

ANALYSIS OF INDIA'S PLASTICS EXPORT

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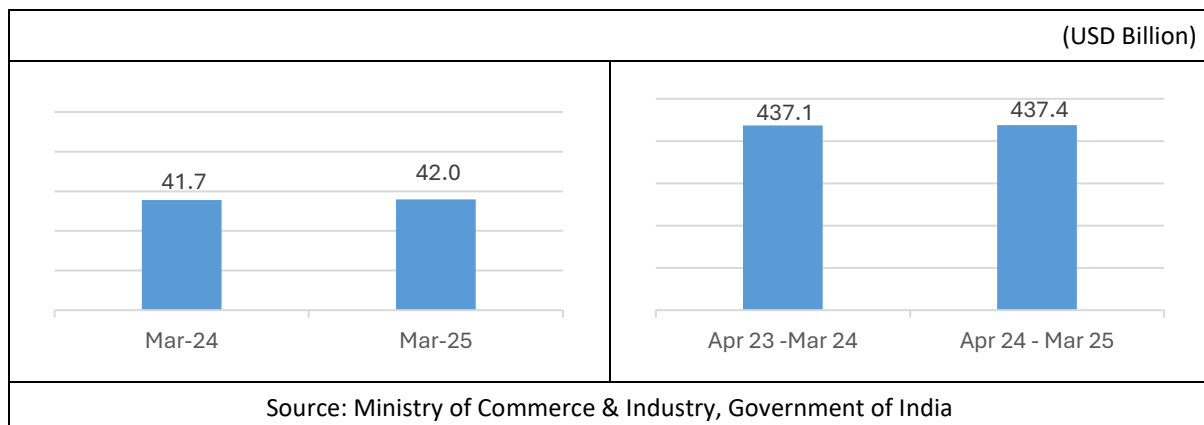
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TREND IN OVERALL EXPORTS

India reported merchandise exports of USD 42.0 billion in March 2025, higher by 0.7% from USD 41.7 billion in March 2024. Cumulative value of merchandise exports during April 2024 – March 2025 was USD 437.4 billion as against USD 437.1 billion during the same period last year, reflecting a modest 0.1% growth.

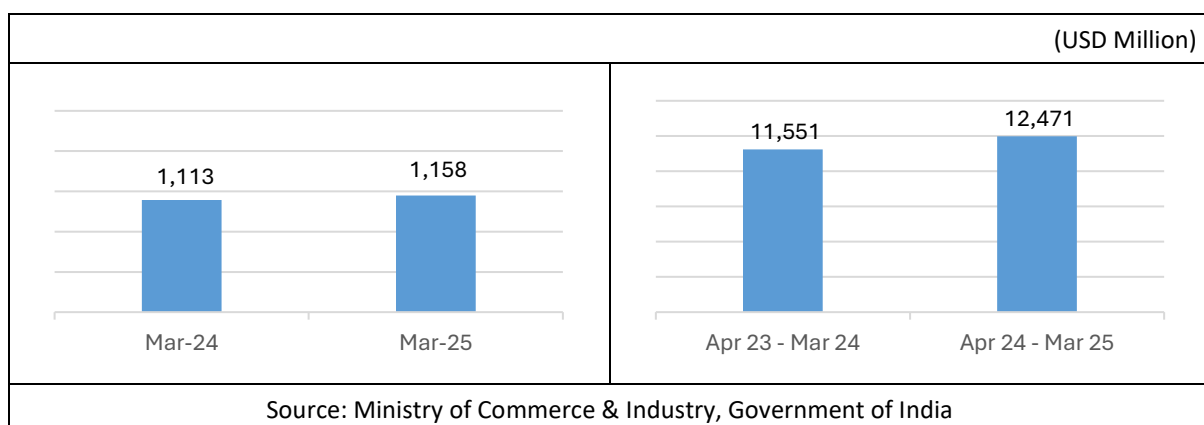
Exhibit 1: Trend in overall merchandise exports from India



TREND IN PLASTICS EXPORT

During March 2025, India exported plastics worth USD 1,158 million, higher by 4.1% from USD 1,113 million in March 2024. Cumulative value of plastics export during April 2024 – March 2025 was USD 12,471 million as against USD 11,551 during the same period last year, registering an increase of 8.0%.

