

ANALYSIS OF INDIA'S PLASTICS EXPORT

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Key Findings

Plastic exports grew 2.8% in August 2025 & Cumulatively 6.6% during Apr- Aug 2025

This marks the fifth consecutive month of growth in current financial year indicating strong demand for Indian plastic products globally.

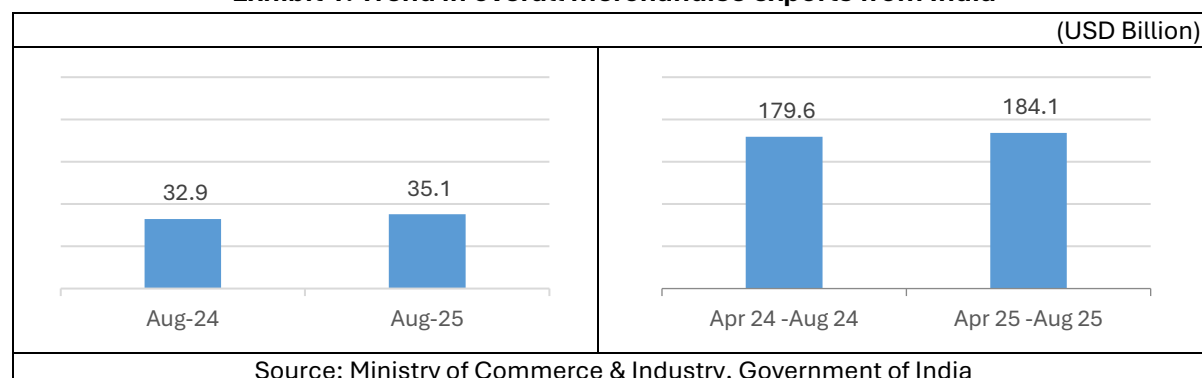
Exports grew strongly in Consumer & Houseware Products, FIBC & Woven Sacks, Human Hair, Miscellaneous Products, and Packaging Items, driven by high demand from the USA, Germany, Vietnam, UAE, and other key markets.

Exports declined in Cordage, Floor Coverings, FRP & Composites, Plastic Films & Pipes, and Writing Instruments, due to weak overseas demand from markets including the USA, UAE, Saudi Arabia, and Viet Nam.

TREND IN OVERALL EXPORTS

India reported merchandise exports of USD 35.1 billion in August 2025, higher by 6.7% from USD 32.9 billion in August 2024 due to higher shipments of Electronic Goods, Engineering Goods, Gems & Jewellery, Petroleum Products and Drugs & Pharmaceuticals. Cumulative value of merchandise exports during April 2025 – August 2025 was USD 184.1 billion as against USD 179.6 billion during the same period last year, reflecting a modest 2.5% growth.

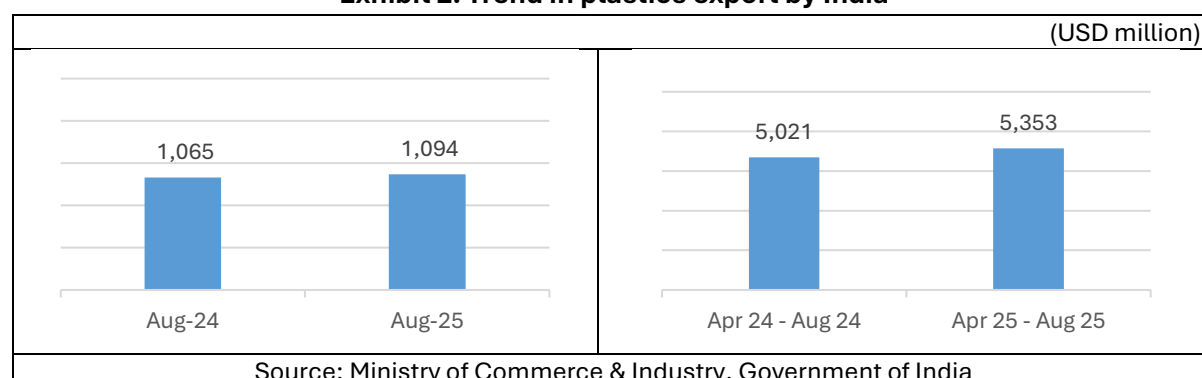
Exhibit 1: Trend in overall merchandise exports from India



TREND IN PLASTICS EXPORT

During August 2025, India exported plastics worth USD 1,094 million, higher by 2.8% from USD 1,065 million in August 2024. Cumulative value of plastics export during April 2025 – August 2025 was USD 5,353 million as against USD 5,021 during the same period last year, registering an increase of 6.6%.

