

**APPENDIX II**  
**STATISTICAL TABLES**

**Definitions and explanatory notes**

The following general notes supplement the footnotes given below the individual tables :—

1. In an attempt to bring the material up-to-date provisional figures are included in some tables.
2. Figures in some tables have been rounded off to the nearest final digit. Hence there may be a slight discrepancy between the total as shown and the sum of its components.
3. Differences as compared with previously published figures are due to subsequent revisions.
4. The following symbols have been used throughout :—

*n.a.* =not available.

— =nil.

... =negligible.



## MONEY AND BANKING

### Analysis of Changes

TABLE 2

End of period	Money supply		External assets (net) Currency Board (a)/Central Bank and commer- cial banks		Domestic assets (net) of Currency Board/Central Bank	
	Amount	Cumu- lative change	Amount	Cumu- lative change	Amount	Cumu- lative change
1949 .. .. .. ..	649·4		607·0		-23·4	
1950 .. .. .. ..	910·7	261·3	739·1	132·1	12·9	36·3
1951 .. .. .. ..	1,006·2	356·8	802·1	195·2	5·8	29·2
1952 .. .. .. ..	895·8	246·4	439·0	-167·9	143·7	167·1
1953 .. .. .. ..	826·8	177·4	306·5	-300·5	202·0	225·4
1954 March .. ..	809·6	160·2	387·6	-219·4	101·8	125·2
June .. .. .. ..	856·5	207·1	529·7	-77·3	14·3	37·8
September .. .. ..	881·2	231·8	577·3	-29·7	49·0	72·4
December .. .. ..	957·1	307·7	647·5	40·5	-19·0	4·4
1955 January .. ..	951·8	302·4	673·7	66·7	-20·0	3·5
February .. .. ..	967·5	318·1	727·4	120·4	-20·8	2·7
March .. .. .. ..	954·2	304·8	745·2	138·2	-26·4	-2·9
April .. .. .. ..	933·2	283·8	747·0	140·1	-18·6	4·8
May .. .. .. ..	925·2	275·8	755·9	149·0	-23·2	0·3
June .. .. .. ..	919·2	269·8	771·8	164·8	-24·7	1·2
July .. .. .. ..	961·2	311·8	797·6	190·6	-27·6	4·2
August .. .. .. ..	984·1	334·7	804·4	197·4	-29·3	5·9
September .. .. ..	1,011·8	362·4	804·0	197·1	-28·9	5·5
October .. .. .. ..	1,056·4	407·0	822·8	215·8	-36·1	12·7
November .. .. .. ..	1,077·1	427·7	849·7	242·7	-32·6	9·1
December .. .. .. ..	1,072·9	423·5	864·4	257·5	-45·0	21·5
1956 January .. ..	1,059·7	410·3	849·8	242·8	-53·7	-30·3
February .. .. ..	1,053·8	404·4	856·0	249·0	-47·9	-24·5
March .. .. .. ..	1,048·4	399·0	855·4	248·4	-33·1	-9·7
April .. .. .. ..	1,042·6	393·2	852·3	245·3	-51·5	-28·1
May .. .. .. ..	1,048·8	399·4	842·4	235·5	-48·6	-25·1
June .. .. .. ..	1,056·1	406·7	882·3	275·3	-53·2	-29·8
July .. .. .. ..	1,050·9	401·5	884·6	277·6	-62·1	-38·7
August .. .. .. ..	1,053·3	403·9	900·6	293·7	-53·4	-30·0
September .. .. ..	1,063·8	414·4	895·8	288·8	-66·5	-43·1
October .. .. .. ..	1,077·7	428·3	896·5	289·6	-70·1	-46·7
November .. .. .. ..	1,094·5	445·1	893·9	286·9	-72·3	-48·9
December .. .. .. ..	1,126·8	477·4	885·4	278·4	-75·2	-51·7

Signs in columns showing cumulative changes indicate effect on money supply.

(a) The assets of the Currency Board were transferred to the Central Bank on August 28, 1950.

(b) Includes Government guaranteed securities and Central Bank issues.

## in the Money Supply

Rupees Million

Commercial banks' non-cash domestic assets				Fixed and savings deposits and other liabilities (net) of commercial banks		Adjustments for items in transit		Government rupee cash	
Government securities and treasury bills (b)	Private loans, overdrafts, bills (excluding outward bills) and cash items in process of collection	Amount	Cumulative change	Amount	Cumulative change	Amount	Cumulative change	Amount	Cumulative change
203.8	107.4	70.2		3.0		172.1		15.0	
270.9	67.2	147.7	40.3	— 27.5	5.0	— 2.0	157.1	129.3	42.8
235.1	31.3	223.6	116.1	— 49.1	11.8	— 8.8	59.5	112.6	119.6
302.4	98.6	203.1	95.7	— 58.3	4.4	— 1.4	52.5	113.1	113.1
283.6	79.8	221.1	113.7	— 63.7	..	3.1	69.3	102.8	102.8
279.5	75.7	214.8	107.4	138.7	— 68.5	— 1.1	4.1	36.3	135.8
270.9	67.1	243.1	135.7	142.1	— 71.9	0.4	2.5	59.0	113.1
290.9	87.2	226.7	119.2	184.7	— 114.5	0.5	2.5	77.4	94.7
309.8	106.0	258.6	151.2	170.1	— 99.8	0.4	2.6	108.9	163.3
304.2	100.4	290.6	183.2	185.4	— 115.2	2.4	0.6	123.7	48.4
295.6	91.8	283.7	176.3	199.9	— 129.7	— 5.2	8.2	170.6	1.5
320.0	116.2	282.4	175.0	201.1	— 130.8	— 4.6	7.6	186.9	— 14.8
311.8	108.0	282.8	175.4	198.1	— 127.9	4.9	— 1.9	194.3	— 22.2
308.9	105.2	268.6	161.1	191.9	— 121.7	— 1.1	4.1	190.2	— 18.1
302.9	99.1	257.2	149.8	199.6	— 129.4	— 1.8	4.8	190.2	— 18.1
295.6	91.8	261.6	154.2	179.8	— 109.6	— 4.1	7.1	190.2	— 18.1
285.8	82.1	283.6	176.1	189.0	— 118.8	— 0.9	3.9	172.2	— 0.1
285.3	81.6	295.5	188.1	200.3	— 130.1	— 2.2	5.2	146.1	26.0
281.9	78.1	284.9	177.5	198.5	— 128.3	0.2	2.8	98.3	73.8
279.5	75.7	271.3	163.9	199.7	— 129.4	— 2.8	5.8	93.9	78.2
283.5	79.7	273.5	166.1	186.0	— 115.7	1.8	1.2	115.8	56.3
295.8	92.0	281.8	174.3	204.9	— 134.7	2.1	0.9	106.9	65.2
325.9	122.1	284.2	176.7	202.0	— 131.8	1.0	2.0	161.4	10.7
331.2	127.4	282.2	174.7	196.0	— 125.8	1.6	1.4	189.6	— 17.5
336.3	132.5	303.2	195.9	188.7	— 118.5	3.8	— 0.8	205.2	— 33.1
332.8	129.1	313.2	205.7	201.4	— 131.2	0.4	2.6	189.2	— 17.1
334.1	130.3	331.9	224.5	208.1	— 137.9	0.8	2.2	230.0	— 57.9
335.7	131.8	334.5	227.1	210.6	— 140.4	0.7	2.2	230.4	— 58.3
324.1	120.3	332.4	225.0	222.5	— 152.3	— 2.0	5.0	229.8	— 57.7
326.6	122.8	333.8	226.3	215.9	— 145.7	0.5	2.5	209.3	— 37.2
329.4	125.6	327.1	219.7	244.8	— 174.6	— 3.5	6.5	163.8	8.3
340.8	137.0	330.6	223.2	216.0	— 145.7	10.7	— 7.7	171.8	0.3
346.2	142.5	365.9	258.5	217.2	— 147.0	1.7	1.3	176.8	— 4.7

Source : Central Bank of Ceylon.

**MONEY AND BANKING****Currency Issue of**

By

TABLE 3

End of period	Currency issue (a)	CURRENCY NOTES						
		Rs. 100/-	Rs. 50/-	Rs. 10/-	Rs. 5/-	Rs. 2/-	Re. 1/-	/-50
1950 December ..	367·4	107·1	46·0	141·9	30·5	11·9	12·4	1·5
1951 December ..	417·0	123·5	59·4	155·8	31·1	12·8	13·5	0·5
1952 December ..	388·8	108·1	62·7	143·5	27·8	11·8	12·8	0·4
1953 December ..	367·1	98·5	69·2	128·7	26·2	10·6	12·0	0·4
1954 March ..	348·1	94·5	64·8	121·5	24·5	9·9	11·2	0·5
June ..	357·5	95·3	67·1	126·0	25·1	10·8	11·9	0·4
September ..	378·0	99·3	72·9	135·4	25·7	11·0	12·2	0·4
December ..	376·2	97·6	73·1	134·9	25·3	11·3	12·3	0·4
1955 January ..	370·1	95·9	73·7	130·2	24·9	11·2	12·4	0·4
February ..	368·2	95·0	73·7	129·3	24·9	10·9	12·4	0·4
March ..	379·7	96·5	77·2	134·7	25·4	11·5	12·4	0·4
April ..	385·3	97·8	77·1	136·9	26·2	11·9	13·1	0·4
May ..	379·4	95·8	76·9	134·7	25·3	11·6	12·7	0·4
June ..	377·0	97·8	77·2	131·3	25·0	11·2	12·3	0·4
July ..	391·5	102·3	79·1	137·9	25·6	11·5	12·7	0·4
August ..	394·4	104·3	79·1	138·4	25·9	11·5	12·7	0·4
September ..	409·4	108·9	83·2	143·9	26·2	11·5	13·0	0·4
October ..	416·6	111·2	85·7	143·7	27·4	12·3	13·3	0·4
November ..	419·9	111·9	87·3	144·2	27·6	12·2	13·4	0·4
December ..	425·0	113·7	88·0	145·7	28·2	12·2	13·7	0·4
1956 January ..	413·6	110·5	87·1	138·9	27·4	12·3	13·6	0·4
February ..	409·1	110·1	86·1	137·0	27·1	11·9	13·1	0·4
March ..	415·9	112·9	88·3	138·8	27·1	11·8	13·1	0·4
April ..	423·1	113·4	89·1	142·2	27·9	12·5	13·7	0·4
May ..	454·2	120·0	97·1	154·0	30·5	13·5	14·5	0·4
June ..	443·0	116·6	95·1	150·6	29·3	12·9	14·1	0·4
July ..	439·1	114·9	94·3	149·0	29·3	13·0	14·0	0·4
August ..	437·7	114·3	93·2	147·9	29·7	13·3	14·3	0·4
September ..	443·0	114·6	95·9	150·4	29·8	13·2	14·1	0·4
October ..	440·8	115·2	97·0	146·3	30·0	13·0	14·1	0·4
November ..	433·4	113·0	94·5	144·2	29·5	12·8	13·8	0·4
December ..	443·4	114·9	97·7	148·0	30·0	13·2	14·1	0·4

(a) Pursuant to Section 51 of the Monetary Law Act, the Central Bank's holdings of

## the Central Bank

### Denominations

Rupees Million

			COINS								
-/25	-/10	Total	-/50	-/25	-/10	-/05	-/02	-/01	-/005	Total	
1.3	0.5	353.2	4.0	3.5	3.0	2.2	0.5	0.8	0.09	14.1	
0.6	0.5	397.8	6.0	5.3	3.7	2.7	0.6	0.9	0.09	19.3	
0.5	0.5	368.2	6.9	5.8	3.7	2.5	0.7	0.9	0.09	20.6	
0.5	0.5	346.6	7.0	5.7	3.6	2.4	0.8	0.9	0.09	20.5	
0.5	0.5	327.9	6.9	5.5	3.6	2.3	0.8	0.9	0.09	20.2	
0.5	0.5	337.5	6.9	5.5	3.6	2.3	0.9	0.9	0.09	20.1	
0.5	0.5	358.0	6.8	5.4	3.6	2.3	0.8	0.9	0.09	20.0	
0.5	0.5	355.8	7.0	5.5	3.7	2.4	0.9	0.9	0.09	20.4	
0.5	0.5	349.7	7.0	5.5	3.7	2.4	0.9	0.9	0.09	20.5	
0.5	0.5	347.6	7.0	5.6	3.7	2.4	0.9	0.9	0.09	20.6	
0.5	0.5	359.1	7.1	5.6	3.7	2.4	0.9	0.9	0.09	20.6	
0.5	0.5	364.4	7.2	5.7	3.8	2.4	0.9	0.9	0.09	20.9	
0.5	0.5	358.4	7.2	5.7	3.8	2.4	0.9	0.9	0.09	21.0	
0.5	0.5	356.2	7.1	5.6	3.8	2.4	0.9	0.9	0.09	20.8	
0.5	0.5	370.5	7.2	5.7	3.8	2.4	0.9	0.9	0.09	21.0	
0.5	0.5	373.3	7.2	5.7	3.8	2.4	0.9	0.9	0.09	21.0	
0.5	0.5	388.1	7.3	5.8	3.8	2.5	0.9	0.9	0.09	21.3	
0.5	0.5	395.1	7.4	5.9	3.9	2.5	0.9	0.9	0.09	21.5	
0.5	0.5	398.0	7.5	6.0	3.9	2.5	1.0	0.9	0.09	21.9	
0.5	0.5	402.9	7.6	6.1	4.0	2.5	1.0	0.9	0.09	22.1	
0.5	0.5	391.2	7.7	6.1	4.0	2.5	1.0	0.9	0.09	22.4	
0.5	0.5	386.7	7.7	6.1	4.0	2.6	1.0	0.9	0.09	22.4	
0.5	0.5	393.4	7.8	6.2	4.0	2.6	1.0	0.9	0.09	22.5	
0.5	0.5	400.2	7.9	6.3	4.1	2.6	1.0	0.9	0.09	22.9	
0.5	0.5	431.0	8.0	6.3	4.2	2.6	1.0	0.9	0.09	23.1	
0.5	0.5	419.8	8.0	6.4	4.2	2.6	1.0	0.9	0.09	23.2	
0.5	0.5	415.9	8.0	6.4	4.2	2.6	1.1	0.9	0.09	23.3	
0.5	0.5	414.2	8.1	6.4	4.2	2.7	1.1	0.9	0.09	23.5	
0.5	0.5	419.4	8.2	6.5	4.3	2.7	1.1	0.9	0.09	23.6	
0.5	0.5	417.0	8.2	6.5	4.3	2.7	1.1	0.9	0.09	23.8	
0.5	0.5	409.4	8.3	6.6	4.3	2.7	1.1	0.9	0.09	24.0	
0.5	0.5	419.2	8.3	6.6	4.4	2.7	1.1	0.9	0.09	24.1	

Source : Central Bank of Ceylon.

notes and coins are not considered part of its currency issue.

