009 ¹	
	Apr	Mar ²	Apr ³
0 - Food and live animals	1,486	1,844	1,780
1 - Beverages and tobacco	237	281	233
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	264	299	205
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	3,192	1,701	1,839
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	114	44	231
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	735	824	891
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	1,875	1,895	1,843
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	1,980	1,897	2,076
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	842	760	905
9 - Other commodities & transactions, n.e.s	35	6	15
TOTAL	10,760	9,551	10,018

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In April 2009, total imports increased by 4.9% compared to March 2009 while it decreased by 6.9% compared to its corresponding period in 2008.

3. Exports

Total Exports ¹ by S.I.T.C section

F.O.B value : Rs Mn

SITC SECTION/DESCRIPTION	2008 ²	2009 ²	
	Apr	Mar ³	Apr ⁴
0 - Food and live animals	766	1,791	1,198
1 - Beverages and tobacco	56	28	21
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	107	61	73
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	1	1	1
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	5	20	19
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	111	124	135
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	480	406	525
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	352	93	82
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	2,365	2,395	2,512
9 - Other commodities & transactions, n.e.s	9	3	5
Exports exclusive of Ships' Stores and Bunkers	4,252	4,922	4,571
Estimates of Ships' stores and bunkers	764	483	400
TOTAL	5,016	5,405	4,971

¹ Excluding Ships' Stores and Bunkers ² Provisional ³ Revised estimates ⁴ First estimates

In April 2009, exports fell by 8% compared to the previous month and by 0.9% compared to April 2008.

4. Main trading partners for April 2009

Value : Rs Mn

Exports ¹ (F.O.B)				Imports (C.I.F)			
Country	2008 ²	2009 ²		Country	2008 ²	2009 ²	
	Apr	Mar ³	Apr ⁴		Apr	Mar ³	Apr ⁴
UK	1,010	1,633	1,116	India	3,299	2,074	2,069
France	804	632	807	China	1,164	1,057	1,208
USA	283	342	481	South Africa	924	933	984
Madagascar	300	292	349	France	800	780	768
Spain	175	273	216	Indonesia	201	264	321
Reunion	142	174	211	Malaysia	187	360	284
Other	1,538	1,576	1,391	Other	4,185	4,083	4,384
Total	4,252	4,922	4,571	Total	10,760	9,551	10,018

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UK is our major exports destination for April 2009 (24.4%) while the bulk of our imports were from India (20.7%).

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