

ANALYSIS OF INDIA'S PLASTICS EXPORT

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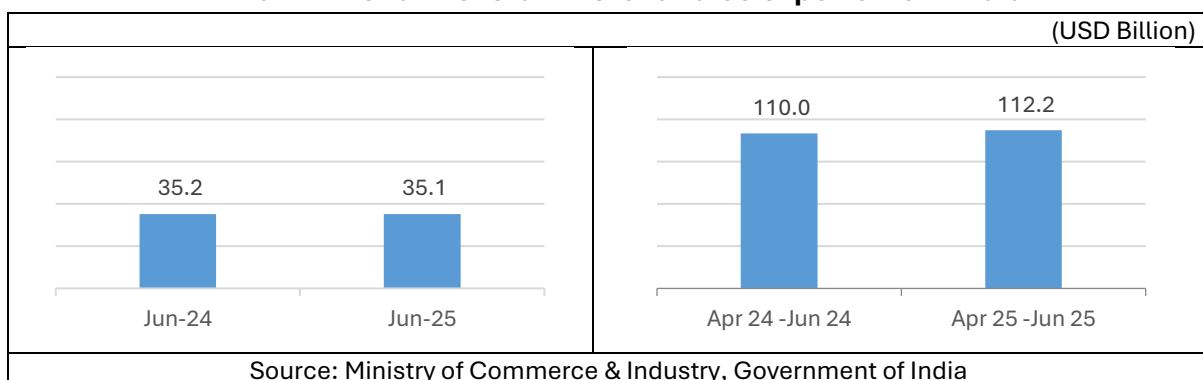
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Key Findings
Plastic exports grew 5.7% in June 25, despite 0.05% decline in overall merchandise exports.
This marks third consecutive month of growth in current financial year indicating strong demand for Indian plastic products globally.
USA and Netherlands were key consistent growth markets across multiple product panels including Consumer and Houseware, Cordage, FIBC, and pipes & fittings.
Western European countries like Spain, Italy, and Germany showed weak demand, especially impacting exports of medical items and plastic films & sheets.

TREND IN OVERALL EXPORTS

India's overall merchandise exports declined marginally by 0.05% during June 2025 from the year ago month after falling 2.2% in May 2025. The fall in exports during June 2025 was led by contraction in shipments of gems & jewellery, petroleum products and cotton. However, cumulative merchandise exports during Apr-Jun 2025 recorded 1.92% growth.

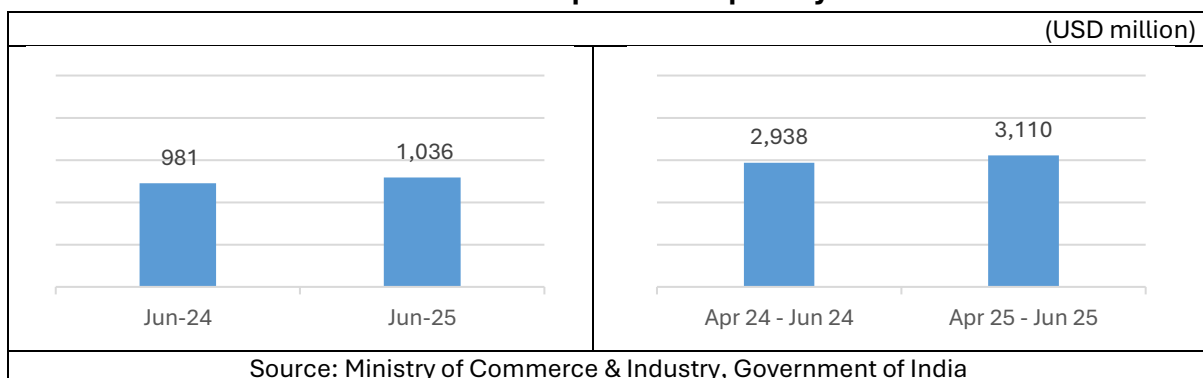
Exhibit 1: Trend in overall merchandise exports from India



TREND IN PLASTICS EXPORT

During June 2025, India exported plastics worth USD 1,036 million, higher by 5.7% from USD 981 million in June 2024. Cumulative value of plastics export during April – June 2025 was USD 3,110 million as against USD 2,938 during the same period last year, registering an increase of 5.8%.