# MONEY AND BANKING

## Assets and Liabilities

TABLE 4

End of period	No. of reporting banks	Cash on hand	Due from Central Bank	Due from domestic banks	Cash items in process of collection	A S S	
						Foreign currency on hand and balances due from banks abroad	
1949 .. .. ..	12	228.0	—	173.2	0.6	101.5	
1950 .. .. ..	12	36.0	163.2	2.6	10.3	180.4	
1951 .. .. ..	14	33.8	191.7	4.3	10.4	137.4	
1952 .. .. ..	14	27.4	128.0	1.4	8.1	50.3	
1953 .. .. ..	14	25.5	65.6	3.1	13.9	50.8	
1954 March ..	14	19.9	65.8	6.6	8.8	42.8	
June ..	14	18.5	78.5	5.9	12.4	45.2	
September ..	14	24.5	115.8	5.0	9.6	57.8	
December ..	14	26.9	104.9	2.7	11.4	73.0	
1955 January ..	14	26.5	122.0	6.7	10.5	67.0	
February ..	14	26.1	134.5	14.4	12.7	91.5	
March ..	14	30.6	96.8	9.1	14.7	113.3	
April ..	14	33.7	100.7	10.5	10.2	103.4	
May ..	14	27.3	101.8	9.2	9.9	109.0	
June ..	14	20.0	109.3	12.6	11.7	105.8	
July ..	15	24.2	109.9	33.3	13.4	114.1	
August ..	15	25.1	110.6	23.5	17.0	102.7	
September ..	15	25.5	151.0	20.5	20.4	109.5	
October ..	15	27.6	140.9	18.2	17.8	122.8	
November ..	15	29.9	143.5	21.4	17.3	144.2	
December ..	15	31.5	138.5	12.8	18.1	156.1	
1956 January ..	15	30.8	133.8	14.5	17.2	143.4	
February ..	15	24.6	94.9	17.9	11.9	145.4	
March ..	15	22.0	97.3	17.7	17.7	127.0	
April ..	15	25.7	85.9	14.6	14.0	120.3	
May ..	15	37.6	108.9	13.9	19.7	104.2	
June ..	15	24.8	106.7	9.0	17.4	101.8	
July ..	15	29.2	96.8	10.1	14.5	110.9	
August ..	15	29.5	103.7	16.5	13.5	119.8	
September ..	15	26.2	168.7	21.1	17.5	111.0	
October ..	15	28.3	149.9	20.9	21.5	115.8	
November ..	15	25.9	142.2	8.9	17.0	99.7	
December ..	15	33.9	149.9	18.4	22.2	97.6	

(a) Includes Government guaranteed securities and Central Bank issues.

(b) Fixed and other assets consist of banks' property, furniture, fittings and sundries (com-

## of Commercial Banks

Rupees Million

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Investments		Loans and advances					Fixed and other assets (b)	Total assets or liabi- lities		
Ceylon Govern- ment obligations		Bills discounted			Over- drafts	Loans				
Tre- as- ury bills	Govt. securi- ties (a)	Local	Import	Export						
16.5	187.3	0.3	5.2	24.7	75.1	26.2	14.0	852.6		
54.4	216.5	0.2	7.6	44.9	97.9	31.5	13.0	858.5		
14.4	220.7	0.9	28.4	43.6	146.2	37.7	13.2	882.6		
61.9	240.5	1.1	17.3	45.9	137.1	39.5	16.0	774.5		
53.4	230.2	0.8	13.5	45.9	154.6	38.3	15.7	711.3		
49.3	230.2	0.9	12.8	52.0	154.3	38.1	19.0	700.2		
52.0	218.9	2.0	14.2	58.4	178.3	36.2	16.3	738.9		
76.9	214.1	1.3	15.3	68.9	164.2	36.3	20.7	810.4		
88.0	221.8	1.1	22.0	59.5	184.5	39.7	30.6	866.0		
82.3	221.8	0.9	17.7	68.2	216.8	44.7	30.8	916.0		
73.8	221.8	0.9	17.6	75.2	208.2	44.3	29.8	950.8		
72.2	247.8	0.6	18.9	79.8	202.6	45.7	27.5	959.6		
64.0	247.8	0.9	17.3	78.7	206.1	48.3	27.5	949.1		
61.9	247.1	0.7	15.8	74.8	194.8	47.2	25.0	924.6		
52.9	250.0	1.1	15.1	74.4	181.8	47.4	23.6	905.8		
45.0	250.1	0.8	16.6	71.3	185.7	45.2	27.2	937.1		
33.1	252.7	1.1	17.6	80.5	200.9	46.9	34.6	946.4		
34.0	251.4	0.8	18.7	76.6	207.9	47.7	35.2	999.1		
29.4	252.4	1.5	18.8	73.5	199.6	47.1	42.4	992.1		
26.6	252.9	1.2	21.7	79.0	184.5	46.7	37.2	1,005.9		
34.6	248.9	0.6	21.5	68.6	184.3	49.1	35.4	999.8		
35.5	260.3	1.0	21.6	68.7	191.2	50.9	33.1	1,001.9		
32.3	293.6	1.1	22.3	66.9	198.6	50.2	37.1	997.0		
32.2	299.0	5.2	23.5	63.8	183.4	52.3	39.0	980.0		
37.1	299.2	7.3	23.0	54.5	204.0	55.1	38.6	979.3		
33.9	298.9	..	25.1	57.9	215.7	52.6	40.0	1,008.5		
34.8	299.3	0.3	25.9	64.5	235.0	53.2	37.1	1,010.0		
41.4	294.3	0.4	28.6	67.2	236.7	54.3	37.8	1,022.1		
36.3	287.8	0.3	28.8	71.0	234.1	55.7	37.8	1,034.6		
39.5	287.1	0.1	27.1	66.1	232.5	56.6	45.1	1,098.6		
42.2	287.1	0.1	27.8	65.9	223.1	54.6	40.9	1,078.2		
48.1	292.7	..	33.6	66.5	224.5	55.4	50.3	1,064.9		
52.5	293.8	0.3	39.1	63.4	247.7	56.7	48.4	1,123.9		

Source : Central Bank of Ceylon.

mission, interest, etc., adjustments).

**MONEY AND BANKING****Assets and Liabilities**

TABLE 4 (Contd.)

End of period	Paid-up capital, reserve funds and undis- tributed profits (c)	LIABILI				
		Demand deposits				
		Inter-bank		Ceylon Govern- ment	Resi- dent consti- tuents	
		Domestic	Foreign			
1949 .. . . . .	11.6	176.2	5.6	153.2	396.1	9.4
1950 .. . . . .	15.3	3.6	10.7	134.4	572.1	13.2
1951 .. . . . .	21.1	13.4	10.2	88.3	609.6	15.1
1952 .. . . . .	24.8	1.9	35.6	46.8	524.8	12.7
1953 .. . . . .	24.8	1.4	11.7	43.4	481.7	9.3
1954 March .. . . .	25.1	1.2	5.8	30.2	475.0	9.7
June .. . . . .	27.1	0.9	4.1	36.7	511.6	10.5
September .. . . .	23.5	1.6	3.5	57.1	516.3	10.1
December .. . . .	23.1	1.3	4.3	42.2	591.2	9.9
1955 January .. . . .	24.0	1.3	4.0	50.7	591.5	9.6
February .. . . .	24.2	1.4	6.9	52.2	604.6	9.7
March .. . . . .	24.1	1.8	3.8	53.2	590.9	13.4
April .. . . . .	25.9	1.6	3.3	64.1	568.4	13.2
May .. . . . .	26.1	1.4	3.0	66.9	558.3	12.2
June .. . . . .	24.0	1.9	3.1	63.3	541.3	12.0
July .. . . . .	24.9	15.1	3.5	59.5	570.6	12.7
August .. . . . .	24.8	7.1	2.9	48.1	593.5	11.9
September .. . . .	23.1	2.2	3.8	99.8	604.6	11.0
October .. . . . .	23.3	2.3	4.1	50.9	646.0	11.3
November .. . . .	23.3	3.0	4.0	57.5	657.2	11.1
December .. . . .	23.3	4.6	4.9	60.4	664.3	11.2
1956 January .. . . .	23.3	4.2	3.4	63.9	650.5	10.6
February .. . . . .	23.4	4.3	3.5	55.8	644.2	10.1
March .. . . . .	22.8	4.4	3.3	60.5	631.9	10.0
April .. . . . .	25.0	3.7	3.9	71.2	625.5	9.0
May .. . . . .	25.2	3.4	2.8	72.2	629.4	8.7
June .. . . . .	25.2	3.2	4.4	71.7	631.9	8.7
July .. . . . .	25.4	3.5	4.6	72.3	631.8	9.4
August .. . . . .	25.6	3.3	4.1	62.2	641.5	8.9
September .. . . .	25.1	3.0	3.2	119.8	642.9	8.9
October .. . . . .	25.0	2.0	3.6	60.2	661.6	8.8
November .. . . .	25.3	2.1	4.0	56.2	682.2	8.9
December .. . . .	25.5	2.5	3.3	68.3	709.7	8.9

(c) Paid-up capital applies only to local banks.

(d) Includes Central Bank

## of Commercial Banks

Rupees Million

## T I E S

Time and savings deposits			Total—All deposits			Borrowings			Other liabilities	
Ceylon Government	Resident constituents	Non-resident constituents	Demand	Time and savings	Total	Domestic		Foreign		
						Inter-bank (d)	Other			
14·7	46·5	5·5	740·5	66·7	807·2	—	—	13·1	20·6	
4·3	67·5	5·4	733·9	77·1	811·1	2·0	—	7·7	22·4	
4·3	83·9	2·9	736·6	91·1	827·7	1·0	2·0	8·2	22·6	
2·3	100·0	1·1	621·9	103·4	725·3	—	2·0	5·7	16·7	
2·5	98·7	1·2	547·5	102·3	649·8	4·8	6·0	7·0	19·0	
2·3	98·4	1·3	522·0	101·9	623·9	4·2	6·0	13·9	27·0	
2·6	101·7	1·3	563·9	105·7	669·5	5·1	6·0	6·9	22·2	
8·0	147·1	2·2	588·5	157·3	745·9	4·3	5·0	4·1	27·6	
10·7	133·6	2·3	649·0	146·6	795·6	1·2	5·0	4·4	36·7	
30·9	148·7	2·3	657·1	181·9	839·0	6·0	5·0	5·8	36·2	
29·9	161·2	2·3	674·8	193·4	868·2	7·8	5·0	8·6	36·9	
56·8	159·3	2·3	663·1	218·5	881·6	2·1	5·0	9·0	37·9	
47·8	156·6	2·3	650·6	206·7	857·3	13·6	5·0	11·4	35·9	
47·5	154·4	2·2	641·8	204·0	845·8	6·7	5·0	11·7	29·3	
47·5	158·3	2·1	621·6	207·9	829·5	7·5	5·0	6·0	33·8	
47·1	146·5	2·1	661·3	195·7	857·0	14·0	5·0	7·6	28·6	
30·5	151·3	2·1	663·5	184·0	847·5	15·5	3·5	13·2	41·9	
10·5	157·6	2·0	721·4	170·1	891·5	13·5	3·5	18·2	49·3	
6·9	166·4	1·9	714·6	175·2	889·8	12·7	3·5	16·9	45·8	
12·1	165·7	1·8	732·8	179·7	912·5	14·9	3·0	9·1	43·0	
13·3	150·2	1·8	745·4	165·4	910·8	10·0	3·0	9·8	43·0	
13·3	166·5	1·8	732·6	181·7	914·2	12·0	3·0	6·0	43·4	
16·3	168·9	1·7	717·9	186·9	904·8	15·1	3·0	8·7	42·0	
16·3	162·7	1·7	710·1	180·7	890·8	13·8	3·0	4·8	44·8	
16·3	155·3	1·7	713·3	173·3	886·6	14·3	3·0	8·1	42·3	
28·4	164·8	1·7	716·6	194·8	911·5	10·8	3·0	11·3	46·7	
30·1	169·7	1·7	719·8	201·4	921·3	6·4	3·0	8·4	45·7	
33·0	171·8	1·7	721·6	206·5	928·1	12·3	3·0	6·8	46·5	
36·9	184·4	1·6	720·0	222·9	942·9	11·1	2·0	6·3	46·8	
38·7	184·9	1·6	777·7	225·3	1,003·0	15·0	2·0	6·0	47·5	
35·9	207·3	1·7	736·2	244·8	981·0	14·9	2·0	5·9	49·4	
35·0	191·6	1·7	753·4	228·3	981·7	7·2	2·0	3·5	45·2	
40·6	185·7	1·7	792·6	228·1	1,020·7	17·4	2·0	7·5	50·7	

Source : Central Bank of Ceylon.

**MONEY AND BANKING****Assets and Liabilities**

TABLE 5

End of period	ASS				
	International reserve				(a)
	Cash and balances abroad including treasury bills	Foreign bills discounted	Foreign Government securities	Ceylon Govt. War Loan (payment guaranteed by the U.K. Govt.)	
1950 .. . . .	279·5	—	265·5	20·0	565·1
1951 .. . . .	323·2	17·4	311·8	15·9	668·4
1952 .. . . .	73·5	10·4	301·2	16·0	401·1
1953 .. . . .	102·4	8·0	118·9	15·8	245·1
1954 March .. . . .	184·2	3·2	126·1	15·8	329·3
June .. . . .	284·2	2·2	151·5	8·4	446·2
September .. . . .	303·9	3·7	151·5	8·4	467·5
December .. . . .	370·6	2·4	151·5	—	524·5
1955 January .. . . .	394·1	3·6	151·5	—	549·1
February .. . . .	417·5	8·0	151·5	—	577·0
March .. . . .	398·5	15·7	151·5	—	565·7
April .. . . .	407·6	21·4	151·5	—	580·5
May .. . . .	414·8	21·3	151·5	—	587·6
June .. . . .	428·7	21·4	151·5	—	601·6
July .. . . .	459·7	13·2	151·2	—	624·1
August .. . . .	471·2	15·7	151·2	—	638·1
September .. . . .	469·7	19·6	151·2	—	640·6
October .. . . .	479·9	17·2	151·2	—	648·3
November .. . . .	474·9	14·4	151·2	—	640·4
December .. . . .	495·7	8·2	151·2	—	655·2
1956 January .. . . .	475·6	20·9	151·2	—	647·8
February .. . . .	494·1	11·4	151·2	—	656·7
March .. . . .	495·0	14·0	164·6	—	673·6
April .. . . .	517·7	8·0	164·6	—	690·2
May .. . . .	525·9	3·8	165·5	—	695·1
June .. . . .	560·4	—	169·1	—	729·5
July .. . . .	542·5	2·4	173·8	—	718·8
August .. . . .	535·4	2·4	183·2	—	721·1
September .. . . .	533·5	2·4	192·7	—	728·6
October .. . . .	530·3	2·4	192·8	—	725·5
November .. . . .	542·7	1·2	192·8	—	736·7
December .. . . .	544·3	—	192·8	—	737·0

(a) According to local books at cost or face value, whichever is less.

