

### India's Merchandise Exports at 35.4 billion in September 2022

Merchandise Trade (in USD billion)

Month	Exports			Imports		
	Total	Petroleum products	Non-petroleum products	Total	Crude oil and petroleum products	Non-crude oil and petroleum products
Sep-21	33.8	5.2	28.6	56.3	16.8	39.5
Apr-22	39.7	7.9	31.9	58.9	18.4	40.5
May-22	39.0	8.5	30.5	63.7	19.2	44.5
Jun-22	42.4	10.7	31.7	66.7	21.3	45.4
Jul-22	38.5	8.3	30.2	66.3	21.1	45.1
Aug-22	36.9	8.5	28.4	63.6	19.3	44.2
Sep-22	35.4	7.4	28.0	61.2	15.9	45.3

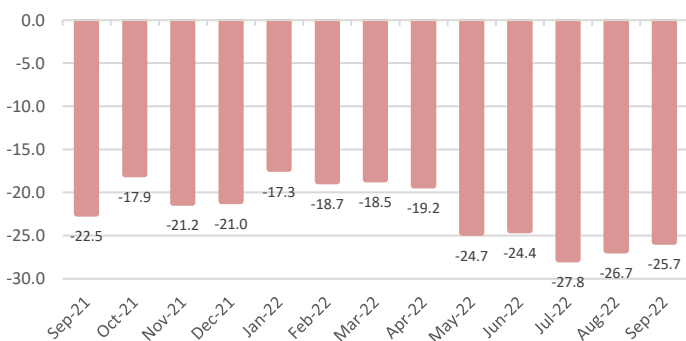
Source: CMIE

India's merchandise exports for the month of September 2022 were recorded at USD 35.4 billion, growing at 4.8 percent y-o-y vis-à-vis USD 33.8 billion recorded in September 2021. These were a tad lower than the figure of USD 36.9 billion registered in August 2022. Exports were driven by commodities such as Electronic Goods, Tobacco, Petroleum Products, Oil seeds, Gems & Jewellery, and Drugs & Pharmaceuticals. Petroleum exports grew by 43.0 percent y-o-y to USD 7.4 billion in September 2022 from USD 5.2 billion a year ago. Non-petroleum exports, however, contracted by 2.1 percent y-o-y and amounted to USD 28.0 billion in September 2022, marginally dropping from USD 28.6 billion in September 2021.

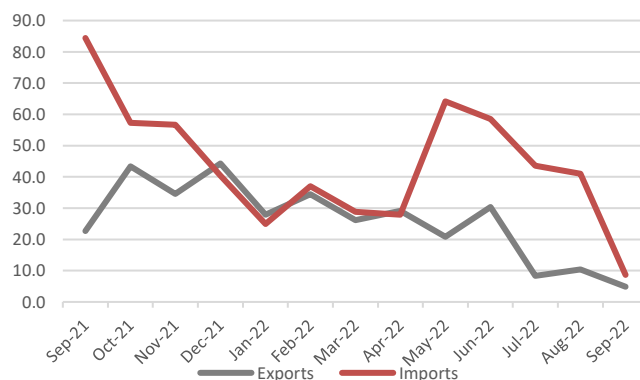
Exports have witnessed a moderation on account of a noticeable slowdown in developed economies and a resultant impact on external demand. As per commerce and industry ministry/press articles, merchandise exports have declined for six of the top 10 markets including the UAE and Bangladesh and 18 of the top 30 major commodities in September 2022. In addition, certain fiscal measures to contain domestic inflation and domestic food security concerns, such as imposition of export bans on wheat, rice, and sugar have also had an impact on India's exports. The recent export ban on broken rice and an export duty of 20 percent on husk (paddy or rough), husked (brown rice) and semi-milled or wholly-milled rice in order to safeguard domestic stocks for food security concerns, feedstock, and ethanol production impacted India's rice exports which grew by a mere 1.6 percent y-o-y in September 2022.

