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A review of EXIM Data (Merchandise Export and Import) of Financial Years (FY) [2022-23 and 2023-24] indicates that, Pakistan has been a very minor trading partner for India. Out of India's total exports of USD 451070 million in FY 2022-23, export to Pakistan from India was merely 0.14%. In FY 2023-24 India's total exports was USD 437072 million of which only 0.27% (USD 1189 million) was routed to Pakistan. Likewise, import from Pakistan to India was even smaller than export with 0.003% of India's overall import sourced from Pakistan for FY 2022-23 while that for FY 2023-24 it was only 0.0004%. India has evidently maintained a surplus balance of trade with Pakistan for both these financial years.

Export to Pakistan from India

Additionally, in FY 2024-25 as per provisional estimates, India's export to Pakistan is reportedly USD 558 million and import only USD 0.46 million with a resultant Trade Surplus of USD 557.32 million.

Table1a: India's EXIM Values with respect to Pakistan and whole World

	2022-23 (MUSD)			2023-24 (MUSD)		
	Export	Import	Trade Balance	Export	Import	Trade Balance
Pakistan	627.12	20.36	607	1188.86	2.63	1186
World	451070	715969	-264899	437072	678215	-241143
% Share of Pakistan	0.14%	0.003%		0.27%	0.0004%	

Source: DGCI&S

Table 1b: India's Exports to Pakistan during FY 2022-23 to FY 2024-25

Financial Year	Exports to Pakistan (USD million)	YoY % Change
2022-23	627.12	
2023-24	1188.86	89.6
2024-25	558	-53.06

Source: DGCI&S [Note: Data for Financial Year 2024-25 is Provisional]

Table 2: Top QE Group wise Exports to Pakistan						
	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
Commodity Group	Values in USD million			% of total exports		
Drugs and Pharmaceuticals	191	177	208	30.4%	14.8%	37.3%
Organic & Inorganic Chemicals	83	88	94	13.2%	7.4%	16.9%
Engineering Goods	37	43	61	5.9%	3.6%	10.9%
Petroleum Products	14	688	12	2.2%	57.9%	2.2%
Oil Meals	6	43	11	0.9%	3.6%	1.9%
Others	296	151	171	47.2%	12.7%	30.7%
Total	627	1189	558	100	100	100

Source: DGCIS [Note: Data for Financial Year 2024-25 is Provisional]

- Drugs and Pharmaceuticals Group have consistently dominated our exports to Pakistan with exports worth USD 208 million recorded in FY 2024-25 accounting for 37.3% of all exports to Pakistan during the said year.
- The top three commodity groups [comprising Drugs and Pharmaceuticals, Organic & Inorganic Chemicals and Engineering Goods] accounted for nearly 65% of all exports during FY 2024-25.
- In FY 2023-24 exports of Petroleum Products was recorded at USD 688 million which in FY 2024-25 has significantly declined to only USD 12 million. Similarly, exports of Oil meals were recorded on the higher side to the tune of USD 43 million in FY 2023-24 which has now dipped to USD 11 million in FY 2024-25.
- In FY 2024-25 India had exported to Pakistan USD 7.22 million worth of Fruits and Vegetables; USD 6.77 million worth of Cereal Preparations and Miscellaneous Processed Item; USD 4.03 million worth of Plastic and Linoleum; USD 3.15 million worth of Oil Seeds, etc. all these have been recorded under “Others” in Table 2 above.

The Principal Commodity Groups which were exported majorly in FY 2024-25 were Drug Formulations & Biologicals, Sugar, Bulk Drugs & Drug Intermediaries and Residual Chemical & Allied Products with respective shares of 24.29%, 21.63%, 12.35% & 9.19% in India’s total exports to Pakistan in the said year.

Table 3: Top PC Group wise Exports to Pakistan						
Principal Commodity Group	Values in USDMillion			Share in % terms		
	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
Drug Formulations, Biologicals	114	107	136	18.10	9.00	24.29
Sugar	174	80	121	27.73	6.69	21.63
Bulk Drugs, Drug Intermediates	69	64	69	11.02	5.42	12.35
Residual Chemical and Allied Products	43	48	51	6.89	4.08	9.19
Auto Components/Parts	0.5	10	30	0.08	0.88	5.37
Organic Chemicals	28	27	29	4.42	2.26	5.19
Other Misc. Engineering Items	2	15	13	0.32	1.22	2.33
Petroleum Products	14	688	12	2.24	57.88	2.23
Oil Meals	6	43	11	0.98	3.58	1.91
Others	177	107	87	28.23	8.98	15.52
Total	627	1189	558	100	100	100

Source: DGCI&S [Note: Data for Financial Year 2024-25 is Provisional]

