



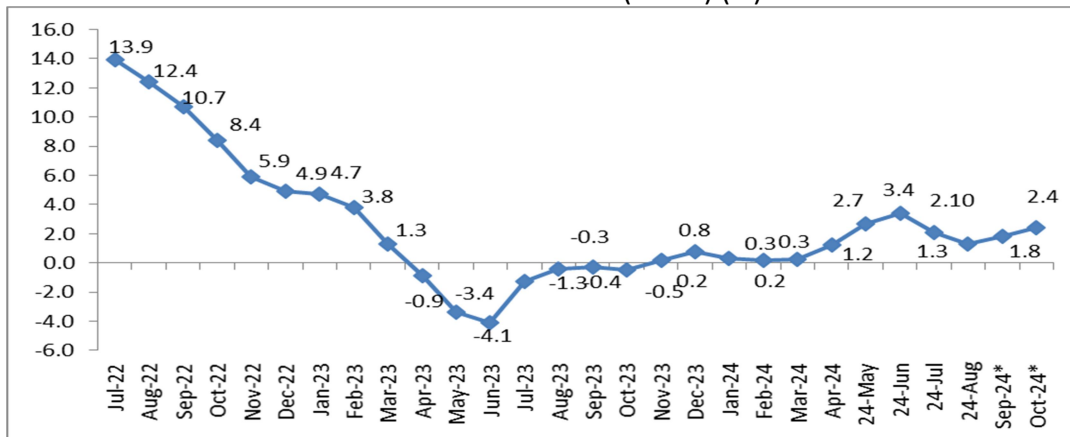
PHDCCI analysis on Recent Macroeconomic Developments

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- 2. ECBs raised about USD 4.8 billion during September 2024**
- 3. India's overall exports grows by 19% in October 2024**

1. WPI inflation stands at 2.36% in October 2024

The annual rate of inflation based on the All India Wholesale Price Index (WPI) number is 2.36% (Provisional) for the month of October 2024 (over October 2023). Inflation in October, 2024 is primarily fuelled by an increase in prices of food articles, manufacture of food products, other manufacturing, manufacture of machinery & equipment, manufacture of motor vehicles, trailers & semi-trailers, etc.

Trend in WPI Inflation (Y-O-Y) (%)



Source: PHD Research Bureau, PHDCCI, compiled from the office of the Economic Advisor, Government of India (Note: Figures are rounded off) *Provisional

WPI inflation in Select Commodities (Base year: 2011-12)

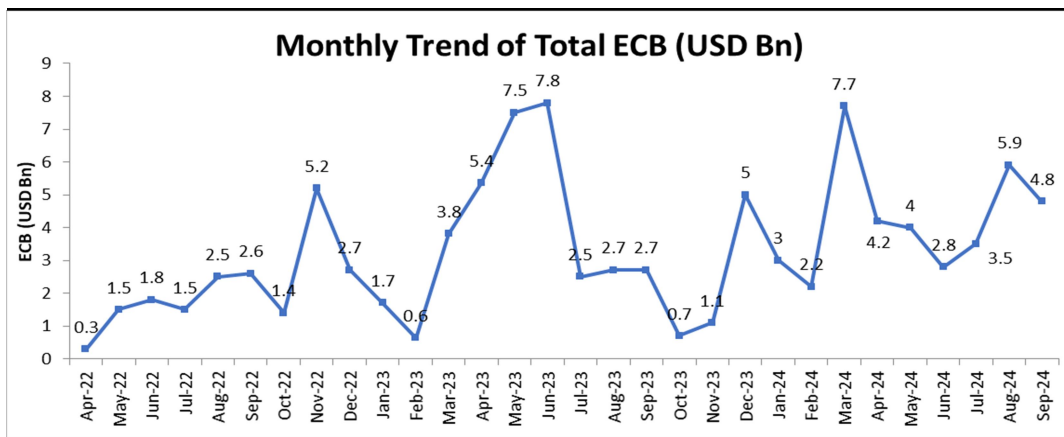
S. No.	Commodity	WPI Inflation Y-o-Y % growth			
		Aug-24	Sep-24*	Oct-24*	Change in October 2024 as Compared to Previous Month
1	All Commodities	1.25	1.84	2.36	↑
2	Primary Articles	2.52	6.59	8.09	↑