Exhibit 2: Trend in plastics export by India



PLASTICS EXPORT, BY PANEL

In August 2025, the export performance of various plastic product categories displayed a mixed trend, with some sectors experiencing growth while others faced declines. FIBC, Woven sacks, Woven fabrics, Tarpaulin recorded the highest gains, followed by Human hair & related products; Consumer & houseware products; Packaging items; Medical items of plastics and Miscellaneous products.

However, some segments face challenges including Plastic raw materials; Plastic films and sheets; Floorcoverings, leathercloth & laminates; FRP & Composites; Cordage, fishnets & monofilaments; Writing instruments & stationery & Plastic pipes & fittings witnessed a decline in export growth.

Exhibit 3: Panel-wise % growth in plastics export by India

Panel	Aug-24	Aug-25	Growth	Apr 24- Aug-24	Apr 25- Aug-25	Growth
	USD million		%	USD million		%
Consumer & houseware products	61.8	72.0	+16.4%	316.9	367.3	+15.90%
Cordage, fishnets & monofilaments	28.6	24.6	-13.9%	122.8	117.0	-4.68%
FIBC, Woven sacks, Woven fabrics, Tarpaulin	134.3	161.7	+20.5%	601.2	745.8	+24.07%
Floorcoverings, leathercloth & laminates	68.8	55.0	-20.1%	314.9	305.8	-2.88%
FRP & Composites	48.2	43.2	-10.4%	221.5	212.9	-3.86%
Human hair & related products	60.5	77.3	+27.7%	286.8	358.5	+25.00%
Medical items of plastics	45.9	49.5	+7.8%	227.1	237.5	+4.61%
Miscellaneous products and items nes	55.1	83.6	+51.9%	276.2	359.5	+30.15%
Packaging items - flexible, rigid	61.2	69.5	+13.7%	276.5	304.8	+10.20%
Plastic films and sheets	173.3	155.8	-10.1%	842.4	805.6	-4.37%
Plastic pipes & fittings	29.6	28.0	-5.3%	134.4	131.4	-2.25%
Plastic raw materials	276.7	256.1	-7.4%	1,296.7	1,301.7	+0.38%
Writing instruments & stationery	20.7	18.1	-12.8%	103.5	105.0	+1.40%
Total	1,065	1,094	+2.8%	5,021	5,353	+6.61%

Source: Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Government of India

Export of **Consumer & Houseware Products** witnessed 16.4% growth during August 2025 led by strong increase in shipment of Household and toilet articles (392490) to USA ; Plastic Build ware materials (39259090) to UAE and Toothbrushes (960321) to Belgium.

Cordage, Fishnets & Monofilaments posted negative export growth of 13.9% because of weak global demand for product such as Twine, cordage, ropes and cables of polyethylene or polypropylene (560749).

FIBC, Woven Sacks and Woven Fabrics posted healthy export growth of 20.5% as Indian suppliers benefited from strong orders from USA, Germany, Netherland, Spain and other countries for Flexible Intermediate Bulk Containers (630532); There was also strong demand for Sacks and Bags of Plastics (39232990) in USA, Djibouti & Tanzania, with exports of this product category touching their highest-ever monthly level.

Export of **Floor Covering, Leather Cloth and Laminates** declined by 20.1% led by decrease in order for PVC floorcoverings (391810) from USA & Saudi Arabia & Textile fabrics impregnated, coated, covered or laminated with plastics (590390) from USA & UAE.

Export of **FRP and Composites** fell 10.4% in August 2025 because of drop in overseas demand for Other Plastic articles (392690).

Export of **Human Hair & Related Products** grew 27.7% led by healthy growth in shipment of Unworked Human Hair (05010010) to Myanmar. Also, exporters benefited from recovery in overseas demand for Worked or Dressed Human Hair (67030010) to Viet Nam.

India recorded a 7.8% growth in exports of **Medical Items of Plastics** in August 2025, led by higher shipments of Catheters, cannulae of plastics (90183930) and Syringes of plastics (90183100).

Miscellaneous Products & Items n.e.s. registered strong growth of 51.9% in August 2025, primarily driven by healthy demand for optical fibre bundles & cables (90011000).