Besides, iron ore exports also suffered a massive decline due to high export duty. Iron ore exports to China were especially impacted due to the real estate crisis, low steel demand, and COVID-19 lockdowns. Engineering goods exports fell due to a demand slowdown in China and Hong Kong owing to COVID-19 restrictions as well as the imposition of export duty on Indian steel exports. Engineering goods exports to CIS countries have been impacted by the Russia-Ukraine conflict.

Trend in India's Merchandise Trade Balance (in USD billion)



Trend in India's Merchandise Trade (Y-o-Y %)



Source: CMIE, PIB, Press Articles

■ Total merchandise imports in September 2022 amounted to USD 61.2 billion in September 2022 vis-à-vis USD 56.3 billion in September 2021. Import growth, however, was significantly lower at 8.7 percent y-o-y compared to 84.4 percent in September 2021 and 41.0 percent in August 2022. Crude oil and petroleum imports that had been surging since March 2022, moderated a bit in September 2022 registering a value of USD 15.9 billion. These were also lower compared to September 2021 figure of USD 16.8 billion. Non-crude imports, on the other hand, increased to USD 45.3 billion in September 2022 on account of commodities such as Cotton Raw & Waste, Silver, Transport equipment, Pulp and Wastepaper, Coal, Coke & Briquettes, Fertilisers, and Leather & leather products.

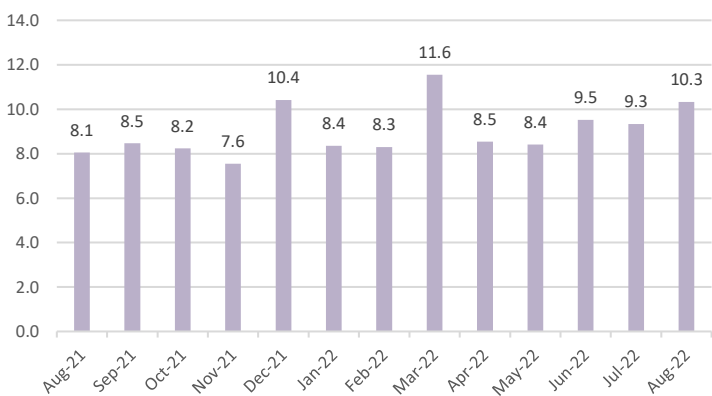
■ Trade deficit for the month of September 2022 amounted to USD 25.7 billion, up from USD 22.5 billion recorded in the same month a year ago. However, it was lower than the August 2022 figure of USD 26.7 billion.

Export Growth: Major Commodities				Import Growth: Major Commodities			
Commodities	September 2021 (in USD million)	September 2022 (in USD million)	Y-o-Y % change	Commodities	September 2021 (in USD million)	September 2022 (in USD million)	Y-o-Y % change
Electronic Goods	1168.1	2009.1	72.0	Cotton Raw & Waste	44.0	317.3	620.8
Tobacco	77.2	125.2	62.2	Silver	559.8	1054.1	88.3
Petroleum Products	5195.5	7429.8	43.0	Transport equipment	1764.8	2921.8	65.6
Oil seeds	50.3	59.1	17.5	Pulp and Waste paper	111.1	182.8	64.5
Gems & Jewellery	3235.2	3793.9	17.3	Coal, Coke & Briquettes, etc.	2189.1	3520.5	60.8
Coffee	82.75	94.24	13.9	Fertilisers, Crude & manufactured	1201.1	1780.9	48.3
Fruits & Vegetables	235.26	266.08	13.10	Leather & leather products	65.8	96.2	46.3
Major Export Commodities: Negative Growth				Major Import Commodities: Negative Growth			
Commodities	September 2021 (in USD million)	September 2022 (in USD million)	Y-o-Y % change	Commodities	September 2021 (in USD million)	September 2022 (in USD million)	Y-o-Y % change
Iron Ore	82.6	2.7	-96.7	Sulphur & Unroasted Iron Pyrites	55.1	38.4	-30.4
Cotton Yarn/Fabs./made-ups	1310.5	799.6	-39.0	Gold	5115.8	3856.3	-24.6
Cashew	36.7	22.7	-38.1	Pulses	195.7	158.5	-19.0
Handicrafts excl. handmade carpet	185.0	123.8	-33.1	Machine tools	439.6	369.3	-16.0
Carpet	157.8	106.0	-32.9	Metaliferrous ores & other minerals	839.6	745.8	-11.1
Other cereals	72.6	52.9	-27.1	Dyeing/tanning/colouring materials	346.08	313.09	-9.5
RMG of all Textiles	1301.1	1066.2	-18.1	Project goods	65.38	59.45	-9.0
Jute Mfg. including Floor Covering	40.96	34.36	-16.1				
Ceramic products & glassware	274.09	240.63	-12.2				