- The top three export categories—Drug Formulations & Biologicals (H8), Sugar (C4), and Bulk Drugs & Drug Intermediates (H5) have accounted for approximately 58% of the total export value earned by way of exports to Pakistan in FY 2024-25. This underscores the critical significance of pharmaceutical sector in India's export basket w.r.t. Pakistan. Both PC Groups H8 and H5 have exhibited robust performance over the past three financial years.
- As regards Sugar (C4) which was the leading commodity exported in FY 2022-23 with exports worth USD 174 million, there was a dip in exports in FY 2023-24 to the tune of only USD 80 million followed by a turn-around in FY 2024-25 with exports peaking to USD 121 million.
- Residual Chemical and Allied Products (I7) and Organic Chemicals (I3) together constituted over 14% to the total exports, with export values of USD 51 million and USD 29million respectively recorded for FY 2024-25. These commodity groups have shown consistent growth in export values indicating a strong demand for specialized chemical products from Pakistan's end.
- **Emerging Sectors:** Auto Components/Parts (M3) has seen a dramatic rise in export value from only USD 0.50 million in FY 2022-23 to about USD 30million in FY 2024-25.

A review of UN Comtrade Database for Calendar Year (CY) 2024 indicates that Pakistan has imported goods worth USD 56.48 billion from the entire world out of which at ITC HS-6 level 100% imports for goods with HSN 293949 and 300460 have been sourced from India with respective values of USD 2.27 million and USD 0.32 million. There are also identified 13 other HS-6 level commodities for which Pakistan's imports from India is significantly high i.e. more than 75% of total imports of those HSNs had been routed/sourced from India in CY 2024.

Table 4: Exports to Pakistan by India through different types of Ports (Figures in MUSD)

2022-23				2023-24				2024-25			
SEA	AIR	ICD	SEZ	SEA	AIR	ICD	SEZ	SEA	AIR	ICD	SEZ
418.29	116.75	64.61	27.47	994.06	117.96	42.67	34.17	320.97	127.32	72.97	36.53
627				1189				558			

Source: DGCI&S [Note: Data for Financial Year 2024-25 is Provisional]

- Sea ports have consistently been playing the dominant role in handling export related cargoes to Pakistan; followed by Air Cargo mode.
- Exports through ICD mode rose to USD 72.97 million in FY 2024-25 from USD 42.67 million USD in FY 2023-24, showing increased inland logistics activity. Additionally, exports through SEZ mode have increased steadily over the years.

For FY 2024-25, Nhava Sheva Sea was the top Port through which most of the exports to Pakistan took place. This Port's share in total exports to Pakistan in FY 2024-25 stood at 31.1%. Mundra SEZ and Hyderabad Airport occupied second and third places with shares of 21.4% and 11.7% respectively.

Table 5: Top Port wise Exports to Pakistan in 2024-25

Ports	Values in Million USD	Share in % terms
Nhava Sheva Sea	174	31.1
Mundra	120	21.4
Hyderabad Airport	65	11.7
Mumbai Air	33	5.9
ICD Hyderabad	23	4.2
ICD Hosur	17	3.1
Delhi Air	17	3.0
Serum Bio Pharm Park Sez Pune	15	2.7
Kattupalli Port/ Tiruvallur	15	2.6

Table 5: Top Port wise Exports to Pakistan in 2024-25		
Ports	Values in Million USD	Share in % terms
Vaxenic India Pvt Ltd Sez Sham	8	1.4
Others	79	12.9
Total	558	100

Source: DGCI&S [Note: Data for Financial Year 2024-25 is Provisional]

- **Nhava Sheva Sea** located near Mumbai, is India's largest container port and a critical gateway for maritime trade. **Mundra**, in Gujarat, is the next in terms of handling cargo for export to Pakistan, benefiting from its proximity to the country. Together, these two ports have accounted for nearly 53% of total exports to Pakistan in FY 2024-25.
- Hyderabad Airport, ranking third and contributing about USD 65 million (11.7%) exports, is complemented by ICD Hyderabad with USD 23million (4.2%) exports. Collectively, **Hyderabad** has reportedly handled 15.9% of exports to Pakistan in FY 2024-25, highlighting its growing importance as a logistics hub.
- Air cargo ports, including Mumbai Air (5.9%) and Delhi Air (3.0%), contributed 8.9% of exports, focusing on export of time-sensitive, high-value goods. Special Economic Zones (SEZs) such as Serum Bio Pharm Park SEZ Pune (2.7%) and Vaxenic India Pvt. Ltd. SEZ Sham (1.4%) have a composite total of 4.1% in FY 2024-25.
- **ICD Hosur** (3.1%) and **Kattupalli Port / Tiruvallur** (2.6%), both in Tamil Nadu, indicate Southern India's significant share in export activity to Pakistan. The sizable share of **Other Ports** (12.9%) suggests a diverse network of smaller ports and ICDs handling niche or localized exports.

