

ANALYSIS OF INDIA'S PLASTICS EXPORT

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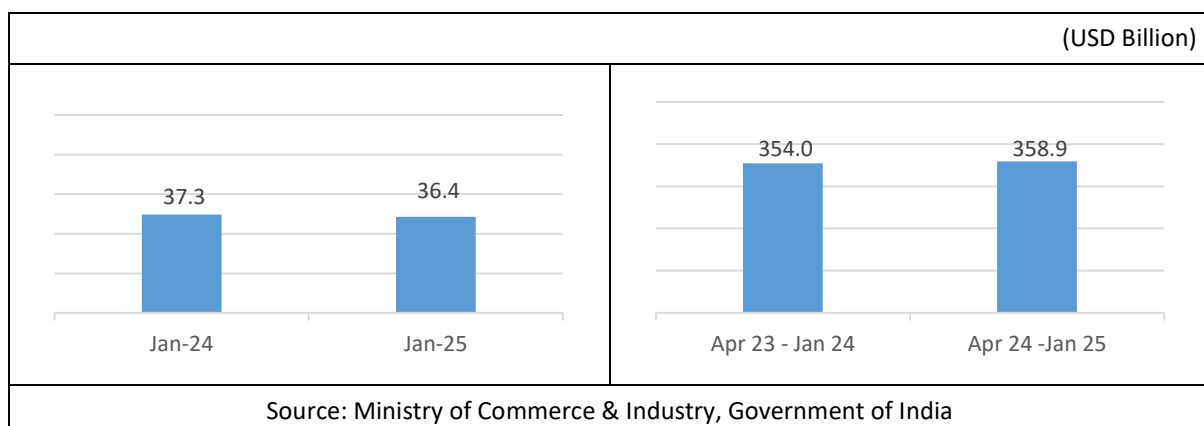
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TREND IN OVERALL EXPORTS

India reported merchandise exports of USD 36.4 billion in January 2025, lower by 2.4% from USD 37.3 billion in January 2024. Cumulative value of merchandise exports during April 2024 – January 2025 was USD 358.9 billion as against USD 354 billion during the same period last year, reflecting a modest 1.4% growth.

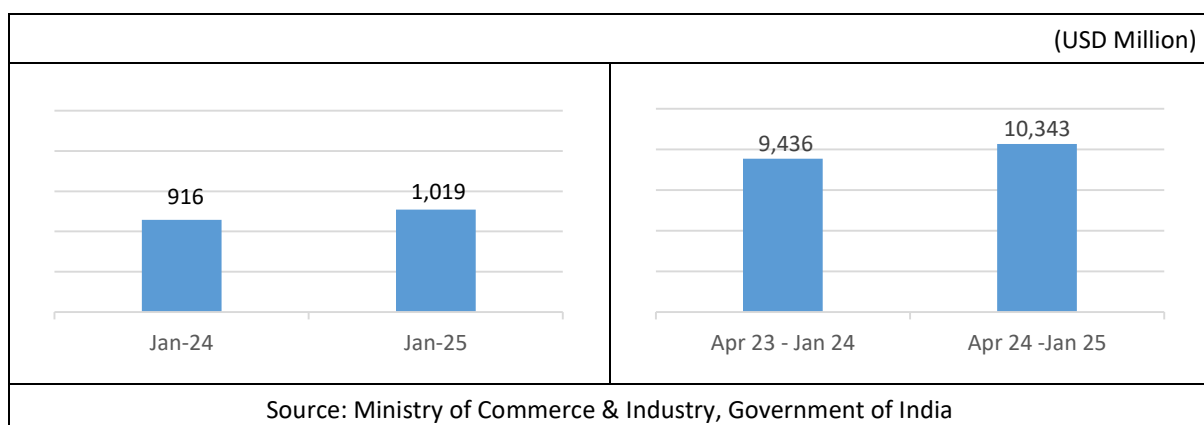
Exhibit 1: Trend in overall merchandise exports from India



TREND IN PLASTICS EXPORT

During January 2025, India exported plastics worth USD 1,019 million, higher by 11.3% from USD 916 million in January 2024. Cumulative value of plastics export during April 2024 – January 2025 was USD 10,343 million as against USD 9,436 million during the same period last year, registering an increase of 9.6%.

Exhibit 2: Trend in plastics export by India



PLASTICS EXPORT, BY PANEL

In January 2025, export performance across various plastics product categories showed strong growth. FIBC, Woven sacks, Woven fabrics, and Tarpaulin recorded the highest gains, followed by plastic raw materials; Plastic films and sheets; Floorcoverings, leathercloth & laminates; Packaging items - flexible, rigid; Consumer & houseware products; Medical items of plastics; Plastic pipes & fittings; Writing instruments & stationery; Cordage, fishnets & monofilaments; FRP & Composites and Miscellaneous products and items nes.

The only exception was Human hair and related products, which saw a 22.5% decline.

