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Recent Trends in India-Pakistan Trade 2018-19

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3000 Joint Statement issued on normalising trade Pathankot attack Positive list-1934 items Pulwama attacks 2500 Mumbai attacks Cross-border truck movement allowed Samihauta blast Uni attacks 2000 Positive list- 1,075 items Negative list-1,209 items 1500 Maritime protocol amended Parliament attack-rail and air routes Road route opened 1000 Rail & air routes open Positive list-767 items 500 →India-Pakistan Bilateral Trade (USD Mn) 2000-01 2003-04 2004-05 2005-06 2006-07 2007-08 2008-09 2009-10 2010-11 2011-12 2012-13 2013-14 2014-15 2015-16 2016-17 2017-18 2018-19 2001-02 2002-03 (Apr-Dec)

Figure 1: Impact of Political Relations between India and Pakistan on Trade

Source: Updated from Taneja et al (2013), Normalizing India-Pakistan Trade. ICRIER Working Paper 267

Table 1: India's Trade with Pakistan (US\$ million)

Year	Exports (X)	Imports (M)	Trade Balance (X-M)	Total Trade (X+M)	Trade Balance Ratio (X-M/X+M)*100 (%)
2003-04	287	58	229	345	66
2004-05	521	95	426	616	69
2005-06	689	180	510	869	59
2006-07	1350	324	1026	1674	61
2007-08	1951	288	1663	2239	74
2008-09	1440	370	1070	1810	59
2009-10	1573	276	1297	1849	70
2010-11	2040	333	1707	2372	72
2011-12	1542	398	1144	1939	59
2012-13	2065	542	1523	2607	58
2013-14	2274	427	1847	2701	68
2014-15	1857	497	1360	2354	58
2015-16	2171	441	1730	2612	66
2016-17	1821	454	1367	2275	60
2017-18	1924	489	1,435	2,413	59
2018-19 (Apr-Dec)	1,608	441	1,167	2,049	57

Source: Directorate General of Foreign Trade, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India

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Figure 2: India's Trade with Pakistan (US\$ billion)

Source: Directorate General of Foreign Trade, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India

Table 2: India's Top 20 Exports to Pakistan at HS-6 (2017-18)

HS Code	Product description	Exports (USD million)	Share of the Product in Exports (%)
520100	Cotton, not carded or combed	273.4	14%
520524	Sngl yrn of cmbd fbrs measurng<192.31 but >=125 dctx(>52 but <=80 mtrc no)	87.75	5%
290243	P-xylene	82.3	4%
390210	Polypropylene	63.03	3%
520513	Sngl yrn of uncmbd fbrs measurng<232.56 but >=192.31 dctx(>43 but <=52 mtrc no)	53.43	3%
720230	Ferro-silico-manganese	47.92	2%
291736	Terephthalic acid and its salts	39.04	2%
520527	Sngl yrn of combd fbrs msrng betwn 83.33 and 106.38 dctx and 94 to 120 mtrc no.	36.81	2%
320416	Reactive dys and preptns based thereon	35.58	2%
294200	Other organic compounds: cefadroxil and its salts, ibuprofane, nifedipine, ranitidine, danes salt of d(-) pheny	29.5	2%
330290	Other: mixtures of aromatic chemicals and essential oils as perfume base:	26.86	1%
844520	Textile spinning machines	26.35	1%
300220	Vaccines for human medicine	26.07	1%
520512	Sngl yrn of uncmbd fbrs measuring<714.29 but >= 232.56 dctx(> 14 but <=43 mtrc no)	25.64	1%
300490	Other medcne put up for retail sale	23.51	1%
90240	Other black tea (fermented) and other partly fermented tea:	23.11	1%
630790	Other made up articles	21.94	1%
71320	Chickpeas (garbanzos) dried and shld	21.68	1%
711719	Other imitation jewellery of base metal w/n plated wth precious metal	20.76	1%
520528	Sngl yrn of combd fbrs msrng <83.83 dctx and > 120 mtrc no.	19.91	1%
	Total	984.59	51%

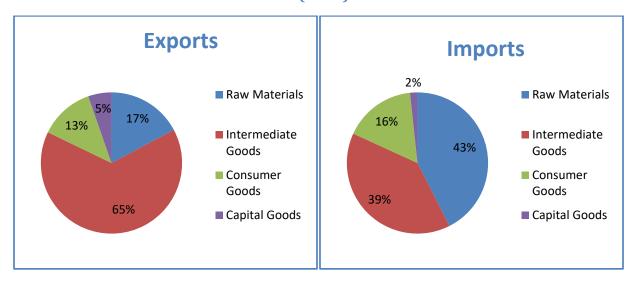
Source: Directorate General of Foreign Trade, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India

Table 3: India's Top 20 Imports from Pakistan at HS-6 (2017-18)

