

# ANALYSIS OF INDIA'S PLASTICS EXPORT

APRIL 2025



## THE PLASTICS EXPORT PROMOTION COUNCIL

(Sponsored by Department of Commerce, Govt. of India)

Dynasty Business Park, B Wing, Unit 2

JB Nagar, Andheri Kurla Road

Andheri East, Mumbai

Maharashtra 400 059, INDIA

Tel: +91-22-40170000

E-mail: [office@plexconcil.org](mailto:office@plexconcil.org)

Disclaimer: This report has been prepared on the basis of export data received from the Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Government of India.

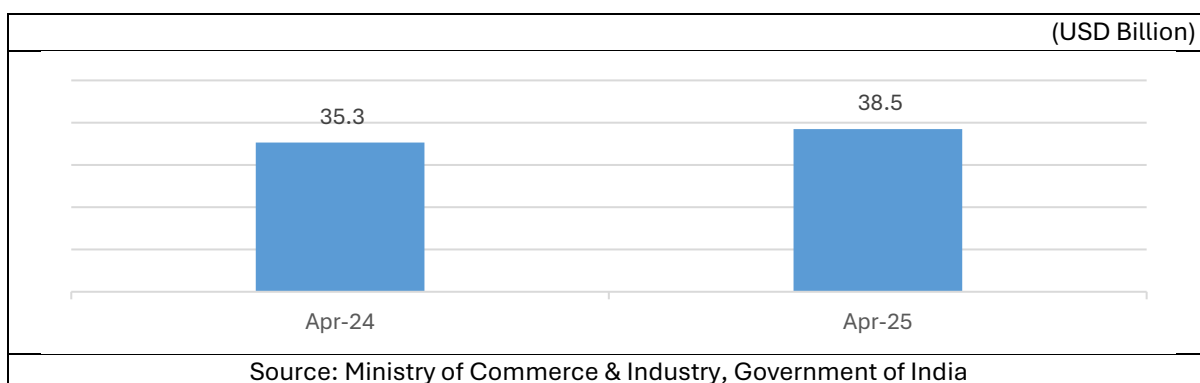
Key Findings
India's plastics exports recorded a healthy growth of 8% in April 2025, aligning with the overall merchandise export growth of 9%.
This marks a rebound as plastics exports grew in April 2025 after registering negative growth in the same month for the last two consecutive years.
11 out of 13 plastics product panels showed growth during this period
The panels which showed maximum growth in value terms were: FIBC, woven sacks & woven fabrics (22.8%), Consumer & houseware products (23.2%), Floorcoverings, leathercloth & laminates(10.3%).
According to 2024-25, out of top 50 products (HS 8-digit level), 32 products showed growth during April 2025.

## TREND IN OVERALL EXPORTS

India's overall merchandise exports grew a healthy 9.1% in April 2025 from the year ago month after growing marginally by 0.7% in March 2025. This April's growth is also higher than 2.0% growth registered in April 2024, which indicates recovery in merchandise export performance.

In the last financial year i.e. April 2024 to March 2025, India witnessed merchandise exports of USD 437.4 billion.

**Exhibit 1: Trend in overall merchandise exports from India**

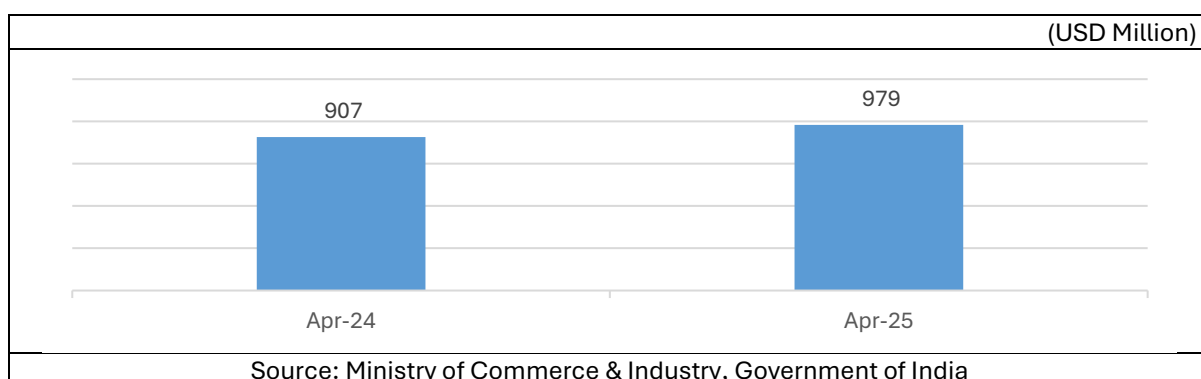


## TREND IN PLASTICS EXPORT

In line with the overall merchandise exports, India's plastics exports registered a healthy growth of 8%, reaching USD 979 million in April 2025 compared to USD 907 million in the same month last year.