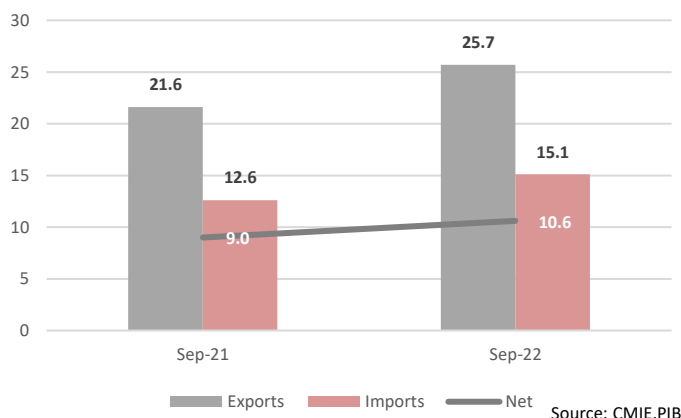
Source: PIB

### Trade in Services

Net Services Exports Trend (USD billion)



Services Trade (in USD Billion)



Source: CMIE, PIB

India's services export for September 2022\* is estimated at USD 25.7 billion, exhibiting a growth of 18.7 per cent vis-a-vis September 2021 when these stood at USD 21.6 billion. Services imports for September 2022\* also increased by 20.0 per cent y-o-y and stood at an estimated USD 15.1 billion in September 2022 compared to USD 12.6 billion in September 2021. The services trade balance in September 2022 is estimated at USD 10.6 billion, which is an increase of 16.9 per cent over September 2021.

India's overall exports (Merchandise and Services combined) in September 2022\* are estimated to be USD 61.10 Billion, registering a positive growth of 10.24 per cent over the same period last year. Overall imports in September 2022\* are estimated to be USD 76.26 Billion, exhibiting a positive growth of 10.73 per cent over the same period last year.

Over the cumulative period April-September 2022, India's overall exports (merchandise and services combined) are estimated to be USD 382.3 billion, exhibiting a growth of almost 21.0 per cent over the same period last year, when these stood at USD 315.9 billion. India's overall imports (merchandise and services combined) in April-September 2022 are estimated to be USD 469.5 billion, exhibiting a growth of almost 37.8 per cent over the same period last year.

India's overall trade deficit has notably widened in the April-September 2022 period on account of imported inflation resulting from the war in Europe.

Trade during April-September FY 2022-23 (In USD billion)

		April-September 2022	April-September 2021	YoY Growth in %
Merchandise	Exports	231.9	198.3	17.0
	Imports	380.3	274.5	38.6
	Trade Balance	-148.5	-76.3	-94.7
Services*	Exports	150.4	117.6	27.9
	Imports	89.1	66.3	34.5
	Net of Services	61.3	51.4	19.3
Overall Trade (Merchandise and Services)*	Exports	382.3	315.9	21.0
	Imports	469.5	340.8	37.8
	Trade Balance	-87.2	-24.9	-250.5

\*The latest data for services sector released by RBI is till August 2022. The data for September 2022 is an estimation  
Source: PIB