Exhibit 2: Trend in plastics export by India



PLASTICS EXPORT, BY PANEL

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

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

Panel	Mar-24	Mar-25	Growth	Apr 23- Mar-24	Apr 24- Mar-25	Growth
	(USD Mn)	(USD Mn)	(%)	(USD Mn)	(USD Mn)	(%)
Consumer & houseware products	69.7	72.9	+4.5%	828.2	789.9	-4.6%
Cordage, fishnets & monofilaments	26.2	26.1	-0.2%	259.9	302.7	+16.5%
FIBC, woven sacks, woven fabrics, & tarpaulin	128.5	145.3	+13.1%	1,354.6	1,570.7	+16.0%
Floorcoverings, leathercloth & laminates	68.1	66.2	-2.8%	693.7	762.5	+9.9%
FRP & Composites	44.9	50.4	+12.3%	480.1	517.8	+7.8%
Human hair & related products	79.9	92.6	+16.0%	765.0	776.8	+1.5%
Medical items of plastics	48.7	52.8	+8.4%	537.4	551.3	+2.6%
Miscellaneous products & items nes	59.1	67.3	+13.8%	716.9	684.6	-4.5%
Packaging items - flexible, rigid	62.3	62.8	+0.7%	633.7	685.7	+8.2%
Plastic films & sheets	176.8	190.8	+7.9%	1,750.2	2,028.8	+15.9%
Plastic pipes & fittings	30.4	35.7	+17.4%	289.6	334.3	+15.4%
Plastic raw materials	293.4	271.0	-7.6%	2,987.9	3,194.3	+6.9%
Writing instruments & stationery	24.5	24.3	-0.8%	254.0	271.4	+6.9%
	1,112.7	1,158.2	+4.1%	11,551.0	12,470.6	+8.0%

Source: Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Government of India

Exports of **Consumer & houseware products** witnessed an increase of 4.5% in March 2025. This growth was primarily due to higher sales of tableware and kitchenware of plastics (HS code - 392410); trunks and suitcases of plastics (42021290) and toothbrushes (960321).

Exports of **Cordage, fishnets & monofilaments** saw a minimal decline by 0.2% in March 2025 due to slower growth witnessed in sales of Made-up fishing nets of nylon (560811). India closed this financial year with record high exports of made-up fishing nets.

In March 2025, the export of **FIBC, woven sacks, woven fabrics & tarpaulin** showed a positive growth of 13.1% due to higher sales of Flexible intermediate bulk containers (630532) and sacks and bags of plastics (39232990). India closed this financial year with record high exports of Flexible intermediate bulk containers —the highest in the past two years.

Export of **Floor coverings, leather cloth & laminates** were down by 2.8% in March 2025 on account of lower sales of Decorative laminates (48239019) and other textile fabrics, impregnated, coated, covered or laminated with plastics other than polymers of vinyl chloride (59039090). India closed this financial year with record high exports of decorative laminates and textile fabrics of plastics.

Export of **FRP & Composites** increased by 12.3% during March 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** moved up by 16.0% in March 2025 on account of increase in sales of Human hair, unworked (05010010). India closed this financial year with record high exports of human hair, unworked.

Medical items of plastics export were up by 8.4% in March 2025 due to an increase in sales of cannula (90183930) and Blood transfusion apparatus (90189032). India closed this financial year with record high exports of cannula, Blood transfusion apparatus and Spectacle lenses.

Export of **Miscellaneous products & items nes** were up by 13.8% in March 2025 due to higher shipments of Polypropylene articles (39269080).

Packaging items - flexible, rigid export increased by 0.7% on account of consistent sales of Articles for the conveyance or packaging of goods of plastics (392390).

In March 2025, the export of **Plastic films & sheets** was higher by 7.9% due to increased sales of Other self-adhesive plates & sheets (39199090); Rigid and flexible sheets of polymers of propylene (392020) and Films and sheets of non-cellular polyesters (39206929).

Export of **Plastic pipes & fittings** grew by 17.4% due to increasing sales of Tubes of polyethylene (39172110) and Other Flexible tubes, pipes and hoses and fittings of plastics (39173990). India closed this financial year with record high exports of Other Flexible tubes, pipes and hoses and fittings of plastics and Fittings, e.g. joints, elbows, flanges of plastics, for tubes, pipes and hoses

Plastics raw materials exports were decreased by 7.6% due to lower shipments of Linear low-density polyethylene (LLDPE) (39014010); Polypropylene (39021000) and other polyethylene terephthalate (39076190).

Export of **Writing instruments & stationery** declined by 0.8% in March 2025 due to reduce sales of and Ball point pens (960810).

