

## Monthly Trade Statistics – October 2009

### 1. Balance of Visible Trade

Balance of Visible Trade showed a deficit of Rs 8,650 million in October 2009, significantly higher by 68.5% compared to the previous month and by 58.2% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year. It must be pointed out that imports include aircraft worth Rs 2,862 million.

### Summary of External Trade

Value : Rs Mn

	2008	2009	
	October <sup>1</sup>	September <sup>1</sup>	October <sup>2</sup>
<b>A. Total Exports (f.o.b)</b>	<b>6,687</b>	<b>5,277</b>	<b>5,556</b>
<i>Domestic exports</i>	4,305	3,823	4,008
<i>Re-exports</i>	1,135	940	1,148
<i>Ship's Stores and Bunkers</i>	1,247	514	400
<b>B. Total Imports (c.i.f)</b>	<b>12,154</b>	<b>10,411</b>	<b>14,206</b>
<b>Total International Trade (A+B)</b>	<b>18,841</b>	<b>15,688</b>	<b>19,763</b>
<b>Balance of Visible Trade (A-B)</b>	<b>-5,467</b>	<b>-5,134</b>	<b>-8,650</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	
	October <sup>1</sup>	September <sup>1</sup>	October <sup>2</sup>
0 - Food and live animals	1,768	2,345	1,978
1 - Beverages and tobacco	195	63	188
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	276	290	348
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	2,619	1,252	2,282
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	400	173	84
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	926	1,065	962
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	2,380	1,993	1,996
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	2,384	2,257	5,203
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	1,184	929	1,112
9 - Other commodities & transactions, n.e.s	22	44	53
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>12,154</b>	<b>10,411</b>	<b>14,206</b>

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

In October 2009, total imports increased by 36.5% compared to September 2009 and by 16.9% compared to October 2008.

### 3. Exports

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

F.O.B value : Rs Mn

SITC SECTION/DESCRIPTION	2008	2009	
	October <sup>1</sup>	September <sup>1</sup>	October <sup>2</sup>
0 - Food and live animals	1,996	1,825	1,543
1 - Beverages and tobacco	33	25	76
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	69	82	99
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	-	1	3
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	-	1	-
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	218	224	255
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	448	461	490
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	422	113	162
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	2,247	2,029	2,522
9 - Other commodities & transactions, n.e.s	7	2	6
<b>Exports exclusive of Ships' Stores and Bunkers</b>	<b>5,440</b>	<b>4,763</b>	<b>5,156</b>
Estimates of Ships' stores and bunkers	1,247	514	400
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>6,687</b>	<b>5,277</b>	<b>5,556</b>

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

In October 2009, exports increased by 5.3% compared to the previous month but decreased by 16.9% compared to October 2008.

#### 4. Main trading partners in October 2009

Value : Rs Mn

Exports <sup>1</sup> (F.O.B)				Imports (C.I.F)			
Country	2008	2009		Country	2008	2009	
	October <sup>2</sup>	September <sup>2</sup>	October <sup>3</sup>		October <sup>2</sup>	September <sup>2</sup>	October <sup>3</sup>
UK	2,079	1,171	1,257	France	856	1,191	3,838
France	604	534	1,165	India	2,907	2,029	2,529
USA	273	365	353	China	1,586	1,370	1,390
Madagascar	286	263	320	South Africa	1,013	741	1,022
Italy	274	169	292	Malaysia	415	262	378
Reunion	267	241	285	Japan	459	342	364
Other	1,657	2,020	1,484	Other	4,918	4,476	4,685
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,440</b>	<b>4,763</b>	<b>5,156</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>12,154</b>	<b>10,411</b>	<b>14,206</b>

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

United Kingdom (24.4%) and France (22.6%) were our major exports destinations in October 2009 while the bulk of our imports were from France (27.0%) which include aircraft worth of Rs 2,862 million and India (17.8%).

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