

## Monthly Trade Statistics – August 2009

### 1. Balance of Visible Trade

Balance of Visible Trade showed a deficit of Rs 3,672 million in August 2009, slightly higher by 0.1% compared to the previous month but significantly lower by 46.4% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year.

#### Summary of External Trade

Value : Rs Mn

	2008	2009	
	August <sup>1</sup>	July <sup>1</sup>	August <sup>2</sup>
<b>A. Total Exports (f.o.b)</b>	<b>5,344</b>	<b>5,813</b>	<b>5,421</b>
<i>Domestic exports</i>	3,521	4,443	4,247
<i>Re-exports</i>	1,106	970	774
<i>Ship's Stores and Bunkers</i>	717	400	400
<b>B. Total Imports (c.i.f)</b>	<b>12,196</b>	<b>9,480</b>	<b>9,093</b>
<b>Total International Trade (A+B)</b>	<b>17,540</b>	<b>15,293</b>	<b>14,514</b>
<b>Balance of Visible Trade (A-B)</b>	<b>-6,852</b>	<b>-3,667</b>	<b>-3,672</b>

<sup>1</sup> Revised estimates      <sup>2</sup> First estimates

### 2. Imports

#### Total Imports by S.I.T.C section

C.I.F value : Rs Mn

SITC SECTION/DESCRIPTION	2008	2009	
	August <sup>1</sup>	July <sup>1</sup>	August <sup>2</sup>
0 - Food and live animals	2,150	1,534	1,872
1 - Beverages and tobacco	145	54	73
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	242	251	250
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	3,061	1,464	1,657
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	274	225	38
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	817	981	929
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	2,022	1,777	1,602
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	2,633	2,098	1,795
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	833	1,039	863
9 - Other commodities & transactions, n.e.s	19	57	14
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>12,196</b>	<b>9,480</b>	<b>9,093</b>

<sup>1</sup> Revised estimates      <sup>2</sup> First estimates

In August 2009, total imports decreased by 4.1% compared to July 2009 and by 25.4% compared to August 2008.

### 3. Exports

#### Total Exports by S.I.T.C section

F.O.B value : Rs Mn

SITC SECTION/DESCRIPTION	2008	2009	
	August <sup>1</sup>	July <sup>1</sup>	August <sup>2</sup>
0 - Food and live animals	1,358	1,756	2,216
1 - Beverages and tobacco	37	22	25
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	82	85	55
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	1	1	1
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	-	9	1
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	119	197	164
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	438	423	371
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	470	151	69
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	2,119	2,762	2,115
9 - Other commodities & transactions, n.e.s	3	7	4
<b>Exports exclusive of Ships' Stores and Bunkers</b>	<b>4,627</b>	<b>5,413</b>	<b>5,021</b>
Estimates of Ships' stores and bunkers	717	400	400
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5,344</b>	<b>5,813</b>	<b>5,421</b>

<sup>1</sup> Revised estimates      <sup>2</sup> First estimates

In August 2009, exports fell by 6.7% compared to the previous month but increased by 1.4% compared to August 2008.

### 4. Main trading partners in August 2009

Value : Rs Mn

Exports <sup>1</sup> (F.O.B)				Imports (C.I.F)			
Country	2008	2009		Country	2008	2009	
	August <sup>2</sup>	July <sup>2</sup>	August <sup>3</sup>		August <sup>2</sup>	July <sup>2</sup>	August <sup>3</sup>
France	567	1,326	1,115	India	3,447	1,727	2,010
UK	1,090	1,159	884	China	1,156	1,096	1,075
Portugal	477	46	645	France	903	1,095	857
USA	318	502	453	South Africa	724	925	652
Madagascar	251	487	250	Malaysia	248	256	305
South Africa	195	208	231	Germany	176	248	288
Other	1,729	1,685	1,443	Other	5,542	4,133	3,906
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,627</b>	<b>5,413</b>	<b>5,021</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>12,196</b>	<b>9,480</b>	<b>9,093</b>

<sup>1</sup> Excluding Ships' Stores and Bunkers    <sup>2</sup> Revised estimates    <sup>3</sup> First estimates

France (22.2%) and United Kingdom (17.6%) were our major exports destination in August 2009 while the bulk of our imports were from India (22.1%) and China (11.8%).

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