It may be noted that India's plastics exports have grown in April this year after declining in the corresponding month of the last two consecutive years. Plastic exports declined 4% and 14% respectively during April 2024 and April 2023.

In the last financial year i.e. April 2024 to March 2025, India witnessed plastics exports of USD 12.5 billion.

**Exhibit 2: Trend in plastics export by India**

## PLASTICS EXPORT, BY PANEL

In April 2025, the majority of product groups (11 out of 13 panels) showed positive growth in exports. Except for plastic films and sheets and writing instruments & stationery all the panels posted gains. Notably, six panels showed double digit export growth during the period.

Prominently, exports from high volume categories such as FIBC, woven sacks & woven fabrics, Consumer & houseware products, Floorcoverings, leathercloth & laminates, Medical items of plastics, Plastic pipes & fittings, Plastic raw materials and

Miscellaneous products and items nes

showed strong growth. Exports from other prominent categories such as Cordage, fishnets & monofilaments, Human hair & related products, Packaging items - flexible, rigid, FRP & Composites also witnessed growth during the month.

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

Sr. No	Panels	Apr-24	Apr-25	Change (%)
		Values in USD Mn		
1	Consumer & houseware products	56.9	70.1	+23.2%
2	Cordage, fishnets & monofilaments	20.0	22.3	+11.7%
3	FIBC, Woven sacks, Woven fabrics, Tarpaulin	110.0	135.0	+22.8%
4	Floorcoverings, leathercloth & laminates	52.4	57.8	+10.3%
5	FRP & Composites	39.0	39.8	+2.1%
6	Human hair & related products	49.8	51.6	+3.5%
7	Medical items of plastics	42.4	46.1	+8.8%
8	Miscellaneous products and items nes	42.8	58.7	+36.9%
9	Packaging items - flexible, rigid	52.4	54.1	+3.2%
10	Plastic films and sheets	161.7	158.1	-2.2%
11	Plastic pipes & fittings	22.3	25.6	+14.8%
12	Plastic raw materials	235.2	238.4	+1.4%
13	Writing instruments & stationery	21.9	21.6	-1.5%
		906.8	979.1	+8.0%

Source: Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Government of India

Exports of **Consumer & houseware products** grew a whopping 23%, second largest growth among 13 product panels during April 2025. This growth was driven by increase in shipments of toothbrushes (HS code 960321) to UAE; other switches (85365020) to Germany, USA & UAE and Tableware, kitchenware other household products (392490, 392410) to Nigeria, Australia and a few African countries because of strong market potential.

Exports of **Cordage, fishnets & monofilaments** grew 11.7%, the fifth highest growth among 13 panels during April 2025 led by strong growth in export of Made up knotted fishing nets of man-made textile materials (560811) to Faroe Island and the UAE.

Exports of **FIBC, woven sacks and women fabrics** grew 22.8%, the third largest growth among 13 panels driven by strong export performance in FIBC (630532) to USA, Germany, Belgium and sacks and bags (39232990) to the USA, Spain and other European countries because of strong demand in these markets.

Export of **Floor coverings, leather cloth & laminates** also posted doubled digit growth of 10.3% during April 2025 led by Decorative Laminates (48239019) to UK, Netherlands and so on; PVC coated fabrics (59031090) to South Africa, Mexico and USA due to favourable market condition.

Export of **FRP & Composites** grew 2.1% during the month under review led by Articles of plastics and articles of other Materials of Heading 3901 to 3914, n.e.s (39269099), which contributes 99% to the export volume under this category.

Export of **Human Hair & related products** grew 3.5% led by strong growth in Human Hair, Unworked (05010010) to Myanmar.

India posted 8.8% growth in export of **Medical Items of Plastics** led by remarkable rise in shipments of catheters and needles (901839) to the USA and Germany.

Export of **Miscellaneous products & items nes** posted the highest growth of 36.9% among all the panels driven by overseas sales of optical fibres, bundles and cables (90011000) to UK, Saudi Arabia and other markets; Polypropylene Articles (39269080) to USA.

