

CENTRAL BANK OF SRI LANKA



SELECTED ECONOMIC INDICATORS

December 2008

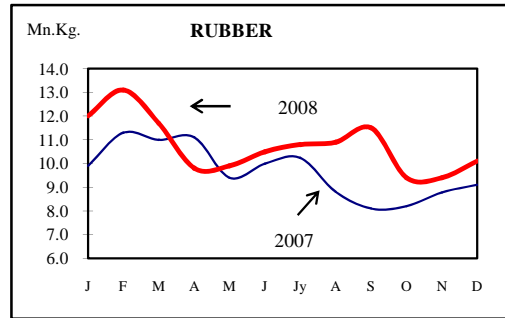
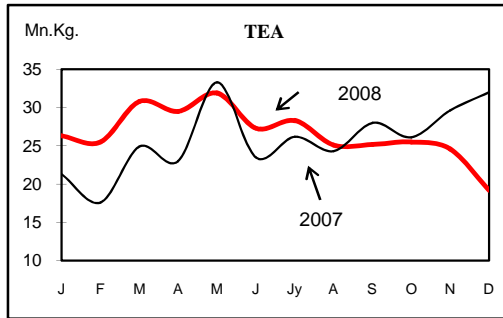
Statistics Department
30, Janadhipathi Mawatha
Colombo 1
Tel. : (94 11) 2477579
E-mail : stat@cbsl.lk
Website : <http://www.cbsl.gov.lk>

CONTENTS

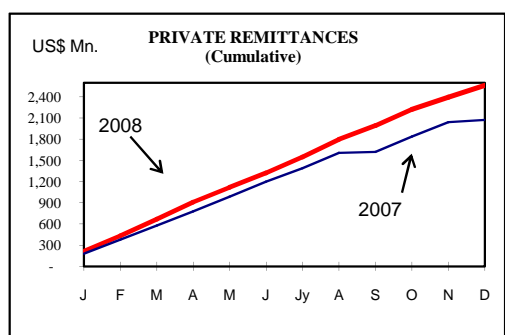
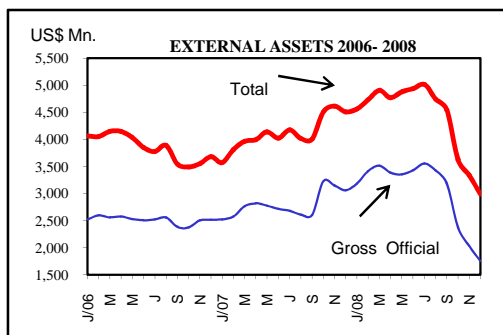
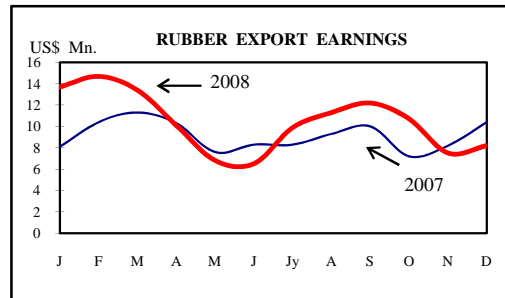
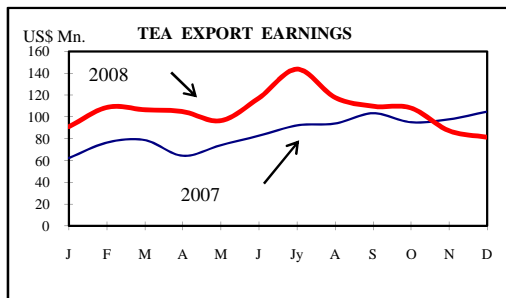
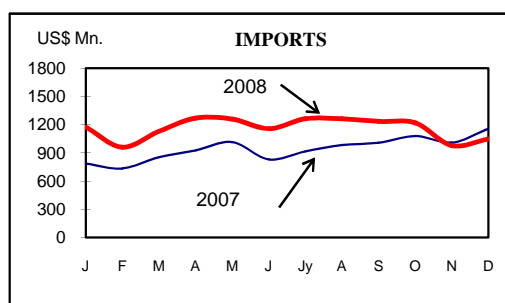
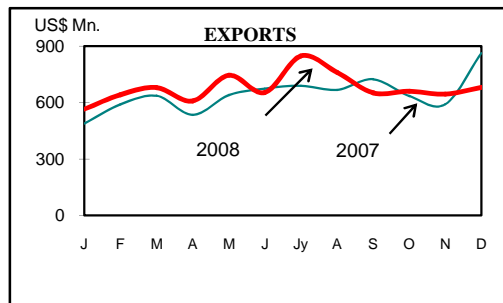
	SUBJECT	PAGE
1	TRENDS IN ECONOMIC INDICATORS (Charts)	I-III
2	SUMMARY	IV
3	QUARTERLY GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT	1
4	AGRICULTURE	2
5	INDUSTRY	2
6	TELECOMMUNICATIONS	3
7	ENERGY	4
8	HOUSING & CONSTRUCTION	4
9	TRANSPORT	5
10	PORTS	5
11	PRICES	6
12	AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES (PETTAH MARKET)	6
13	UNEMPLOYMENT & WAGE INDICES	6
14	GOVERNMENT FINANCE	7
15	MONETARY AGGREGATES	8
16	BANKING	9
17	INTEREST RATES	10
18	CREDIT CARDS	11
19	COMMERCIAL PAPER ISSUES	11
20	SHARE MARKET	11
21	EXTERNAL TRADE	12
22	INTERNATIONAL FINANCE	17

TRENDS IN ECONOMIC INDICATORS

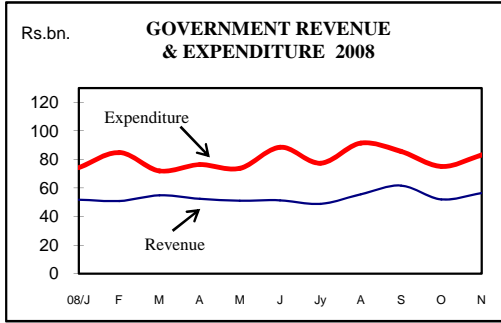
AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION



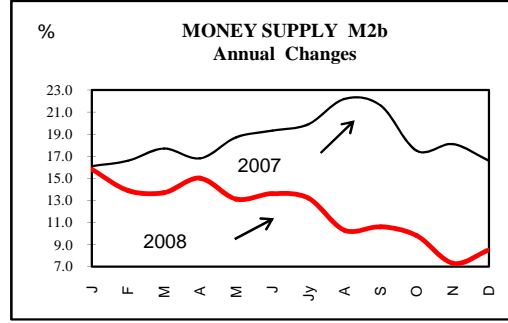
EXTERNAL SECTOR



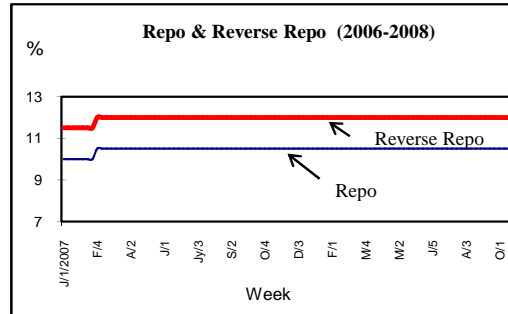
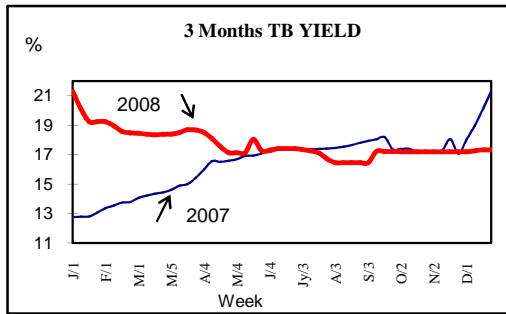
GOVT. FINANCE