3	Food Articles	3.06	11.53	13.54	↑
4	Cereals	8.66	8.08	7.91	↓
5	Vegetables	-9.95	48.73	63.04	↑
6	Non-food Articles	-1.84	-1.64	-1.71	↓
7	Crude Petroleum & Natural gas	1.77	-13.04	-	↓
8	Fuel & Power	-0.54	-4.05	-5.79	↓
9	Petrol	-4.23	-7.47	-7.35	↑
10	Manufactured Products	1.00	1.00	1.50	↑

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2. ECBs raised about USD 4.8 billion during September 2024

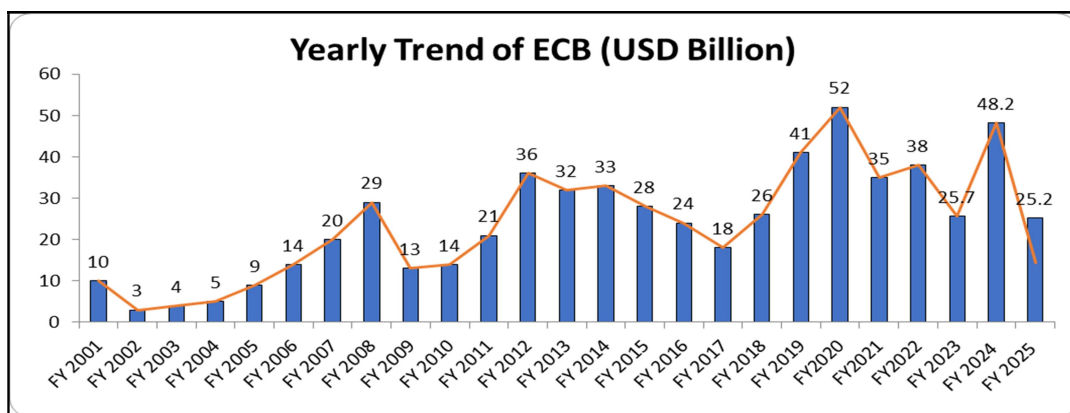
Indian firms have raised about USD 4.8 billion through external commercial borrowings (ECBs) by automatic and approval route in September 2024 as against around USD 5.9 billion in August 2024. ECBs were at about USD 2.7 billion September 2023.



Source: PHD Research Bureau, PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry, compiled from RBI

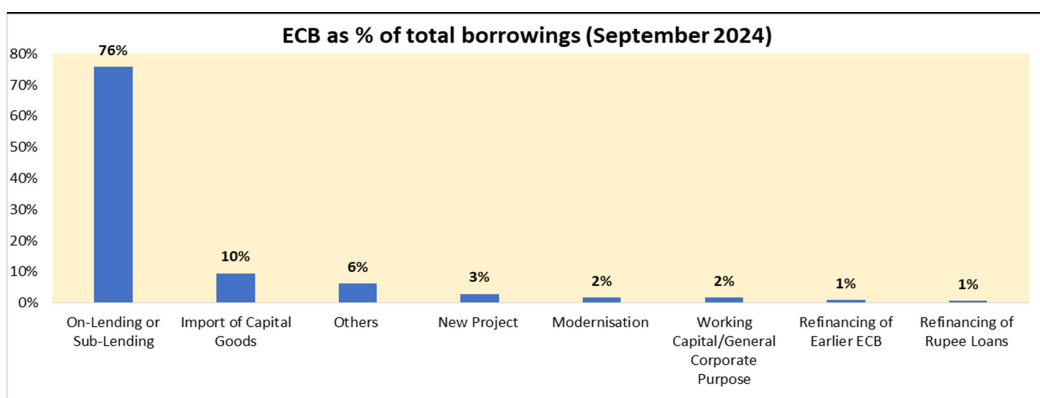
India has received gross ECBs worth around USD 604.1 billion between FY2001 and FY2025 (Till September 2024).

The yearly trend of ECBs shows that it continuously increased from USD 18 billion in FY 2017 to USD 52 billion in FY 2020 for four consecutive years. Thereafter, it started declining and approximated around USD 25.7 billion in FY 2023 (April 2022- March 2023). However, a significant pick up has been observed in ECBs for April 2023 - March 2024 as they stand at USD 52.2 billion.



Source: PHD Research Bureau, PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry, compiled from RBI FY 2025 includes April-September 2024 ECBs

A closer look at the pattern of external commercial borrowings shows that 86% of total borrowings are held for two purposes, namely, On-Lending or Sub-Lending (76%) and Import of capital goods (10%). On the other hand, the remaining 14% of the total borrowings are held for other purposes, namely, Others (6%), New Project (3%), Modernisation (2%), Working Capital/General Corporate Purpose (2%), Refinancing of earlier ECB (1%) and Refinancing of rupee loans (1%).