Packaging Items – Flexible and Rigid posted a robust 13.7% growth in exports in August 2025, driven by higher demand for Carboys, Bottles, Flasks & Similar Articles (39233090) from United Arab Emirates, Nepal & Singapore. Additionally in this month, exports surged sharply to USD 12.76 million, more than double the levels of the previous months (which averaged around USD 5–6 million). This marks the highest-ever monthly export recorded for this product, reflecting exceptionally strong demand from international markets.

Shipments of **Plastic Films & Sheets** recorded a negative growth of 10.1% in August 2025, the recovery was supported by lower exports of Self-adhesive tapes (39199090); Films and sheets of polymers of propylene (392020); films and sheets of non-cellular polyethylene terephthalate (39206220) and Films and sheets of plastics (39219094).

Exports of **Plastic Pipes & Fittings** fell by 5.3% in August 2025, mainly due to lower demand for rigid tubes, pipes and hoses (39172990) from Uganda, USA & Viet Nam.

Exports of **Plastic Raw Materials** declined by 7.4% in August 2025, due to lower sales of Linear Low-Density Polyethylene (LLDPE) (39014010); Polypropylene (390210) & polyethylene terephthalate (39076190).

Exports of **Writing Instruments & Stationery** fell sharply by 12.8% in August 2025 due to lower shipments of Ball-point Pens (960810) from Algeria, Russia and USA.

Exhibit 4: Details of % change seen in top 50 items of export

HS Code	Description	Apr 24- Aug-24	Apr 25- Aug 25	Growth
		Values in USD Mn		(%)
63053200	Flexible intermediate bulk containers	354.5	450.1	+27.0%
67030010	Human hair, dressed, thinned, bleached or otherwise worked	221.2	245.4	+10.9%
39269099	Other articles of plastics n.e.s	218.6	210.8	-3.6%
39232990	Other sacks and bags of plastics excl. those of polymers of ethylene	183.3	224.8	+22.6%
39021000	Polypropylene	156.2	104.4	-33.2%
39076190	Other primary form of polyethylene terephthalate	127.7	109.6	-14.2%
48239019	Decorative laminates	133.1	143.3	+7.7%
90011000	Optical fibres, optical fibre bundles and cables	122.9	187.0	+52.1%
39206220	Flexible and plain sheets and film of non-cellular polyethylene terephthalate	114.0	88.3	-22.5%
39269080	Polypropylene articles	104.2	112.6	+8.1%
39069090	Other acrylic polymers, in primary forms	90.6	98.7	+8.8%
39202020	Flexible and plain sheets and film of non-cellular polymers of ethylene, not reinforced	97.7	82.1	-15.9%
59039090	Sacks and bags, incl. cones, of polymers of ethylene	91.3	77.4	-15.2%
39232100	Other textile fabrics impregnated, coated, covered or laminated with plastics other than polyvinyl chloride or polyurethane	87.2	93.1	+6.8%
39239090	Other articles for the conveyance or packaging of goods, of plastics	85.5	90.3	+5.6%
05010010	Human hair, unworked	63.5	111.0	+75.0%
39014010	Linear low density polyethylene (LLDPE	73.4	52.4	-28.6%
39202090	Films and sheets of non-cellular polymers of ethylene, not reinforced	70.2	65.1	-7.3%
90015000	Spectacle lenses of materials other than glass	68.9	71.1	+3.1%
90183930	Cannulae	56.8	69.3	+22.2%
39012000	Polyethylene with a specific gravity of >= 0,94,	50.9	50.9	+0.0%
39219099	Other sheets and film of plastics, reinforced, laminated, supported or similarly combined with other materials, unworked	59.8	54.3	-9.2%
96081019	Ball-point pens	53.7	52.8	-1.8%
39199090	Other self-adhesive sheets and film of plastics, whether or not in rolls > 20 cm wide	53.5	44.5	-16.9%
56074900	Twine, cordage, ropes and cables of polyethylene or polypropylene	50.8	49.1	-3.3%
39046100	Polytetrafluoroethylene	51.8	59.6	+15.1%
54072090	Woven fabrics of strip or the like, of synthetic filament, incl. monofilament of >= 67 decitex and with a cross sectional dimension of <= 1 mm: Other	52.4	50.7	-3.2%
39076990	Other primary form of polyethylene terephthalate	52.4	51.4	-1.9%