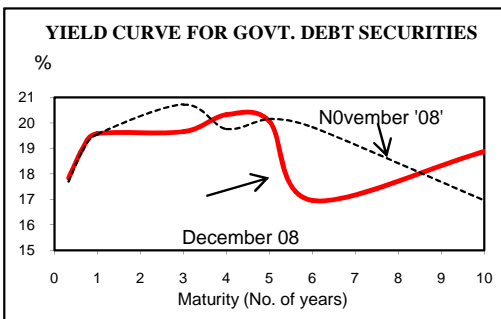
MONEY SUPPLY



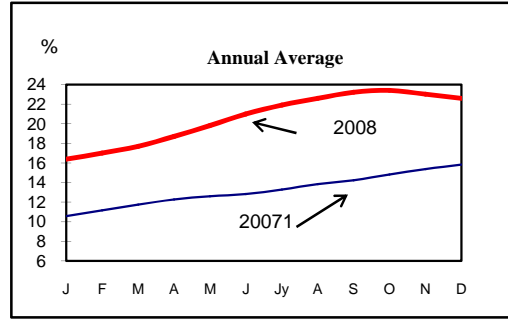
INTEREST RATE



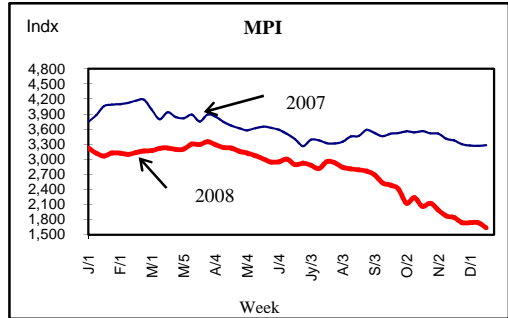
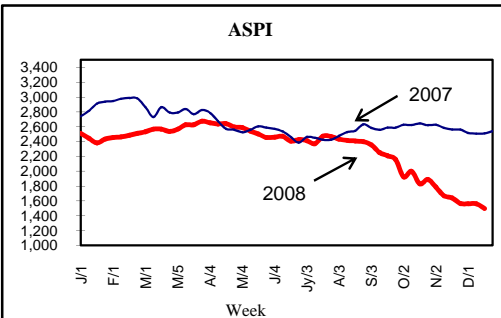
YIELD CURVE



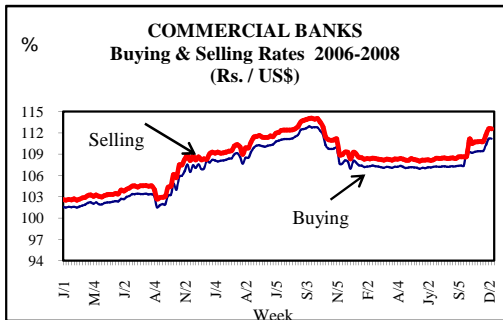
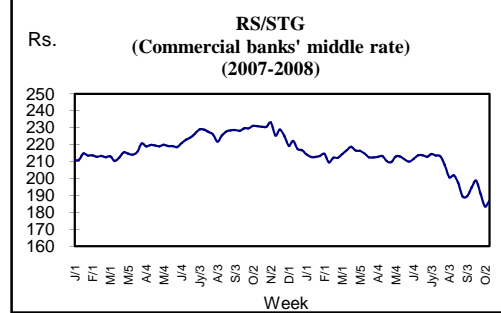
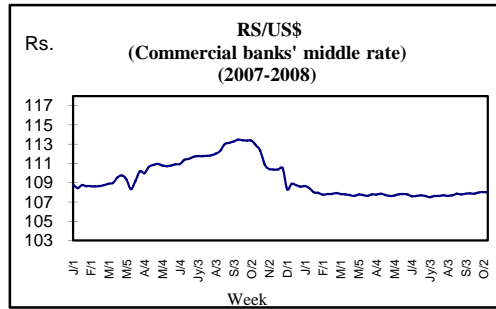
CCPI ANNUAL AVERAGE