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3. India’s overall exports grows by 19% in October 2024

The cumulative overall exports during April-October 2024 is estimated at USD 468.2 billion, as compared to USD 436.4 billion in April-October 2023, with an estimated growth of 7.2%

India’s overall exports (merchandise+services) have increased by 19% in October 2024. Overall exports were USD 63.8 billion in October 2023. It has now increased to USD 66.3 billion in October 2024.

1.1 Exports

Merchandise exports for the month of October 2024 increased by 17.5% as

compared to October 2023. Merchandise exports in October 2024 were USD 39.2 billion compared to USD 33.4 billion in October 2023.

Under merchandise exports, 25 of the 30 key sectors exhibited positive growth in October 2024 as compared to the same period last year (October 2023). These include Rice, Electronic Goods, Engineering Goods, Jute Manufacturing. Including Floor Covering, Textiles, Tobacco, Handicrafts, Coffee, Spices, Organic & Inorganic Chemicals, Mica, Coal & Other Ores, Minerals Including Processed Minerals, Plastic & Linoleum, Carpet, Fruits & Vegetables, Cereal Preparations & Miscellaneous Processed Items, Man-Made Yarn/Fabs/Made-Ups Etc., Leather & Leather Products, Tea, Gems & Jewellery, Drugs & Pharmaceuticals, Meat, Dairy & Poultry Products, Cashew, Cotton Yarn/Fabs./Made-Ups, Handloom Products Etc, Marine Products and Oil Seeds.

1.2 Imports

Merchandise imports in October 2024 are USD 66.3 billion, as compared to USD 63.8 billion in October 2023, thus showing an increase of 3.8%.

Under merchandise imports, 10 out of 30 key sectors exhibited negative growth in October 2024. These include Silver, Pearls, Precious & Semi-Precious Stones, Coal, Coke & Briquettes, Etc., Leather & Leather Products, Newsprint, Transport Equipment, Project Goods, Fertilisers, Crude & Manufactured, Gold, Organic & Inorganic Chemicals.

1.3 Trade Balance

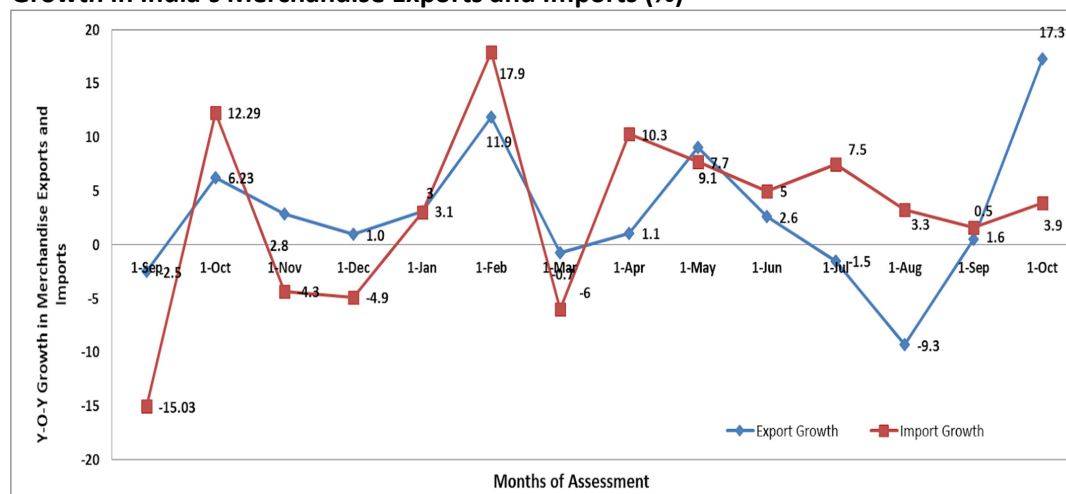
The merchandise trade deficit in October 2024 stood at USD 13.4 billion as against USD (-)30 billion in October 2023.

