

## Monthly Trade Statistics – March 2009

### 1. Balance of Visible Trade

Balance of Visible Trade showed a deficit of Rs 4,139 million in March 2009, higher by 26.5% compared to the previous month but lower by 32.5% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year.

#### Summary of External Trade

Value : Rs Mn

	2008 <sup>1</sup>	2009 <sup>1</sup>	
	Mar	Feb <sup>2</sup>	Mar <sup>3</sup>
<b>A. Total exports (f.o.b)</b>	<b>4,347</b>	<b>3,945</b>	<b>5,405</b>
<i>Domestic exports</i>	<i>3,053</i>	<i>2,930</i>	<i>4,134</i>
<i>Re-exports</i>	<i>881</i>	<i>682</i>	<i>788</i>
<i>Ship's Stores and Bunkers</i>	<i>413</i>	<i>333</i>	<i>483</i>
<b>B. Total Imports (c.i.f)</b>	<b>10,476</b>	<b>7,217</b>	<b>9,544</b>
<b>Total International Trade (A+B)</b>	<b>14,823</b>	<b>11,162</b>	<b>14,949</b>
<b>Balance of Visible Trade (A-B)</b>	<b>-6,129</b>	<b>-3,272</b>	<b>-4,139</b>

<sup>1</sup> Provisional      <sup>2</sup> Revised estimates      <sup>3</sup> First estimates

### 2. Imports

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

C.I.F value : Rs Mn

SITC SECTION/DESCRIPTION	2008 <sup>1</sup>	2009 <sup>1</sup>	
	Mar	Feb <sup>2</sup>	Mar <sup>3</sup>
0 - Food and live animals	1,887	1,399	1,844
1 - Beverages and tobacco	205	80	281
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	591	168	299
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	2,332	1,181	1,701
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	252	196	44
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	810	583	824
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	1,948	1,317	1,895
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	1,797	1,727	1,889
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	632	544	761
9 - Other commodities & transactions, n.e.s	22	22	6
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>10,476</b>	<b>7,217</b>	<b>9,544</b>

<sup>1</sup> Provisional      <sup>2</sup> Revised estimates      <sup>3</sup> First estimates

In March 2009, total imports increased by 32.2% compared to February 2009 while it decreased by 8.9% compared to its corresponding period in 2008.

### 3. Exports

#### Total Exports <sup>1</sup> by S.I.T.C section

F.O.B value : Rs Mn

SITC SECTION/DESCRIPTION	2008 <sup>2</sup>	2009 <sup>2</sup>	
	Mar	Feb <sup>3</sup>	Mar <sup>4</sup>
0 - Food and live animals	906	932	1,791
1 - Beverages and tobacco	43	38	28
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	72	60	61
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	2	1	1
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	7	5	20
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	85	100	124
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	398	380	406
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	280	62	93
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	2,133	2,028	2,395
9 - Other commodities & transactions, n.e.s	8	6	3
Exports exclusive of Ships' Stores and Bunkers	3,934	3,612	4,922
Estimates of Ships' stores and bunkers	413	333	483
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4,347</b>	<b>3,945</b>	<b>5,405</b>

<sup>1</sup> Excluding Ships' Stores and Bunkers <sup>2</sup> Provisional <sup>3</sup> Revised estimates <sup>4</sup> First estimates

In March 2009, exports went up by 37% compared to the previous month and by 24.3% compared to March 2008.

#### 4. Main trading partners for March 2009

Value : Rs Mn

Exports <sup>1</sup> (F.O.B)				Imports (C.I.F)			
Country	2008 <sup>2</sup>	2009 <sup>2</sup>		Country	2008 <sup>2</sup>	2009 <sup>2</sup>	
	Mar	Feb <sup>3</sup>	Mar <sup>4</sup>		Mar	Feb <sup>3</sup>	Mar <sup>4</sup>
UK	1,075	893	1,633	India	2,931	1,335	2,074
France	642	490	632	China	865	776	1,057
Italy	200	297	416	South Africa	787	635	933
USA	320	410	342	France	724	811	780
Madagascar	270	215	292	Malaysia	245	214	360
Spain	103	155	273	Spain	378	94	347
Other	1,324	1,152	1,334	Other	4,546	3,352	3,993
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,934</b>	<b>3,612</b>	<b>4,922</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>10,476</b>	<b>7,217</b>	<b>9,554</b>

<sup>1</sup> Excluding Ships' Stores and Bunkers <sup>2</sup> Provisional <sup>3</sup> Revised estimates <sup>4</sup> First estimates

UK is our major exports destination for March 2009 (33.2%) while the bulk of our imports were from India (21.7%).

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