**Export of packaging items – flexible, rigid** posted 3.2% growth led by significant rise in export of Sacks and Bags of Polyethylene (392321).

Export of **Plastic pipes & fittings** expanded 14.8% because of growth in shipments in other tubes pipes and hoses (391739) to Saudi Arabia and France; Tubes Pipes and Hoses of Polyethylene Rigid (391721) to Saudi Arabia.

Export of **Plastic raw materials** grew 1.4% led by significant rise in shipment of Other: Poly(Ethylene Terephthalate) (390769, 390761) to Oman, UAE, Turkey and other West Asian countries; Others Acrylic Polymers in Primary Forms (39069090) to South Africa, UAE and other markets.

**Plastic films and sheets** was one of the two panels that posted contraction in exports (2.2%) during the month under consideration because of significant decline in shipments of plates sheets etc. of polyethylene terephthalate (392062); Other Self-adhesive plates etc. nes (39199090) amidst tepid demand in overseas markets.

**Writing instruments & stationery** is also one of the two panels that witnessed decline in shipments (1.5%) during April 2025. The fall in exports was led by decline in shipment of Other Ball-Point Pens with Liquid Ink (96081019) to Algeria, USA and UAE.

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

HS Code	Description	Apr-24	Apr-25	Growth
		Values in USD Mn		(%)
63053200	Flexible intermediate bulk containers	62.6	80.5	+28.6%
67030010	Human hair, dressed, thinned, bleached or otherwise worked	44.7	37.8	-15.4%
39269099	Other articles of plastics n.e.s	38.5	39.4	+2.5%
39232990	Other sacks and bags of plastics excl. those of polymers of ethylene	35.1	41.4	+17.9%
39021000	Polypropylene	34.0	23.0	-32.6%
39076190	Other primary form of polyethylene terephthalate	17.7	23.0	+29.8%
48239019	Decorative laminates	20.9	23.5	+12.4%
90011000	Optical fibres, optical fibre bundles and cables	15.6	23.1	+47.7%
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	25.0	19.7	-21.1%
39269080	Polypropylene articles	18.2	23.0	+26.7%
39069090	Other acrylic polymers, in primary forms	14.8	17.9	+20.6%
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	19.9	19.4	-2.5%
39232100	Sacks and bags, incl. cones, of polymers of ethylene	15.1	17.1	+13.3%
59039090	Other textile fabrics impregnated, coated, covered or laminated with plastics other than polyvinyl chloride or polyurethane	17.0	17.2	+1.1%
39239090	Other articles for the conveyance or packaging of goods, of plastics	15.9	16.6	+4.3%
5010010	Human hair, unworked; whether or not washed or scoured	4.9	13.5	+174.5%
39014010	Linear low density polyethylene (LLDPE	10.7	7.7	-28.2%
39202090	Plates, sheets, film, foil and strip, of non-cellular polymers of ethylene, not reinforced, laminated, supported or similarly combined with other materials, without backing, unworked or merely surface-worked or merely cut into squares or rectangles : Other	13.3	13.4	+0.5%
90015000	Spectacle lenses of materials other than glass	13.6	14.1	+3.6%
90183930	Cannulae	10.4	12.9	+24.3%

