

Government of Pakistan
Statistics Division
Federal Bureau of Statistics

SUB:- ADVANCE RELEASE ON EXTERNAL TRADE STATISTICS FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH, 2011.

EXPORTS:

According to the provisional figures compiled by the Federal Bureau of Statistics, exports from Pakistan during March, 2011 amounted to Rs.213,102 million (provisional) as against Rs. 184,115 million (provisional) in February, 2011 and Rs.149,263 million during March, 2010 showing an increase of 15.74% over February,2011 and by 42.77% over March, 2010.

2. In terms of US dollars the exports in March, 2011 was \$ 2,497 million (provisional) as compared to \$ 2,158 million (provisional) in February, 2011 showing an increase of export by 15.71% and by 41.12% as compared to \$ 1,770 million in March, 2010.

3. Exports during July-March, 2010 - 2011 totalled Rs.1,523,389 million (provisional) as against Rs.1,176,416 million during the corresponding period of last year showing an increase of 29.49%.

4. In terms of US dollars the exports during July -March, 2010 - 2011 totalled \$ 17,799 million (provisional) as against \$ 14,072 million during the corresponding period of last year showing an increase of 26.48%.

5. Main commodities of exports during March, 2011 were Knitwear (Rs.21,969 million), Bedwear (Rs.20,421 million), Readymade garments (Rs.15,782 million), Cotton cloth (Rs.13,117 million), Wheat (Rs.12,572 million), Rice others (Rs.11,109 million), Towels (Rs.10,129 million), Madeup articles (excl. towels bedwear) (Rs.8,911 million), Vegetables (Rs.6,515 million) and Rice basmiti (Rs.6,287 million).

6. The increase(+) / decrease(-) recorded in main commodities exported during March, 2011 over February, 2011 and March, 2010 is given below:-

S.No.	COMMODITIES	%Change for value in million Rupees in March, 2011 over	
		February, 2011	March, 2010
1.	Knitwear	49.98	83.23
2.	Bedwear	54.04	68.23
3.	Readymade garments	28.40	75.16
4.	Cotton cloth	-31.50	-4.32
5.	Wheat	5.42	83713.33
6.	Rice others	12.21	-21.59
7.	Towels	108.93	104.01
8.	Madeup articles (excl. towels bedwear)	104.10	108.01
9.	Vegetables	271.44	249.89
10.	Rice basmati	17.98	-15.63

IMPORTS

7. Imports into Pakistan during March, 2011 amounted to Rs.291,581 million (provisional) as against Rs. 260,500 million (provisional) in February, 2011 and Rs.277,258 million during March, 2010 showing an increase of 11.93% over February, 2011 and by 5.17% over March, 2010.

8. In terms of US dollars the imports in March, 2011 was \$ 3,417 million (provisional) as compared to \$ 3,053 million (provisional) in February, 2011 showing an increase of imports by 11.90% and by 3.95% as compared to \$ 3,287 million in March, 2010.

9. Imports during July -March, 2010 - 2011 totalled Rs.2,483,769 million (provisional) as against Rs.2,099,232 million during the corresponding period of last year showing an increase of 18.32%.

10. In terms of US dollars the imports during July -March, 2010 - 2011 totalled \$ 29,016 million (provisional) as against \$ 25,107 million during the corresponding period of last year showing an increase of 15.57%.

11. Main commodities of imports during March, 2011 were Petroleum crude (Rs.47,058 million), Petroleum products (Rs.30,090 million), Raw cotton (Rs. 12,585 million), Plastic materials (Rs.11,994 million), Palm oil (Rs.10,459 million), Iron & steel (Rs.10,035 million), Medicinal products (Rs.6,120 million), Synthetic & artificial silk yarn (Rs.5,254 million), Synthetic fibre (Rs.4,970 million) and Power generating machinery (Rs.4,907 million).

12. The increase(+) / decrease(-) recorded in main commodities imported during March, 2011 over February, 2011 and March, 2010 is given below:-

S.No.	COMMODITIES	%Change for value in million Rupees in March, 2011 over	
		February, 2011	March, 2010
1.	Petroleum crude	40.01	49.18
2.	Petroleum products	-2.45	-46.56
3.	Raw cotton	-24.56	48.83
4.	Plastic materials	6.39	24.59
5.	Palm oil	-24.93	-11.98
6.	Iron & Steel	13.53	16.16
7.	Medicinal products	56.88	28.52
8.	Synthetic & artificial silk yarn	37.04	92.88
9.	Synthetic fibre	35.90	64.52
10.	Power generating machinery	-17.79	-56.56

BALANCE OF TRADE:

13. Based on the provisional figures of imports and exports the balance of trade in March, 2011 was (-)78,479 million in terms of Rupees and (-)920 million in US dollars. The balance of trade figures cumulative from July-March, 2010 - 2011 were (-)960,380 million in terms of Rupees and (-)11,217 million in US dollars.

14. Four statements giving quantity and value details of selected commodities of exports and imports for the month of March, 2011 and July-March, 2010 -2011 along-with the data for previous month and corresponding period are enclosed.