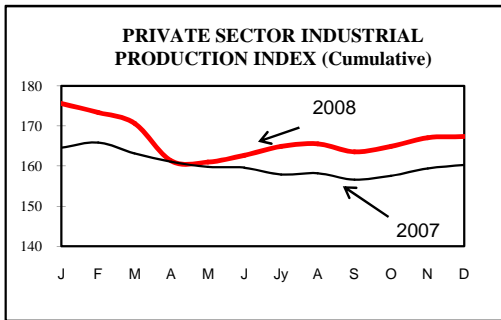
SHARE MARKET



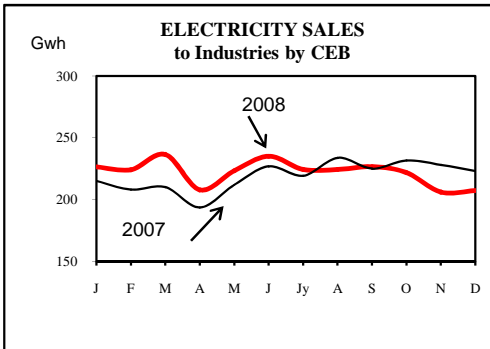
EXCHANGE RATES



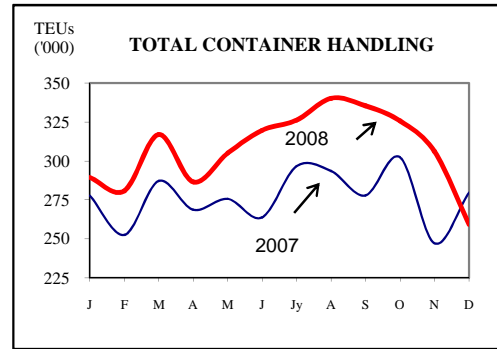
INDUSTRY



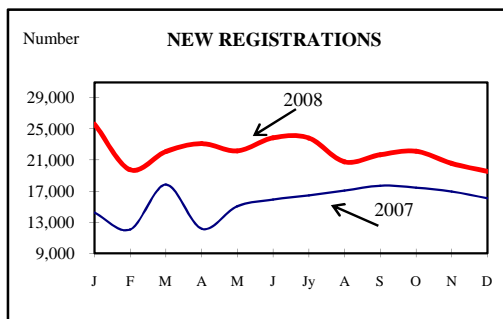
ELECTRICITY



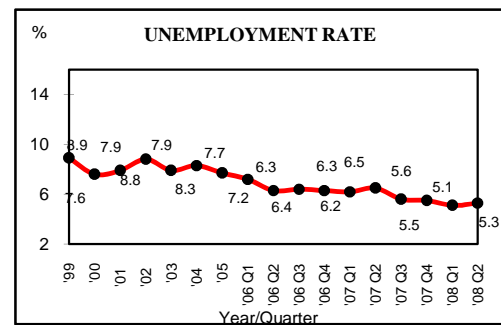
PORT SERVICES



MOTOR VEHICLES



UNEMPLOYMENT



SUMMARY OF SELECTED ECONOMIC INDICATORS

December 2008

Item	Period	Unit	2007	2008	% Change
Production					
Tea	Jan - December	Mn. Kgs.	305.2	318.5	4.3
Rubber	Jan - December	Mn. Kgs.	117.6	129.2	9.9
Coconut	Jan - December	Mn.Nuts	2,869.0	2909.0	1.4
Fish	Jan - December	'000 MT	291.0	319.1	9.6
Paddy	Maha ^(a)	'000 MT	2006/2007	2007/2008	7.8
			1,971	2,125	
Paddy	Yala ^(b)	'000 MT	2007	2008	51.1
			1,158	1,750	
Electricity Generation	Jan - December	Gwh.	9,814.0	9,901.0	0.9
Private Sector Industrial Volume Index	Jan - December	1997 = 100	160.3	167.4	4.4
Public Sector Major Industrial Output Index	Jan - December	1997 = 100	80.3	79.2	-1.4
External Sector					
External Trade					
Exports	Jan - December	US\$ Mn.	7,640.0	8,136.7	6.5
Imports	Jan - December		11,296.5	14,008.0	24.0
Balance of Trade	Jan - December		-3,656.5	-5,871.3	-60.6
Balance of Payments			2007	2008	
Trade Account	Jan -September	US\$ Mn.	-2,453.1	-4,613.5	-88.1
Current Account	Jan -September		-986.0	-2,990.2	-203.3
Overall Balance	Jan -September		70.3	173.1	146.2
Total Reserves (c)		US\$ Mn.	End Nov 07	End Nov 08	-33.7
			4,511	2,992	
Govt. Finance					
Revenue	Jan -November	Rs. Mn.	489,746	586,860	19.8
Current Expenditure	Jan -November	Rs. Mn.	553,575	653,574	18.1
Money & Share Markets					
Money Supply					
Narrow Money M ₁	End December	Rs. Mn.	266,592	277,323	4.0
Broad Money M ₂	End December	Rs. Mn.	1,147,742	1,282,194	11.7
Consolidated Broad Money(M _{2b})(d)	End December	Rs. Mn.	1,404,019	1,522,776	8.5
Broad Money M ₄	End November	Rs. Mn.	1,734,578	1,880,226	8.4
Share Market					
ASPI	End December	1985 = 100	2,541.0	1,503.0	-40.8
MPI	End December	1998.12.31=1000	3,291.9	1,631.3	-50.4
Market Capitalisation	End December	Rs. Bn.	820.7	488.8	-40.4
Prices					
(Annual Avg. % Change)	12 months ending				
CCPI	December	2002 = 100	15.8	22.6	
WPI	December	1974=100	24.4	24.9	

(a) Sep/Oct-March/April

(b) April/May-Aug/Sep

(c) Excluding ACU receipts

(d) Inclusive of FCBUs

1. GDP by Industrial Origin At Constant (2002) Prices

Sector	3 rdQuarter					
	(Rs. Mn)		Growth rates (%)		Contribution to Growth (%)	
	2007(a)	2008 (b)	07/06	08/07	2007(a)	2008(b)
Agriculture	69,744	78,409	3.8	12.4	6.8	23.7
Industry	164,046	173,170	7.5	5.6	30.5	24.9
Services	343,090	361,904	7.4	5.5	62.7	51.4
GDP	576,880	613,483	7.0	6.3	100.0	100.0

Sector	2 nd Quarter					
	(Rs. Mn)		Growth rates (%)		Contribution to Growth (%)	
	2007(a)	2008 (b)	07/06	08/07	2007(a)	2008(b)
Agriculture	63,802	68,503	3.7	7.4	7.0	12.6
Industry	148,275	158,577	7.5	6.9	32.0	27.5
Services	323,672	346,101	6.5	6.9	61.0	59.9
GDP	535,749	573,180	6.4	7.0	100.0	100.0

Sector	1 st Quarter					
	(Rs. Mn)		Growth rates (%)		Contribution to Growth (%)	
	2007 (a)	2008 (b)	07/06	08/07	2007 (a)	2008(b)
Agriculture	74,550	78,931	0.5	5.9	1.1	12.6
Industry	158,330	167,860	6.9	6.0	31.7	27.4
Services	323,774	344,635	7.2	6.4	67.2	60.0
GDP	556,654	591,426	6.1	6.2	100.0	100.0

Sector	Annual					
	(Rs. Mn)		Growth rates (%)		Contribution to Growth (%)	
	2006	2007 (b)	06/05	07/06	2006	2007(b)
Agriculture	257,131	265,586	6.3	3.3	10.3	6.0
Industry	590,298	635,199	8.1	7.6	29.7	31.6
Services	1,243,119	1,331,602	7.7	7.1	60.0	62.4
GDP	2,090,548	2,232,387	7.7	6.8	100.0	100.0

Sector	4 th Quarter					
	(Rs. Mn)		Growth rates (%)		Contribution to Growth (%)	
	2006	2007 (b)	06/05	07/06	2006	2007(b)
Agriculture	54,286	57,897	5.5	6.7	7.8	9.0
Industry	151,685	164,546	8.5	8.5	32.9	32.2
Services	317,569	341,051	7.3	7.4	59.3	58.8
GDP	523,540	563,495	7.4	7.6	100.0	100.0

(a) Revised
(b) Provisional

Source : Department of Census and Statistics

2. AGRICULTURE

Item		2007	2008*	CHANGE	
				Absolute	Percentage
Tea Production					
December	Mn.Kgs.	29.5	19.2	-10.3	-34.9
January - December		305.2	318.5	13.3	4.3
Rubber Production					
December	Mn.Kgs.	9.1	10.1	0.9	10.2
January - December		117.6	129.2	11.7	9.9
Coconut Production					
December	Mn.Nuts	234.5	260.3	25.8	11.0
January - December		2,869.0	2,909.0	40.0	1.4
Paddy Production					
Maha (a)	'000 MT	1970.7	2125.2	154.4	7.8
		2007	2008*		
Yala (b)		1,158.1	1,750.0	591.9	51.1
Fertilizer Issues					
July	'000 MT	35.4	30.8	-4.6	-13.1
January - July		325.9	526.7	200.8	61.6
Fish Production					
December	'000 MT	30.0	30.9	0.9	3.0
January - December		291.0	319.1	28.1	9.6

* Provisional (a) Sep\Oct. - March\ April (b) April \ May - Aug.\Sep.

3. INDUSTRY

Item	UNIT	2007	2008	CHANGE	
				Absolute	Percentage
Electricity Sales to Industries (a)					
December	GWh	222.9	207.4	-16	-7.0
January-December		2,626.9	2,677.9	51	1.9
Furnace Oil Sales					
December	'000 MT	87.8	100.0	12	13.9
January-December		986.3	998.8	13	1.3
Public Sector Major Industrial Output Index					
December	1997=100	89.9	88.0	-1.9	-2.1
January-December		80.3	79.2	-1.1	-1.4
Industrial Exports					
Petroleum Exports					
December	Rs. Mn.	2,010	1,198	-812.4	-40.4
January - December		18,693	27,542	8,849.2	47.3
Other Industrial Exports					
December	Rs. Mn.	72,595	60,753	-11,842.2	-16.3
January - December		641,696	639,808	-1,888.1	-0.3
Industrial Exports					
Petroleum Exports					
December	US\$ Mn.	18.4	10.8	-7.7	-41.6
January - December		168.9	254.8	85.9	50.9
Other Industrial Exports					
December	US\$ Mn.	665.6	545.9	-119.7	-18.0
January - December		5,798.5	5,905.2	106.7	1.8

(a) By CEB, excluding self generation.

(Industry cont.....)