HS Code	Commodity description	Imports (US\$ Million)	Share of the Product in Imports (%)
80410	Dates fresh or dried	112.64	23%
252329	Other portland cement	77.48	16%
271019	Other petroleum oils and oils obtaind frombituminous minerals etc	54.60	11%
310210	Urea whether or not in aqueous solution	34.48	7%
271012	Light oils and preparations:	28.41	6%
260600	Aluminium ores and concentrates	20.24	4%
252010	Gypsum; anhydrite	17.93	4%
631090	Othr rags,scrp twne,cordge,rope etc	13.66	3%
410799	Other/hides/skins including sides	9.22	2%
281512	Naoh in aqs soln (soda lye or lqd soda)	6.71	1%
283620	Disodium carbonate	6.19	1%
901890	Othr instrmntsandapplncs of medical science	5.46	1%
400400	Waste, parings and scrap of rubr(besides hardrubr) and pwdr 9 grnls obtained therefrom	5.10	1%
390769	Other: poly(ethylene terephthalate)	4.18	1%
410449	Other grain of bovine in dry state (crust)	4.15	1%
170199	Sugr refind nt contng frvrng/colrng matter	3.95	1%
410719	Other whole hids/skins	3.81	1%
520942	Denim	3.42	1%
521142	Denim of yarns of different colour of mxd cotn fabrics weighing>200 gsm	3.30	1%
250100	Salt (incl table salt and denatrd salt) and pure sodim chlrde w/n aqs soln sea wtr	3.24	1%
	Total	418.17	86%

Source: Directorate General of Foreign Trade, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India

Figure 3: Product Composition of India's Exports to and Imports from Pakistan (2017)



Source: UN ITC-WITS database

Note: Product composition based on WTO Stage of Processing (SoP) categories

Table 4: India's Trade Potential with Pakistan

Trade Potential	US\$ Billion
Export	7.9
Import	3.0
Total Trade	10.9

Source: Taneja et al (2013), Normalizing India-Pakistan Trade. ICRIER Working Paper 267

Note: The estimate of trade potential is the maximum possible trade that two countries can have if they source from each other all items which they source from the rest of the world. Of these the most likely items to be traded are those in which the supplier country is globally competitive. Only those items are included in which Revealed Comparative Advantage (RCA)>1.

Table 5: Top 10 Commodities with Export Potential at HS-6 (2011)

HS Code	Commodity description	Export Potential (US\$ Million)
851712	Telephones for cellular networks	629.6
520100	Cotton, not carded/combed	532.8
870322	Vehicles with piston engine, of a cylinder capacity >1000cc but not >1500cc	361.9
390210	Polypropylene	356.7
290243	p-Xylene	308.0
90240	Tea, black (fermented)	304.2
540233	Polyester yarn	277.0
870321	Vehicles with piston engine, of a cylinder capacity not>1000cc	263.0
550320	Synthetic staple fibers	255.1
300490	Medicaments	213.4
	Total of 10 Items	3501.7
	Share in Total Export Potential	44%

Source: Taneja et al (2013), Normalizing India-Pakistan Trade. ICRIER Working Paper 267

Table 6: Top 10 Commodities with Import Potential at HS-6 (2011)

HS Code	Commodity description	Import Potential (US\$ Million)
711319	Articles of jewellery & parts thereof	440.9
901890	Medical/surgical instruments	268.9
520100	Cotton, not carded/combed	180.8
730690	Tubes, pipes of iron & steel	105.3
390760	Poly(ethylene terephthalate)	81.4
740400	Copper waste & scrap	75.5
730890	Structures &parts of structures	60.0
291736	Terephthalic acid & its salts	57.6
950699	Articles & equip. for sports,	44.8
391590	Waste, parings & scrap, of plastics	41.2
	Total of 10 Items	3501.7
	Share in Total Import Potential	45%

Source: Taneja et al (2013), Normalizing India-Pakistan Trade. ICRIER Working Paper 267

Table 7: India's Informal Exports to Pakistan- Estimated Value (2012-13)

Products	Value	Share
	(In Million \$)	(%)
Real Jewelry (Diamond, gold, precious stones, etc.)	910	23%
Textiles	780	20%
Machinery and Machine Parts	305	8%
Electronic Appliances	220	6%
Scraps	193	5%
Paper	190	5%
Chemicals	187	5%
Tyres	187	5%
Packaged Food Items	170	4%
Spices	160	4%
Pulses	156	4%
Consumer Durable Items	150	4%
Industrial Additives	133	3%
Pharmaceutical Products	83	2%
Jewelry (Artificial)	28	1%
Pan Leaves/Betel Leaves	26	1%
Alcohol	22	1%
Coconut Oil	20	1%
Tea	16	0%
Shaving Blades	15	0%
Fruits and Vegetables	12	0%
Pan Masala	8	0%
Tobacco Products	6	0%
Leather	5	0%
Auto Components	4	0%
Stone	3	0%
Furniture	2	0%
Aampapad	0.5	0%
Soda bottles	0.5	0%
Total Informal Exports from India to Pakistan	3992	100%

Source: Taneja, N. and Bimal, S. (2016), India's Informal Trade with Pakistan, ICRIER Working Paper 327

Table 8: India's Informal Imports from Pakistan- Estimated Value (2012-13)

Products	Value	Share
	(In Million \$)	(%)
Textiles	350	49%
Dry Fruits	230	32%
Spices	75	10%
Cement	15	2%
Carpets	28	4%
Fruits and Vegetables	12	2%
Leather	9	1%
Electronic Goods (Chinese Cameras, ICs, etc)	1	0%
Leather chemicals	1	0%
Total India's Informal Imports from Pakistan	721	100%

Source: Taneja, N. and Bimal, S. (2016), India's Informal Trade with Pakistan, ICRIER Working Paper 327