

ANALYSIS OF INDIA'S PLASTICS EXPORT

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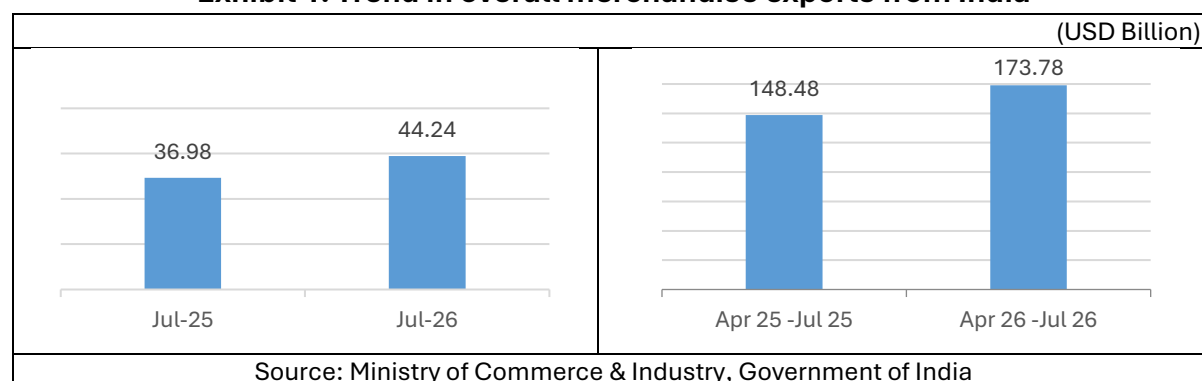
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Key Findings
India's Plastics and allied product exports grew 14.9%, marking the fourth consecutive month of double digit growth in this financial year
Strong growth momentum reflects resilience of the industry amidst challenges such as elevated freight cost, skyrocketing raw material prices, stiff competition, industrial slowdown and non tariff barrier in certain markets
Export of Cordage & Fishnets grew 14.6%, marking recovery after seven consecutive months of contraction
There are signs of diversification of exports to certain European markets, Africa and Asian countries
At the same time, exporters of Floor Covering, Consumer & Houseware Products and Writing Instruments continue to face adverse impact of high US tariff, slowdown in fresh orders and stiff competition

TREND IN OVERALL EXPORTS

India's merchandise exports posted 19.6% growth to USD 44.2 billion in July 2026 from USD 36.98 billion in the year ago month led by rise in shipment of petroleum products, electronic goods, Engineering Goods, Organic & Inorganic Chemicals, Meat, Dairy, Handicrafts and other products. Cumulative merchandise exports grew 17.04% to USD 173.78 billion in April-July 2026 from the year ago period.

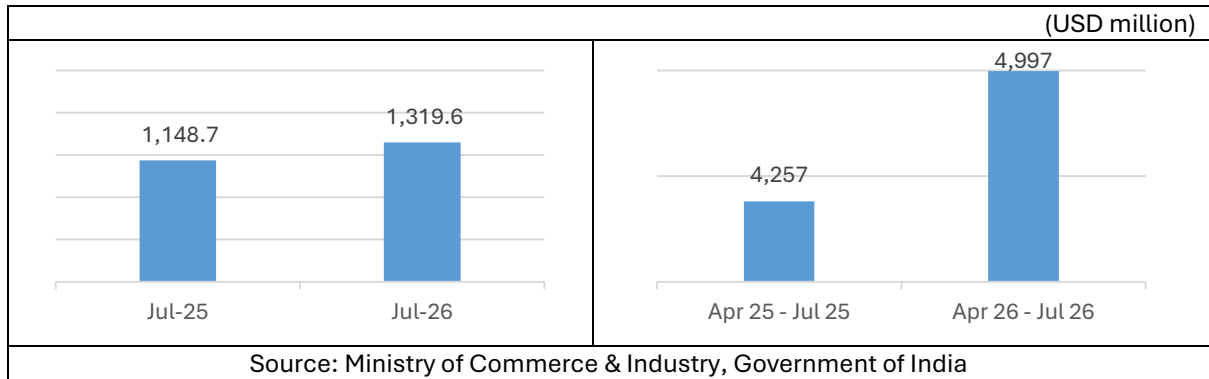
Exhibit 1: Trend in overall merchandise exports from India