(b) Balance of special loan only up to February, 1952, *vide* Section 7 of Bretton Woods provisional advances only.

## of the Central Bank

Rupees Million

E T S		Domestic assets			Total assets or liabilities	International reserve as a percentage of currency and demand liabilities
Loans and advances	Government and Government guaranteed securities	To others	Other assets and accounts			
To Government (b)	To others					
14.3	—	4.5	2.8	586.6	101.1	
14.0	—	3.1	4.2	689.6	101.5	
85.0	—	75.6	3.9	565.6	75.8	
72.1	3.3	151.3	4.5	476.3	56.4	
35.2	0.4	91.0	3.5	459.4	79.1	
—	—	47.5	4.2	498.0	98.6	
65.8	0.4	18.5	5.6	557.8	91.8	
—	—	27.0	4.4	555.5	103.6	
—	—	26.0	3.7	578.8	103.7	
—	—	24.0	3.3	604.3	103.6	
—	—	18.0	4.5	588.2	104.8	
—	—	22.9	8.6	612.1	103.2	
—	—	23.1	4.9	615.6	104.0	
—	—	20.3	7.2	629.1	104.2	
—	—	18.3	7.9	650.4	104.5	
—	—	19.1	8.0	665.3	104.7	
—	—	19.0	10.1	669.7	104.6	
—	—	18.2	6.1	672.6	105.8	
—	—	18.2	11.0	689.6	105.2	
—	—	18.3	15.3	688.8	104.5	
—	—	18.3	5.7	671.8	106.0	
—	—	33.9	3.8	694.4	105.0	
—	—	37.3	16.7	727.6	102.5	
—	—	24.2	6.3	720.6	106.6	
—	—	17.6	9.7	722.5	107.4	
—	—	17.2	7.8	754.5	107.7	
5.0	—	11.3	8.0	743.1	108.5	
—	—	22.3	8.4	751.7	107.8	
—	—	14.0	5.9	748.5	109.9	
—	—	11.6	7.3	744.4	110.5	
—	—	10.8	7.9	755.4	110.7	
—	—	10.6	7.0	754.7	111.2	

Source : Central Bank of Ceylon.

Agreements Act No. 20 of 1950 ; includes provisional advances in March, 1952 ; thereafter

**MONEY AND BANKING****Assets and Liabilities**TABLE 5 (*Contd.*)

End of period	L I A B I						
	Capital accounts			Currency issue			Securi-ties out-standing (%)
	Capital	Surplus	Total	Notes in circula-tion	Coins in circula-tion	Total	
1950 .. . . .	15·0	10·0	25·0	353·2	14·1	367·4	—
1951 .. . . .	15·0	10·0	25·0	397·8	19·3	417·0	—
1952 .. . . .	15·0	10·0	25·0	368·2	20·6	388·8	—
1953 .. . . .	15·0	10·0	25·0	346·6	20·5	367·1	—
1954 March .. . .	15·0	12·0	27·0	327·9	20·2	348·1	—
June .. . . .	15·0	12·0	27·0	337·5	20·1	357·5	—
September .. . . .	15·0	12·0	27·0	358·0	20·0	378·0	—
December .. . . .	15·0	12·0	27·0	355·8	20·4	376·2	—
1955 January .. . . .	15·0	12·0	27·0	349·7	20·5	370·1	—
February .. . . .	15·0	12·0	27·0	347·6	20·6	368·2	—
March .. . . .	15·0	12·0	27·0	359·1	20·6	379·7	—
April .. . . .	15·0	12·0	27·0	364·4	20·9	385·3	—
May .. . . .	15·0	12·0	27·0	358·4	21·0	379·4	—
June .. . . .	15·0	12·0	27·0	356·2	20·8	377·0	—
July .. . . .	15·0	12·0	27·0	370·5	21·0	391·5	—
August .. . . .	15·0	12·0	27·0	373·3	21·0	394·4	—
September .. . . .	15·0	12·0	27·0	388·1	21·3	409·4	—
October .. . . .	15·0	12·0	27·0	395·1	21·5	416·6	—
November .. . . .	15·0	12·0	27·0	398·0	21·9	419·9	—
December .. . . .	15·0	12·0	27·0	402·9	22·1	425·0	—
1956 January .. . . .	15·0	12·0	27·0	391·2	22·4	413·6	—
February .. . . .	15·0	12·0	27·0	386·7	22·4	409·1	10·0
March .. . . .	15·0	12·0	27·0	393·4	22·5	415·9	10·0
April .. . . .	15·0	12·0	27·0	400·2	22·9	423·1	10·0
May .. . . .	15·0	12·0	27·0	431·0	23·1	454·2	10·0
June .. . . .	15·0	12·0	27·0	419·8	23·2	443·0	10·0
July .. . . .	15·0	12·0	27·0	415·9	23·3	439·1	10·0
August .. . . .	15·0	12·0	27·0	414·2	23·5	437·7	10·0
September .. . . .	15·0	12·0	27·0	419·4	23·6	443·0	10·0
October .. . . .	15·0	12·0	27·0	417·0	23·8	440·8	10·0
November .. . . .	15·0	12·0	27·0	409·4	24·0	433·4	10·0
December .. . . .	15·0	12·0	27·0	419·2	24·1	443·4	10·0

(c) Central Bank's own securities issued under section 90 (1) (b) of the Monetary Law Act

(d) Includes, in 1950, balances belonging to the Board of Commissioners of Currency.

## of the Central Bank

Rupees Million

## L I T I E S

Government	Government agencies and institutions	Deposits				Other liabilities and accounts
		Commercial banks	International organisations	Others (d)	Total	
12.4	—	165.2	12.9	0.9	191.4	2.9
30.9	4.1	193.4	12.8	0.1	241.4	6.2
5.5	1.6	131.9	0.9	0.3	140.2	11.6
0.3	0.5	65.8	0.9	0.4	67.8	16.5
0.3	0.2	66.3	0.8	0.4	68.0	16.3
14.9	0.1	78.8	0.8	0.5	95.1	18.3
8.4	5.3	115.9	0.8	0.5	131.0	21.9
8.8	14.2	105.4	0.8	0.6	129.8	22.8
19.7	14.6	123.9	0.8	0.6	159.6	22.1
36.4	16.4	134.4	0.8	0.6	188.7	20.4
54.7	6.6	97.5	0.8	0.6	160.2	21.3
68.5	6.5	100.8	0.8	0.6	177.3	22.5
74.4	7.9	101.8	0.8	0.6	185.6	23.5
71.8	16.6	110.7	0.8	0.7	200.6	24.5
76.3	18.0	109.9	0.8	0.7	205.7	26.2
87.5	15.6	110.6	0.8	0.7	215.1	28.8
27.8	20.1	153.5	0.8	0.7	203.0	30.4
34.0	16.4	144.3	0.8	0.7	196.3	32.7
18.2	24.8	144.1	0.8	0.7	188.6	34.0
33.0	12.9	138.5	0.8	16.8	202.0	34.8
22.7	22.7	134.2	0.8	16.8	197.3	33.9
82.8	21.6	94.5	0.8	16.8	216.5	31.8
103.5	21.8	98.4	0.8	16.8	241.4	33.3
110.4	17.9	86.4	0.8	9.0	224.5	36.0
79.2	3.5	108.9	0.8	0.9	193.3	38.0
119.5	6.0	106.9	0.8	1.0	234.2	40.3
118.0	6.9	96.9	0.8	1.0	223.5	43.5
122.5	3.0	103.8	0.8	1.0	230.9	46.1
43.2	2.8	172.3	0.8	1.0	220.0	48.4
59.1	3.4	150.8	1.2	1.0	215.5	51.1
70.8	5.7	153.0	1.5	1.0	232.0	53.0
59.5	7.1	150.1	1.8	1.0	219.5	54.8

Source : Central Bank of Ceylon.

**MONEY AND BANKING****Accounts of the Central Bank of**

Balance Sheet as

TABLE 6

LIABILITIES	Rs.	Cts.	Rs.	Cts.
<b>Capital Accounts :—</b>				
Capital .. . . . .	15,000,000	00		
Surplus .. . . . .	12,000,000	00	27,000,000	00
<b>Liabilities :—</b>				
Notes in Circulation .. . . . .	419,236,123	45		
Coins in Circulation .. . . . .	24,133,524	16	443,369,647	61
Securities issued and outstanding .. . . . .			10,000,000	00
Deposits—				
Government .. . . . .	59,509,094	35		
Government Agencies and Institutions .. . . . .	7,125,796	22		
Commercial Banks .. . . . .	150,087,358	19		
International Organisations and Foreign Banking Institutions .. . . . .	1,788,241	76		
Others .. . . . .	1,027,333	07	219,537,823	59
Other Liabilities and Accounts .. . . . .			54,761,827	85
	Rs.		754,669,299	05

**Profit and Loss Account for the**

	Rs.	Cts.
To General charges (including salaries, rent, expenditure on currency notes and coins and other expenses) and allocations in terms of section 38 of the Monetary Law Act No. 58 of 1949 .. . . . .		
	23,800,857	88
Balance, being net profit for the year ended 31st December, 1956. The net profit has been paid and credited to the Consolidated Fund in terms of section 39 (c) of the Monetary Law Act No. 58 of 1949 .. . . . .		
	4,000,000	00
	Rs.	
	27,800,857	88

The accounts of the Central Bank of Ceylon for the year ended 31st December, 1956, have of the state of affairs of the Bank as at 31st December, 1956, and the Profit and Loss Account to the best of my information and explanations furnished to me, and as shown by the books of the

Audit Office,  
Colombo 7.  
28th February, 1957.

**Ceylon as of 31st December, 1956.**

of 31st December, 1956

ASSETS	Rs.	Cts.	Rs.	Cts.
<b>International Reserve :—</b>				
Cash and Balances abroad (including Treasury Bills)	544,270,224	06		
Foreign Government Securities .. .	192,759,657	80	737,029,881	86
<b>Domestic Assets :—</b>				
Government and Government Guaranteed Securities			10,638,409	51
Other Assets and Accounts .. . . .			7,001,007	68
	Rs.		754,669,299	05

year ended 31st December, 1956

	Rs.	Cts.
By Interest, Discounts, Exchange, etc. .. . . .	27,800,857	88
Rs.	27,800,857	88

A. G. RANASINHA,  
*Governor.*D. C. GUNASEKERA,  
*Chief Accountant.*

been audited under my direction. In my opinion, the Balance Sheet exhibits a true and fair view represents the results of its operations during the year ended 31st December, 1956, according Bank.

A. WEERASINGHE,  
*Auditor-General.*

**MONEY AND BANKING****Money**

Per centum

TABLE 7

End of period	Government treasury bills (a)	Central Bank rate on advances	COMMERCIAL BANKS' DEPOSIT RATES (b)						Savings deposits	
			Fixed deposits							
			3 months		6 months		12 months			
			Max.	Min.	Max.	Min.	Max.	Min.	Max.	Min.
1952 December	.. ..	0.92	2½	¾	¾	¾	¾	¾	2	1
1953 December	.. ..	2.48	3	1½	1½	1½	1½	2	2	1
1954 December	.. ..	0.87	2½	¾	¾	¾	1¼	1½	2	1
1955 December	.. ..	0.76	2½	½	½	½	1	1	2	1
1956 January	.. ..	0.65	2½	½	½	½	¾	¾	2	1
February	.. ..	0.49	2½	½	½	½	¾	¾	2	1
March	.. ..	0.57	2½	½	½	½	¾	¾	2	1
April	.. ..	0.56	2½	½	½	½	¾	¾	2	1
May	.. ..	0.67	2½	½	½	½	1	1	2	1
June	.. ..	0.74	2½	½	½	½	1	1	2	1
July	.. ..	0.69	2½	½	½	½	1	1	2	1
August	.. ..	0.74	2½	½	½	½	1	1	2	1
September	.. ..	0.84	2½	½	½	½	1	1	2	1
October	.. ..	0.85	2½	½	½	½	1	1	2	1
November	.. ..	0.74	2½	½	½	½	1	1	2	1
December	.. ..	0.64	2½	½	½	½	1	1	2	1

(a) Weighted average of all bills issued in the month.

(b) Rates ruling on the last Friday of each month. These rates relate only to the larger

**Rates**

per annum

Inter- bank call loans		Bills purchased and dis- counted		COMMERCIAL BANKS' ADVANCES RATES (b)													
				Loans and overdrafts													
				Secured by		Government securities		Shares of joint-stock companies		Stock in trade		Immovable property		Others		Unsecured	
Max.	Min.	Max.	Min.	Max.	Min.	Max.	Min.	Max.	Min.	Max.	Min.	Max.	Min.	Max.	Min.	Max.	Min.
½	½	6	2½	5	2½	6	4	8	3	7	4½	8	3	8	3		
2	1	6½	3	5	3½	6½	4½	8	4	7½	4½	8	3½	8	3½		
1½	¾	6½	3	5	3	6½	4½	8	4	7½	5	8	3½	8	3½		
1½	¾	6½	3	5	3	6½	4	8	4	7½	4	8	4	8	4		
1½	¾	6½	3	5	3	6½	4	8	4	7½	4	8	4	8	4		
1½	¾	6½	3	5	3	6½	4	8	4	7½	4	8	4	8	4		
1½	¾	6½	3	5	3	6½	4	8	4	7½	4	8	4	8	4		
1½	¾	6½	3	5	3	6½	4	8	4	7½	4	8	4	8	4		
1½	¾	6½	3	5	3	6½	4	8	4	7½	4	8	4	8	4		
1½	¾	6½	3	5	3	6½	4	8	4	7½	4	8	4	8	4		
1½	¾	6½	3	5	3	6½	4	8	4	7½	4	8	4	8	4		
1½	¾	6½	3	5	3	6½	4	8	4	7½	4	8	4	8	4		
1½	¾	6½	3	5	3	6½	4	8	4	7½	4	8	4	8	4		
1½	¾	6½	3	5	3	6½	4	8	4	7½	4	8	4	8	4		
1½	¾	6½	3	5	3	6½	4	8	4	7½	4	8	4	8	4		
1½	¾	6½	3	5	3	6½	4	8	4	7½	4	8	4	8	4		
1½	¾	6½	3	5	3	6½	4	8	4	7½	4	8	4	8	4		

Source : Central Bank of Ceylon.

commercial banks in Ceylon.