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

Panel	Jan-24	Jan-25	Growth	Apr 23- Jan-24	Apr 24- Jan-25	Growth
	(USD Mn)	(USD Mn)	(%)	(USD Mn)	(USD Mn)	(%)
Consumer & houseware products	65.3	70.2	+7.4%	694.0	650.4	-6.3%
Cordage, fishnets & monofilaments	21.9	23.6	+7.6%	208.9	252.0	+20.7%
FIBC, woven sacks, woven fabrics, & tarpaulin	112.4	145.8	+29.7%	1,103.6	1,293.8	+17.2%
Floorcoverings, leathercloth & laminates	55.4	63.8	+15.1%	565.3	634.9	+12.3%
FRP & Composites	40.2	40.9	+1.7%	396.8	427.7	+7.8%
Human hair & related products	71.9	55.7	-22.5%	633.9	612.9	-3.3%
Medical items of plastics	39.8	44.3	+11.5%	443.8	459.1	+3.4%
Miscellaneous products & items nes	48.9	56.5	+15.5%	595.7	565.1	-5.1%
Packaging items - flexible, rigid	52.3	59.2	+13.2%	516.2	568.4	+10.1%
Plastic films & sheets	136.8	154.9	+13.2%	1,410.7	1,686.6	+19.6%
Plastic pipes & fittings	23.5	25.9	+10.4%	234.6	277.8	+18.4%
Plastic raw materials	230.6	259.4	+12.5%	2,422.1	2,684.4	+10.8%
Writing instruments & stationery	17.1	19.2	+12.1%	210.3	230.4	+9.5%
	916.0	1,019.3	+11.3%	9,435.8	10,343.5	+9.6%

Source: Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Government of India

Exports of **Consumer & houseware products** witnessed an increase of 7.4% in January 2025. This growth was primarily due to higher sales of Tableware & kitchenware of plastics (392410) to Nigeria; Wallets, purses, key-pouches of plastic sheeting (42023290) to the USA and other switches of plastics (85365020) to Germany due to increase in demand.

Exports of **Cordage, fishnets & monofilaments** were up by 7.6% in January 2025 due to positive growth witnessed in sales of Other binder or baler twine of polyethylene or polypropylene (560749) to Chile.

In January 2025, the export of **FIBC, woven sacks, woven fabrics & tarpaulin** witnessed a growth of 29.7% due to higher sales of Flexible intermediate bulk containers (630532) to the USA, Belgium, Germany, Italy and the UK and sacks and bags of plastics (39232990) to the United States of America.

Export of **Floor coverings, leather cloth & laminates** were higher by 15.1% in January 2025 on account of consistent sales of other floor coverings of polymers of vinyl chloride (391810) and Other textile fabrics, impregnated, coated, covered or laminated with plastics other than polymers of vinyl chloride (590390) to the USA.

Export of **FRP & Composites** increased by 1.7% during January 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** reduced by 22.5% in January 2025 on account of decrease in sales of Human hair dressed, thinned, bleached or otherwise worked (67030010) to China.

Medical items of plastics export were higher by 11.5% in January 2025 due to growing sales of cannulae (90183930) to the USA.

Export of **Miscellaneous products & items nes** were up by 15.5% in January 2025 due to higher shipments of Polypropylene articles (39269080).

Packaging items - flexible, rigid export augmented by 13.2% on account of higher sales of Sacks and bags of polyethylene (392321), Stoppers, lids, caps & other closures of plastics (392350) and Articles for the conveyance or packaging of goods of plastics (392390).

In January 2025, the export of **Plastic films & sheets** was higher by 13.2% due to increased sales of Other self-adhesive plates & sheets (39199090); Rigid and flexible sheets of polymers of propylene (392020); Films and sheets of cellular plastic (392119) and Other Flexible and metallised films & sheets (39219094, 39219099). Indian exporters of plastic films and sheets saw a strong recovery in Q3, with better pricing and higher profitability. Despite modest volume growth, improved product mix and increased exports of value-added films boosted margins and overall performance.

Export of **Plastic pipes & fittings** risen by 10.4% due to improved sales of Flexible tubes of plastics (391739) to Saudi Arabia. Indian exporters of pipes and fittings are targeting to the export market for UAE, Gulf and Africa.

Plastics raw materials exports were increased by 12.5% due to higher shipments of Polyethylene with a specific gravity of ≥ 0.94 , in primary forms (390120), Acrylic polymers (39069090); Other polyether's (39072990) and PET flake chip (39076930). This growth was largely on account of better prices.

Export of **Writing instruments & stationery** raised by 12.1% in January 2025 due to Higher sales of and Ball point pens (96081019) to France.