TREND IN PLASTICS EXPORT

India's plastics and allied product exports posted 14.9% growth to USD 1319.6 million in July 2026 from USD 1148.7 million in the year ago month led by rise in shipment of Films & Sheets, FIBC, Woven Sacks, Human Hair, Raw Materials, Pipes & Fittings, FRP & Composites and other value added products.

Cumulative exports during April-July 2026 posted 17.4% growth to USD 4996.8 million from USD 4257.3 million in the year ago period.

Exhibit 2: Trend in plastics export by India**PLASTICS EXPORT, BY PANEL**

As mentioned earlier, export growth in July 2026 was led by rise in shipment of FIBC, Woven Sacks, Raw Materials, Films & Sheets, Human Hair, Pipes & Tubes and other value added products.

This growth was also aided by recovery in export of Cordage & Fishnets and Packaging items.

At the same time, there was notable decline in shipment of Consumer & Houseware products, Floor Coverings, Medical Items, and Writings Instruments.

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

Panel	Jul-25	Jul -26	Growth	Apr 25- Jul -25	Apr 26- Jul -26	Growth
	USD million		%	USD million		%
Consumer & houseware products	78.5	74.9	-4.5%	295.7	285.8	-3.4%
Cordage, fishnets & monofilaments	23.8	27.3	+14.6%	92.4	91.6	-0.8%
FIBC, Woven sacks, Woven fabrics, Tarpaulin	166.8	171.1	+2.5%	584.3	590.7	+1.1%
Floorcoverings, leathercloth & laminates	67.1	63.7	-5.1%	250.9	236.2	-5.9%
FRP & Composites	46.3	47.3	+2.1%	169.8	174.7	+2.9%
Human hair & related products	77.1	83.5	+8.3%	281.2	338.1	+20.2%
Medical items of plastics	52.2	43.7	-16.2%	188.0	177.5	-5.6%
Miscellaneous products and items nes	79.5	158.7	+99.5%	275.9	502.0	+81.9%
Packaging items - flexible, rigid	65.6	68.4	+4.3%	234.3	242.1	+3.3%
Plastic films and sheets	167.6	217.7	+29.9%	648.9	885.0	+36.4%
Plastic pipes & fittings	28.4	32.6	+14.7%	103.4	115.4	+11.6%
Plastic raw materials	273.0	308.6	+13.1%	1,045.6	1,270.9	+21.5%
Writing instruments & stationery	22.8	22.1	-3.1%	86.9	86.8	-0.1%
Grand Total	1,148.7	1,319.6	+14.9%	4,257.3	4,996.8	+17.4%

Source: Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Government of India

Exports of **Consumer & Houseware Products** declined by 4.5%, primarily due to lower shipments of Tableware and kitchenware (HS 39241090) and Building Elements (HS 39259090). The decline was mainly due to weak demand in the USA and higher freight costs caused by the prolonged West Asia crisis. In addition, rising raw material prices continued to reduce the cost competitiveness of Indian manufacturers, further impacting exports.

Exports of **Cordage, Fishnets & Monofilaments** increased 14.6%, primarily due to an increase in exports of Made-up knotted fishing nets of man-made textile materials (HS 56081110) and Knotted netting of twine, cordage, ropes or cables (HS 56081900). Exports to Oman and Malta also showed healthy growth, supporting the overall increase in exports.

Exports of **FIBC, Woven Sacks, Woven Fabrics & Tarpaulin** registered a steady growth of 2.5% driven by shipments of Woven fabrics (HS 54072090) valued at USD 13.9 million & Sacks and bags of plastics (HS 63053300) valued at 5.1 million. Recovery in demand across major export markets, coupled with improved order inflows and easing supply chain conditions, supported the growth in this product category.