India's Trade Statistics at a Glance

Merchandise	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct
	2023	2023	2023	2024	2024	2024	2024	2024	2024	2024	2024	2024	2024
Export (USD Billions)	33.4	33.9	38.4	36.9	41.4	41.6	34.9	38.1	35.2	33.9	34.7	34.5	39.2
Export Growth (%)	6.2	2.8	1.0	3.0	11.8	-0.6	1.1	9.1	2.6	-1.5	-9.3	0.5	17.5
Import (USD Billions)	63.8	54.4	58.2	54.4	60.1	57.2	54	61.9	56.1	57.4	64.3	55.3	33.4
Import Growth (%)	12.2	-4.3	-4.9	3.1	12.1	-5.9	10.3	7.7	5.0	7.5	3.3	1.5	3.8
Trade Balance (USD Billions)	-30.4	-20.5	-19.8	-17.5	-18.7	-15.6	-19.1	-23.8	20.9	-23.5	-29.6	-20.7	13.4

Source: PHD Research Bureau; PHDCCI Compiled from Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India.

Growth in India's Merchandise Exports and Imports (%)



Source: PHD Research Bureau; PHDCCI Compiled from Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India.

2. Trade In Services

2.1 Exports

Service exports for the month of October 2024 stood at USD 34 billion as compared to USD 28 billion in October 2023, registering a Y-o-Y rise of 21.2%.

2.2 Imports

The service imports for October 2024 are USD 17 billion compared to USD 13.4 billion in October 2023, thus showing a rise of 26.3%.

2.3 Trade Balance

The trade surplus in services is USD 17 billion in October 2024 increased as compared to USD 14.5 billion in October 2023.

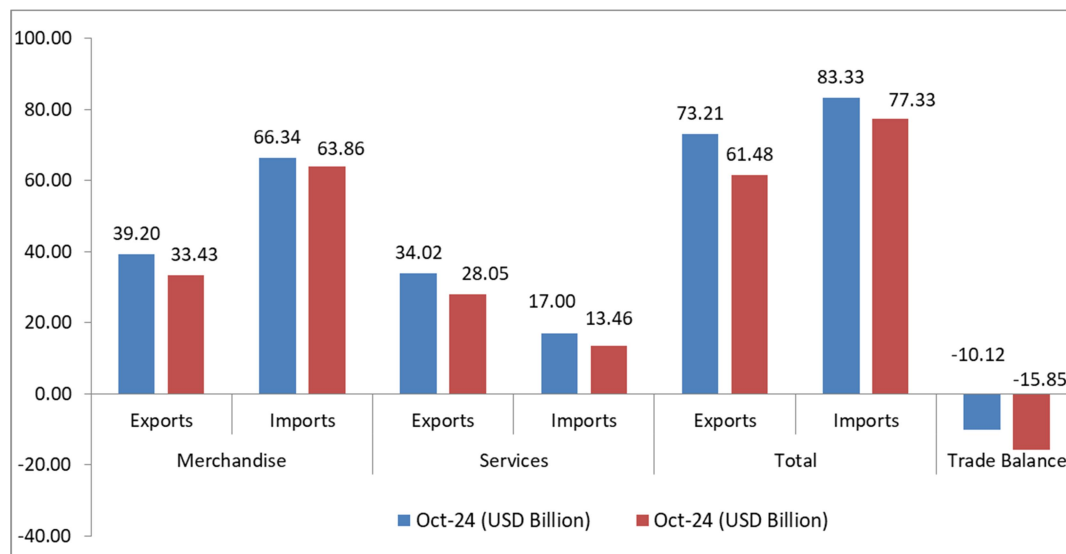
Trade in Services at a Glance

Service	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	Jul	Aug	Sep
	2023	2023	2023	2023	2024	2024	2024	2024	2024	2024	2024	2024	2024
Export (receipts) (USD billions)	28.4	28.7	28.6	27.8	32.8	32.1	28.5	29.5	30.1	30.2	28.4	30.6	30.6
Imports (Payments) (USD Billions)	14.3	14.3	13.4	13.2	16.0	15.3	15.8	16.9	17.2	17.2	14.5	15.7	16.3

Trade Balance (USD Billions)	13.8	14.3	15.9	14.6	16.7	16.7	12.7	12.6	12.8	12.9	13.8	14.9	14.2
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India's total trade (Merchandise + Service) in October 2024 and its comparison with October 2023



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3. India's Overall Trade

India's overall trade in October 2024 is registered at USD 156.5 billion compared to USD 138.8 billion in October 2023. Overall trade in October 2024 has increased as compared to October 2023. India's overall trade in October 2024 has increased by 12.7% compared to October 2023.

4. India's Trade Balance

India's trade balance in October 2024 is USD (-)10.1 billion compared to USD (-)15.8 billion in October 2023.

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