

ANALYSIS OF INDIA'S PLASTICS EXPORT
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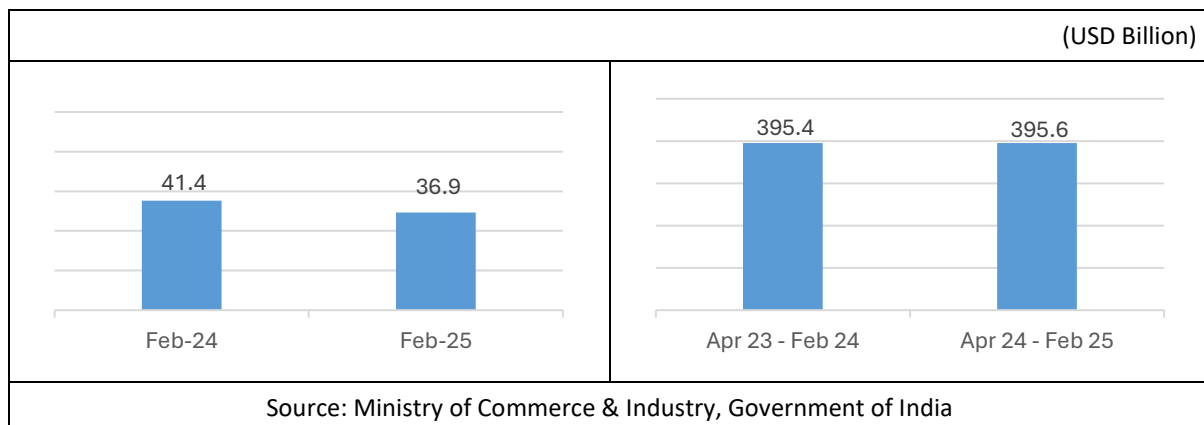
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TREND IN OVERALL EXPORTS

India reported merchandise exports of USD 36.9 billion in February 2025, lower by 10.9% from USD 41.4 billion in February 2024. Cumulative value of merchandise exports during April 2024 – February 2025 was USD 395.6 billion as against USD 395.4 billion during the same period last year, reflecting a modest 0.1% growth.

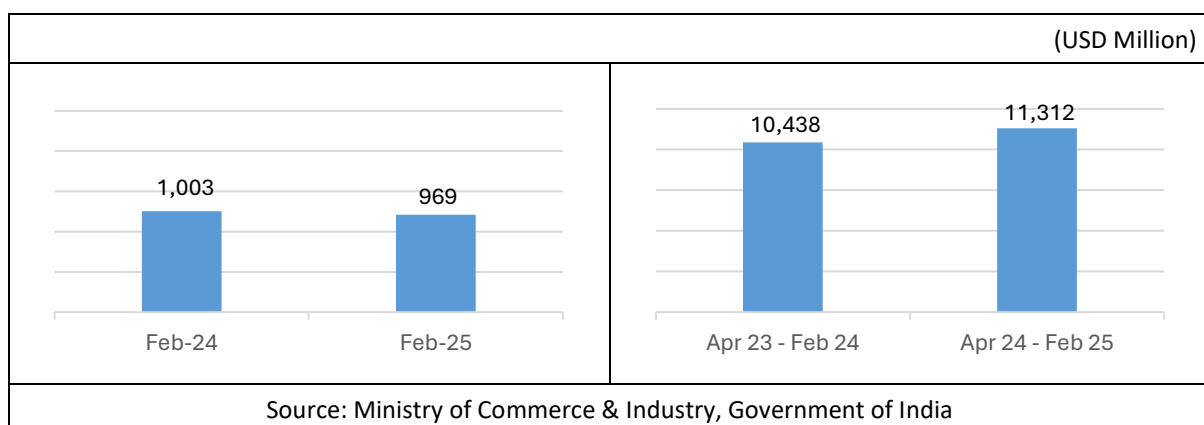
Exhibit 1: Trend in overall merchandise exports from India



TREND IN PLASTICS EXPORT

During February 2025, India exported plastics worth USD 969 million, lower by 3.4% from USD 1,003 million in February 2024. Cumulative value of plastics export during April 2024 – February 2025 was USD 11,312 million as against USD 10,438 million during the same period last year, registering an increase of 8.4%.

Exhibit 2: Trend in plastics export by India



PLASTICS EXPORT, BY PANEL

In February 2025, the export performance of various plastic product categories displayed a mixed trend, with some sectors experiencing growth while others faced declines. Human hair & related products recorded the highest gains, followed by FIBC, Woven sacks, Woven fabrics, Tarpaulin; Consumer & houseware products; FRP & Composites and Floorcoverings, leathercloth & laminates. However, some segments face challenges including Plastic raw materials; Plastic films and sheets; Medical items of plastics; Plastic pipes & fittings; Writing instruments & stationery; Packaging items - flexible, rigid; Cordage, fishnets & monofilaments and Miscellaneous products and items nes witnessed a decline in export growth.