Export of **Floor Covering, Leather Cloth and Laminates** contracted by 5.1%, mainly due to a fall in shipments of Floor coverings, whether or not self-adhesive (HS 39181090) and Textile fabrics impregnated, coated, covered or laminated with polyvinyl chloride (HS 59031090). The decline in exports was seen in key markets such as the USA, UAE, UK and other markets.

Export of **FRP and Composites** has grown 2.1% because of strong demand for Composite plastic articles (HS 39269099) in USA, Germany and other Markets.

Shipment of **Human Hair & Related Products** grew 8.3% because of rise in shipment of value added Human Hair (HS 67030010) to China, Bangladesh, Myanmar and other markets.

Exports of **Medical Items of Plastics** contracted by 16.2%, mainly due to a decline in exports of Needles, catheters, cannulae and the like (HS 90183100) and Syringes, with or without needles (HS 90183930). The decline in these key products contributed significantly to the overall fall in exports.

Miscellaneous plastic products and items (n.e.s.) grew 99.5% because of sharp rise in shipment of Optical Fibres, Bundles & Cables (HS 90011000) to USA, China, Poland and other countries. There is also increase in order inflows of Objective Lenses (HS 90021100) from Malaysia. There was also encouraging demand for Polypropylene Articles (HS 39269080) from USA.

Exports of **Packaging Items – Flexible and Rigid** registered 4.3% growth, led by rise in shipment of Other Packaging or Conveyance articles (HS 39239090) to France and UAE. Also, there was encouraging demand for Caps & Closures (HS 39235010) in Indonesia, Sri Lanka and Nepal. Exporters of Box, Case, Crates (HS 39231090) benefitted from rise in order inflows from China.

Export of **Plastic Films and Sheets** recorded healthy growth of 29.9% because of strong demand for Polypropylene Sheets (HS 39202020) in USA, UK, Brazil and other countries. There was also strong order inflows for Flexible PET Plates & Sheets (HS 39206220) from USA, Spain, Nigeria, Bangladesh and Italy.

Exports of **Plastic Pipes and Fittings** grew 14.7% led by rise in shipment of Flexible, Tubes, Pipe & Hoses (HS 39173100) from Singapore, Sweden and Australia. There was also strong demand for Fittings of Tubes, Pipes & Hoses (HS 39174000) from Saudi Arabia, USA, UAE and other

destinations. Exporters gained fresh orders for Other Tubes, Pipes & Hoses (HS 39173990) from USA and UAE.

Plastic Raw Material exports witnessed 13.1% growth led by rise in shipment of Poly(ethylene terephthalate) (HS 39076190) to Bangladesh, Canada and other markets. Also, there was spike in demand for Acrylic Polymers (HS 39069090) in Nigeria, UAE and other countries.

Exporters also witnessed strong order inflows for Cellulose and its chemical derivatives (HS 39129090) from USA, Germany, Russia and other markets.

Exports of **Writing Instruments and Stationery** declined 3.1% because of weakness in demand for Ball Point Pens (HS 96081019) in UAE, Algeria and other countries. Export of Office or School Supplies also declined due to subdued order inflows from USA and Germany.