HS Code	Description	Apr 24- Aug-24	Apr 25- Aug 25	Growth
		Values in USD Mn		(%)
39129090	Other cellulose and chemical derivatives thereof, n.e.s., in primary forms	44.9	56.1	+24.9%
39219094	Flexible and metallised sheets and film of plastics, reinforced, laminated, supported or similarly combined with other materials, unworked	45.2	42.0	-7.2%
39181090	Other floor coverings, whether or not self-adhesive, in rolls or in the form of tiles, and wall or ceiling coverings in rolls with a width of >= 45 cm, of polymers of vinyl chloride	43.9	34.3	-21.8%
39046990	Other fluoro-polymers of vinyl chloride or of other halogenated olefins, in primary forms	45.7	46.5	+1.7%
39241090	Other tableware and kitchenware, of plastics	41.6	42.0	+1.1%
39206919	Other sheets and film of non-cellular polyesters, not reinforced, laminated, supported	38.5	48.2	+25.2%
39206290	Other sheets and film of non-cellular polyethylene terephthalate, not reinforced, laminated, supported	38.8	35.9	-7.5%
39072990	Other polyethers n.e.s	33.1	44.6	+34.5%
39140020	Ion-exchangers based on polymers of heading 3901 to 3913, in primary forms: Ion exchangers of polymerisation or	38.5	36.3	-5.9%
39095000	Polyurethanes, in primary forms	34.3	35.9	+4.6%
39206929	Plates, sheets, film, foil and strip, of non-cellular polyesters, not reinforced, laminated, supported	40.1	37.5	-6.6%
39204900	Sheets and film of non-cellular polymers of vinyl chloride, containing by weight < 6% of plasticisers, not reinforced	33.3	33.9	+2.0%
96032100	Toothbrushes	29.8	38.4	+29.0%
39119090	Other polysulphides, polysulphones and other polymers and prepolymers produced by chemical synthesis, n.e.s.	33.8	39.2	+16.0%
59031090	Other textile fabrics impregnated, coated, covered or laminated with polyvinyl chloride	31.6	33.0	+4.4%
39219096	Flexible and laminated sheets and film of plastics, reinforced, laminated, supported or similarly combined with other materials	32.2	37.9	+17.9%
39201019	Other sheets and film of non-cellular plastics	33.1	36.0	+8.7%
39235010	Caps and closures for bottles	33.3	29.0	-13.0%
39011090	Other polyethylene with a specific gravity of < 0.94	31.0	36.8	+18.8%
39172390	Rigid tubes, pipes and hoses, and fittings therefor, of polymers of vinyl chloride: Other	28.0	30.2	+7.9%
39076930	PET flake (chip)	27.3	41.6	+52.3%
39241010	Tableware and kitchenware, of plastics: Insulated ware	21.9	28.7	+30.6%

Source: Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Government of India

Exhibit 5: Reasons for major decline in plastic products exports

HS Code	Description	Apr 24- Aug 24	Apr 25 – Aug 25	Reasons for decline
		(USD Mn)		
39021000	Polypropylene	156.2	104.4	Exports have fallen because of weak demand in Turkey, Bangladesh, Viet Nam and Portugal which are some of India’s major markets. Also, export restrictions to Bangladesh via land borders has reduced overseas shipments of this product; Exports have declined also because of domestic shortage as India is a net importer of this raw material.
39206220	Flexible and plain sheets and film of non-cellular polyethylene terephthalate	114	88.3	Indian exporters are facing weak demand from USA & Mexico. Also, from European countries such as Spain, and Germany, which has caused decline in exports. Additionally, the recent fire incident at the production unit of the leading manufacturer Jindal Films affected exports, primarily of BOPP films.
39014010	Linear low-density polyethylene (LLDPE)	73.4	52.4	Exports have declined during April- August because of slowdown in demand in key markets such as China, Viet Nam & Bangladesh. Export restriction via land border to Bangladesh has also contributed to decline in shipments. Exports have declined also because of domestic shortage as India is a net importer of this raw material.
39076190	Other primary form of polyethylene terephthalate	127.7	109.6	Indian exporters are facing weak demand from UAE, Isarel & Egypt which has caused decline in exports. Exports have declined also because of domestic shortage as India is a net importer of this raw material. Consequently, while exports have dipped, imports have shown an increasing trend to meet local industry requirements.
39202020	Flexible and plain sheets and film of non-cellular polymers of propylene, not reinforced	97.7	82.1	There is weak demand for this product in UAE & Mexico UK which are the largest market for this product. Additionally, the recent fire incident at the production unit of the leading manufacturer Jindal Films affected exports, primarily of BOPP films
59039090	Sacks and bags, incl. cones, of polymers of ethylene	91.3	77.4	Indian exporters are facing weak demand from USA & UAE which has caused decline in exports.

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