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Bank

TABLE 8

Month	Year							
	1939	1940	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945	1946
January ..	88·6	142·2	147·6	177·2	219·5	216·0	357·5	347·2
February ..	78·7	119·9	112·6	199·9	213·9	239·5	289·6	314·9
March ..	100·3	114·2	140·0	205·5	214·5	273·5	275·6	350·6
April ..	79·9	140·9	143·1	138·8	195·3	246·3	316·0	369·7
May ..	90·3	135·6	149·1	150·5	207·6	278·8	334·6	356·2
June ..	93·9	145·0	158·5	163·2	214·2	301·7	347·8	323·7
July ..	87·7	146·3	169·2	174·5	266·1	310·4	377·6	361·2
August ..	96·5	128·4	156·1	196·0	231·1	315·7	378·2	322·3
September ..	95·5	131·5	143·0	205·8	230·9	278·1	334·9	58·1
October ..	105·6	144·7	172·5	203·7	241·8	288·0	377·8	244·8
November ..	139·4	135·4	155·6	220·1	222·3	297·7	280·3	305·6
December ..	127·2	132·7	166·7	170·9	247·9	305·8	306·7	308·0
Monthly average	98·6	134·7	151·2	183·8	225·4	279·3	331·4	305·2

**Reserve Position of Commercial Banks**

TABLE 9

Rupees Million

End of period	(i)	(ii)	(iii)	(iv)	(v)	(vi)	(vii)	(viii)
	Demand deposits	Reserves required against demand deposits	Time and savings deposits	Reserves required against time and savings deposits	Total required reserves (ii)+(iv)	Actual reserves (balances with Central Bank)	Excess reserves (vi) — (v)	Till cash
1950 ..	733·9	73·4	77·1	3·9	77·3	165·2	87·9	36·0
1951 ..	736·6	103·1	91·1	4·6	107·7	193·4	85·7	33·8
1952 ..	621·9	87·1	103·4	5·2	92·3	131·9	39·6	27·4
1953 ..	547·5	54·8	102·3	5·1	59·9	65·8	5·9	25·5
1954 ..	649·0	64·9	146·6	7·3	72·2	105·4	33·2	26·9
1955 ..	745·4	74·5	165·4	8·3	82·8	138·5	55·7	31·5
1956 January ..	732·6	73·3	181·7	9·1	82·3	134·2	51·9	30·8
February ..	717·9	71·8	186·9	9·3	81·1	94·5	13·4	24·6
March ..	710·1	71·0	180·7	9·0	80·0	98·4	18·4	22·0
April ..	713·3	71·3	173·3	8·7	80·0	86·4	6·4	25·7
May ..	716·6	71·7	194·8	9·7	81·4	108·9	27·5	37·6
June ..	719·8	72·0	201·4	10·1	82·1	106·9	24·8	24·8
July ..	721·6	72·2	206·5	10·3	82·5	96·9	14·4	29·2
August ..	720·0	72·0	222·9	11·1	83·1	103·8	20·6	29·5
September ..	777·7	77·8	225·3	11·3	89·1	172·3	83·2	26·2
October ..	736·2	73·6	244·8	12·2	85·9	150·8	64·9	28·3
November ..	753·4	75·3	228·3	11·4	86·7	153·0	66·3	25·9
December ..	792·6	79·3	228·1	11·4	90·7	150·1	59·4	33·9

Source : Central Bank of Ceylon.

Pursuant to regulations under Section 92 of the Monetary Law Act No. 58 of 1949, commercial banks are now required to maintain with the Central Bank cash reserves amounting to 10% of their demand deposits and 5% of their time and savings deposits. Between January 5, 1951, and September 11, 1953, the required reserves were 14% of demand deposits and 5% of time and savings deposits.

(i) Include inter-bank deposits.

(vi) According to Central Bank books.

**Clearings**

Rupees Million

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1947	1948	1949	1950	1951	1952	1953	1954	1955	1956
309·4	420·9	398·5	477·7	761·7	720·8	717·3	680·7	831·2	756·6
304·8	340·4	330·8	408·3	625·4	650·6	630·4	591·3	754·5	727·4
345·9	368·3	390·4	518·5	629·6	687·2	670·4	672·3	768·1	677·6
353·9	385·4	368·9	447·8	673·9	661·3	633·9	573·3	663·6	711·2
345·9	368·8	432·3	486·4	713·5	730·2	640·9	650·0	665·3	743·6
240·1	394·6	461·9	524·6	687·9	649·9	658·9	651·3	694·5	699·2
384·4	435·3	432·9	527·4	692·1	751·6	754·5	721·7	744·6	722·1
367·8	374·3	413·4	740·4	720·7	623·2	698·9	702·9	804·6	812·8
373·2	395·2	430·5	614·4	703·9	723·7	715·9	699·6	809·2	781·1
404·9	384·6	450·6	611·6	756·5	729·4	670·7	743·8	750·8	773·9
365·1	393·7	444·5	645·6	684·2	629·5	603·1	757·2	782·1	733·4
395·7	426·3	461·9	590·0	648·0	696·2	652·8	768·4	823·8	678·7
349·3	390·7	418·0	549·4	691·4	687·8	670·6	684·4	757·7	734·8

Sources : Department of Census and Statistics ;  
Central Bank of Ceylon.

**Purchases and Sales of Foreign Exchange by the Central Bank**

TABLE 10

Rupees Million

Month	PURCHASES			SALES			Net Purchases (+) Sales (-)
	Spot	Forward	Total	Spot	Forward	Total	
1956 January .. .	5·1	40·4	45·5	52·8	—	52·8	— 7·3
February .. .	16·4	45·5	61·9	56·4	—	56·4	+ 5·5
March .. .	6·4	33·9	40·3	24·0	—	24·0	+16·3
April .. .	16·5	23·2	39·7	31·1	—	31·1	+ 8·6
May .. .	0·1	37·1	37·2	50·9	—	50·9	-13·7
June .. .	49·8	39·1	88·9	52·1	—	52·1	+36·8
July .. .	3·3	48·2	51·5	55·0	—	55·0	- 3·5
August .. .	15·3	36·6	51·9	44·6	—	44·6	+ 7·3
September .. .	2·9	26·4	29·3	38·0	—	38·0	- 8·7
October .. .	9·5	15·3	24·8	34·9	—	34·9	-10·1
November .. .	12·3	54·0	66·3	40·5	—	40·5	+25·8
December .. .	13·6	52·0	65·6	55·0	—	55·0	+10·6

Source : Central Bank of Ceylon.

**MONEY AND BANKING****Bank Debits and Deposit Turnover**

TABLE 11

Rupees Million

Period		(i) Total debits to demand deposit ac- counts (ex- cept Govern- ment and inter-bank)	(ii) Average demand deposits (ex- cept Govern- ment and inter-bank)	(iii) Rate of turnover (i) ÷ (ii)
1951	Year ..	15,167.1	624.7	24.28
	Monthly average ..	1,263.9	624.7	2.02
1952	Year ..	13,309.5	578.8	23.00
	Monthly average ..	1,109.1	578.8	1.92
1953	Year ..	13,782.9	502.4	27.43
	Monthly average ..	1,148.5	502.4	2.29
1954	Year ..	13,286.8	517.2	25.69
	Monthly average ..	1,107.2	517.2	2.14
1955	Year ..	12,717.2	607.8	20.92
	Monthly average ..	1,059.8	607.8	1.74
1955	January ..	1,199.1	601.1	1.99
	February ..	1,107.6	607.7	1.82
	March ..	1,210.3	609.3	1.99
	April ..	971.4	593.0	1.64
	May ..	897.0	576.0	1.56
	June ..	920.6	561.9	1.64
	July ..	1,038.3	568.2	1.83
	August ..	1,135.1	594.4	1.91
	September ..	1,078.6	610.5	1.77
	October ..	1,038.9	636.5	1.63
	November ..	1,097.4	662.8	1.66
	December ..	1,022.9	671.9	1.52
	Year ..	12,717.2	607.8	20.92
	Monthly average ..	1,059.8	607.8	1.74
1956	January ..	1,128.2	668.3	1.69
	February ..	1,038.9	657.6	1.58
	March ..	970.2	648.1	1.50
	April ..	1,013.4	638.2	1.59
	May ..	1,110.0	636.3	1.74
	June ..	1,019.5	639.4	1.59
	July ..	1,070.9	640.9	1.67
	August ..	1,131.8	645.8	1.75
	September ..	1,026.8	651.1	1.58
	October ..	1,082.4	661.0	1.64
	November ..	1,097.2	680.7	1.61
	December ..	1,071.6	704.8	1.52
	Year ..	12,760.9	656.0	19.45
	Monthly average ..	1,063.4	656.0	1.62

Source : Central Bank of Ceylon.

(ii) Average of beginning and end of month balances.

### State Mortgage Bank

#### Loans granted, repaid and outstanding

TABLE 12

Rupees Thousand

	Period	Loans granted during the period	Capital repayments received during the period	Total loans outstanding at the end of the period
1937-38	..	1,134	460	7,499
1938-39	..	991	634	7,856
1939-40	..	1,096	673	8,267
1940-41	..	555	958	7,864
1941-42	..	661	1,758	6,767
1942-43	..	516	1,676	5,608
1943-44	..	543	1,553	4,597
1944-45	..	166	1,027	3,737
1945-46	..	592	716	3,612
1946-47	..	1,665	524	4,752
1947-48	..	2,281	661	6,372
1948-49	..	2,400	639	8,133
1949-50	..	2,570	800	9,903
1950-51	..	2,645	1,062	11,485
1951-52	..	3,184	1,282	13,387
1952-53	..	4,225	1,425	16,187
1953-54	..	4,935	1,358	19,763
1954-55(a)	..	5,380	2,541	22,602
1955-56	..	5,589	2,061	26,128
1955	January	315	132	20,389
	February	695	631	20,453
	March	266	300	20,419
	April ..	174	54	20,539
	May ..	293	107	20,724
	June ..	414	41	21,096
	July ..	615	134	21,577
	August ..	206	228	21,554
	September ..	1,404	357	22,602
	October ..	125	119	22,608
	November ..	385	140	22,853
	December ..	310	59	23,104
1956	January	634	100	23,637
	February	714	168	24,183
	March	151	220	24,113
	April ..	352	125	24,341
	May ..	586	151	24,775
	June ..	846	289	25,332
	July ..	356	376	25,312
	August ..	841	118	26,034
	September ..	289	196	26,128
	October ..	481	192	26,417
	November ..	1,034	172	27,279
	December ..	1,366	116	28,528

Source : State Mortgage Bank.

(a) Provisional.

Note :—Financial Year—October 1 to September 30.

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### Agricultural and Industrial Credit Corporation

#### Loans granted, repaid and outstanding

TABLE 13

Rupees Thousand

Period	Loans granted during the period			Capital repayments received during the period	Total loans outstanding at the end of the period
	For agricultural purposes	For industrial purposes	Total		
1944-45	3,152	192	3,344	884	3,643
1945-46	2,477	135	2,612	496	5,760
1946-47	1,259	516	1,775	742	6,792
1947-48	2,356	257	2,613	666	8,256
1948-49	2,813	215	3,028	438	9,890
1949-50	6,062	493	6,555	1,101	13,983
1950-51	8,599	856	9,455	3,722	19,734
1951-52	8,294	1,957	10,251	3,922	26,063
1952-53	6,702	2,170	8,872	5,546	28,989
1953-54	5,216	302	5,518	5,025	29,485
1954-55	5,351	575	5,926	4,667	30,745
1955-56 <sup>(a)</sup>	5,825	484	6,308	4,997	31,988
1955 January	352	60	412	244	29,631
February	429	206	635	375	29,891
March	635	65	700	438	30,152
April	530	25	554	581	30,125
May	311	7	318	229	30,215
June	453	9	462	345	30,332
July	427	55	482	339	30,404
August	534	78	612	532	30,554
September	674	24	697	431	30,820
October	216	10	226	511	30,449
November	232	29	261	393	30,307
December	332	151	483	294	30,495
1956 January	671	4	675	550	30,598
February	627	49	676	363	30,900
March	736	13	749	413	31,164
April	366	47	413	300	31,277
May	434	9	443	387	31,332
June	767	20	787	608	31,499
July	564	125	689	367	31,830
August	389	22	410	322	31,981
September	491	5	496	489	31,988
October	811	—	811	373	32,419
November	623	—	623	393	32,619
December	459	71	529	573	32,569

Source : Agricultural and Industrial Credit Corporation.

<sup>(a)</sup> Provisional.Note.—1944-45 was the Corporation's first complete financial year of operation.  
(Financial year—October 1 to September 30).

## Savings Deposits and Savings Certificates

TABLE 14

Rupees Million.

End of period	Savings deposits				(v) Savings certificates outstanding	(vi) Total (iv) + (v)
	(i) Post Office Savings Bank	(ii) Ceylon Savings Bank	(iii) Commercial banks	(iv) Total (i) + (ii) + (iii)		
1938 .. . . .	20·0	18·4	40·5	78·9	1·2	80·1
1939 .. . . .	19·3	19·9	41·5	80·7	1·6	82·3
1940 .. . . .	17·1	20·9	53·5	91·5	3·1	94·6
1941 .. . . .	16·0	21·5	49·9	87·4	3·4	90·8
1942 .. . . .	13·7	19·7	31·4	64·8	2·5	67·3
1943 .. . . .	21·5	26·5	41·4	89·4	10·7	100·1
1944 .. . . .	35·6	36·3	51·3	123·2	18·2	141·4
1945 .. . . .	65·0	51·5	63·6	180·1	25·8	205·9
1946 .. . . .	103·5	60·9	61·0	225·4	27·8	253·2
1947 .. . . .	118·4	59·1	63·6	241·1	27·0	268·1
1948 .. . . .	127·7	57·2	67·5	252·4	33·2	285·6
1949 .. . . .	134·9	56·6	66·7	258·2	32·1	290·3
1950 .. . . .	163·7	58·4	77·1	299·2	27·0	326·2
1951 .. . . .	206·9	63·2	91·1	361·2	26·8	388·0
1952 .. . . .	223·2	65·8	103·4	392·4	27·5	419·9
1953 .. . . .	223·4	64·1	102·3	389·8	26·6	416·4
1954 .. . . .	220·5	63·6	148·6	430·7	25·5	456·2
1955 .. . . .	234·4	65·0	165·4	464·8	24·8	489·6
1956 .. . . .	253·6 <sup>(1)</sup>	65·0 <sup>(1)</sup>	228·1	546·7 <sup>(1)</sup>	26·6	573·3 <sup>(1)</sup>
1955 January .. .	219·5	63·5	181·9	464·9	25·3	490·2
February .. .	218·9	63·6	193·4	475·9	25·1	501·0
March .. .	217·9	63·3	218·5	499·7	25·0	524·7
April .. .	217·4	63·3	206·7	487·4	24·1	511·5
May .. .	217·3	63·3	204·0	484·6	24·7	509·3
June .. .	217·7	63·4	207·9	489·0	24·6	513·6
July .. .	218·8	63·4	195·7	477·9	24·8	502·7
August .. .	220·3	63·3	184·0	467·6	24·7	492·3
September .. .	223·7	63·5	170·1	457·3	24·8	482·1
October .. .	226·0	63·5	175·2	464·7	24·8	489·5
November .. .	228·1	63·5	179·7	471·3	24·8	496·1
December .. .	234·4	65·0	165·4	464·8	24·8	489·6
1956 Janaury .. .	235·2	65·0	181·7	481·9	24·8	506·7
February .. .	235·7	64·8	186·9	487·4	24·8	512·2
March .. .	236·0	64·8	180·7	481·5	24·7	506·2
April .. .	236·3	64·7	173·3	474·3	24·5	498·8
May .. .	239·5	64·9	194·8	499·2	24·5	523·7
June .. .	242·0	65·1	201·4	508·5	24·4	532·9
July .. .	244·5	64·9	206·5	515·9	24·2	540·1
August .. .	247·2	64·8	222·9	534·9	24·9	559·8
September .. .	250·6	64·9	225·3	540·8	25·6	566·4
October .. .	251·7	65·0	244·8	561·5	26·1	587·6
November .. .	252·3	64·8	228·3	545·4	26·4	571·8
December .. .	253·6 <sup>(1)</sup>	65·0 <sup>(1)</sup>	228·1	546·7 <sup>(1)</sup>	26·6	573·3 <sup>(1)</sup>

Source : Department of Census and Statistics ;  
Central Bank of Ceylon.