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

Code	Description	Apr 25- Jul-25	Apr 26- Jul 26	Growth
		Values in USD Mn		(%)
'63053200	Flexible intermediate bulk containers, for the packing of goods, of synthetic or man-made textile materials	354.20	348.25	-1.7%
'67030010	Human hair, dressed, thinned, bleached or otherwise worked; wool, other animal hair or other textile materials, prepared for use in making wigs or the like (excl. natural plaits of human hair, whether or not washed and degreased, but not otherwise processed): Human hair, dressed, thinned, bleached or	194.87	241.68	+24.0%
'90011000	Optical fibres, optical fibre bundles and cables (excl. made-up of individually sheathed fibres of heading 8544)	137.84	363.57	+163.8%
'39232990	Sacks and bags, incl. cones, of plastics (excl. those of polymers of ethylene): Other (Note that this HS Code has been replaced with HS 39232991 and HS 39232999 from this financial year)	173.27	168.43	-2.8%
'39269099	Articles of plastics and articles of other materials of heading 3901 to 3914, n.e.s.: Other	168.05	172.65	+2.7%
'48239019	Paper, paperboard, cellulose wadding and webs of cellulose fibres, in strips or rolls of a width ≤ 36 cm, in rectangular or square sheets, of which no side > 36 cm in the unfolded state, or cut to shape other than rectangular or square, and articles of paper pulp, paper, cellulose wadding or webs of cellulose fibres, n.e.s.: Decorative laminates	112.09	115.37	+2.9%
'05010010	Human hair, unworked; whether or not washed or scoured	84.52	94.94	+12.3%
'39069090	Acrylic polymers, in primary forms (excl. poly"methyl methacrylate"): Other	79.11	100.71	+27.3%
'39021000	Polypropylene, in primary forms	83.29	82.33	-1.2%
'39076190	Other primary form	91.25	184.86	+102.6%
'39269080	Articles of plastics and articles of other materials of heading 3901 to 3914, n.e.s.: Polypropylene articles , not elsewhere	89.67	85.20	-5.0%

Code	Description	Apr 25- Jul-25	Apr 26- Jul 26	Growth
		Values in USD Mn		(%)
'39239090	Articles for the conveyance or packaging of goods, of plastics (excl. boxes, cases, crates and similar articles; sacks and bags, incl. cones; carboys, bottles, flasks and similar articles; spools, spindles, bobbins and similar supports; stoppers, lids, caps and other closures): Other	71.67	78.62	+9.7%
'39232100	Sacks and bags, incl. cones, of polymers of ethylene	72.87	69.41	-4.8%
'39206220	Plates, sheets, film, foil and strip, of non-cellular poly"ethylene terephthalate", not reinforced, laminated, supported or similarly combined with other materials, without backing, unworked or merely surface-worked or merely cut into squares or rectangles (excl. those of poly"methyl methacrylate", self-adhesive products, and floor, wall and ceiling coverings of heading 3918): Flexible , plain	74.04	111.51	+50.6%
'39202020	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 (excl. self-adhesive products, and floor, wall and ceiling coverings of heading 3918): Flexible , plain	67.28	151.49	+125.2%
'90015000	Spectacle lenses of materials other than glass	57.48	58.14	+1.2%
'90183930	Needles, catheters, cannulae and the like, used in medical, surgical, dental or veterinary sciences (excl. syringes, tubular metal needles and needles for sutures): Cannulae	54.64	50.01	-8.5%
'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 (excl. self-adhesive products, and floor, wall and ceiling coverings of heading 3918): Other	53.37	69.92	+31.0%
'59039090	Textile fabrics impregnated, coated, covered or laminated with plastics other than poly"vinyl chloride" or polyurethane (excl. tyre cord fabric of high tenacity yarn of nylon or other polyamides, polyesters or viscose rayon; wall coverings of textile materials impregnated or covered with plastic; floor coverings consisting of a textile backing and a top layer or covering of plastics): Other	68.09	68.65	+0.8%
'39129090	Cellulose and chemical derivatives thereof, n.e.s., in primary forms (excl. cellulose acetates, cellulose nitrates and cellulose ethers): Other	45.88	51.19	+11.6%
'39046100	Polytetrafluoroethylene, in primary forms	46.40	50.51	+8.9%
'96081019	Ball-point pens (detailed label not available)	42.55	40.67	-4.4%
'39219099	Plates, sheets, film, foil and strip, of plastics, reinforced, laminated, supported or similarly combined with other materials, unworked or merely surface-worked or merely cut into squares or rectangles (excl. of cellular plastic; self-adhesive products, floor, wall and ceiling coverings of heading 3918): Other	43.73	48.44	+10.8%