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

Panel	Feb-24	Feb-25	Growth	Apr 23- Feb-24	Apr 24- Feb-25	Growth
	(USD Mn)	(USD Mn)	(%)	(USD Mn)	(USD Mn)	(%)
Consumer & houseware products	64.4	66.7	+3.5%	758.4	717.0	-5.5%
Cordage, fishnets & monofilaments	24.8	24.5	-1.3%	233.7	276.5	+18.3%
FIBC, woven sacks, woven fabrics, & tarpaulin	122.4	131.6	+7.5%	1,226.0	1,425.4	+16.3%
Floorcoverings, leathercloth & laminates	60.3	61.5	+2.0%	625.6	696.4	+11.3%
FRP & Composites	38.4	39.6	+3.1%	435.2	467.4	+7.4%
Human hair & related products	51.2	71.3	+39.1%	685.1	684.2	-0.1%
Medical items of plastics	44.8	39.4	-12.2%	488.7	498.5	+2.0%
Miscellaneous products & items nes	62.1	52.2	-15.9%	657.8	617.3	-6.2%
Packaging items - flexible, rigid	55.2	54.6	-1.2%	571.4	623.0	+9.0%
Plastic films & sheets	162.7	151.3	-7.0%	1,573.4	1,838.0	+16.8%
Plastic pipes & fittings	24.6	20.8	-15.4%	259.2	298.6	+15.2%
Plastic raw materials	272.4	238.8	-12.3%	2,694.5	2,923.3	+8.5%
Writing instruments & stationery	19.1	16.7	-12.9%	229.5	247.1	+7.7%
	1,002.6	968.9	-3.4%	10,438.3	11,312.4	+8.4%

Source: Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Government of India

Exports of **Consumer & houseware products** witnessed an increase of 3.5% in February 2025. This growth was primarily due to higher sales of safety headgears (HS code - 65061090) to Bangladesh; other switches of plastics (85365020) to Germany and toothbrushes (960321) to the United Arab Emirates due to increase in demand.

Exports of **Cordage, fishnets & monofilaments** were down by 1.3% in February 2025 due to negative growth witnessed in sales of Made-up fishing nets of nylon (56081110) to the United Arab Emirates.

In February 2025, the export of **FIBC, woven sacks, woven fabrics & tarpaulin** witnessed a growth of 7.5% due to higher sales of Flexible intermediate bulk containers (630532) to Belgium, Germany, Netherlands, and the USA.

Export of **Floor coverings, leather cloth & laminates** were higher by 2.0% in February 2025 on account of consistent sales of floor coverings of polymers of vinyl chloride (39181090) and

Other textile fabrics, impregnated, coated, covered or laminated with plastics other than polymers of vinyl chloride (590310).

Export of **FRP & Composites** increased by 3.1% during February 2025. This increase was due to higher exports of Articles of plastics and articles of other materials of heading 3901 to 3914, n.e.s (39269099).

Export of **Human hair & related products** were up by 39.1% in February 2025 on account of increase in sales of Human hair dressed, thinned, bleached or otherwise worked (67030010) to Viet Nam.

Medical items of plastics export were lower by 12.2% in February 2025 due to decline in sales of Blood transfusion apparatus (90189032) to Belgium and Syringes, with or without needles, used in medical, surgical, dental or veterinary sciences (901831) to the UK

Export of **Miscellaneous products & items nes** were down by 15.9% in February 2025 due to higher shipments of Polypropylene articles (39269080).

Packaging items - flexible, rigid export decreased by 1.2% on account of lower sales of Sacks and bags of polyethylene (392321).

In February 2025, the export of **Plastic films & sheets** was lower by 7.0% due to decreased sales of Other self-adhesive plates & sheets (39199090); Rigid and flexible sheets of polymers of propylene (392020); Films and sheets of non-cellular polyethylene terephthalate (39206220) and Films and sheets of non-cellular polyesters (39206929).

Export of **Plastic pipes & fittings** decreased by 15.4% due to lower sales of Tubes of polyethylene (39172110) and Rigid tubes, pipes and hoses, and fittings therefor of polymers of vinyl chloride (391723).

Plastics raw materials exports were decreased by 12.3% due to lower shipments of Polyethylene with a specific gravity of ≥ 0.94 , in primary forms (390120), Linear low-density polyethylene (LLDPE) (39014010) and Polypropylene (39021000).

Export of **Writing instruments & stationery** declined by 12.9% in February 2025 due to lower sales of and Ball point pens (96089990).