(i) End of year figures include interest accrued on deposits. The figure for December, 1956, is provisional and is subject to revision when the balance sheet of the Post Office Savings Bank as at the end of 1956 is published.

(ii) End of year figures include interest accrued on deposits. The figure for December, 1956, is provisional and is subject to revision when the balance sheet of the Ceylon Savings Bank as at the end of 1956 is published.

(iii) Total of savings and time deposits including those of Government.

(1) Provisional.





**GOVERNMENT FINANCE****Revenue of the**

TABLE 17

Heads of revenue					
1. Customs .. . . .	..	..	..	..	..
2. Port, harbour, wharf, warehouse and other dues ..	..	..	..	..	..
3. Excise and salt .. . . .	..	..	..	..	..
4. Income tax, estate duty, stamps, excess profits duty, etc. ..	..	..	..	..	..
5. Licences and internal revenue not otherwise classified ..	..	..	..	..	..
6. Fees of court or office and payment for specific services ..	..	..	..	..	..
7. Health services .. . . .	..	..	..	..	..
8. Reimbursements .. . . .	..	..	..	..	..
9. Postal and telecommunication services .. . . .	..	..	..	..	..
10. Interest, annuities, etc. .. . . .	..	..	..	..	..
11. Miscellaneous receipts .. . . .	..	..	..	..	..
12. Land revenue .. . . .	..	..	..	..	..
13. Land sales .. . . .	..	..	..	..	..
14. War loan interest .. . . .	..	..	..	..	..
15. Railway revenue .. . . .	..	..	..	..	..
16. Electrical department revenue .. . . .	..	..	..	..	..
					TOTAL ..

**Expenditure of the**

TABLE 18

Heads of expenditure	Expenditure			
	Original estimates 1955-56	Supple- mentary provision 1955-56	Total provision 1955-56	Original estimates 1956-57
1. Governor-General, Supreme Court, etc., not falling under Ministries .. . . .	7·0	0·3	7·3	7·2
2. Ministry of Defence and External Affairs ..	66·1	5·3	71·4	70·3
3. Ministry of Finance .. . . .	141·2	97·5	238·7	153·4
4. Ministry of Justice .. . . .	10·1	0·4	10·5	10·8
5. Ministry of Home Affairs .. . . .	54·1	3·0	57·1	49·3
6. Ministry of Lands and Land Development ..	54·1	4·5	58·6	52·6
7. Ministry of Agriculture and Food ..	40·7	88·8	129·5	143·6
8. Ministry of Health .. . . .	105·3	0·1	105·4	105·3
9. Ministry of Local Government and Cultural Affairs .. . . .	36·6	4·1	40·7	41·5
10. Ministry of Education .. . . .	169·6	0·7	170·3	185·3
11. Ministry of Labour, Housing and Social Services .. . . .	22·2	9·3	31·5	25·2
12. Ministry of Commerce and Trade .. .	2·6	0·1	2·7	4·0
13. Ministry of Industries and Fisheries ..	7·6	6·2	13·8	6·2
14. Ministry of Posts, Broadcasting and Infor- mation .. . . .	51·6	0·1	51·7	52·9
15. Ministry of Transport and Works ..	181·1	11·9	193·0	189·3
Total ..	949·9	232·1	1,182·0	1,096·9

(a) Includes expenditure chargeable to the £5 million London loan and to the I.B.R.D. loan.

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Revised estimates 1955-56	Original estimates 1956-57	Actual 1954-55	Actual 1955-56
571.7	590.1	628.9	608.4
21.4	23.3	21.9	24.5
69.9	69.9	57.0	69.9
329.9	296.4	224.2	317.9
20.1	21.8	17.8	18.8
13.3	9.1	11.8	14.4
3.8	3.7	3.5	3.9
14.0	14.1	13.7	13.9
34.7	36.2	33.1	33.8
12.3	12.5	15.3	12.0
35.3	27.2	35.2	37.2
3.5	3.5	3.6	3.9
1.3	1.4	1.3	1.1
0.9	0.9	1.0	0.9
76.6	78.0	74.0	78.0
17.5	19.6	16.1	18.7
1,226.3	1,207.7	1,158.6	1,257.2

Source : Ceylon Government Treasury.

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chargeable to Revenue		Loan Fund Expenditure (a)					
Actual 1954-55	Actual 1955-56	Original estimates 1955-56	Supple- mentary provision 1955-56	Total provision 1955-56	Original estimates 1956-57	Actual 1954-55	Actual 1955-56
6.0	6.5	—	—	—	—	—	—
51.2	64.9	12.4	0.1	12.5	13.7	8.0	5.2
172.1	226.0	71.7	1.8	73.5	68.6	35.5	31.5
9.8	10.1	1.3	—	1.3	0.9	0.1	0.8
39.1	51.4	3.4	—	3.4	2.6	0.1	0.9
41.6	48.0	95.8	2.8	98.6	117.8	83.8	84.2
35.0	125.9	1.4	—	1.4	2.4	0.4	0.5
92.3	101.8	23.1	—	23.1	22.7	12.8	15.4
35.8	38.7	10.0	1.2	11.2	17.9	3.1	9.9
144.1	159.3	9.1	1.0	10.1	13.7	6.5	9.3
20.0	30.5	15.5	—	15.5	1.1	10.2	14.8
6.8	2.8	—	—	—	—	—	—
16.4	10.7	10.2	0.3	10.5	1.7	8.0	2.3
47.1	48.2	3.8	—	3.8	3.5	4.3	3.6
155.2	178.6	39.6	6.0	45.6	25.5	42.1	32.2
873.4	1,103.4	297.3	13.0	310.3	291.9	214.8	210.7

Source : Ceylon Government Treasury.

**GOVERNMENT FINANCE****Receipts and Payments of**

TABLE 19

	RECEIPTS	1947-48	1948-49	1949-50
<b>1. Charges and sales</b>	.. .. ..	<b>39·4</b>	<b>45·6</b>	<b>52·5</b>
(a) Sale of existing property	.. .. ..	0·3	0·6	0·5
(b) Other	.. .. ..	39·1	45·0	52·0
<b>2. Taxes on income and profits</b>	.. .. ..	<b>92·5</b>	<b>110·5</b>	<b>117·0</b>
<b>3. Social insurance contributions</b>	.. .. ..	<b>4·2</b>	<b>4·6</b>	<b>4·8</b>
<b>4. Death duties, etc.</b>	.. .. ..	<b>3·8</b>	<b>2·6</b>	<b>6·2</b>
<b>5. Customs duties</b>	.. .. ..	<b>314·0</b>	<b>329·3</b>	<b>355·9</b>
(a) Export duties	.. .. ..	137·0	149·1	167·6
(b) Import duties	.. .. ..	177·0	180·2	188·3
<b>6. Other taxes on goods and services</b>	.. .. ..	<b>46·8</b>	<b>46·2</b>	<b>43·7</b>
<b>7. Other taxes and levies</b>	.. .. ..	<b>17·2</b>	<b>16·6</b>	<b>21·3</b>
<b>8. Receipts from Government enterprises</b>	.. .. ..	<b>9·9</b>	<b>7·0</b>	<b>8·8</b>
<b>9. Income from property</b>	.. .. ..	<b>10·7</b>	<b>11·4</b>	<b>11·0</b>
(a) From Government agencies and enterprises	.. .. ..	0·2	0·2	0·4
(b) Other	.. .. ..	10·5	11·2	10·6
<b>10. Annuity payments and repayments of advances made from revenue</b>	.. .. ..	<b>2·1</b>	<b>2·2</b>	<b>2·1</b>
<b>11. Total revenue</b>	.. .. ..	<b>540·6</b>	<b>576·0</b>	<b>623·3</b>
<b>12. Grants</b>	.. .. ..	—	—	—
(a) Colombo Plan aid	.. .. ..	—	—	—
(b) American aid	.. .. ..	—	—	—
<b>13. Net foreign borrowing</b>	.. .. ..	—	—	—
<b>14. Net domestic borrowing</b>	.. .. ..	<b>31·7</b>	<b>41·6</b>	<b>95·2</b>
(a) Net market borrowing	.. .. ..	33·8	33·1	78·4
(b) Net administrative borrowing	.. .. ..	—2·1	8·5	16·8
<b>15. Decline in cash balances and reserves</b>	.. .. ..	<b>20·6</b>	<b>73·5</b>	<b>77·2</b>
<b>16. Total receipts</b>	.. .. ..	<b>592·9</b>	<b>691·1</b>	<b>795·7</b>

1. (a) Receipts from sales of land, old stores and mineral deposits.
1. (b) Mainly income from the sale of services by Port of Colombo, Health, Postal and Tele-communication and other departments not organised as trading enterprises.
2. Comprises income and profits taxes. This item together with item 4—Death duties, etc.,—gives the total of direct taxes.
3. Mainly pension contributions.
6. Excise and salt taxes.
7. Licences, stamp duty, fines and forfeitures and internal revenue not classified elsewhere.
8. Government enterprises include the Railway and Electrical departments, Government commercial undertakings and Local Loans and Development Fund. (The gross receipts of the Railway and Electrical departments have been included in the general budget only from 1950-51).
9. Rents, interest and annuities.
9. (a) Government agencies are mainly local authorities.

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1950-51	1951-52	1952-53	1953-54	1954-55	1955-56	1956-57 (Original estimates)
57.7	66.2	65.6	73.8	79.4	84.8	82.5
0.5	0.8	0.7	1.2	1.1	0.9	1.2
57.2	65.4	64.9	72.6	78.3	83.9	81.3
135.0	204.8	232.4	217.8	206.4	299.7	276.7
5.1	7.4	5.9	6.2	6.6	7.5	7.4
4.2	5.9	5.2	7.3	6.7	6.4	8.7
527.7	487.2	443.8	503.3	628.9	608.4	590.1
282.7	227.3	193.2	259.1	370.7	322.1	325.2
245.0	259.9	250.6	244.2	258.2	286.3	264.9
49.2	49.9	61.3	66.9	57.0	69.9	69.8
35.4	28.4	31.5	33.7	38.4	42.2	42.5
79.7	86.5	85.5	91.4	96.6	106.2	106.1
13.6	13.7	14.6	15.6	19.4	18.2	17.4
0.3	0.5	0.9	0.6	0.9	1.2	1.6
13.3	13.2	13.7	15.0	18.5	17.0	15.8
2.6	4.0	6.8	10.2	19.2	13.9	6.5
910.2	954.0	952.5	1,026.2	1,158.6	1,257.2	1,207.7
—	6.5	3.3	19.1	26.0	12.9 <sup>(1)</sup>	35.9
—	6.5	3.3	19.1	26.0	12.9 <sup>(1)</sup>	12.2
—	—	—	—	—	—	11.8
—	—	—	63.3	12.1	5.2	39.8
122.3	196.3	223.1	—103.0	—53.0	28.9	
80.2	218.3	204.6	—94.0	—80.2	43.5	
42.1	—22.0	18.5	—9.0	27.2	—14.6	165.8
—64.0	84.9	20.6	15.6	—75.6	8.3	
968.5	1,241.7	1,199.5	1,021.2	1,068.1	1,312.5 <sup>(2)</sup>	1,437.3

Source : Central Bank of Ceylon.

9. (b) Includes War Loan interest and interest on Government cash balances and rents of Government buildings, lands and forests.
  10. By Government enterprises and agencies. Government agencies include the Lady Lochore Fund, Co-operative Wholesale Establishment, Co-operative Federal Bank and the Agricultural and Industrial Credit Corporation.
  12. Includes aid in the form of materials and equipment.
  13. Rs. 63.3 million in 1953-54 represent the net receipts of the £5 million sterling loan floated in London in March, 1954. Rs. 12.1 million in 1954-55, Rs. 5.2 million in 1955-56 and an estimate of Rs. 27.9 million in 1956-57 represent withdrawals from the I.B.R.D. to meet the foreign exchange costs of Stage II A of the Hydro-Electric Scheme. Includes in 1956-57 a loan of Rs. 11.9 million under the U.S. aid programme.
  14. (a) Borrowing through the issue of securities, treasury bills and Central Bank advances. The figures are net of contributions to sinking funds.
  14. (b) Deposits and miscellaneous trust funds.
  15. The reserves are the Railway and Electrical departments' reserves and the Rubber Rehabilitation Subsidy Fund.
- (1) Provisional.  
 (2) Total receipts and payments for 1955-56 do not balance because figures of receipts are final whilst the payments are estimates.