Exhibit 2: Trend in plastics export by India



PLASTICS EXPORT, BY PANEL

In June 2025, eight out of the 13 panels recorded growth in exports, while the rest posted mild declines. Notably, several categories such as FIBC, woven sacks, packaging items; plastics raw materials; human hair; Consumer & houseware products and Miscellaneous products and items nes witnessed double-digit growth, contributing significantly to the overall expansion. The remaining growing segments, including Packaging items - flexible, rigid; Plastic pipes & fittings and Cordage, fishnets & monofilaments also supported the upward trend.

Exports of plastic films & sheets; Medical items of plastics; Floorcoverings, leathercloth & laminates; FRP & Composites and Writing instruments & stationery registered contraction during this month as the following Exhibit shows.

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

Panel	Jun-24	Jun-25	Growth	Apr 24- Jun-24	Apr 25- Jun-25	Growth
	USD million		%	USD million		%
Consumer & houseware products	63.1	72.3	+14.6%	185.9	216.8	+16.6%
Cordage, fishnets & monofilaments	23.3	23.3	+0.3%	68.3	68.6	+0.4%
FIBC, Woven sacks, Woven fabrics, Tarpaulin	111.4	135.8	+21.9%	339.4	417.4	+23.0%
Floorcoverings, leathercloth & laminates	62.6	60.9	-2.6%	180.6	183.8	+1.8%
FRP & Composites	42.2	41.2	-2.4%	126.7	123.5	-2.5%
Human hair & related products	65.7	75.6	+15.1%	181.8	204.1	+12.3%
Medical items of plastics	47.4	42.5	-10.3%	133.8	136.0	+1.6%
Miscellaneous products and items nes	56.5	70.0	+23.8%	161.2	196.3	+21.8%
Packaging items - flexible, rigid	54.0	57.0	+5.6%	159.8	170.0	+6.4%
Plastic films and sheets	162.9	153.7	-5.7%	503.7	481.6	-4.4%
Plastic pipes & fittings	23.6	25.2	+6.5%	70.5	75.0	+6.4%
Plastic raw materials	248.6	259.7	+4.5%	762.4	772.7	+1.4%
Writing instruments & stationery	19.7	19.4	-1.7%	64.3	64.1	-0.4%
	981	1,036	+5.7%	2,938	3,110	+5.8%

Source: Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Government of India

Exports of **Consumer & houseware products** posted double digit growth of 14.6% during the month led by strong growth in exports of Tableware & Kitchenware of plastics (392410) to USA and Benin; Travelling bags (42029200) and Tooth Brushes (96032100) to Belgium, Germany & the Netherland.

Exports of **Cordage, fishnets & monofilaments** grew marginally by 0.3% in June 2025 because of rise in shipment of Other Polyethylene or Polypropylene Cordage (56074900) to the USA, Netherland and Norway; Made up Fishing Nets (56081190) to Faroe Island and Russia.

Exports of **FIBC, woven sacks and woven fabrics** posted healthy growth of 21.9% led by increase in demand for manmade textile FIBC (63053200) in European markets such as

Germany, Netherland. There was also increase in export orders from Tanzania, Guinea, Djibouti and other countries for Other Sacks and Bags (39232990).

Shipment of **Floor covering, leather cloth and laminates** declined 2.6% in June 2025 because of lower demand for PVC floor coverings (391810) from USA, UAE, Saudi Arabia and other markets. There were also poor export orders for plastic coated fabrics (59039090) from UAE & Chile.

Export of **FRP and composites** fell 2.4% in June 2025 because of lower demand for Other Plastic articles (392690) in USA, Canada and Brazil.

Shipment of **Human Hair & related products** grew 15.1% led by healthy demand for dressed or worked human hair (67030010) in China & Viet Nam and strong sales of unworked human hair (05010010) in Myanmar and Bangladesh.

India recorded 10.3% contraction in export of **Medical Items of Plastics** in June 2025 because of fall in shipment of spectacle lenses of other materials (90015000) to Germany, UK and USA; Also, export of Syringes (90183100) fell in key markets such as Brazil and UK.

Miscellaneous products & items nes posted highest growth of 23.8% during the month driven by strong demand for optical fibre bundles & cables (90011000) in USA, UK and China. Indian exporters are also benefitting from recovery in demand in Malaysia and China for PVC Belt Conveyor (39269010).

Packaging items – flexible, rigid posted 5.6% growth in exports led by rise in demand for Polyethylene Sacks & Bags (39232100) in USA and Tanzania; increase in export orders for Carboys, Bottles, Flasks & Similar Articles (39233090) from Singapore and Nepal.