PRIVATE SECTOR MONTHLY INDUSTRIAL VOLUME INDEX (1997 = 100)

Item	2007		2008*		Percentage change (Jan - Dec)
	December	Jan -Dec	December	Jan -Dec	
Food, beverages & tobacco products	174.9	161.5	184.5	169.9	5.2
Food	191.4	171.7	203.5	181.8	5.9
Liquor	197.5	179.9	205.6	188.0	4.5
Beverages	162.8	165.3	171.9	174.4	5.5
Tobacco	106.8	103.1	107.6	104.1	1.0
Textile, wearing apparel & leather products	154.5	151.6	148.5	156.6	3.3
Apparel	162.1	158.6	155.0	163.9	3.3
Textile	105.5	108.7	101.8	111.6	2.7
Leather	124.1	119.5	132.3	122.9	2.8
Wood & wood products	134.9	133.3	142.5	140.2	5.1
Paper & paper products	139.5	134.5	149.3	142.0	5.6
Chemicals, rubber , plastic & petroleum products	211.2	187.0	216.8	198.5	6.2
Chemical & fertilizer	191.4	154.7	195.5	163.9	5.9
Rubber	275.3	244.4	278.4	261.5	7.0
Plastic & PVC	216.1	190.5	225.0	201.3	5.7
Pharmaceuticals & detergents	157.4	146.3	165.1	153.8	5.1
Non metallic mineral products	183.5	171.5	172.2	178.3	4.0
Diamond processing	196.5	159.8	199.2	168.9	5.7
Ceramic products	138.3	131.2	142.3	138.4	5.5
Cement	198.2	192.1	165.0	196.4	2.2
Building Materials	197.6	185.9	204.7	196.1	5.5
Basic metal products	162.0	169.0	168.5	175.4	3.7
Fabricated metal products	169.8	151.5	176.3	159.1	5.0
Other industrial products (n.e.s.)	155.1	140.8	160.7	147.6	4.8
Total	170.2	160.3	170.3	167.4	4.4

*Provisional

4. TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Item	UNIT	End Sep 2007	End Sep 2008(a)	CHANGE	
				Absolute	Percentage
Telephones (Fixed lines)	Number	2,431,367	3,265,643	834,276	34.3
Wireline in service	Number	902,907	922,529	19,622	2.2
Wireless Access	Number	1,528,460	2,343,114	814,654	53.3
Telephone Density (excluding Cellular Phone)	per 100 persons	12	16	4	33.3
Telephone Density (including Cellular Phone)	per 100 persons	48	65	17	35.4
Cellular Phones	Number	7,168,138	9,900,000	2,731,862	38.1
Public Pay Phones	Number	7,998	n.a.	-	-
Internet and E - mail subscribers	Number	161,362	n.a.	-	-

(a) Provisional

5. ENERGY

Item	UNIT	2007	2008(a)	CHANGE	
				Absolute	Percentage
Crude Oil Imports	'000 MT				
December		276	279	3	1.1
January - December		1,968	1,853	-115	-5.8
Other Petroleum Imports	'000 MT				
December		137	168	31	22.6
January - December		2,036	2,033	-3	-0.1
Kerosene Sales	'000 MT				
December		13	13	0	0.0
January - December		168	151	-17	-10.1
Petrol Sales	'000 MT				
December		44	46	2	4.5
January - December		517	519	2	0.4
Auto Diesel Sales	'000 MT				
December		132	124	-8	-6.1
January - December		1,752	1,612	-140	-8.0
Electricity Generation					
December	Gwh.				
CEB - Hydro		291	239	-52.0	-17.9
Thermal		192	180	-12.0	-6.3
Wind		1.9	0.2	-1.7	55.3
Private Sector		345	385	40.0	11.6
Short Term IPP		9	7	-2.0	-22.2
January - December		9,814	9,901	87.0	0.9
CEB - Hydro		3,602	3,700	98	2.7
Thermal		2,336	2,083	-253	-10.8
Wind		2.3	3.2	1	39.1
Private Sector		3,769	4,013	244	6.5
Short Term IPP		105	101	-4	-3.8

(a) Provisional

6. HOUSING & CONSTRUCTION

Item	UNIT	2 nd Quarter 2007	2 ndQuarter 2008	CHANGE	
				Absolute	Percentage
Greater Colombo Housing Approvals Index (a)	1995 = 100	128.1	92.8	-35	-27.6
Cement		2007	2008(c)		
Local Production (b)	'000 MT				
December		134	104	-30	-22.4
January - December		1,640	1,574	-66	-4.0
Imports (d)	'000 MT				
December		177	145	-32	-18.1
January - December		2,116	2,001	-115	-5.4
Total	'000 MT				
December		311	249	-62	-19.9
January - December		3,755	3,576	-179	-4.8

(a) Includes housing approvals by 4 Municipal Councils, 6 Urban Councils & 9 Pradeshiya Sabhas in Greater Colombo.

(b) Local production by Holcim and Tokyo Cement Companies

(c) Provisional

(d) Total imports of Portland Cement

7 . TRANSPORT

Item	UNIT	2007	2008(a)	CHANGE	
				Absolute	Percentage
New Registration of Motor Vehicles	Number				
December		20,491	19,511	-980	-4.8
Buses		73	108	35	47.9
Motor Cars		2,047	715	-1,332	-65.1
Three Wheelers		2,681	3,532	851	31.7
Dual Purpose Vehicles		292	189	-103	-35.3
Motor Cycles		11,969	11,683	-286	-2.4
Goods Transport Vehicles(b)		1,311	792	-519	-39.6
Land Vehicles(c)		2,118	2,492	374	17.7
January - December		297,893	265,239	-32,654	-11.0
Buses		2,637	1,180	-1,457	-55.3
Motor Cars		22,595	20,236	-2,359	-10.4
Three Wheelers		43,076	44,805	1,729	4.0
Dual Purpose Vehicles		5,193	2,896	-2,297	-44.2
Motor Cycles		182,508	155,952	-26,556	-14.6
Goods Transport Vehicles(b)		18,408	14,038	-4,370	-23.7
Land Vehicles(c)		23,476	26,132	2,656	11.3

(a) Provisional

(b) Lorries and Other Goods Transport Vehicles

(c) Tractors, Hand Tractors and Other Land Vehicles

8. PORT SERVICES

Item	UNIT	2007	2008	CHANGE	
				Absolute	Percentage
Ship Traffic					
December	Number	401	398	-3	-0.7
January - December		4,710	4,811	101	2.1
Container Handling					
(a) Domestic					
December	TEUs	71,909	64,336	-7,573	-10.5
January - December		803,076	813,271	10,195	1.3
(b) Transshipment					
December	TEUs	207,822	190,273	-17,549	-8.4
January - December		2,468,661	2,785,422	316,761	12.8
(c) Re- Stowing					
December	TEUs	10,290	4,699	-5,591	-54.3
January - December		109,505	88,645	-20,860	-19.0
(d) Total Container Handling					
December	TEUs	290,021	259,308	-30,713	-10.6
January - December		3,381,242	3,687,338	306,096	9.1
(a) Cargo Discharged					
December	'000 MT	2,537	2,286	-251	-9.9
January - December		28,621	30,486	1,865	6.5
(b) Cargo Loaded					
December	'000 MT	1,479	1,393	-86	-5.8
January - December		17,723	20,126	2,403	13.6
(c) Total Cargo Handling					
December	'000 MT	4,016	3,679	-337	-8.4
January - December		46,344	50,612	4,268	9.2

TEUs = Twenty - foot Equivalent Container Units.

