

Pakistan – Bangladesh Trade Relationship



Pakistan-Bangladesh has cordial relations based on a common religion and shared struggle for independence. The bilateral economic relation is also quite healthy as Pakistani investors have invested billions of dollars in various sectors of Bangladesh namely, leather, textile, and garment. Furthermore, both countries are the founding member of South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC).

The bilateral trade has remained in favor of Pakistan with the trade surplus of \$ 521 million in the year 2020, However, the trade volume during the period has been inclining from \$704 Mn in 2016 to \$834 Mn in 2019, except in 2020 when it has decline to \$645 million, which is believed to be the economic effect of Covid 19 disrupting global trade flows.

ECONOMIC INDICATORS

- Capital: Dhaka
- GDP (PPP): \$1.07 Tn (Estimated 2021)
- GDP Per Capita: \$6,380
- GDP Growth: 96.8 % in 20/21
- Population: 162.65 million
- Exports of Goods in 2020: USD 42.39 bn
- Imports of Goods in 2020 USD 48.74 bn

BANGLADESH GLOBAL TOP 10 TRADE ITEMS

Import Items	\$ (Mn)	Export items	\$ (Mn)
Cotton	5,281	Articles of apparel knitted	19,183
Machinery, mechanical appliances,	4,801	Articles of apparel not knitted	16,952
Mineral fuels, mineral oils	4,530	Other made-up textile articles;	1,170
Electrical machinery and equipment	3,476	Footwear, gaiters and the like	1,022
Iron and steel	2,414	Other vegetable textile fibres	747
Plastics and articles thereof	2,124	Fish and crustaceans, molluscs	473
Cereals	1,704	Articles of leather; saddlery	309
Knitted or crocheted fabrics	1,379	Headgear and parts thereof	292
Man-made staple fibres	1,349	Pharmaceutical products	144
Animal or vegetable fats and oils	1,346	Animal or vegetable fats and oils	140

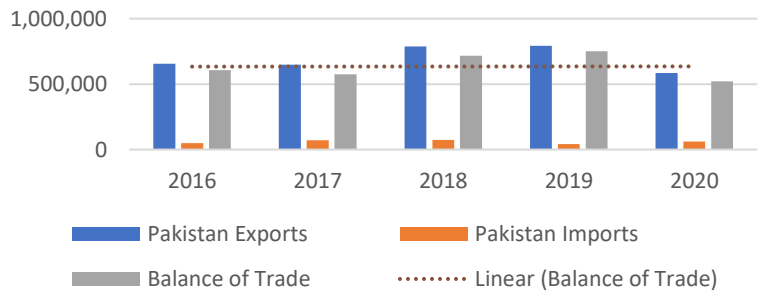
MAJOR CHALLENGES

- 1: Restrictive visa regime
- 2: Delayed clearance by customs
- 3: Non-availability of Direct flights
- 4: Lack of Direct shipping line
- 5: Issue of separate counter for Pakistani at arrival

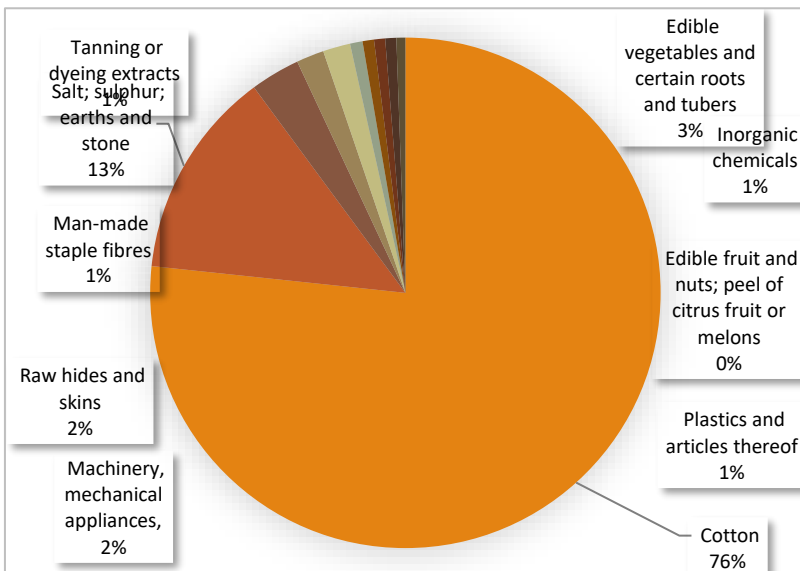
EXPORT POTENTIAL

- 1: Woven Cotton fabric
- 2: Cement Clinker
- 3: Onion & Dates
- 4: Chemicals (Carbonates, Dolomite, Starches, dyes
- 5: Electric fans
- 6: Rice & Spices

PAK- BANGLADESH TRADE (2016-2020)



EXPORTS TO BANGLADESH IN 2020



IMPORTS FROM BANGLADESH IN 2020