**GOVERNMENT FINANCE****Receipts and Payments of**

TABLE 19—(Continued)

P A Y M E N T S		1947-48	1948-49	1949-50
<b>17. Purchase of goods and services</b>	...	<b>265.5</b>	<b>299.3</b>	<b>325.7</b>
(a) Administration	...	63.3	71.1	74.6
(i) Defence	...	2.9	3.5	4.8
(ii) Civil administration	...	55.9	63.4	64.9
(iii) Legislative	...	4.5	4.2	4.9
(b) Social services	...	128.6	139.2	156.6
(c) Economic services	...	68.7	82.3	88.4
(i) Economic development	...	39.0	43.7	46.3
(ii) Utility services	...	29.7	38.6	42.1
(d) Payments to Government enterprises	...	4.9	6.7	6.1
<b>18. Transfer payments</b>	...	<b>167.8</b>	<b>151.9</b>	<b>135.4</b>
(a) To private current accounts	...	142.7	135.7	114.5
(i) Food subsidies	...	77.8	55.1	35.8
(ii) Interest on public debt	...	17.8	18.5	19.7
(iii) Pension to Government employees	...	21.9	28.1	30.5
(iv) Direct relief	...	15.4	28.5	22.3
(v) Other	...	9.8	5.5	6.2
(b) Grants-in-aid to local authorities	...	25.1	16.2	20.9
<b>19. Total current payments (17+18)</b>	...	<b>433.3</b>	<b>451.2</b>	<b>461.1</b>
<b>20. Total capital expenditure (21+22)</b>	...	<b>157.4</b>	<b>218.2</b>	<b>258.5</b>
<b>21. Acquisition, construction and maintenance of real assets</b>	...	<b>152.5</b>	<b>210.2</b>	<b>243.7</b>
(Expenditure on capital maintenance)	...	(34.5)	(29.2)	(29.5)
(a) Administration	...	6.3	11.5	30.9
(i) Defence	...	—	1.0	2.1
(ii) Civil administration	...	6.3	10.5	28.8
(b) Social services	...	18.6	34.9	52.2
(i) Health	...	3.2	7.1	14.0
(ii) Education	...	5.6	13.1	18.8
(iii) General housing	...	8.0	11.6	15.9
(iv) Rural development	...	1.8	3.1	3.5
(c) Economic services	...	127.6	163.8	160.6
(i) Public utilities	...	74.9	78.0	78.0
(ii) Agriculture, irrigation and fisheries	...	44.6	74.9	75.2
(iii) Manufacture, mining and trade	...	8.1	10.9	7.4
<b>22. Acquisition of financial assets</b>	...	<b>4.9</b>	<b>8.0</b>	<b>14.8</b>
<b>23. Net payment on account of operations financed through advance accounts (including other miscellaneous payments)</b>	...	<b>2.2</b>	<b>21.7</b>	<b>76.1</b>
<b>24. Total payments</b>	...	<b>592.9</b>	<b>691.1</b>	<b>795.7</b>

18. (a) (iv) Contains the major part of the expenditure of the Social Services department and includes the cost of free milk scheme, cost of free mid-day meals to school-children, scholarships, etc.
18. (a) (v) Subsidies to private enterprise and grants.
18. (b) Grants-in-aid for capital works (e.g., village works, wells, slum clearance, etc.), have been excluded and shown under 21 (b) (iii) and 21 (b) (iv).
19. Excludes contributions from revenue to public debt sinking funds, here regarded as repayments of public debt and netted in 14(a).
21. (a) (ii) The figure for 1949-50 is enlarged by Rs. 17.9 million, the rupee component of the paid up subscription to the I.M.F. and the I.B.R.D.
21. (b) (ii) Includes expenditure on the University Scheme financed from the National Development Reserve.



**GOVERNMENT FINANCE****Treasury Bills**

TABLE 20

Date of issue	Rate per cent. p.a.	Amount maturing	Amount offered	Amount tendered	Amount accepted	Total of bills outstanding
						Rupees Million
January 3 .. ..	0·71	10·0	10·0	44·7	10·0	50·0
January 16 .. ..	0·60	5·0	10·0	25·1	10·0	55·0
February 1 .. ..	0·52	5·0	10·0	40·3	10·0	60·0
February 15 .. ..	0·46	10·0	10·0	20·6	10·0	60·0
March 1 .. ..	0·55	10·0	10·0	19·0	10·0	60·0
March 15 .. ..	0·59	10·0	10·0	22·7	10·0	60·0
April 2 .. ..	0·52	10·0	10·0	12·8	10·0	60·0
April 18 .. ..	0·60	10·0	10·0	15·0	10·0	60·0
May 2 .. ..	0·68	10·0	10·0	10·0	10·0	60·0
May 15 .. ..	0·67	10·0	10·0	16·2	10·0	60·0
June 1 .. ..	0·76	10·0	10·0	16·3	10·0	60·0
June 15 .. ..	0·71	10·0	12·0	21·6	12·0	62·0
July 2 .. ..	0·70	10·0	12·0	25·9	12·0	64·0
July 16 .. ..	0·69	10·0	12·0	23·6	12·0	66·0
August 1 .. ..	0·71	10·0	12·0	12·0	12·0	68·0
August 15 .. ..	0·77	10·0	10·0	10·0	10·0	68·0
September 1 .. ..	0·82	10·0	10·0	10·0	10·0	68·0
September 15 .. ..	0·87	12·0	12·0	12·1	12·0	68·0
October 1 .. ..	0·87	12·0	10·0	10·5	10·0	66·0
October 15 .. ..	0·84	12·0	10·0	17·3	10·0	64·0
November 2 .. ..	0·76	12·0	10·0	26·3	10·0	62·0
November 15 .. ..	0·72	10·0	10·0	22·9	10·0	62·0
December 1 .. ..	0·68	10·0	10·0	32·3	10·0	62·0
December 15 .. ..	0·60	12·0	10·0	27·0	10·0	60·0

Source : Central Bank of Ceylon.



**GOVERNMENT FINANCE****Public**

TABLE 22

End of period	FOREIGN DEBT					
	Sterling loans			I.B.R.D.	Total	
	Gross	Sinking fund (b)	Net		Gross	Net
September 1938	163.2	55.6	107.6	—	163.2	107.6
1939	163.4	52.7	110.7	—	163.4	110.7
1940	125.4	14.7	110.7	—	125.4	110.7
1941	125.4	18.1	107.3	—	125.4	107.3
1942	125.4	21.1	104.3	—	125.4	104.3
1943	125.4	24.7	100.7	—	125.4	100.7
1944	125.4	28.4	97.0	—	125.4	97.0
1945	125.4	32.0	93.4	—	125.4	93.4
1946	125.4	36.8	88.6	—	125.4	88.6
1947	125.4	38.8	86.6	—	125.4	86.6
1948	125.4	43.1	82.3	—	125.4	82.3
1949	125.4	45.3	80.1	—	125.4	80.1
1950	125.4	49.7	75.7	—	125.4	75.7
1951	125.4	52.2	73.3	—	125.4	73.3
1952	125.4	52.9	72.5	—	125.4	72.5
1953	125.4	59.8	65.7	—	125.4	65.7
1954	192.1 <sup>(1)</sup>	66.0	126.1	—	192.1	126.1
1955	192.1	64.3	127.8	12.9	205.0	140.7
1956	192.1	67.4	124.7	19.3 <sup>(2)</sup>	211.4	144.0

(a) Excludes Ceylon Government War Loan re-lent to the U.K. Government and the promissory notes for Rs. 67.1 million and Rs. 12.7 million issued in favour of the I.M.F and the I.B.R.D. respectively.

(b) Represents the market value of investments held on behalf of the sinking fund.

(c) Includes supplementary sinking funds held in sterling.

**Debt<sup>(a)</sup>**

Rupees Million

DOMESTIC DEBT							TOTAL	
Rupee loans			Treasury bills	Central Bank advances (d)	Other (e)	Total	Gross	Net
Gross	Sinking fund (b) (c)	Net				Gross		
30·9	10·7	20·2	—			30·9	20·2	127·8
40·3	10·5	29·8	—			40·3	29·8	140·5
45·3	11·6	33·7	—			45·3	33·7	144·4
55·3	13·3	42·0	—			55·3	42·0	149·3
67·1	14·9	52·2	10·0			77·1	62·2	166·5
103·3	15·1	88·2	9·5			112·8	97·7	198·4
169·2	15·3	153·9	12·0			181·2	165·9	262·9
266·9	18·1	248·8	9·0			275·9	257·8	351·2
312·2	23·4	288·8	10·0			322·2	298·8	387·4
343·5	34·3	309·2	—			343·5	309·2	395·8
367·5	47·3	320·2	24·0			391·5	344·2	426·5
423·7	59·9	363·8	16·2			439·9	380·0	565·3
436·0	70·0	366·0	78·6			514·6	444·6	520·3
582·0	110·3	471·7	30·0			612·0	501·7	575·0
684·3	123·4	560·9	92·5	72·0	2·7	851·5	728·1	900·6
730·5	117·5	612·9	184·0	70·5	58·6	1,043·6	926·0	1,169·0
782·1	127·1	655·0	105·0	65·8	—	952·9	825·8	1,145·0
829·3	135·9	693·4	60·0	—	—	889·3	753·4	894·1
881·9	151·3	730·7	68·0	—	—	949·9	798·7	942·7

Source : Central Bank of Ceylon.

- (d) In August, 1950, a special loan of Rs. 14·3 million was made by the Central Bank to the Government, to meet its obligations to the I.B.R.D. In May, 1952, the Government repaid the loan in full and converted Rs. 12·7 million of its paid-up subscription to the I.B.R.D. into a promissory note.
- (e) Loans from semi-Government agencies.
- (i) The change of Rs. 66·7 million in the financial year ended 1954 is the nominal value of the £5 million sterling loan floated in London on March 25, 1954. The net proceeds of the loan were Rs. 63·3 million.
- (2) Represents the amount withdrawn and outstanding.

**GOVERNMENT FINANCE****Prices and Yields of Selected**

TABLE 23

End of month	3½% LOAN, 1957(b)		3% WAR LOAN, 1956-1960 "A" SERIES(c)		
	Closing prices	Redemption yields	Closing prices	Redemption yields	
			Earliest date	Latest date	
1955 January ..	101 48	2·45	100 716	2·58	2·91
February ..	102 48	2·10	102 116	—	2·51
March ..	103 116	1·85	103 12	—	2·24
April ..	103 18	1·85	103 12	—	2·23
May ..	102 116	1·98	102 916	—	2·43
June ..	102 116	1·93	102 916	—	2·42
July ..	102 12	1·91	102 916	—	2·40
August ..	102 12	1·91	102 916	—	2·40
September ..	102 12	2·00	102 916	—	2·49
October ..	102 316	1·97	102 12	—	2·48
November ..	102 316	1·91	102 12	—	2·44
December ..	102 12	1·88	102 916	—	2·42
1956 January ..	102 12	1·64	102 12	—	2·29
February ..	102 516	1·60	102 12	—	2·28
March ..	102 12	1·54	102 12	—	2·26
April ..	102	1·63	102 12	—	2·35
May ..	101 716	1·62	102 12	—	2·33
June ..	101 116	1·56	102 12	—	2·32
July ..	101 12	1·48	102 12	—	2·30
August ..	101 12	1·45	102 12	—	2·29
September ..	101 12	1·58	101 116	—	2·44
October ..	101 116	1·49	101 716	—	2·41
November ..	101 12	1·36	101 116	—	2·42
December ..	101 12	1·31	101 116	—	2·40

(a) The prices quoted are exclusive of accrued interest. They are based where possible on

(b) Repayable on August 1, 1957.

(c) Repayable between March 1, 1956 and March 1, 1960.

(d) Repayable between November 1, 1965 and November 1, 1970.

(e) Repayable between March 1, 1969 and March 1, 1974.

**Government Securities (a)**

3% NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT LOAN, 1965-1970(d)			3% SRI LANKA LOAN, 1969-1974(e)		
Closing prices	Redemption yields		Closing prices	Redemption yields	
	Earliest date	Latest date		Earliest date	Latest date
97	3.33	3.24	95 $\frac{1}{2}$	3.42	3.33
97 $\frac{1}{2}$	3.27	3.20	96 $\frac{1}{2}$	3.30	3.24
99	3.11	3.08	98	3.18	3.14
99 $\frac{1}{2}$	3.10	3.07	98 $\frac{1}{10}$	3.17	3.13
98 $\frac{1}{2}$	3.12	3.09	97 $\frac{1}{2}$	3.20	3.16
99	3.11	3.08	97 $\frac{1}{4}$	3.20	3.16
99	3.11	3.08	97 $\frac{3}{4}$	3.20	3.16
99 $\frac{1}{2}$	3.10	3.07	97 $\frac{1}{8}$	3.19	3.15
99 $\frac{1}{2}$	3.06	3.04	98 $\frac{1}{2}$	3.10	3.08
99 $\frac{1}{2}$	3.06	3.04	98 $\frac{7}{8}$	3.10	3.08
99 $\frac{1}{2}$	3.09	3.06	98 $\frac{1}{10}$	3.17	3.13
99 $\frac{1}{2}$	3.09	3.06	98 $\frac{1}{10}$	3.17	3.13
99 $\frac{1}{2}$	3.05	3.04	98 $\frac{1}{10}$	3.18	3.14
99 $\frac{1}{2}$	3.05	3.03	98 $\frac{1}{10}$	3.17	3.13
99 $\frac{1}{2}$	3.05	3.03	98 $\frac{1}{2}$	3.17	3.13
99 $\frac{1}{2}$	3.05	3.03	98 $\frac{1}{2}$	3.16	3.12
99 $\frac{1}{2}$	3.05	3.03	98 $\frac{1}{2}$	3.16	3.12
99 $\frac{1}{2}$	3.05	3.03	98 $\frac{1}{2}$	3.16	3.12
99 $\frac{1}{2}$	3.03	3.02	98 $\frac{1}{2}$	3.16	3.12
99 $\frac{1}{2}$	3.03	3.02	98 $\frac{1}{2}$	3.16	3.12
99 $\frac{1}{2}$	3.03	3.02	98 $\frac{1}{2}$	3.15	3.11
99 $\frac{1}{2}$	3.02	3.01	98 $\frac{1}{2}$	3.14	3.11
100	3.00	3.00	98 $\frac{1}{10}$	3.14	3.11
100	3.00	3.00	98 $\frac{1}{10}$	3.13	3.10

Source : Central Bank of Ceylon.

actual transaction prices quoted in the official list of the Colombo Brokers' Association.

**EXTERNAL FINANCE****Balance of Payments**

TABLE 24A

Item	1954		
	Credit	Debit	Net
<i>Goods and services</i>			
1. Merchandise .. . . .	1,794.1	1,363.1	+431.0
2. Non-monetary gold movement (net) .. . . .	—	—	—
3. Foreign travel .. . . .	6.8	33.5	-26.7
4. Transportation and insurance .. . . .	96.9	110.4	-13.5
5. Investment income .. . . .	21.5	68.1	-46.6
5.1 Direct investment .. . . .	3.8	60.4	-56.6
5.2 Other interest and dividends .. . . .	17.7	7.7	+10.0
6. Government expenditures .. . . .	53.3	27.5	+25.8
7. Miscellaneous .. . . .	38.0	59.4	-21.4
8. Total goods and services .. . . .	2,010.6	1,662.0	-348.6
<i>Donations</i>			
9. Private remittances and migrants' transfers .. . . .	4.6	71.4	-66.8
10. Official donations .. . . .	23.6	—	+23.6
11. Total donations .. . . .	28.2	71.4	-43.2
Total current account .. . . .	2,038.8	1,733.4	+305.4
<i>Capital and monetary gold</i>			
12. Private capital movements .. . . .	14.9	63.8	-48.9
12.1 Direct investment .. . . .	0.8	13.5	-12.7
12.2 Other long-term .. . . .	13.2	20.2	-7.0
12.3 Other short-term .. . . .	0.9	30.1	-29.2
13. Official and banking institutions .. . . .	69.5	297.6	-228.1
13.1 Long-term assets .. . . .	—	0.8	-0.8
13.2 Long-term liabilities .. . . .	69.5	—	+69.5
13.3 Short-term assets .. . . .	—	287.2	-287.2
13.4 Short-term liabilities .. . . .	—	9.6	-9.6
13.5 Monetary gold .. . . .	—	—	—
14. Total capital and monetary gold .. . . .	84.4	361.4	-277.0
15. Errors and omissions .. . . .	—	28.4	-28.4

(a) Provisional.