9. PRICE INDICES

Item	BASE PERIOD	2007	2008	CHANGE	
				Absolute	Percentage
Colombo Consumers Price Index (CCPI)	2002 = 100				
December		178.1	203.7	25.6	14.4
12 Months ending December		163.1	199.9	36.8	22.6
WPI*	1974 = 100				
December		3,288.8	3,313.4	24.6	0.7
12 Months ending December		2,924.4	3,653.6	729.2	24.9

* Provisional

10. AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES - PETTAH MARKET

Item	UNIT	2007 December	2008 * December	CHANGE	
				Absolute	Percentage
Rice	Rs/Kg				
Samba		68.50	75.20	6.70	9.8
Par Boiled Rice		57.00	65.60	8.60	15.1
Raw Rice (Red)		57.25	65.00	7.75	13.5
Other Food Items	Rs/Kg				
Dried Chillies		182.50	210.00	27.50	15.1
Red Onions (Local)		160.00	133.00	-27.00	-16.9
Big Onions (Local)		n.a	80.00		
Dhal (Australian)		120.00	208.00	88.00	73.3
Potatoes (Local)		92.50	94.00	1.50	1.6
Eggs		8.33	10.42	2.09	25.1
Sugar - White		51.50	60.60	9.10	17.7

* Provisional

11. POPULATION, UNEMPLOYMENT & WAGE INDICES

Item	UNIT	2007	2008	CHANGE	
				Absolute	Percentage
Population	'000	19,886	20,010	124.0	0.6
Growth in mid year population	Percentage	1.1	1.0		
		2007 3rdQt (a)	2008 3rdQt (a)		
Labour Force Participation Rate	Percentage	50.2	51.1		
Unemployment Rate		5.6	5.2		
Employment by Industry					
Agriculture		30.0	34.7	4.7	15.7
Industry		27.0	26.1	-0.9	-3.3
Services and Other		43.0	39.2	-3.8	-8.8
		Dec 2007	Dec 2008(b)		
Wage Indices (Wages Boards)	1978 = 100	1,817.8	2,171.4	353.6	19.5
Workers in Agriculture					
Nominal Wage Rate Index		1,995.6	2,349.4	353.8	17.7
Real Wage Rate Index		80.2	84.2	4.0	5.0
Workers in Industry and Commerce					
Nominal Wage Rate Index		1,698.9	2,054.0	355.1	20.9
Real Wage Rate Index		68.3	73.6	5.3	7.8
Workers in Services					
Nominal Wage Rate Index		1,195.7	1,545.8	350.1	29.3
Real Wage Rate Index		48.1	55.4	7.3	15.2

(a) Data Exclude Northern and Eastern provinces

(b) Provisional

12.GOVERNMENT FINANCE

Item	Unit	2007	2008 (a)	Change	
				Absolute	Percentage
Total revenue (b)					
November	Rs. Mn.	47,935	56,362	8,427	17.6
January - November		489,746	586,860	97,114	19.8
Recurrent expenditure (b)					
November	Rs. Mn.	48,538	57,100	8,562	17.6
January - November		553,575	653,574	99,999	18.1
Capital expenditure & net lending (b)					
November	Rs. Mn.	21,234	26,096	4,862	22.9
January - November		194,523	238,040	43,517	22.4
Financing					
January - November					
Domestic financing	Rs. Mn.	106,361	253,582	147,221	138.4
o/w Treasury bills		14,987	34,464	19,477	130.0
Treasury bonds		44,442	174,875	130,433	293.5
Rupee loans		8,500	-1,500	-10,000	-117.6
Other		38,432	45,743	7,311	19.0
Foreign financing		150,144	51,171	-98,973	-65.9
Net borrowings		124,702	28,555	-96,147	-77.1
Grants		25,442	22,616	-2,826	-11.1
Privatisation		-	-		
	UNIT	2007	2008	CHANGE	
		December	November	Absolute	Percentage
Total outstanding govt. debt	Rs. Mn.	3,041,685	3,432,440	390,755	12.8
Total domestic debt	Rs. Mn.	1,715,198	2,052,537	337,339	19.7
By Maturity					
Short term		363,199	459,518	96,319	26.5
o/w Treasury bills		307,012	360,297	53,285	17.4
Central bank advances		60,679	76,770	16,091	26.5
Medium & Long term		1,351,999	1,593,019	241,020	17.8
o/w Treasury bonds		1,018,852	1,256,432	237,580	23.3
Rupee loans (C)		131,509	130,009	-1,500	-1.1
Sri Lanka Development Bonds		86,459	154,419	67,960	78.6
By Institution					
Non - Bank		1,299,779	1,494,774	194,995	15.0
Bank		415,318	557,663	142,345	34.3
Total foreign debt (d)(e)	Rs. Mn.	1,326,487	1,379,903	53,416	4.0
Concessional		1,099,911	1,144,229	44,318	4.0
Multilateral		565,320	557,224	-8,096	-1.4
of which ; IDA		258,684	252,823	-5,861	-2.3
ADB		286,022	285,076	-946	-0.3
Bilateral		534,591	587,005	52,414	9.8
of which ; Japan		313,890	377,273	63,383	20.2
Non Concessional		226,576	235,674	9,098	4.0

(a) Provisional

(b) Revenue, expenditure and financing figures are based on the economic classification

(c) Includes long -term bonds of Rs. 24,088 million and 23,873 million issued in 1993 and 1996 respectively.

(d) The figures are based on the value date.

(e) Excluding liabilities to the IMF.

**13. MONETARY AGGREGATES
& UNDERLYING FACTORS**

Item	UNIT	Beginning January*	End December	CHANGE	
				Absolute	Percentage
Narrow Money Supply (M1)	Rs. Mn.				
2007		259,685	266,592	6,907	2.7
2008		266,592	277,323	10,731	4.0
Currency Held by the Public					
2007		135,020	147,183	12,163	9.0
2008		147,183	155,023	7,840	5.3
Demand Deposits Held by the Public					
2007		124,665	119,409	-5,256	-4.2
2008		119,409	122,300	2,891	2.4
Broad Money Supply (M2) ⁽¹⁾	Rs. Mn.				
2007		993,264	1,147,742	154,478	15.6
2008		1,147,742	1,282,194	134,452	11.7
Time & Savings Deposits Held by the Public (Quasi Money)	Rs. Mn.				
2007		733,580	881,150	147,570	20.1
2008		881,150	1,004,871	123,721	14.0
Underlying Factors(M2)	Rs. Mn.				
Net Foreign Assets ⁽²⁾					
2007		185,005	225,989	40,984	22.2
2008		225,989	108,333	-117,656	-52.1
Domestic Credit					
2007		1,138,805	1,303,305	164,500	14.4
2008		1,303,305	1,582,340	279,035	21.4
To Government (Net) ⁽⁴⁾		261,654	460,942	199,288	76.2
To Corporations		11,659	15,085	3,426	29.4
To Co- operatives		1,464	1,948	484	33.0
To Other Private Sector		1,028,529	1,104,365	75,837	7.4
Other Items (Net) ^(3,4)					
2007		-330,545	-381,552	-51,007	-8.7
2008		-381,552	-408,479	-26,927	-3.9
Consolidated Broad Money Supply(M2b) ⁽³⁾	Rs.Mn.				
2007		1,204,550	1,404,019	199,469	16.6
2008		1,404,019	1,522,776	118,757	8.5
Adjusted Time & Savings Deposits Held by the Public (Quasi Money)					
2007		944,866	1,137,426	192,560	20.4
2008		1,137,426	1,245,453	108,027	9.5
Underlying Factors (M2b)	Rs.Mn.				
Net Foreign Assets ⁽³⁾					
2007		171,191	227,992	56,801	33.2
2008		227,992	97,273	-130,719	-57.3
Domestic Credit					
2007		1,382,003	1,607,786	225,783	16.3
2008		1,607,786	1,897,499	289,713	18.0
To Government (Net) ⁽⁴⁾		374,101	572,010	197,909	52.9
To Corporations		49,167	46,991	-2,176	-4.4
To Co- operatives		1,464	1,948	484	33.0
To Other Private Sector		1,183,055	1,276,550	93,496	7.9
Other Items (Net) ^(3,4)					
2007		-348,644	-431,759	-83,115	-10.1
2008		-431,759	-471,996	-40,237	-1.1
Reserve Money	Rs. Mn.				
2007		239,863	264,419	24,556	10.2
2008		264,419	268,425	4,006	1.5
Money Multipliers					
M1 Multiplier					
2007		1.08	1.01		
2008		1.01	1.03		
M2 Multiplier					
2007		4.14	4.34		
2008		4.34	4.78		
M2b Multiplier					
2007		5.02	5.31		
2008		5.31	5.67		

(1) M2 = M1 + Quasi Money

(2) Net Foreign Assets (NFA) of the Central Bank are based on market value from beginning of January 2002. This reflected in NFA and net other items.