Import from Pakistan by India

India's imports from Pakistan have steeply declined from USD 20.36 million in FY 2022-23 to USD 2.63 million in FY 2023-24 and to only USD 0.46 million in FY 2024-25. Additionally, as per UN Comtrade Database, in CY 2024 Pakistan had reportedly exported USD 32.4 billion worth of goods to the World with USA and China as top export destinations.

Table 6: India's Imports from Pakistan during FY 2022-23 to FY 2024-25

Financial Year	Imports from Pakistan (USD million)	YoY % Change
2022-23	20.36	
2023-24	2.63	-87.08
2024-25	0.46	-82.51

Source: DGCI&S [Note: Data for FY 2024-25 is provisional]

Table 7: Top QE Group wise Imports from Pakistan			
QE Commodity Groups	Value (MUSD)	Value (MUSD)	Value (MUSD)
	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
Pulses	0.00	0.05	0.00
Fruits And Vegetables	0.41	0.12	0.08
Textile Yarn Fabric, Made-up Articles	0.00	0.00	0.03
Metalliferous Ores and Other Minerals	0.01	0.10	0.00
Organic and Inorganic Chemicals	0.01	0.16	0.00
Dyeing/Tanning/Coloring Materials.	0.00	0.02	0.00
Chemical Material and Products	0.00	0.00	0.00
Transport Equipment	17.20	0.00	0.00
Medicinal. And Pharmaceutical Products	0.45	0.24	0.05
Others	2.27	1.93	0.29
Grand Total	20.36	2.63	0.46

Source: DGCI&S [Note: Data for FY 2024-25 is provisional]

- In terms of Quick Estimates Commodity Groups Classification, the major imported commodity groups in FY 2024-25 are Fruits and Vegetables (USD 0.08 million), Medicinal and Pharmaceutical Products (USD 0.05 million) and Textile Yarn Fabric, Madeup Articles (USD 0.03 million). Import values of both Fruits and Vegetables and Medicinal and Pharmaceutical Products have declined over the years during FY 2022-23 to FY 2024-25.
- Contrary to FY 2022-23 and 2023-24 no imports have been recorded in FY 2024-25 for QE commodity groups Metalliferous Ores and Other Minerals and Organic and Inorganic Chemicals.
- In FY 2022-23 when imports from Pakistan were to the tune of USD 20.36 million, import of Transport Equipment worth USD 17.20 million was the key component. Subsequently in the following years import of Transport Equipment by India from Pakistan stands at NIL.

The leading commodities (based on Principal Commodity Group classification and the corresponding HSN-8 commodities) imported from Pakistan during FY 2024-25 is presented as under:

Table 8: PC and HSN-8 Code-wise Imports from Pakistan during FY 2024-25						
PC Code	PC Description	HSN-8	HSN-8 Description	Port Name	Value (MUSD)	% share
B1	SPICES	12119056	BASIL,HYASOP,ROSE MARY SAGE,SAVORY	NHAVA SHEVA SEA	0.19	41.82
C7	FRESH FRUITS	08042090	OTHER FIGS EXCLDNG FRSH	NHAVA SHEVA SEA	0.08	16.83
H4	AYUSH AND HERBAL PRODUCTS	12119090	OTHER PLANTS AND PARTS OF PLANTS USD IN PRFMRY, PHARMCY, INSECTICDL/FUNGICDL PURPSE, FRESH/DRIED	MUNDRA	0.04	9.12
P8	COTTON FABRICS, MADEUPS ETC.	52122300	OTHR DYED WOVN FBRCS WGHNG >200 G/M2	ICD BANGALORE	0.03	7.41
ZZ	OTHER COMMODITIES	98060000	ALL GOODS ORIGINATING IN OR EXPORTED FROM THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF PAKISTAN	NHAVA SHEVA SEA	0.03	6.95
ZZ	OTHER COMMODITIES	12119049	OTHER ROOTS AND RHIZOMES FRSH/DRD W/N CUT CRSHD/PWDRD	NHAVA SHEVA SEA	0.03	6.10
All Others					0.05	11.78
Grand Total					0.46	100.00

Source: DGCI&S [Note: Data for FY 2024-25 is provisional]