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

HS Code	Description	Apr 23- Mar 24	Apr 24- Mar 25	Growth
		(USD Mn)	(USD Mn)	(%)
63053200	Flexible intermediate bulk containers	785.4	928.2	+18.2%
67030010	Human hair, dressed, thinned, bleached or otherwise worked	574.5	589.4	+2.6%
39269099	Other articles of plastics n.e.s	471.9	509.0	+7.9%
39232990	Other sacks and bags of plastics excl. those of polymers of ethylene	430.2	483.8	+12.5%
90011000	Optical fibres, optical fibre bundles and cables	363.6	299.3	-17.7%
39021000	Polypropylene	360.6	365.8	+1.4%
39076190	Other primary form of polyethylene terephthalate	322.1	320.3	-0.6%
48239019	Decorative laminates	308.7	317.1	+2.7%
39269080	Polypropylene articles n.e.s	222.2	260.6	+17.3%
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	220.7	264.1	+19.7%
39069090	Other acrylic polymers, in primary forms	213.1	251.5	+18.0%
39232100	Sacks and bags, incl. cones, of polymers of ethylene	206.7	218.7	+5.8%
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	204.6	239.1	+16.9%
39239090	Other articles for the conveyance or packaging of goods, of plastics	188.2	211.9	+12.6%
59039090	Other textile fabrics impregnated, coated, covered or laminated with plastics other than polyvinyl chloride or polyurethane	181.0	217.4	+20.1%
05010010	Human hair, unworked	179.6	182.9	+1.8%
90015000	Spectacle lenses of materials other than glass	174.7	159.2	-8.9%
39202090	Other sheets and film of non-cellular polymers of ethylene, not reinforced, laminated, supported or similarly combined with other materials, without backing, unworked	149.4	163.8	+9.6%
39012000	Polyethylene with a specific gravity of ≥ 0.94 , in primary forms	148.7	143.0	-3.9%
39076990	Other primary form of polyethylene terephthalate	142.0	125.6	-11.5%
96081019	Ball-point pens	134.6	133.9	-0.5%
90183930	Cannulae	132.9	150.5	+13.2%
39014010	Linear low-density polyethylene (LLDPE)	131.2	178.0	+35.7%
39046100	Polytetrafluoroethylene	122.7	129.3	+5.4%
39219099	Other sheets and film of plastics, reinforced, laminated, supported or similarly combined with other materials, unworked	120.4	141.5	+17.5%
39199090	Other self-adhesive sheets and film of plastics, whether or not in rolls > 20 cm wide	118.0	132.4	+12.2%
56074900	Twine, cordage, ropes and cables of polyethylene or polypropylene	111.8	130.5	+16.7%
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	111.5	126.6	+13.5%
39129090	Other cellulose and chemical derivatives thereof, n.e.s., in primary forms	101.3	119.9	+18.4%

HS Code	Description	Apr 23- Mar 24	Apr 24- Mar 25	Growth
		(USD Mn)	(USD Mn)	(%)
39241090	Other tableware and kitchenware, of plastics	99.6	103.6	+3.9%
39011090	Other polyethylene with a specific gravity of < 0.94, in primary forms	98.5	73.8	-25.0%
39119090	Other polysulphides, polysulphones and other polymers and prepolymers produced by chemical synthesis, n.e.s.	96.5	78.6	-18.6%
39206919	Other sheets and film of non-cellular polyesters, not reinforced, laminated, supported or similarly combined with other materials, not worked	95.8	99.2	+3.5%
90041000	Sunglasses	89.6	5.1	-94.3%
39046990	Other fluoro-polymers of vinyl chloride or of other halogenated olefins, in primary forms	88.0	105.0	+19.3%
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	86.6	111.8	+29.1%
39219094	Flexible and metallised sheets and film of plastics, reinforced, laminated, supported or similarly combined with other materials, unworked	84.9	114.7	+35.2%
39140020	Ion exchangers of polymerisation or co-polymerisation type	80.8	87.7	+8.6%
39095000	Polyurethanes	79.8	84.9	+6.4%
96032100	Tooth brushes	79.3	79.2	-0.1%
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	78.5	82.3	+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	78.4	96.1	+22.6%
59031090	Other textile fabrics impregnated, coated, covered or laminated with polyvinyl chloride	74.4	76.7	+3.1%
39201019	Other sheets and film of non-cellular plastics, not reinforced, laminated, supported or similarly combined with other materials, without backing, unworked	71.2	74.5	+4.7%
39172390	Other rigid tubes, pipes and hoses, and fittings of polymers of vinyl chloride	70.7	72.0	+1.8%
39235010	Stoppers, lids, caps and other closures, of plastics	68.0	74.1	+9.0%
39219096	Flexible and laminated sheets and film of plastics, reinforced, laminated, supported or similarly combined with other materials, unworked	67.8	76.1	+12.3%
39249090	Other household articles and toilet articles of plastics	66.7	65.1	-2.4%
39206929	Other sheets and film of non-cellular polyesters, not reinforced, laminated, supported or similarly combined with other materials, not worked	65.1	84.5	+29.8%
39073010	Epoxy resins	62.1	61.1	-1.6%

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