(3) Based on a consolidated monetary survey which covers aggregated data pertaining to both Domestic Banking Units (DBUs) and Foreign Currency Banking Units (FCBUs) of commercial banks operating in Sri Lanka. It also includes foreign currency deposits held by residents. M2b is the sum of M1 and adjusted quasi money. M1 is the same in both cases; i.e., DBU monetary survey and consolidated monetary survey.

(4) Restructuring bonds worth Rs.19,392.6 million, which were issued by the government to the two state banks, have been converted to Treasury bonds upon their maturity in October 2006. This amount, which previously appeared under Other Assets has been included in Net Credit to Government since October 2006.

* Includes assets/liabilities of National Development Bank which merged with NDB Bank Ltd. with effect from August 2005.

(Monetary Aggregates & Underlying Factors Contd ...)

Item	UNIT	Beginning January	End November	CHANGE	
				Absolute	Percentage
Broad Money Supply (M4) ⁽¹⁾	Rs.Mn.				
2007		1,501,617	1,734,578	232,961	15.5
2008		1,752,298	1,880,226	127,928	7.3
Quasi Money					
2007		1,248,816	1,486,044	237,228	19.0
2008		1,495,848	1,633,007	137,159	9.2
Underlying Factors (M4)					
Net Foreign Assets					
2007		151,012	207,252	56,240	37.2
2008		204,732	94,396	-110,336	-53.9
Domestic Credit					
2007		1,797,968	2,059,197	261,229	14.5
2008		2,094,657	2,358,469	263,812	12.6
To Government (Net)		545,444	702,352	156,908	28.8
To Corporations		49,167	42,102	-7,065	-14.4
To Other Private Sector		1,500,046	1,614,015	113,969	7.6
Other Items (Net)					
2007		-447,363	-531,852	-84,489	-1.8
2008		-547,092	-572,640	-25,548	-1.1
Reserve Money					
2007	Rs.Mn.	239,863	264,080	24,217	10.1
2008		264,419	253,569	-10,850	-4.1
Money Multipliers					
M4 Multiplier	Rs.Mn.				
2007		6.26	6.57	0.3	4.9
2008		6.63	7.42	0.8	11.8

(1) Based on financial survey which covers consolidated monetary survey data (both DBUs & FCUBs) and transactions of registered finance companies, licenced specialized banks and regional development banks.

14. BANKING

Item	UNIT	2007 End December*	2008 End December*	CHANGE	
				Absolute	Percentage
Commercial Banks(1)					
Loans & Advances (Total Outstanding)	Rs. Mn.	1,030,737	1,146,442	115,705	11.2
Investment (Total Outstanding)					
Treasury Bills	Rs. Mn.	62,049	75,643	13,594	21.9
Other Govt. Securities ^(2,3)		105,029	144,093	39,064	37.2
Other Investments		44,170	29,930	-14,240	-32.2
Total Deposits	Rs. Mn.	1,307,362	1,410,567	103,205	7.9
Commercial Banks' Liquidity					
Excess Reserves and Cash in Hand	Rs. Mn.	17,922	20,583	2,661	14.8
Call Market Borrowings					
Last week of December	Rs. Mn.	36,507	46,110	9,603	26.3
Foreign Currency Banking					
Units(FCBUs)					
Number of FCBUs	Number	22	21		
Total Assets / Liabilities	Rs. Mn.	413,919	403,935	-9,984	-2.4
Assets					
Loans & Advances - Residents		318,168	328,546	10,378	3.3
Loans & Advances - Non-Residents		69,630	51,986	-17,644	-25.3
Other Assets		26,121	23,403	-2,718	-10.4
Liabilities					
Deposits & Borrowings - Residents		220,665	221,304	639	0.3
Deposits & Borrowings - Non-Residents		117,963	107,909	-10,054	-8.5
Other Liabilities		75,291	74,722	-569	-0.8
National Savings Bank					
Time & Savings Deposits	Rs. Mn.	235,304	259,542	24,238	10.3

(1) Loans and advances include loans, overdrafts, bills (import, export and local bills) purchased and discounted.

Prior to September 1998, loans and advances included loans, overdrafts, bills purchased and discounted (except export bills), investments and cash items in process of collection, to be consistent with the Monetary Survey.

(2) Includes Rupee Securities and Treasury Bonds. Since 2001 November, balances in respect of dollar denominated Sri Lanka Development Bonds are included.

(3) Restructuring bonds worth Rs.19,392.6 million, which were issued by the government to the two state banks, have been converted to Treasury bonds upon their maturity in October 2006. This amount, which previously appeared under Other Assets has been included in Net Credit to Government since October 2006.

* Includes assets/liabilities of National Development Bank which merged with NDB Bank Ltd. with effect from August 2005.

15. INTEREST RATES

Item	UNIT	2007 December	2008 December	CHANGE	
		Last Week	Last Week	Absolute	Percentage
Treasury Bills	Yield				
91 Days	Per cent	21.30	17.33	-3.97	-18.6
182 Days		19.99	18.57	-1.42	-7.1
364 Days		19.96	19.12	-0.84	-4.2
		2007 December	2008 December		
Treasury Bonds ⁽¹⁾					
2 Years		-	20.53		
3 Years		-	20.34		
4 Years		-	19.60		
5 Years		-	-		
6 Years		-	-		
AWDR ⁽²⁾	Per cent	10.31	11.63	1.32	12.8
AWFDR ⁽³⁾	Per cent	15.49	16.89	1.40	9.0
		2007 December	2008 December		
		Last week	Last Week		
AWPR ⁽⁴⁾	Per cent	17.95	18.50	0.55	3.1
Call Money Rates	Per cent	15.00-40.00	12.25-20.00		
Repo ⁽⁵⁾	Per cent	10.50	10.50		
Reverse Repo ⁽⁶⁾	Per cent	12.00	12.00		
Sri Lanka Inter Bank Offer Rate (SLIBOR) ⁽⁷⁾					
		2007 December	2008 December		
1 Day	Per cent	21.75	13.74	-8.01	-36.8
7 Days	Per cent	18.83	16.42	-2.41	-12.8
1 Month	Per cent	19.46	17.88	-1.59	-8.1
3 Month	Per cent	19.83	18.67		
6 Month	Per cent	20.17	19.06	-1.11	-5.5
12 Month	Per cent	20.33	19.79	-0.54	-2.6
		2007 4th Quarter	2008 4th Quarter		
AWLR ⁽⁸⁾	Per cent	18.1	20.2	2.10	11.6
		2007	2008		
		End December	End December		
Saving Rates	Per cent				
Commercial Banks		3.00-16.50	3.00-16.50		
National Savings Bank		5.00	5.00		
Fixed Deposit Rates	Per cent				
Commercial Banks (12 Months)		8.00-20.00	8.50-20.25		
National Savings Bank (12 Months)		15.00	15.00		
		2007	2008		
Long Term Lending Rates	Per cent	End November	End November		
SMIB		15.00-16.50	23.00-24.00		
DFCC		24.00-25.00	22.00-25.00		
NSB		17.00-18.00	19.00-20.00		
NHDA		11.00	11.00		

(1) Range of the Average Weighted Yield Rates at the auctions held during the month.