Statistics are based on Exchange Control records.

Item 1. Invoice values, predominantly c.i.f., have been recorded. Notable exception—

Item 9. "Migrants' transfers" are based on actual cash remittances; they do not include

Item 10. Figure shown under "Credit" for 1956 represents gifts in cash only and excludes

for 1954-1956

Rupees Million

1955			1956 (a)		
Credit	Debit	Net	Credit	Debit	Net
1,962.6	1,447.0	+515.6	1,843.2	1,510.7	+332.5
—	2.0	— 2.0	—	3.6	— 3.6
8.1	35.4	— 27.3	8.8	36.2	— 27.4
93.5	138.2	— 44.7	86.8	163.9	— 77.1
33.1	94.4	— 61.3	42.2	97.6	— 55.4
5.5	84.5	— 79.0	4.0	86.1	— 82.1
27.6	9.9	+ 17.7	38.2	11.5	+ 26.7
56.4	26.0	+ 30.4	55.1	35.4	+ 19.7
40.4	67.4	— 27.0	42.9	75.0	— 32.1
2,194.1	1,810.4	+383.7	2,079.0	1,922.4	+156.6
—	—	—	—	—	—
7.0	84.5	— 77.5	6.1	89.4	— 83.3
16.6	—	+ 16.6	1.8	—	+ 1.8
23.6	84.5	— 60.9	7.9	89.4	— 81.5
2,217.7	1,894.9	+322.8	2,086.9	2,011.8	+ 75.1
—	—	—	—	—	—
5.8	62.2	— 56.4	36.5	57.4	— 20.9
1.1	25.7	— 24.6	0.5	16.7	— 16.2
4.3	29.0	— 24.7	7.0	40.7	— 33.7
0.4	7.5	— 7.1	29.0	—	+ 29.0
8.2	282.3	— 274.1	5.6	64.9	— 59.3
—	9.3	— 9.3	—	45.4	— 45.4
8.2	—	+ 8.2	5.6	—	+ 5.6
—	271.6	— 271.6	—	12.6	— 12.6
—	1.4	— 1.4	—	6.9	— 6.9
—	—	—	—	—	—
14.0	344.5	— 330.5	42.1	122.3	— 80.2
7.7	—	+ 7.7	5.1	—	+ 5.1

Source : Central Bank of Ceylon.

Ceylon Government imports which are c. and f.  
 migrants' assets, left in Ceylon.  
 gifts in kind.



**for 1956**  
**Quarters**

Rupees Million

Third quarter			Fourth quarter (a)			Item
Credit	Debit	Net	Credit	Debit	Net	
468·0	393·0	+75·0	461·6	385·5	+76·1	<i>Goods and services</i>
—	—	—	—	1·8	—1·8	1. Merchandise
1·6	8·8	—7·2	2·6	8·4	—5·8	2. Non-monetary gold movement (net)
21·5	46·0	—24·5	21·5	45·2	+23·7	3. Foreign travel
11·3	26·7	—15·4	11·7	25·9	—14·2	4. Transportation and insurance
0·5	22·8	—22·3	1·1	24·0	—22·9	5. Investment income
10·8	3·9	+ 6·9	10·6	1·9	+ 8·7	5·1 Direct investment
16·4	10·5	+ 5·9	14·5	10·0	+ 4·5	5·2 Other interest and dividends
12·6	18·1	—5·5	11·5	16·4	—4·9	6. Government expenditures
531·4	503·1	+28·3	523·4	493·2	+30·2	7. Miscellaneous
						8. Total goods and services
						<i>Donations</i>
1·6	19·3	—17·7	1·3	19·6	—18·3	9. Private remittances and migrants' transfers
0·3	—	+ 0·3	0·6	—	+ 0·6	10. Official donations
1·9	19·3	—17·4	1·9	19·6	—17·7	11. Total donations
533·3	522·4	+10·9	525·3	512·8	+12·5	Total current account
						<i>Capital and monetary gold</i>
1·9	17·5	—15·6	22·1	19·0	+ 3·1	12. Private capital movements
0·2	2·9	—2·7	—	3·8	—3·8	12·1 Direct investment
1·6	11·3	—9·7	0·7	15·2	—14·5	12·2 Other long-term
0·1	3·3	—3·2	21·4	—	+21·4	12·3 Other short-term
27·9	23·7	+ 4·2	4·6	24·3	—19·7	13. Official and banking institutions
—	22·9	—22·9	—	1·2	—1·2	13·1 Long-term assets
2·3	—	+ 2·3	3·2	—	+ 3·2	13·2 Long-term liabilities
25·6	—	+25·6	—	23·1	—23·1	13·3 Short-term assets
—	0·8	—0·8	1·4	—	+ 1·4	13·4 Short-term liabilities
—	—	—	—	—	—	13·5 Monetary gold
29·8	41·2	—11·4	26·7	43·3	—16·6	14. Total capital and monetary gold
0·5	—	+ 0·5	4·1	—	+ 4·1	15. Errors and omissions

Source : Central Bank of Ceylon.

Ceylon Government imports which are c. and f.

Debits under item 4 include freight collected locally by agents of foreign lines.

migrants' assets left in Ceylon.

## EXTERNAL FINANCE

## Balance of Payments

By regions and

TABLE 24 C

Item	American account area		Canada and Newfoundland		United Kingdom	
	Credit	Debit	Credit	Debit	Credit	Debit
<i>Goods and services</i>						
1. Merchandise .. .	169.7	61.0	78.4	7.3	552.0	463.9
2. Non-monetary gold movement (net) .. .	—	—	—	—	—	3.6
3. Foreign travel .. .	1.6	0.9	—	—	5.6	15.3
4. Transportation and insurance ..	5.5	6.8	—	0.2	53.2	100.4
5. Investment income .. .	4.3	4.7	—	—	34.2	85.3
5.1 Direct investment .. .	—	4.1	—	—	1.6	75.5
5.2 Other interest and dividends .. .	4.3	0.6	—	—	32.6	9.8
6. Government expenditures .. .	3.6	1.0	0.2	—	35.2	28.5
7. Miscellaneous .. .	2.8	5.4	0.4	1.2	22.4	44.1
8. Total goods and services .. .	187.5	79.8	79.0	8.7	702.6	741.1
<i>Donations</i>						
9. Private remittances and migrants' transfers .. .	3.4	0.3	—	0.3	1.6	25.6
10. Official donations .. .	—	—	0.2	—	0.9	—
11. Total donations .. .	3.4	0.3	0.2	0.3	2.5	25.6
Total current account .. .	190.9	80.1	79.2	9.0	705.1	766.7
<i>Capital and monetary gold</i>						
12. Private capital movements .. .	0.4	0.3	—	0.1	28.8	49.2
12.1 Direct investment .. .	0.3	0.1	—	—	0.2	15.5
12.2 Other long-term .. .	—	—	—	0.1	2.6	33.7
12.3 Other short-term .. .	0.1	0.2	—	—	26.0	—
13. Official and banking institutions .. .	0.6	111.5	0.1	70.2	103.6	26.7
13.1 Long-term assets .. .	—	28.6	—	—	—	24.3
13.2 Long-term liabilities .. .	—	—	—	—	—	0.2
13.3 Short-term assets .. .	—	82.9	—	70.2	103.6	—
13.4 Short-term liabilities .. .	0.6	—	0.1	—	—	2.2
13.5 Monetary gold .. .	—	—	—	—	—	—
14. Total capital and monetary gold .. .	1.0	111.8	0.1	70.3	132.4	75.9
15. Errors and omissions .. .	—	—	—	—	5.1	—

(a) Provisional.

Statistics are based on Exchange Control records.

Item 1. Invoice values predominantly c.i.f., have been recorded. Notable exception—

Item 4. Since credits under item 1—Merchandise—include the freight component on physical allocations being based on nationality of ship-owners, and not on destination of

Item 9. "Migrants' transfers" are based on actual cash remittances; they do not include

Item 12.3. Figures shown against this item are mainly those representing net movements in firms in Ceylon to firms abroad under the system designated "traders' accounts." These sterling area: 2.5 (credit); Continental O.E.E.C. countries: 0.3 (credit); Other and

Items 13 and 14. Credit and debit figures shown in the "Total" column are not the sum and debits shown in the "Total" column, of items 13.1—13.5, and of items 12 and 13

Items 13.1—13.5. Credit and debit figures shown in the "Total" column are not the sum in these items during the year.

Item 13.3. No attempt has been made to show gross multilateral settlements. An attempt

Item 15. The entire "errors and omissions" figure is shown under United Kingdom.

for 1956<sup>(a)</sup>

monetary areas

Rupees Million

India and Pakistan		Other sterling area		Continental O.E.E.C. countries		Other and unallocated		Total		
Credit	Debit	Credit	Debit	Credit	Debit	Credit	Debit	Credit	Debit	Net
85.0	216.2	360.6	222.8	181.6	164.5	415.9	375.0	1,843.2	1,510.7	+ 332.5
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3.6	— 3.6
1.0	13.5	0.6	0.8	—	5.1	—	0.6	8.8	36.2	— 27.4
7.2	13.4	2.0	4.6	15.5	33.9	3.4	4.6	86.8	163.9	— 77.1
1.2	4.5	2.5	1.7	—	1.4	—	—	42.2	97.6	— 55.4
—	4.0	2.4	1.7	—	0.8	—	—	4.0	86.1	— 82.1
1.2	0.5	0.1	—	—	0.6	—	—	38.2	11.5	+ 26.7
3.6	2.6	7.5	1.1	3.1	0.5	1.9	1.7	55.1	35.4	+ 19.7
7.9	8.8	3.1	3.7	3.0	9.4	3.3	2.4	42.9	75.0	— 32.1
105.9	259.0	376.3	234.7	203.2	214.8	424.5	384.3	2,079.0	1,922.4	+ 156.6
0.4	58.4	0.6	2.8	—	1.5	0.1	0.5	6.1	89.4	— 83.3
—	—	0.7	—	—	—	—	—	1.8	—	+ 1.8
0.4	58.4	1.3	2.8	—	1.5	0.1	0.5	7.9	89.4	— 81.5
106.3	317.4	377.6	237.5	203.2	216.3	424.6	384.8	2,086.9	2,011.8	+ 75.1
2.5	4.9	3.6	2.3	1.4	0.7	0.1	0.2	36.5	57.4	— 20.9
—	0.5	—	—	—	0.6	—	—	0.5	16.7	— 16.2
2.5	4.4	0.9	2.3	0.9	0.1	0.1	0.1	7.0	40.7	— 33.7
—	—	2.7	—	0.5	—	—	—	29.0	—	+ 29.0
214.3	0.8	—	141.4	12.4	—	8.9	48.6	5.6	64.9	— 59.3
7.5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	45.4	— 45.4
—	—	—	3.1	—	—	8.9	—	5.6	—	+ 5.6
206.8	—	—	138.1	12.3	—	—	44.1	—	12.6	— 12.6
—	0.8	—	0.2	0.1	—	—	4.5	—	6.9	— 6.9
216.8	5.7	3.6	143.7	13.8	0.7	9.0	48.8	42.1	122.3	— 80.2
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5.1	—	+ 5.1

Source : Central Bank of Ceylon.

Ceylon Government imports which are c. and f.

exports, debits under item 4 include freight collected locally by agents of foreign lines—geogra-  
goods.

migrants' assets left in Ceylon.

overseas balances of sterling companies operating in Ceylon and in short-term liabilities owed by figures are:—American account area : 0.2 (debit) ; United Kingdom : 25.6 (credit) ; Other unallocated : 0.1 (debit) ; Total : 28.1 (credit).

of credits and debits recorded by countries and regions. They represent the aggregate of credits respectively.

of credits and debits recorded by countries and regions, but record only the net overall movements

has been made to allocate net changes in short-term assets to the various countries and regions.

## EXTERNAL FINANCE

### External Assets of Ceylon (a)

TABLE 25

Rupees Million

End of period	Government (b)	Government agencies and institutions	Currency Board / Central Bank (c)	Commercial banks	Total	Changes between periods
1939 .. .	23·5	106·3	60·8	84·5	275·1	—
1940 .. .	29·3	67·2	80·2	147·7	324·4	+ 49·3
1941 .. .	99·9	95·6	105·9	133·3	434·7	+ 110·3
1942 .. .	51·6	66·4	192·0	211·4	521·4	+ 86·7
1943 .. .	135·8	81·5	229·7	224·6	671·6	+ 150·2
1944 .. .	259·8	103·7	313·9	282·6	960·0	+ 288·4
1945 .. .	420·6	142·3	460·5	236·5	1,259·9	+ 299·9
1946 .. .	393·5	184·4	415·2	217·2	1,210·3	— 49·6
1947 .. .	178·9	206·9	440·5	121·0	947·3	- 263·0
1948 .. .	157·4	222·3	459·9	149·4	989·0	+ 41·7
1949 .. .	86·8	235·8	514·9	96·2	933·7	- 55·3
1950 .. .	76·8	365·7	560·4	173·7	1,076·6	+ 142·9
1951 .. .	76·1	291·3	670·8	147·0	1,185·3	+ 108·7
1952 .. .	65·9	310·6	403·4	57·1	836·9	- 348·4
1953 1st Quarter ..	66·8	270·5	363·1	66·3	766·7	— 70·2
2nd Quarter ..	69·2	244·6	295·2	76·1	685·1	— 81·6
3rd Quarter ..	64·0	231·5	304·5	58·8	658·8	— 26·3
4th Quarter ..	65·5	228·4	246·6	66·7	607·2	— 51·6
1954 1st Quarter ..	61·8	227·6	331·1	57·1	677·6	+ 70·4
2nd Quarter ..	47·8	228·7	448·7	65·8	789·0	+ 111·4
3rd Quarter ..	42·3	225·0	468·0	89·1	824·4	+ 35·4
4th Quarter ..	52·2	225·8	527·1	90·1	895·2	+ 70·8
1955 January ..	49·9	226·8	575·6	96·3	948·6	+ 53·4
February ..	74·5	227·1	581·7	112·4	995·7	+ 47·1
March ..	72·1	227·2	569·4	151·3	1,020·0	+ 24·3
April ..	69·7	227·6	583·0	134·5	1,014·8	— 5·2
May ..	65·5	228·0	591·9	131·6	1,017·0	+ 2·2
June ..	66·4	228·2	606·3	132·7	1,033·6	+ 16·6
July ..	64·2	228·8	628·7	137·1	1,058·8	+ 25·2
August ..	63·0	229·9	643·5	124·7	1,061·1	+ 2·3
September ..	80·8	233·5	545·1	131·3	1,090·7	+ 29·6
October ..	80·1	236·6	652·3	140·7	1,109·7	+ 19·0
November ..	78·0	237·0	644·9	171·6	1,131·5	+ 21·8
December ..	80·8	237·2	658·8	177·9	1,154·7	+ 23·2
1956 January ..	87·2	237·5	650·9	172·2	1,147·8	— 6·9
February ..	90·6	238·0	675·3	166·3	1,170·2	+ 22·4
March ..	101·6	239·0	679·2	157·3	1,177·1	+ 6·9
April ..	98·9	239·4	696·6	147·0	1,181·9	+ 4·8
May ..	92·4	239·8	702·2	114·4	1,148·8	- 33·1
June ..	87·1	240·1	736·9	120·7	1,184·8	+ 36·0
July ..	90·1	241·8	724·3	144·4	1,200·6	+ 15·8
August ..	85·7	241·2	728·4	145·6	1,200·9	+ 0·3
September ..	80·8	242·5	735·0	135·9	1,194·2	- 6·7
October ..	78·4	243·0	733·0	140·6	1,195·0	+ 0·8
November ..	71·8	242·9	744·2	125·8	1,184·7	- 10·3
December ..	70·6	243·1	744·7	120·9	1,179·3	- 5·4

Source : Central Bank of Ceylon.