Code	Description	Apr 25- Jul-25	Apr 26- Jul 26	Growth
		Values in USD Mn		(%)
'54072090	Woven fabrics of strip or the like, of synthetic filament, incl. monofilament of ≥ 67 decitex and with a cross sectional dimension of ≤ 1 mm: Other	40.91	52.67	+28.8%
'39076990	Other primary form	44.19	58.36	+32.1%
'39199090	Self-adhesive plates, sheets, film, foil, tape, strip and other flat shapes, of plastics, whether or not in rolls > 20 cm wide (excl. floor, wall and ceiling coverings of heading 3918): Other	35.11	39.39	+12.2%
'56074900	Twine, cordage, ropes and cables of polyethylene or polypropylene, whether or not plaited or braided and whether or not impregnated, coated, covered or sheathed with rubber or plastics (excl. binder or baler twine)	38.64	34.57	-10.5%
'39012000	Polyethylene with a specific gravity of $\geq 0,94$, in primary forms	38.79	51.13	+31.8%
'39206919	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 (excl. polycarbonates, polyethylene terephthalate and other unsaturated polyesters, self-adhesive products, and floor, wall and ceiling coverings in heading 3918): Other	38.48	46.53	+20.9%
'39219094	Plates, sheets, film, foil and strip, of plastics, reinforced, laminated, supported or similarly combined with other materials, unworked or merely surface-worked or merely cut into squares or rectangles (excl. of cellular plastic; self-adhesive products, floor, wall and ceiling coverings of heading 3918): Flexible , metallised	34.79	54.77	+57.4%
'39046990	Fluoro-polymers of vinyl chloride or of other halogenated olefins, in primary forms (excl. polytetrafluoroethylene): Other	36.76	41.25	+12.2%
'39014010	Linear low density polyethylene (LLDPE), in which ethylene monomer unit contributes less than 95 % by weight of the total polymer content	45.20	44.72	-1.1%
'39073010	Epoxide resins, in primary forms: Epoxy resins	34.04	57.82	+69.8%
'39241090	Tableware and kitchenware, of plastics: Other	35.01	26.93	-23.1%
'96032100	Tooth brushes, incl. dental-plate brushes	30.54	33.15	+8.5%
'39011090	Polyethylene with a specific gravity of $< 0,94$, in primary forms: Other	29.17	47.21	+61.9%
'39140020	Ion-exchangers based on polymers of heading 3901 to 3913, in primary forms: Ion exchangers of polymerisation or	27.09	31.56	+16.5%
'39201019	Plates, sheets, film, foil and strip, of non-cellular plastics, not reinforced, laminated, supported or similarly combined with other materials, without backing, unworked or merely surface-worked or merely cut into squares or rectangles	28.09	38.60	+37.4%

Code	Description	Apr 25- Jul-25	Apr 26- Jul 26	Growth
		Values in USD Mn		(%)
	(excl. self-adhesive products, and floor, wall and ceiling coverings of heading 3918): Other			
'39095000	Polyurethanes, in primary forms	28.21	33.85	+20.0%
'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 (excl. polycarbonates, polyethylene terephthalate and other unsaturated polyesters, self-adhesive products, and floor, wall and ceiling coverings in heading 3918): Other	30.82	33.72	+9.4%
'39219096	Plates, sheets, film, foil and strip, of plastics, reinforced, laminated, supported or similarly combined with other materials, unworked or merely surface-worked or merely cut into squares or rectangles (excl. of cellular plastic; self-adhesive products, floor, wall and ceiling coverings of heading 3918): Flexible , laminated	28.71	32.05	+11.6%
'39204900	Plates, sheets, film, foil and strip, 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 or merely surface-worked or merely cut into squares or rectangles (excl. self-adhesive products, and floor, wall and ceiling coverings of heading 3918)	26.41	33.04	+25.1%
'59031090	Textile fabrics impregnated, coated, covered or laminated with poly"vinyl chloride" (excl. wall coverings of textile materials impregnated or covered with poly"vinyl chloride"; floor coverings consisting of a textile backing and a top layer or covering of poly"vinyl chloride"): Other	26.63	25.88	-2.8%
'39241010	Tableware and kitchenware, of plastics: Insulated ware	22.79	23.50	+3.1%
'39206290	Plates, sheets, film, foil and strip, of non-cellular poly"ethylene terephthalate", not reinforced, laminated, supported or similarly combined with other materials, without backing, unworked or merely surface-worked or merely cut into squares or rectangles (excl. those of poly"methyl methacrylate", self-adhesive products, and floor, wall and ceiling coverings of heading 3918): Other	29.37	41.33	+40.7%
'39259090	Building elements for the manufacture of floors, walls, partition walls, ceilings, roofs, etc., of plastic; gutters and accessories of plastic; railings, fences and similar barriers, of plastic; large shelves, for assembly and permanent installation in shops, workshops, etc., of plastic; architectural ornaments, e.g. friezes, of plastic; fittings and similar products for permanent mounting on buildings, of plastic: Other	25.59	21.14	-17.4%
'39119090	Polysulphides, polysulphones and other polymers and prepolymers produced by chemical synthesis, n.e.s., in primary forms: Other	30.38	16.98	-44.1%