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

HS Code	Description	Apr 23- Feb 24	Apr 24- Feb 25	Growth
		(USD Mn)	(USD Mn)	(%)
63053200	Flexible intermediate bulk containers	713.5	844.1	+18.3%
67030010	Human hair, dressed, thinned, bleached or otherwise worked	513.0	526.8	+2.7%
39269099	Other articles of plastics n.e.s	427.5	460.8	+7.8%
39232990	Other sacks and bags of plastics excl. those of polymers of ethylene	389.6	437.6	+12.3%
90011000	Optical fibres, optical fibre bundles and cables	338.4	271.3	-19.8%
39021000	Polypropylene	322.6	346.9	+7.5%
39076190	Other primary form of polyethylene terephthalate	293.6	294.8	+0.4%
48239019	Decorative laminates	279.0	289.3	+3.7%
39269080	Polypropylene articles n.e.s	200.0	236.2	+18.1%
39206220	Flexible and plain sheets and film of non-cellular polyethylene terephthalate, not reinforced, laminated, supported or similarly combined with other materials, without backing, unworked	196.8	241.7	+22.8%
39069090	Other acrylic polymers, in primary forms	189.5	229.5	+21.1%
39232100	Sacks and bags, incl. cones, of polymers of ethylene	188.2	200.1	+6.4%
39202020	Flexible and plain sheets and film of non-cellular polymers of ethylene, not reinforced, laminated, supported or similarly combined with other materials, without backing, unworked	184.3	214.5	+16.4%
39239090	Other articles for the conveyance or packaging of goods, of plastics	169.4	191.6	+13.1%
59039090	Other textile fabrics impregnated, coated, covered or laminated with plastics other than polyvinyl chloride or polyurethane	161.7	199.3	+23.3%
05010010	Human hair, unworked	161.5	153.2	-5.1%
90015000	Spectacle lenses of materials other than glass	160.4	144.5	-9.9%
39202090	Other sheets and film of non-cellular polymers of ethylene, not reinforced, laminated, supported or similarly combined with other materials, without backing, unworked	135.4	149.3	+10.3%
39012000	Polyethylene with a specific gravity of ≥ 0.94 , in primary forms	138.3	133.1	-3.7%
39076990	Other primary form of polyethylene terephthalate	128.8	112.1	-13.0%
96081019	Ball-point pens	121.3	121.4	+0.1%
90183930	Cannulae	120.2	135.3	+12.5%
39014010	Linear low-density polyethylene (LLDPE)	117.7	170.9	+45.1%
39046100	Polytetrafluoroethylene	110.3	115.4	+4.7%
39219099	Other sheets and film of plastics, reinforced, laminated, supported or similarly combined with other materials, unworked	109.1	129.8	+19.0%
39199090	Other self-adhesive sheets and film of plastics, whether or not in rolls > 20 cm wide	106.1	118.0	+11.2%
56074900	Twine, cordage, ropes and cables of polyethylene or polypropylene	101.4	118.2	+16.6%
54072090	Other woven fabrics of strip or the like, of synthetic filament, incl. monofilament of ≥ 67 decitex and with a cross sectional dimension of ≤ 1 mm	98.8	115.1	+16.6%
39129090	Other cellulose and chemical derivatives thereof, n.e.s., in primary forms	93.1	106.5	+14.3%

HS Code	Description	Apr 23- Feb 24	Apr 24- Feb 25	Growth
		(USD Mn)	(USD Mn)	(%)
39241090	Other tableware and kitchenware, of plastics	90.4	94.0	+3.9%
39011090	Other polyethylene with a specific gravity of < 0.94, in primary forms	90.7	65.8	-27.5%
39119090	Other polysulphides, polysulphones and other polymers and prepolymers produced by chemical synthesis, n.e.s.	86.8	72.0	-17.0%
39206919	Other sheets and film of non-cellular polyesters, not reinforced, laminated, supported or similarly combined with other materials, not worked	86.1	89.1	+3.5%
90041000	Sunglasses	86.4	4.6	-94.7%
39046990	Other fluoro-polymers of vinyl chloride or of other halogenated olefins, in primary forms	78.3	94.3	+20.5%
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	78.0	102.0	+30.8%
39219094	Flexible and metallised sheets and film of plastics, reinforced, laminated, supported or similarly combined with other materials, unworked	74.1	105.5	+42.3%
39140020	Ion exchangers of polymerisation or co-polymerisation type	71.8	79.5	+10.7%
39095000	Polyurethanes	72.0	78.4	+8.9%
96032100	Tooth brushes	72.7	71.3	-2.0%
39204900	Sheets and film of non-cellular polymers of vinyl chloride, containing by weight < 6% of plasticisers, not reinforced, laminated, supported or similarly combined with other materials, without backing, unworked	70.6	74.1	+4.9%
39206290	Other sheets and film of non-cellular polyethylene terephthalate, not reinforced, laminated, supported or similarly combined with other materials, without backing, unworked	69.6	86.3	+24.1%
59031090	Other textile fabrics impregnated, coated, covered or laminated with polyvinyl chloride	66.8	69.2	+3.6%
39201019	Other sheets and film of non-cellular plastics, not reinforced, laminated, supported or similarly combined with other materials, without backing, unworked	64.1	68.2	+6.3%
39172390	Other rigid tubes, pipes and hoses, and fittings of polymers of vinyl chloride	64.5	64.5	+0.1%
39235010	Stoppers, lids, caps and other closures, of plastics	61.2	67.5	+10.2%
39219096	Flexible and laminated sheets and film of plastics, reinforced, laminated, supported or similarly combined with other materials, unworked	61.0	68.6	+12.5%
39249090	Other household articles and toilet articles of plastics	60.2	59.5	-1.2%
39206929	Other sheets and film of non-cellular polyesters, not reinforced, laminated, supported or similarly combined with other materials, not worked	56.7	74.7	+31.9%
39073010	Epoxy resins	55.9	53.3	-4.6%

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