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

HS Code	Description	Apr 23- Jan 24	Apr 24- Jan 25	Growth
		(USD Mn)	(USD Mn)	(%)
63053200	Flexible intermediate bulk containers	644.6	766.5	+18.9%
67030010	Human hair, dressed, thinned, bleached or otherwise worked	479.0	475.5	-0.7%
39269099	Other articles of plastics n.e.s	390.0	421.7	+8.1%
39232990	Other sacks and bags of plastics excl. those of polymers of ethylene	350.5	397.0	+13.3%
90011000	Optical fibres, optical fibre bundles and cables	316.4	252.4	-20.2%
39021000	Polypropylene	285.9	322.2	+12.7%
39076190	Other primary form of polyethylene terephthalate	261.0	272.4	+4.4%
48239019	Decorative laminates	252.8	264.3	+4.5%
39269080	Polypropylene articles n.e.s	173.3	215.9	+24.5%
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	173.6	221.8	+27.8%
39069090	Other acrylic polymers, in primary forms	172.7	208.8	+20.9%
39232100	Sacks and bags, incl. cones, of polymers of ethylene	170.6	183.5	+7.6%
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	166.3	198.9	+19.7%
39239090	Other articles for the conveyance or packaging of goods, of plastics	151.8	173.8	+14.5%
59039090	Other textile fabrics impregnated, coated, covered or laminated with plastics other than polyvinyl chloride or polyurethane	145.0	182.7	+26.0%
05010010	Human hair, unworked	144.4	133.6	-7.5%
90015000	Spectacle lenses of materials other than glass	148.1	132.2	-10.7%
39202090	Other sheets and film of non-cellular polymers of ethylene, not reinforced, laminated, supported or similarly combined with other materials, without backing, unworked	122.2	137.5	+12.6%
39012000	Polyethylene with a specific gravity of ≥ 0.94 , in primary forms	123.7	123.4	-0.2%
39076990	Other primary form of polyethylene terephthalate	115.1	101.1	-12.1%
96081019	Ball-point pens	112.0	112.2	+0.2%
90183930	Cannulae	108.4	123.1	+13.6%
39014010	Linear low-density polyethylene (LLDPE)	103.8	163.9	+57.9%
39046100	Polytetrafluoroethylene	101.2	106.4	+5.2%
39219099	Other sheets and film of plastics, reinforced, laminated, supported or similarly combined with other materials, unworked	98.7	119.6	+21.3%
39199090	Other self-adhesive sheets and film of plastics, whether or not in rolls > 20 cm wide	93.9	107.8	+14.8%
56074900	Twine, cordage, ropes and cables of polyethylene or polypropylene	91.3	108.1	+18.4%
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	86.6	105.3	+21.6%
39129090	Other cellulose and chemical derivatives thereof, n.e.s., in primary forms	83.9	96.5	+15.0%

HS Code	Description	Apr 23- Jan 24	Apr 24- Jan 25	Growth
		(USD Mn)	(USD Mn)	(%)
39241090	Other tableware and kitchenware, of plastics	81.0	85.7	+5.7%
39011090	Other polyethylene with a specific gravity of < 0.94, in primary forms	82.1	59.3	-27.8%
39119090	Other polysulphides, polysulphones and other polymers and prepolymers produced by chemical synthesis, n.e.s.	79.5	65.3	-17.9%
39206919	Other sheets and film of non-cellular polyesters, not reinforced, laminated, supported or similarly combined with other materials, not worked	79.2	81.5	+2.9%
90041000	Sunglasses	86.2	4.5	-94.8%
39046990	Other fluoro-polymers of vinyl chloride or of other halogenated olefins, in primary forms	70.0	86.3	+23.3%
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	70.4	93.0	+32.1%
39219094	Flexible and metallised sheets and film of plastics, reinforced, laminated, supported or similarly combined with other materials, unworked	66.3	97.5	+47.0%
39140020	Ion exchangers of polymerisation or co-polymerisation type	65.8	72.0	+9.4%
39095000	Polyurethanes	65.2	71.1	+9.1%
96032100	Tooth brushes	66.1	63.8	-3.6%
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	64.7	67.6	+4.5%
39206290	Other sheets and film of non-cellular polyethylene terephthalate, not reinforced, laminated, supported or similarly combined with other materials, without backing, unworked	61.2	77.4	+26.3%
59031090	Other textile fabrics impregnated, coated, covered or laminated with polyvinyl chloride	61.4	62.6	+1.9%
39201019	Other sheets and film of non-cellular plastics, not reinforced, laminated, supported or similarly combined with other materials, without backing, unworked	58.1	63.0	+8.4%
39172390	Other rigid tubes, pipes and hoses, and fittings of polymers of vinyl chloride	58.4	59.6	+2.0%
39235010	Stoppers, lids, caps and other closures, of plastics	55.5	61.7	+11.2%
39219096	Flexible and laminated sheets and film of plastics, reinforced, laminated, supported or similarly combined with other materials, unworked	53.9	62.3	+15.6%
39249090	Other household articles and toilet articles of plastics	55.6	54.5	-1.9%
39206929	Other sheets and film of non-cellular polyesters, not reinforced, laminated, supported or similarly combined with other materials, not worked	50.2	70.5	+40.3%
39073010	Epoxy resins	51.2	47.3	-7.5%

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