(2) AWDR (Average Weighted Deposit Rate) of commercial banks is computed monthly.

(3) AWFDR (Average Weighted Fixed Deposit Rate) of commercial banks is computed monthly.

(4) AWPR (Average Weighted Prime Lending Rate) of commercial banks is computed weekly.

(5) Central Bank Overnight Repurchase Rate

(6) Central Bank Overnight Reverse Repurchase Rate

(7) As at last working day of the month

(8) AWLR (Average Weighted Lending Rate) of commercial banks is computed quarterly.

16. CREDIT CARDS

Item	Unit	2007	2008	2008
		End December	End November	End December
Total Number of Active Cards	Number	889,338	923,758	917,418
Local (accepted only locally)		57,374	57,809	57,641
Global (accepted globally)		831,964	865,949	859,777
Outstanding balance	Rs. Mn.	28,838	33,211	34,212
Local (accepted only locally)		758	837	856
Global (accepted globally)		28,080	32,374	33,356

17. COMMERCIAL PAPER ISSUES

Item	Unit	2007	2008	2008
		End December	End Nov (Rev.)	End December*
Commercial Paper Issues ⁽¹⁾	Rs. Bn.			
Total Issues		30.1	22.8	23.8
Outstanding (at the end of the period)		3.3	4.6	4.2

* Provisional

(1) Based on the information provided by commercial banks .

18. SHARE MARKET

Item	UNIT	2007 End December	2008 End December	CHANGE	
				Absolute	Percentage
All Share Price Index (ASPI)	1985 = 100	2,541.0	1,503.0	-1,038.0	-40.8
Milanka Price Index (MPI)	1998.12.31 =1000	3,291.9	1,631.3	-1,660.5	-50.4
Market Capitalisation	Rs. Bn.	820.7	488.8	-331.8	-40.4
Non-national Transactions *	Rs. Mn.				
Purchases		3,414.2	572.4	-2,841.8	-83.2
Sales		813.4	306.5	-506.9	-62.3
Net Purchases		2,600.9	265.9	-2,335.0	1130.3

*Total for the month

19. EXTERNAL TRADE

Item	UNIT	2007	2008*	CHANGE	
				Absolute	Percentage
Exports	Rs. Mn.				
December		91,790	75,821	-15,970	-17.4
January - December		845,683	881,321	35,639	4.2
Imports					
December		126,657	116,801	-9,855	-7.8
January - December		1,250,386	1,516,681	266,295	21.3
Balance of Trade					
December		-34,866	-40,981	-6,114	-17.5
January - December		-404,703	-635,360	-230,656	-57.0
Exports	US \$ Mn.				
December		841.5	680.7	-160.9	-19.1
January - December		7,640.0	8,136.7	496.7	6.5
Imports					
December		1,161.2	1,048.6	-112.6	-9.7
January - December		11,296.5	14,008.0	2,711.5	24.0
Balance of Trade					
December		-319.7	-367.9	-48.2	-15.1
January - December		-3,656.5	-5,871.3	-2,214.8	-60.6
Tourism					
Tourist Arrivals	Number				
December		61,116	48,925	-12,191.0	-19.9
January - December		494,008	438,475	-55,533.0	-11.2
Earnings from Tourism					
December	Rs. Mn.	5,199.7	4,250.8	-948.9	-18.2
	US\$ Mn.	47.7	38.2	-9.5	-19.9
January - December	Rs. Mn.	42,571.3	37,093.8	-5,477.5	-12.9
	US\$ Mn.	385.3	342.0	-43.3	-11.2

* Provisional

(External Trade Contd...)

IMPORTS					
Item	UNIT	2007	2008*	CHANGE	
				Absolute	Percentage
Major Imports					
Consumer Goods - Total	Rs. Mn.				
December		19,764	20,805	1,041	5.3
January - December		195,480	235,437	39,957	20.4
Rice					
December		1,686	81	-1,605	-95.2
January - December		4,261	4,730	469	11.0
Sugar					
December		846	1,965	1,119	132.4
January - December		17,055	22,326	5,271	30.9
Other Food and Beverages					
December		7,389	8,698	1,309	17.7
January - December		70,537	95,277	24,740	35.1
Non-Food Consumables					
December		9,844	10,062	218	2.2
January - December		103,627	113,103	9,476	9.1
Intermediate Goods - Total					
December		76,600	61,465	-15,135	-19.8
January - December		747,489	943,346	195,857	26.2
Wheat					
December		3,059	594	-2,465	-80.6
January - December		25,891	40,563	14,672	56.7
Petroleum					
December		34,535	21,737	-12,798	-37.1
January - December		276,899	364,284	87,384	31.6
Textile & Clothing					
December		15,468	16,082	614	4.0
January - December		180,689	184,393	3,704	2.0
Fertiliser					
December		2,493	2,386	-107	-4.3
January - December		21,422	62,420	40,998	191.4
Other Intermediate Goods					
December		21,045	20,667	-379	-1.8
January - December		242,586	291,686	49,099	20.2
Investment Goods - Total					
December		29,609	32,705	3,096	10.5
January - December		297,266	322,787	25,521	8.6
Total Imports - (Adjusted Figure)					
December		126,657	116,801	-9,855	-7.8
January - December		1,250,386	1,516,681	266,295	21.3

* Provisional

(External Trade Contd...)

Item	UNIT	2007	2008*	CHANGE	
				Absolute	Percentage
Major Imports					
<i>Consumer Goods - Total</i>	US \$ Mn.				
December		181.2	186.8	5.6	3.1
January - December		1,767.9	2,173.7	405.8	23.0
Rice					
December		15.5	0.7	-14.7	-95.3
January - December		38.7	43.8	5.1	13.1
Sugar					
December		7.8	17.6	9.9	127.5
January - December		154.1	206.2	52.1	33.8
Other Food and Beverages					
December		67.7	78.1	10.3	15.3
January - December		638.0	879.5	241.5	37.9
Non-Food Consumables					
December		90.2	90.3	0.1	0.1
January - December		937.1	1,044.2	107.1	11.4
Intermediate Goods - Total					
December		702.3	551.8	-150.5	-21.4
January - December		6,751.2	8,716.1	1,964.8	29.1
Wheat					
December		28.0	5.3	-22.7	-81.0
January - December		233.9	375.5	141.5	60.5
Petroleum					
December		316.6	195.1	-121.5	-38.4
January - December		2,500.7	3,368.2	867.5	34.7
Textile & Clothing					
December		141.8	144.4	2.6	1.8
January - December		1,632.2	1,701.9	69.7	4.3
Fertiliser					
December		22.9	21.4	-1.4	-6.3
January - December		192.5	576.6	384.1	199.5
Other Intermediate Goods					
December		192.9	185.5	-7.4	-3.8
January - December		2,191.9	2,693.9	502.0	22.9
Investment Goods - Total					
December		271.5	293.6	22.2	8.2
January - December		2,685.1	2,978.8	293.7	10.9
Total Imports- (Adjusted value)					
December		1,161.2	1,048.6	-112.6	-9.7
January - December		11,296.5	14,008.0	2,711.5	24.0