HS Code	Description	Apr-24	Apr-25	Growth
		Values in USD Mn		(%)
39012000	Polyethylene with a specific gravity of $\geq 0,94$ , in primary forms	8.1	6.4	-20.4%
39219099	Other sheets and film of plastics, reinforced, laminated, supported or similarly combined with other materials, unworked	11.4	11.9	+5.0%
96081019	Ball-point pens	10.6	9.4	-11.1%
39199090	Other self-adhesive sheets and film of plastics, whether or not in rolls $> 20$ cm wide	8.6	7.4	-13.5%
56074900	Twine, cordage, ropes and cables of polyethylene or polypropylene	8.8	9.5	+8.0%
39046100	Polytetrafluoroethylene	10.2	11.4	+12.2%
54072090	Woven fabrics of strip or the like, of synthetic filament, incl. monofilament of $\geq 67$ decitex and with a cross sectional dimension of $\leq 1$ mm: Other	10.6	9.6	-9.3%
39076990	Other primary form of polyethylene terephthalate	7.1	10.2	+44.0%
39129090	Other cellulose and chemical derivatives thereof, n.e.s., in primary forms	8.9	10.8	+20.4%
39219094	Flexible and metallised sheets and film of plastics, reinforced, laminated, supported or similarly combined with other materials, unworked	8.5	9.4	+9.5%
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 $\geq 45$ cm, of polymers of vinyl chloride	6.9	6.9	+0.9%
39046990	Other fluoro-polymers of vinyl chloride or of other halogenated olefins, in primary forms	7.8	9.0	+15.1%
39241090	Other tableware and kitchenware, of plastics	8.1	9.0	+11.9%
39206919	Other sheets and film of non-cellular polyesters, not reinforced, laminated, supported or similarly combined with other materials, not worked	7.1	9.1	+28.1%
39206290	Other sheets and film of non-cellular polyethylene terephthalate, not reinforced, laminated, supported or similarly combined with other materials, without backing, unworked	8.8	6.9	-21.7%
39072990	Other polyethers n.e.s	5.3	6.8	+29.5%
39140020	Ion-exchangers based on polymers of heading 3901 to 3913, in primary forms: Ion exchangers of polymerisation or	6.7	4.4	-33.8%
39095000	Polyurethanes, in primary forms	6.6	6.1	-7.3%
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	5.7	5.7	-1.0%
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	5.0	6.0	+21.3%
96032100	Tooth brushes	5.8	7.8	+35.8%
39119090	Other polysulphides, polysulphones and other polymers and prepolymers produced by chemical synthesis, n.e.s.	5.2	6.8	+29.3%

HS Code	Description	Apr-24	Apr-25	Growth
		Values in USD Mn		(%)
59031090	Other textile fabrics impregnated, coated, covered or laminated with polyvinyl chloride	5.0	6.7	+35.1%
39219096	Flexible and laminated sheets and film of plastics, reinforced, laminated, supported or similarly combined with other materials, unworked	6.9	6.6	-3.6%
39201019	Other sheets and film of non-cellular plastics, not reinforced, laminated, supported or similarly combined with other materials, without backing, unworked	6.7	6.0	-10.6%
39235010	Stoppers, lids, caps and other closures, of plastics: Caps and closures for bottles	7.1	5.6	-20.4%
39011090	Other polyethylene with a specific gravity of < 0.94, in primary forms	8.3	7.0	-15.9%
39172390	Rigid tubes, pipes and hoses, and fittings therefor, of polymers of vinyl chloride: Other	4.9	4.7	-4.5%
39076930	PET flake (chip)	3.8	10.0	+163.2%
39241010	Tableware and kitchenware, of plastics: Insulated ware	4.0	5.4	+33.3%

Source: Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Government of India

#### Exhibit 5: Reasons for major decline in plastic products exports

HS Code	Description	Apr-24	Apr-25	Reasons
		(USD Mn)		
39021000	Polypropylene	34.0	23.0	The decline in export value is due to a drop in the product's unit price. Additionally, rising domestic demand and increased imports, since we are a net importer of this product - have contributed to the trend.
67030010	Human hair, dressed, thinned, bleached or otherwise worked	44.7	37.8	The decline in finished human hair exports is attributed to domestic shortage of raw materials, following the Government's removal of export restrictions on raw hair.
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	25	19.7	Decline in exports can be attributed to weak demand in key markets such as Romania and South Korea.
39014010	Linear low density polyethylene (LLDPE)	10.7	7.7	The decline in export value is due to a drop in the product's unit price. Additionally, rising domestic demand and increased imports, since we are a net importer of this product - have contributed to the trend.
39140020	Ion-exchangers based on polymers of heading 3901 to 3913, in primary	6.7	4.4	India is a net exporter of this product. The exports were down

HS Code	Description	Apr-24	Apr-25	Reasons
		(USD Mn)		
	forms: Ion exchangers of polymerisation or			due to reduced shipments to Saudi Arabia.
39206290	Other sheets and film of non-cellular polyethylene terephthalate, not reinforced, laminated, supported or similarly combined with other materials, without backing, unworked	8.8	6.9	Exports have declined marginally due to stiff competition from leading suppliers such as China, South Korea, Japan and USA.
39012000	Polyethylene with a specific gravity of >= 0,94, in primary forms	8.1	6.4	India is a net importer of this product. Exports have fallen because of shortage of raw materials in the domestic market.
39235010	Stoppers, lids, caps and other closures, of plastics: Caps and closures for bottles	7.1	5.6	This product saw a decline in exports due to lower shipments to countries like Portugal, Algeria and China amidst weak demand in these markets.

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

-----End of report -----