Shipment of **Plastic Films & Sheets** declined 5.7% because of weak demand for Plates Sheets of Polymers of Propylene (392020) in UAE, UK, Spain and other markets. Also, there is slowdown in export orders for PET Plates & Sheets (392062) in Italy, Spain and other western markets. Additionally, production was affected by fire incident, at the Nashik unit of Jindal Films, which is a major manufacturer and exporter of this product.

Export of **Plastic Pipes & Fittings** witnessed 6.5% growth during the month because of strong export orders from Algeria, Iraq, UAE for PVC Tubes Pipes and Hoses (391723). There was also healthy demand for Other Tubes Pipes & Hoses (39173990) from USA, Saudi Arabia and Australia.

Export of **Plastic Raw Materials** grew 4.5% during the month because of strong demand for Other Acrylic Polymers excluding Poly Methyl Methacrylate (39069090) in Argentina, UAE and Nigeria. Also, there was healthy export orders for Other Cellulose and chemical derivatives (39129090) from USA, South Korea, Poland and Australia.

Export of **Writing instruments & stationery** declined 1.7% because of weak demand for certain types of Pens & Markers (96082000) in Australia, UAE, USA and some western countries. There was also decline in export orders for other Ball Point Pens (96081099) in USA in recent months.

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

HS Code	Description	Apr 24- Jun-24	Apr 25- Jun 25	Growth
		Values in USD Mn		(%)
63053200	Flexible intermediate bulk containers	195.7	251.8	+28.7%
67030010	Human hair, dressed, thinned, bleached or otherwise worked	141.1	146.4	+3.7%
39269099	Other articles of plastics n.e.s	125.1	122.4	-2.2%
39232990	Other sacks and bags of plastics excl. those of polymers of ethylene	105.9	123.2	+16.2%
39021000	Polypropylene	103.2	70.8	-31.4%
39076190	Other primary form of polyethylene terephthalate	63.6	72.1	+13.4%
48239019	Decorative laminates	74.7	80.1	+7.3%
90011000	Optical fibres, optical fibre bundles and cables	70.7	92.7	+31.1%
39206220	Flexible and plain sheets and film of non-cellular polyethylene terephthalate	71.6	57.1	-20.3%
39269080	Polypropylene articles	61.2	66.7	+9.1%
39069090	Other acrylic polymers, in primary forms	50.0	58.2	+16.5%
39202020	Flexible and plain sheets and film of non-cellular polymers of ethylene, not reinforced	63.3	52.1	-17.6%
39232100	Sacks and bags, incl. cones, of polymers of ethylene	48.4	52.4	+8.2%
59039090	Other textile fabrics impregnated, coated, covered or laminated with plastics other than polyvinyl chloride or polyurethane	54.1	52.6	-2.7%
39239090	Other articles for the conveyance or packaging of goods, of plastics	49.7	51.4	+3.3%
5010010	Human hair, unworked; whether or not washed or scoured	39.8	56.6	+42.2%
39014010	Linear low density polyethylene (LLDPE	45.9	28.3	-38.2%
39202090	Films and sheets of non-cellular polymers of ethylene, not reinforced	41.7	39.5	-5.1%
90015000	Spectacle lenses of materials other than glass	42.5	42.2	-0.7%
90183930	Cannulae	32.2	39.4	+22.2%
39012000	Polyethylene with a specific gravity of >= 0,94, in primary forms	27.6	28.0	+1.5%
39219099	Other sheets and film of plastics, reinforced, laminated, supported or similarly combined with other materials, unworked	35.4	32.0	-9.5%
96081019	Ball-point pens	32.3	30.4	-5.7%
39199090	Other self-adhesive sheets and film of plastics, whether or not in rolls > 20 cm wide	27.5	26.8	-2.5%
56074900	Twine, cordage, ropes and cables of polyethylene or polypropylene	27.3	28.7	+4.9%
39046100	Polytetrafluoroethylene	29.7	32.4	+9.0%