Code	Description	Apr 25- Jul-25	Apr 26- Jul 26	Growth
		Values in USD Mn		(%)
'39172390	Rigid tubes, pipes and hoses, and fittings therefor, of polymers of vinyl chloride: Other	24.33	22.79	-6.3%
'39249090	Household articles and toilet articles, of plastics (excl. tableware, kitchenware, baths, shower-baths, wash-basins, bidets, lavatory pans, seats and covers, flushing cisterns and similar sanitary ware): Other	25.59	24.33	-4.9%
'39235010	Stoppers, lids, caps and other closures, of plastics: Caps and closures for bottles	22.63	26.83	+18.6%

Source: Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Government of India

Exhibit 5: Reasons for major decline in plastic products exports

HS Code	Description	Apr 25- Jul 25	Apr 26 – Jul 26	Reasons for decline
		(USD Mn)		
'39119090	Polysulphides, polysulphones and other polymers and prepolymers produced by chemical synthesis, n.e.s., in primary forms: Other	30.4	17.0	Exports have fallen because of domestic shortage of this raw material; India is a net importer of this product, which indicates lack of domestic production capacity to meet growing demand.
'39241090	Tableware and kitchenware, of plastics: Other	35.0	26.9	Exports have declined because of subdued demand in USA, Australia, Germany, Italy and UAE
'63053200	Flexible intermediate bulk containers, for the packing of goods, of synthetic or man-made textile materials	354.2	348.3	Exports have fallen because of high freight cost, adverse currency movements vis a vis competing countries such as Viet Nam, China, Bangladesh, rising raw material cost and working capital issues. Manufacturers are also facing working capital issues because of delayed GST refunds and lack of cost competitiveness due to inadequate RoSCTL rates. Elevated ocean freight rates on key export lanes (particularly to Europe) have disproportionately impacted FIBC exporters, given the low value-to-volume ratio of the product.
'39232990	Sacks and bags, incl. cones, of plastics (excl. those of polymers of ethylene): Other (Note that this HS Code has been replaced with HS 39232991 and HS 39232999 from this financial year)	173.3	168.4	Exports have declined because of rising input cost, stiff competition from Italy, Germany, France and other countries;

HS Code	Description	Apr 25- Jul 25	Apr 26 – Jul 26	Reasons for decline
		(USD Mn)		
'90183930	Needles, catheters, cannulae and the like, used in medical, surgical, dental or veterinary sciences (excl. syringes, tubular metal needles and needles for sutures): Cannulae	54.6	50.0	Exports have declined because of subdued demand in Egypt and weak order inflows from Brazil in recent months.
'39269080	Articles of plastics and articles of other materials of heading 3901 to 3914, n.e.s: Polypropylene articles , not elsewhere	89.7	85.2	Exports have fallen because of high raw material cost; Also, high freight cost has affected shipments to Brazil, USA, Canada and other far-off destinations.

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