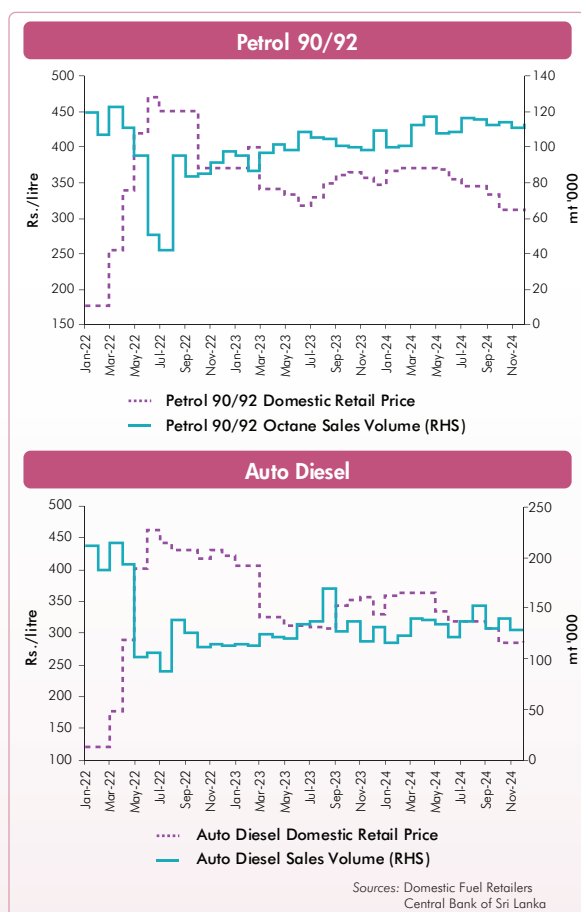


Featured Charts 1.1
Trends in Domestic Fuel Sales and Prices

The graphs illustrate the relationship between the sales volume and domestic retail price for Petrol 90/92 and Auto Diesel during 2022-2024. Both types of fuel witnessed sharp price increases in mid-2022 with the escalation of global prices of petroleum products and implementation of formula-based pricing. The volume of sales was affected by increased domestic prices, fuel rationing and subdued economic activity during the crisis period. In response to the combined impact of these developments, the overall sales volume of petroleum products in the domestic market recorded a sharp decline during the same period.

Although both global and domestic prices stabilised later and domestic fuel availability was restored after the crisis, the overall trends suggest that higher fuel prices led to reduced sales and vice versa, highlighting the market's sensitivity to price fluctuations and potential shifts in consumer demand. Thus, cost-based pricing mitigates the adverse implications to the country at times of global commodity price shocks.