- Imports of specific HSNs from PC groups namely Spices, Fresh fruits, Ayush and herbal products and Cotton fabrics, made-ups, etc. constituted bulk 75% of our imports from Pakistan in the immediate previous FY 2024-25.
- Additionally, imports from Pakistan have been majorly routed through **Nhava Sheva Sea Port** and available data for FY 2024-25 indicates that import transactions through Nhava Sheva Sea Port have been executed in all the 12 months. For other ports such as Mundra ICD Bangalore, SEZ Kandla and ICD Garhiharsaru (Haryana) transactions have been recorded only in any one month during FY 2024-25.
- The following **Table 9** indicates that bulk of the imports from Pakistan is routed into India through Sea Ports. In FY 2024-25 imports were routed through Sea port, ICD port and SEZ, contrary to that in the previous FY (2023-24) imports were additionally routed through Airport and prior to that in FY 2022-23 imports were also routed through land mode. India's imports from Pakistan have declined steeply and the multiple modes of import have also reduced in number.

Table 9: Imports from Pakistan by India through different types of Ports (Figures in MUSD)												
2022-23					2023-24				2024-25			2025-26
SEA	AIR	LAND	ICD	SEZ	SEA	AIR	ICD	SEZ	SEA	ICD	SEZ	AIR
18.08	0.10	0.01	0.04	2.12	0.714	0.127	0.052	1.733	0.38	0.05	0.02	0.00167
20.36					2.63				0.46			0.00167

Source: DGCI&S [Note: Data for FY 2024-25 & 2025-26 is provisional]

A further analysis of India's imports from Pakistan through a review of data based on Country of Origin (COO) status and Country of Consignment (COC) status for FY 2024-25 has yielded the following results presented in **Tables 10 and 11** below:

Table 10: Imports from Pakistan by India during FY 2024-25: COO and COC Status				
Item (PC Group Description)	COO	COC	Value (USD)	
AC, Refrigeration Machinery etc.	PAKISTAN IR	USA	776	
Ayush And Herbal Products	AFGHANISTAN	PAKISTAN IR	41114	

Table 10: Imports from Pakistan by India during FY 2024-25: COO and COC Status				
Item (PC Group Description)	COO	COC	Value (USD)	
Bulk Drugs, Drug Intermediates	INDIA	PAKISTAN IR	9053	
Bulk Minerals and Ores	PAKISTAN IR	JAPAN	7427	TOTAL= 15895
	PAKISTAN IR	U ARAB EMTS	8468	
Cereal Preparations	INDIA	PAKISTAN IR	20444	
Cotton Fabrics, Madeups etc.	PAKISTAN IR	PAKISTAN IR	33250	TOTAL= 51505
	PAKISTAN IR	U K	18255	
Fresh Fruits	AFGHANISTAN	PAKISTAN IR	78042	
Moulded And Extruded Goods	PAKISTAN IR	U S A	2259	
Other Misc. Engineering Items	PAKISTAN IR	SINGAPORE	1304	
Products Of Iron and Steel	PAKISTAN IR	USA	4	
Residual Chemical and Allied Products	PAKISTAN IR	USA	21	
Spices	AFGHANISTAN	PAKISTAN IR	188562	
Sports Goods	PAKISTAN IR	SINGAPORE	13579	
Total			422558	
Total (USD Million)			0.42	

From the above table it can be deduced that of USD 0.42 million, goods of varying categories worth USD 0.05 million have COO status as Pakistan and COC status is some other nation. Further, out of the USD 0.42 million trade record, goods worth USD 0.30 million with COO as Afghanistan have been routed through COC Pakistan.

Table 11: Other Commodities (PC Group) Imports during FY 2024-25 with Pakistan as COO		
COO	COC	Value (USD)
PAKISTAN IR	AUSTRALIA	3094
PAKISTAN IR	BELGIUM	37184
PAKISTAN IR	ITALY	26847
PAKISTAN IR	JAPAN	49773
PAKISTAN IR	MALAYSIA	282
AFGHANISTAN	PAKISTAN IR	29960
PAKISTAN IR	PAKISTAN IR	55201
PAKISTAN IR	SINGAPORE	181
PAKISTAN IR	SRI LANKA DSR	4691876

Table 11: Other Commodities (PC Group) Imports during FY 2024-25 with Pakistan as COO		
COO	COC	Value (USD)
PAKISTAN IR	U ARAB EMTS	2006801
PAKISTAN IR	U K	64122
PAKISTAN IR	U S A	7536
Total		6972856
Total (USD Million)		7

As regards commodities recorded as **PC Group-Other Commodities** with COO as Pakistan, a total of USD 6.94 million worth of goods have been sourced from some other nation i.e. COC is some other nation and the same is recorded at Table 11 above. Table 11 above further indicates that goods worth only USD 0.02 million with COO as Afghanistan have been routed through COC Pakistan.