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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	31.2	30.0	-3.6%
39076990	Other primary form of polyethylene terephthalate	26.8	30.6	+14.0%
39129090	Other cellulose and chemical derivatives thereof, n.e.s., in primary forms	26.5	33.8	+27.7%
39219094	Flexible and metallised sheets and film of plastics, reinforced, laminated, supported or similarly combined with other materials, unworked	26.4	25.5	-3.1%
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	23.9	20.7	-13.6%
39046990	Other fluoro-polymers of vinyl chloride or of other halogenated olefins, in primary forms	25.2	25.5	+1.1%
39241090	Other tableware and kitchenware, of plastics	24.8	26.9	+8.5%
39206919	Other sheets and film of non-cellular polyesters, not reinforced, laminated, supported or similarly combined with other materials, not worked	21.7	28.1	+29.4%
39206290	Other sheets and film of non-cellular polyethylene terephthalate, not reinforced, laminated, supported or similarly combined with other materials, without backing, unworked	24.7	21.3	-13.9%
39072990	Other polyethers n.e.s	20.9	25.5	+22.2%
39140020	Ion-exchangers based on polymers of heading 3901 to 3913, in primary forms: Ion exchangers of polymerisation or	23.6	18.9	-19.8%
39095000	Polyurethanes, in primary forms	21.3	20.6	-3.2%
39206929	Plates, sheets, film, foil and strip, of non-cellular polyesters, not reinforced, laminated, supported or similarly combined with other materials, not worked or only surface-worked, or only cut to rectangular, incl. square, shapes	24.5	23.0	-6.1%
39204900	Sheets and film of non-cellular polymers of vinyl chloride, containing by weight $< 6\%$ of plasticisers, not reinforced	18.5	19.4	+5.0%
96032100	Tooth brushes	17.2	22.4	+30.6%
39119090	Other polysulphides, polysulphones and other polymers and prepolymers produced by chemical synthesis, n.e.s.	20.7	25.2	+21.9%
59031090	Other textile fabrics impregnated, coated, covered or laminated with polyvinyl chloride	19.0	20.1	+6.2%

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39219096	Flexible and laminated sheets and film of plastics, reinforced, laminated, supported or similarly combined with other materials, unworked	19.0	20.6	+8.4%
39201019	Other sheets and film of non-cellular plastics	20.4	20.0	-2.1%
39235010	Stoppers, lids, caps and other closures, of plastics: Caps and closures for bottles	19.8	16.8	-14.8%
39011090	Other polyethylene with a specific gravity of < 0.94, in primary forms	19.8	21.9	+10.9%
39172390	Rigid tubes, pipes and hoses, and fittings therefor, of polymers of vinyl chloride: Other	14.8	17.0	+15.0%
39076930	PET flake (chip)	15.9	28.1	+76.7%
39241010	Tableware and kitchenware, of plastics: Insulated ware	12.5	16.3	+30.5%

Source: Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Government of India

Exhibit 5: Reasons for major decline in plastic products exports

HS Code	Description	Apr 24- Jun 24	Apr 25 – Jun 25	Reasons for decline
		(USD Mn)		
39021000	Polypropylene	103.2	70.8	Exports have declined because of decline in sales to Bangladesh as there are certain restrictions on exports via land borders; Also, there is weak demand in Turkey, Nepal and Viet Nam. Exports have declined also because of domestic shortage as India is a net importer of this raw material.
39014010	Linear low-density polyethylene (LLDPE)	45.9	28.3	Exports have declined due to lower shipments to China, which was the largest market for this product. Also, there is weak demand in Viet Nam. 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	71.6	57.1	Decline in exports can be attributed to subdued demand in key European markets such as Spain and Italy, which rank among the top five export destinations for this product category. Additionally, supply-side disruptions have further contributed to the drop — notably, a major production setback at Jindal Films due to a recent severe fire incident. As one of the leading manufacturers, this unexpected disruption in operations may have significantly constrained overall availability and shipment volumes of PET films and sheets.
39202020	Flexible and plain sheets and film of non-cellular polymers of ethylene	63.3	52.1	Indian exporters are facing weak demand in USA, UK and Mexico. Decline in exports can be attributed to subdued demand in key European markets such as Spain and Italy, which rank among the top five export destinations for this product category. Additionally, supply-side disruptions have further contributed to the drop — notably, a major production setback at

HS Code	Description	Apr 24- Jun 24	Apr 25 – Jun 25	Reasons for decline
		(USD Mn)		
				Jindal Films due to a recent severe fire incident. As one of the leading manufacturers, this unexpected disruption in operations may have significantly constrained overall availability and shipment volumes of PE films and sheets.

Source: Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Government of India, Plexconcil Research

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