* Provisional

EXPORTS					
Item	UNIT	2007	2008*	CHANGE	
				Absolute	Percentage
Major Exports					
Tea					
December	Rs. Mn.	11,437	9,046	-2,390.4	-20.9
January - December		113,565	137,600	24,035.0	21.2
Rubber					
December		1,132	913	-218.4	-19.3
January - December		12,089	13,538	1,449.3	12.0
Coconut (3 major product)					
December		1,092	1,731	638.9	58.5
January - December		15,636	18,532	2,896.0	18.5
Minor Agricultural Products					
December		2,486	1,765	-721.5	-29.0
January - December		25,655	31,069	5,413.8	21.1
Gems					
December		762	285	-476.9	-62.6
January - December		11,665	10,919	-746.4	-6.4
Petroleum Products					
December		2,010	1,198	-812.4	-40.4
January - December		18,693	27,542	8,849.2	47.3
Textile & Garments					
December		43,464	41,582	-1,881.3	-4.3
January - December		369,463	376,024	6,561.5	1.8
Other Industrial Exports					
December		29,131	19,170	-9,960.9	-34.2
January - December		272,233	263,783	-8,449.6	-3.1
Total Exports (Adjusted value)					
December		91,790	75,821	-15,969.5	-17.4
January - December		845,683	881,321	35,638.6	4.2
Major Exports					
Tea					
December	US \$ Mn.	104.8	81.2	-23.6	-22.5
January - December		1025.2	1271.5	246.3	24.0
Rubber					
December		10.4	8.2	-2.2	-21.0
January - December		109.4	125.1	15.7	14.4
Coconut (3 major product)					
December		10.0	15.5	5.5	55.2
January - December		141.2	171.0	29.8	21.1
Minor Agricultural Products					
December		22.8	15.8	-7.0	-30.5
January - December		231.5	287.3	55.7	24.1
Gems					
December		7.0	2.6	-4.4	-63.3
January - December		105.5	101.0	-4.4	-4.2
Petroleum Products					
December		18.4	10.8	-7.7	-41.7
January - December		168.9	254.8	85.9	50.9
Textile & Garments					
December		398.5	373.3	-25.2	-6.3
January - December		3339.6	3468.7	129.1	3.9
Other Industrial Exports					
December		267.1	172.1	-95.0	-35.6
January - December		2458.9	2436.0	-22.8	-0.9
Total Exports (Adjusted value)					
December		841.5	680.7	-160.9	-19.1
January - December		7640.0	8136.7	496.7	6.5

* Provisional

(External Trade Contd...)

MAJOR EXPORTS & IMPORTS - VOLUMES AND PRICES					
Item	UNIT	2007 December	2008 * December	CHANGE	
				Absolute	Percentage
Export Volume					
Tea	Mn. Kg.	27.7	25.1	-2.6	-9.5
Rubber	Mn. Kg.	4.5	5.0	0.5	12.3
Coconut	Mn. Nuts	26.2	45.1	18.9	71.9
Export Prices					
Tea	Rs./ Kg.	412.59	360.75	-51.8	-12.6
	US \$/ Kg.	3.78	3.24	-0.5	-14.4
Rubber	Rs./ Kg.	252.62	181.61	-71.0	-28.1
	US \$/ Kg.	2.32	1.63	-0.7	-29.6
Coconut	Rs./ Nut	19.21	16.99	-2.2	-11.6
	US \$/ Nut	0.18	0.15	0.0	-13.4
Colombo Auction Average Gross Price					
Tea	Rs./ Kg.	336.93	213.01	-123.9	-36.8
Rubber	Rs./ Kg.	263.00	147.92	-115.1	-43.8
Coconut	Rs./ Nut	23.23	17.87	-5.4	-23.1
Quantity Sold					
Tea	Mn. Kg.	15.02	16.26	1.2	8.3
Import Volumes					
Rice	MT '000	35.9	0.9	-35.0	-97.4
Wheat Grain	MT '000	86.7	22.5	-64.2	-74.0
Sugar	MT '000	24.7	46.7	22.0	89.2
Petroleum (Crude Oil)	Barrels '000	2,044.7	2,053.6	9.0	0.4
Import Prices (Average)					
Rice	Rs./MT	46,940	87,038	40,098.3	85.4
	US\$/MT	430.3	781.4	351.0	81.6
Wheat Grain	Rs./MT	35,296	26,403	-8,893.4	-25.2
	US\$/MT	323.6	237.0	-86.6	-26.8
Sugar	Rs./MT	34,217	42,033	7,816.7	22.8
	US\$/MT	313.7	377.4	63.7	20.3
Petroleum(Crude Oil)	Rs./Barrel	9,798	5,159	-4,639.5	-47.4
	US\$/Barrel	89.8	46.3	-43.5	-48.4

* Provisional

TRADE INDICES** (1997 = 100)		
Item	2007 December	2008* December
Total Exports		
Value	217.3	175.7
Quantity	213.9	181.9
Unit Value	101.6	96.6
Total Imports		
Value	237.6	214.5
Quantity	202.4	194.5
Unit Value	117.4	110.3
Terms of Trade	86.5	87.6

** In US\$ Terms

* Provisional

20. INTERNATIONAL FINANCE

Item	UNIT	2007	2008 (a)	CHANGE	
		Jan-Sep	Jan-Sep	Absolute	Percentage
Balance of Payments(b)					
Trade Account, net	US\$ Mn.	-2,453.1	-4,613.5	-2,160.4	-88.1
Services, net		142.6	169.6	27.0	19.0
Income, net		-367.7	-615.6	-247.9	-67.4
Current Private Transfers, net		1,621.7	1,994.3	372.6	23.0
Inflows		1,813.1	2,219.1	406.0	22.4
Outflows		191.4	224.8	33.4	17.4
Current Official Transfers, net		70.6	75.0	4.4	6.2
Current Account, net		-986.0	-2,990.2	-2,004.3	-203.3
Capital and Financial Account, net					
Capital Account, net		1,254.1	2,905.1	1,651.1	131.7
Financial Account, net		201.7	238.9	37.2	18.5
Long-term, net		1,052.4	2,666.2	1,613.8	153.4
Private, net		559.4	1,043.1	483.6	86.5
Government, net		360.0	593.0	233.0	64.7
Short-term, net		199.4	450.1	250.7	125.7
Overall Balance		492.9	1,623.1	1,130.2	229.3
		70.3	173.1	102.8	146.2
		December 2007	December 2008		
External Assets (c) (d)					
Total Reserves	Rs. Mn.	490,407.9	338,455.2	-151,952.7	-31.0
	US\$ Mn.	4,510.8	2,991.5	-1,519.3	-33.7
Gross Official Reserves	Rs. Mn.	332,953.6	198,380.7	-134,572.9	-40.4
	US\$ Mn.	3,062.5	1,753.4	-1,309.1	-42.7
Exchange Rates (Period Ave.)					
	Rs./SDR	171.9122	169.4583	-2.5	-1.4
	Rs./US \$	109.0751	111.3898	2.3	2.1
	Rs./UKP	220.5862	166.2117	-54.4	-32.7
	Rs./In Rs	2.7795	2.3094	-0.5	-20.4
	Rs./Yen	0.9719	1.2210	0.2	20.4
	Rs./Euro	158.9792	150.6820	-8.3	-5.5
Forward Exchange Rates (e)					
	Rs. / US \$		December 2008		
One month			114.21		
Two months			-		
Three months			116.10		

(a) Provisional

(b) In the presentation of BOP data, OBU's have been treated as part of the domestic banking system

(c) Reserve data have been revised to include balances in DST's special Yen accounts in consultation with IMF, and placement for war risk insurance. From October 2002 external assets are calculated at market values.

(d) Excluding ACU receipts

(e) Average for the last five working days of the month of December based on actual transactions.