(a) At face value according to books abroad.

(b) Includes War Loan re-lent to U.K. Government, less the part held by the Currency Board/Central Bank.

(c) The assets of the Currency Board were transferred to the Central Bank on August 28, 1950.



**EXTERNAL TRADE****Central Bank**

TABLE 27

Period	Import volume							All imports	
	Consumer goods				Capital goods				
	Food and drink	Textiles	Other consumer goods	Combined	Wholly or mainly manufactured	Relatively unmanufactured	Combined		
1938 ..	91	105	59	88	93	79	89	88	
1948 ..	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	
1949 ..	101	130	113	108	119	115	118	110	
1950 ..	113	144	111	119	123	112	120	119	
1951 ..	113	144	162	127	158	145	154	133	
1952 ..	113	170	159	131	152	129	146	134	
1953 ..	121	152	156	133	134	162	141	135	
1954 ..	110	147	124	119	140	159	145	125	
1955 ..	112	160	144	126	143	154	146	130	
1956 ..	125	185	152	141	140	154	144	142	
1955 January ..	119	177	168	138	143	174	151	141	
February ..	104	87	73	96	169	117	155	109	
March ..	99	166	195	127	160	158	159	134	
April ..	127	154	127	132	124	144	129	131	
May ..	124	91	162	124	136	139	137	127	
June ..	149	206	111	153	136	155	141	151	
July ..	138	167	169	148	88	205	119	142	
August ..	105	220	161	136	147	136	144	138	
September ..	47	114	110	70	129	144	133	85	
October ..	120	195	160	140	144	118	137	140	
November ..	98	158	147	117	160	170	163	128	
December ..	120	200	177	144	143	172	151	148	
1956 January ..	127	224	182	154	130	168	140	151	
February ..	117	145	191	135	142	194	156	139	
March ..	73	148	196	107	130	161	138	115	
April ..	64	209	161	107	163	123	152	117	
May ..	117	123	116	118	142	170	150	125	
June ..	120	164	159	134	136	144	138	135	
July ..	136	175	264	164	152	270	183	168	
August ..	144	192	99	145	140	130	137	143	
September ..	115	207	119	133	111	123	114	130	
October ..	174	217	140	176	163	113	150	170	
November ..	96	198	106	116	96	125	104	114	
December ..	227	222	132	211	154	73	132	192	

All indices are worked with fixed weights, based on the experience of the 5 years 1948-52. Statistics in table 26 which, with the exception of the annual import price index, are worked

**Trade Indices (1948=100)**

Period	Import prices							All imports	
	Consumer goods				Capital goods				
	Food and drink	Textiles	Other consumer goods	Combined	Wholly or mainly manufactured	Relatively unmanufactured	Combined		
1938 .. .	23	18	59	28	34	33	33	29	
1948 .. .	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	
1949 .. .	99	81	92	95	99	97	98	96	
1950 .. .	102	82	102	98	101	100	101	99	
1951 .. .	115	105	131	116	135	116	130	119	
1952 .. .	133	88	136	125	145	120	138	128	
1953 .. .	126	76	127	117	126	113	122	118	
1954 .. .	112	70	121	106	121	104	116	108	
1955 .. .	100	68	121	98	120	112	118	102	
1956 .. .	100	71	122	99	141	106	131	106	
1955 January ..	101	71	121	99	119	106	115	103	
February ..	107	72	125	104	124	107	119	107	
March ..	103	72	126	101	122	112	120	106	
April ..	92	76	124	94	120	108	116	100	
May ..	100	73	122	98	118	114	117	103	
June ..	97	64	139	98	121	113	119	103	
July ..	104	62	119	99	119	111	117	103	
August ..	96	68	119	95	122	112	120	100	
September ..	97	70	147	100	155	113	143	110	
October ..	99	69	116	96	137	116	131	104	
November ..	99	73	120	98	134	114	128	105	
December ..	99	66	119	97	134	111	128	104	
1956 January ..	101	69	122	98	149	110	139	108	
February ..	101	73	117	98	142	119	136	107	
March ..	104	78	123	102	170	121	157	115	
April ..	106	73	120	102	167	117	153	114	
May ..	107	78	125	105	137	105	128	110	
June ..	95	70	122	95	142	107	132	103	
July ..	99	70	125	98	139	105	130	106	
August ..	101	71	128	100	144	106	134	108	
September ..	104	66	126	101	142	101	131	107	
October ..	97	75	127	98	137	100	127	104	
November ..	106	70	130	104	132	101	124	109	
December ..	102	76	122	100	138	106	129	107	

In this respect, these indices differ from the indices of the Department of Census and Statistics on 1948 value weights.





## EXTERNAL TRADE

### Ceylon's International Trade in Merchandise

By regions and monetary areas

TABLE 30

Rupees Million

Source	Total (a) exports (f.o.b.)		Total imports (c.i.f.)		Balance of trade	
	1955	1956 (b)	1955	1956 (b)	1955	1956 (b)
Commonwealth countries ..	1,027.2	936.7	757.7	757.1	+269.5	+179.6
Foreign countries ..	853.6	728.6	701.9	872.2	+151.7	-143.6
Sterling area ..	1,063.3	919.8	865.3	890.3	+188.0	+ 29.5
Dollar area ..	270.5	245.1	101.0	80.3	+178.5	+164.8
E.P.U. (non-sterling) ..	220.6	176.2	187.9	217.2	+ 32.7	- 41.0
Others ..	327.4	324.2	305.5	441.5	+ 21.9	-117.3
Q.E.E.C. countries ..	722.4	674.6	494.8	561.9	+227.6	+112.7
Middle East ..	311.2	195.7	113.3	130.0	+183.5	+ 65.7
E.C.A.F.E. region ..	122.6	113.9	526.5	550.0	-403.2	-436.1
Colombo Plan countries ..	111.7	105.2	505.1	515.9	-373.4	-410.7

*Source : Ceylon Customs Administration Report ;  
Ceylon Customs Returns.*

(a) Excludes ships' stores and bunkers.

(b) Provisional.



## WAGES AND PRICES

### Colombo Market Prices<sup>(a)</sup> of

TABLE 33

Month	Tea (b) Average all grades per lb.		Rubber (c) R.S.S. No. 1 per lb.	
	1955	1956	1955	1956
January .. . . . . . .	3.27	2.09	1.25	1.51
February .. . . . . . .	3.03	2.19	1.28	1.51
March .. . . . . . .	2.01	2.30	1.12	1.51
April .. . . . . . .	1.59	2.29	1.12	1.51
May .. . . . . . .	1.28	1.95	1.13	1.47
June .. . . . . . .	1.73	1.95	1.13	1.41
July .. . . . . . .	2.12	1.84	1.22	1.41
August .. . . . . . .	2.45	2.00	1.31	1.41
September .. . . . . . .	2.35	2.29	1.36	1.41
October .. . . . . . .	2.22	2.44	1.40	1.41
November .. . . . . . .	2.20	2.61	1.51	1.41
December .. . . . . . .	2.17	2.38	1.51	1.41
Year/Annual averages				
1938 .. . . . . . .	0.70		0.37	
1941-1945 .. . . . . . .	1.08		0.77	
1946-1950 .. . . . . . .	1.72		0.86	
1947 .. . . . . . .	1.60		0.64	
1948 .. . . . . . .	1.55		0.63	
1949 .. . . . . . .	1.96		0.57	
1950 .. . . . . . .	2.11		1.55	
1951 .. . . . . . .	1.94		2.15	
1952 .. . . . . . .	1.75		1.38	
1953 .. . . . . . .	1.92		1.35	
1954 .. . . . . . .	2.61		1.11	
1955 .. . . . . . .	2.20		1.28	
1956 .. . . . . . .	2.19		1.45	

(a) Arithmetic average of weekly prices.



**WAGES AND PRICES****F.o.b. Prices of Selected  
Average prices**

TABLE 34

	Month	Tea per lb.		Rubber (excl. latex) per lb.	
		1955	1956	1955	1956
January	..	4.24	3.00	1.46	1.65
February	..	4.47	3.01	1.51	1.60
March	..	4.12	3.06	1.48	1.54
April	..	3.53	3.10	1.63	1.48
May	..	3.10	3.04	1.40	1.33
June	..	2.63	2.87	1.40	1.47
July	..	2.59	2.79	1.48	1.49
August	..	2.87	2.82	1.65	1.38
September	..	3.11	2.86	1.69	1.50
October	..	3.18	3.16	1.70	1.44
November	..	3.12	3.19	1.60	1.35
December	..	3.08	3.18	1.76	1.51
Year/Annual averages					
1938	..	0.73		0.39	
1941-1945	..	0.97		n.a.	
1946-1950	..	1.95		n.a.	
1947	..	1.77		0.75	
1948	..	1.99		0.69	
1949	..	2.18		0.63	
1950	..	2.52		1.53	
1951	..	2.62		2.53	
1952	..	2.30		1.76	
1953	..	2.46		1.54	
1954	..	3.11		1.36	
1955	..	3.30		1.56	
1956	..	3.00		1.50	

**Export Commodities**  
for all grades

Rupees

Copra per candy		Coconut oil per ton		Desiccated coconut per lb.		Cocoa per cwt.	
1955	1956	1955	1956	1955	1956	1955	1956
240·50	206·60	1,336·40	1,154·00	0·49	0·42	257·65	163·74
240·55	204·15	1,342·20	1,148·60	0·48	0·41	240·39	150·75
213·00	205·20	1,316·60	1,143·80	0·46	0·41	268·27	172·02
211·40	217·05	1,175·80	1,114·20	0·41	0·41	207·19	153·55
210·40	214·75	1,118·00	1,127·40	0·41	0·43	214·44	159·98
214·45	219·15	1,145·20	1,198·00	0·40	0·45	223·74	173·62
208·65	208·85	1,122·20	1,205·40	0·40	0·44	202·32	152·04
208·85	207·25	1,116·20	1,127·00	0·40	0·44	203·24	143·15
206·35	206·80	1,136·20	1,171·20	0·41	0·46	208·09	138·58
206·00	216·10	1,116·60	1,178·60	0·42	0·48	164·50	134·21
208·00	221·35	1,142·00	1,256·20	0·43	0·50	196·59	158·67
204·70	238·50	1,133·60	1,190·80	0·40	0·53	171·47	146·22
29·20		186·40		0·07		19·75	
62·95		439·40		0·20		37·46	
199·15		1,197·80		0·80		125·55	
145·20		1,145·80		0·89		95·08	
193·70		1,100·00		0·95		151·59	
249·90		1,360·40		0·73		107·99	
301·15		1,682·20		0·96		165·08	
349·65		2,068·20		0·74		198·93	
203·75		1,247·20		0·52		182·33	
267·15		1,519·20		0·61		176·34	
246·85		1,453·80		0·54		268·69	
209·50		1,165·20		0·42		213·97	
212·15		1,168·40		0·45		155·66	

Source : Ceylon Customs Returns.



## REGISTRANTS FOR EMPLOYMENT

Number of Registrants at Employment Exchanges <sup>(a)</sup>

TABLE 36

End of period		Total	Technical and clerical	Skilled	Semi-skilled	Unskilled
1938	..	16,480	2,011	5,965	3,502	5,002
1939	..	26,677	3,712	11,964	5,034	5,967
1940	..	27,645	4,734	13,130	4,800	4,981
1941	..	20,458	5,274	8,882	2,351	3,951
1942	..	19,333	6,589	9,411	1,882	1,451
1943	..	8,335	2,282	2,872	1,312	1,869
1944	..	1,053	295	358	227	173
1945	..	21,366	2,258	11,025	3,267	4,816
1946	..	36,544	5,636	10,012	7,527	13,369
1947	..	34,744	2,883	7,325	8,113	16,423
1948	..	66,656	4,474	13,027	12,443	36,712
1949	..	69,732	5,132	11,994	13,591	39,015
1950	..	65,122	5,627	10,525	13,523	35,447
1951	..	52,707	5,515	8,186	12,520	26,486
1952	..	53,023	6,883	7,522	13,795	24,823
1953	..	51,546	8,374	6,462	13,676	23,034
1954	1st Quarter	53,052	8,785	6,404	13,909	23,954
	2nd "	54,259	9,371	6,392	13,968	24,528
	3rd "	60,094	10,761	7,387	15,073	26,873
	4th "	63,304	11,728	7,919	16,287	27,370
1955	1st Quarter	67,357	13,528	8,222	17,879	27,728
	2nd "	65,756	13,394	7,925	17,864	26,573
	3rd "	69,174	14,212	8,305	19,283	27,374
	4th "	71,010	14,498	8,544	20,142	27,826
1956	January	74,186	14,706	9,017	20,849	29,614
	February	75,556	14,856	9,228	21,363	30,109
	March	74,148	14,490	9,100	21,175	29,383
	April	73,911	14,181	8,857	21,042	28,831
	May	75,138	14,673	8,801	21,887	29,777
	June	76,821	14,564	8,892	22,408	30,957
	July	81,854	15,244	9,395	23,643	33,572
	August	83,508	15,507	9,571	24,344	34,086
	September	84,343	15,569	9,694	24,828	34,252
	October	85,413	15,701	9,867	25,321	34,524
	November	85,731	15,751	9,868	25,657	34,455
	December	85,952	16,091	9,794	25,808	34,259

Source : Department of Labour.

(a) The figures listed are those of persons whose names remained on the registers of the employment exchanges at the end of each period given. They include persons who were unemployed at the time of registration as well as persons who were employed on a full-time or part-time basis but wanted other employment.