

Monthly Trade Statistics – December 2009

1. Balance of Visible Trade

Balance of Visible Trade showed a deficit of Rs 6,453 million in December 2009, significantly higher by 46.4% compared to the previous month and by 27.6% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year.

Summary of External Trade

Value : Rs Mn

	2008	2009	
	December ¹	November ¹	December ²
A. Total Exports (f.o.b)	6,604	5,589	4,719
<i>Domestic exports</i>	4,915	4,391	3,367
<i>Re-exports</i>	943	798	952
<i>Ship's Stores and Bunkers</i>	746	400	400
B. Total Imports (c.i.f)	11,662	9,996	11,172
Total International Trade (A+B)	18,266	15,585	15,891
Balance of Visible Trade (A-B)	-5,058	-4,407	-6,453

¹ Revised estimates ² First estimates

2. Imports

Total Imports by S.I.T.C section

C.I.F value : Rs Mn

SITC SECTION/DESCRIPTION	2008	2009	
	December ¹	November ¹	December ²
0 - Food and live animals	1,716	1,679	1,901
1 - Beverages and tobacco	294	262	260
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	292	333	312
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	2,198	1,508	1,595
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	47	30	178
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	980	984	1,008
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	2,317	1,915	2,150
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	2,570	2,023	2,418
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	1,239	1,214	1,307
9 - Other commodities & transactions, n.e.s	9	48	43
TOTAL	11,662	9,996	11,172

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In December 2009, total imports rose by 11.8% compared to November 2009 but declined by 4.2% compared to December 2008.

3. Exports

Total Exports by S.I.T.C section

F.O.B value : Rs Mn

SITC SECTION/DESCRIPTION	2008	2009	
	December ¹	November ¹	December ²
0 - Food and live animals	2,241	1,929	969
1 - Beverages and tobacco	26	28	23
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	62	72	82
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	1	1	1
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	-	1	10
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	198	206	194
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	408	429	448
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	156	109	177
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	2,764	2,410	2,412
9 - Other commodities & transactions, n.e.s.	2	4	3
Exports exclusive of Ships' Stores and Bunkers	5,858	5,189	4,319
Estimates of Ships' stores and bunkers	746	400	400
TOTAL	6,604	5,589	4,719

¹ Revised estimates ² First estimates

In December 2009, exports fell by 15.6% compared to the previous month and by 28.5% compared to December 2008.

4. Main trading partners in December 2009

Value : Rs Mn

Exports ¹ (F.O.B)				Imports (C.I.F)			
Country	2008	2009		Country	2008	2009	
	December ²	November ²	December ³		December ²	November ²	December ³
UK	2,511	1,781	960	India	2,531	1,805	2,114
France	683	721	721	China	1,467	1,659	1,681
USA	359	350	394	France	824	915	1,119
Madagascar	240	282	303	South Africa	1,147	795	1,009
Reunion	293	243	246	Japan	395	220	481
Italy	269	350	199	Argentina	247	7	349
Other	1,503	1,462	1,496	Other	5,051	4,595	4,419
Total	5,858	5,189	4,319	Total	11,662	9,996	11,172

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

United Kingdom (22.2%) and France (16.7%) were our major exports destinations in December 2009 while our imports were mainly from India (18.9%), China (15.0%), France (10%) and South Africa (9%).

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