

MONTHLY ECONOMIC INDICATORS

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SUMMARY OF SELECTED ECONOMIC INDICATORS

March 2025

Item	Period	Unit	2023 ^(a)	2024 ^(a)	Y-o-Y Change
Real Sector					
Gross Domestic Products (GDP)	4 th Quarter	Rs. Mn	3,083,245	3,250,049	
GDP Growth	4 th Quarter	%	4.3	5.4	
			2024	2025 ^(a)	
Tea	February	Mn. kg	20.0	15.6	(22.0)
Rubber	February	Mn. kg	5.6	5.3	(5.0)
Coconut	February	Mn. Nuts	260.5	178.1	(31.6)
Fish	February	Mn. kg	34.7	35.0	1.0
			2023	2024 ^(a)	
Paddy	Maha ^(b)	Mn. kg	2,696.0	2,722.0	1.0
	Yala ^(c)	Mn. kg	1,817.4	1,976.5	8.8
			2024	2025 ^(a)	
Index of Industrial Production	February	2015 = 100	88.0	93.5	6.3
			2023	2024 ^(a)	
Electricity Generation	January	GWh	380	460	20.9
			2024	2025 ^(a)	
NCPI (Year-On-Year % Change)	March	2021 = 100	2.5	(1.9)	
CCPI (Year-On-Year % Change)	March	2021 = 100	0.9	(2.6)	
Fiscal Sector					
			2024	2025 ^(a)	
Revenue and Grants	Jan - Feb	Rs. Mn.	647,354	760,875	17.5
Recurrent Expenditure	Jan - Feb	Rs. Mn.	691,093	791,337	14.5
Monetary Sector					
			2024	2025 ^(a)	
Money Supply					
Narrow Money M ₁	End February	Rs. Mn.	1,626.76	1,938.26	19.1
Broad Money M ₂	End February	Rs. Mn.	11,566.98	12,825.90	10.9
Consolidated Broad Money(M _{2b}) ^(d)	End February	Rs. Mn.	13,201.13	14,543.76	10.2
Broad Money M ₄	End February	Rs. Mn.	15,953.43	17,521.70	9.8
Share Market					
ASPI	End March	1985 = 100	11,444.38	15,814.82	38.2
S&P SL20	End March	2004 = 1000	3,317.62	4,734.72	42.7
Market Capitalisation	End March	Rs. Bn.	4,534.65	5,606.37	23.6
External Sector					
			2024	2025 ^(a)	
External Trade					
Exports	February	US\$ Mn.	1,059	1,053	(0.6)
Imports	February	US\$ Mn.	1,378	1,464	6.2
Balance of Trade	February	US\$ Mn.	(319)	(411)	
Balance of Payments			2023	2024 ^(a)	
Trade Account	January - December	US\$ Mn.	(1,847)	(2,635)	(42.6)
Current Account	January - December	US\$ Mn.	1,439	1,206	(16.2)
Current & Capital Accounts	January - December	US\$ Mn.	1,476	1,217	(17.5)
Financial Account (net)	January - December	US\$ Mn.	1,483	892	(39.8)
			2024 End December	2024 End January	2025 End February
Total Reserves ^(e)		US\$ Mn.	11,230	11,610	11,638

(a) Provisional

(b) Sep.\Oct. - Mar.\Apr.

(c) Apr.\May - Aug.\Sep.

(d) Inclusive of FCBUs

(e) Including ACU receipts

1. GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT (GDP) AT CONSTANT (2015) PRICES

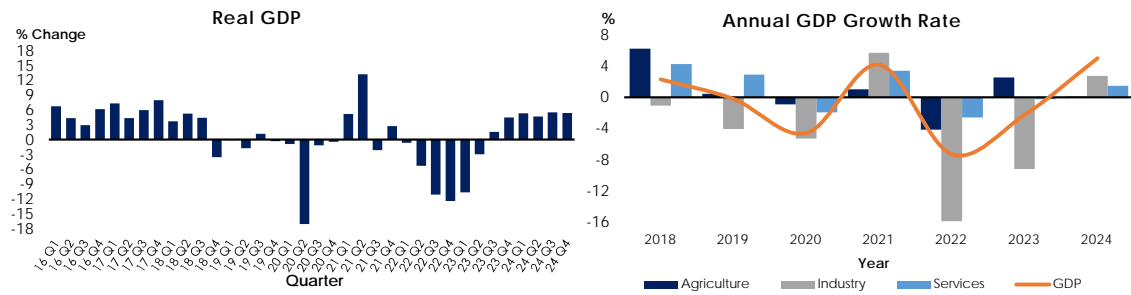
Economic Activity	4 th Quarter ^(a)					
	Rs. Mn		Growth (%)		Contribution to Growth (%)	
	2023 ^(b)	2024	23/22 ^(b)	24/23	2023 ^(b)	2024
Agriculture	243,027	237,721	(1.2)	(2.2)	(0.1)	(0.2)
Industry	688,564	778,972	7.7	13.1	1.7	2.9
Services	1,944,838	1,994,074	2.8	2.5	1.8	1.6
Taxes less subsidies on products	206,816	239,282	14.5	15.7	0.9	1.1
GDP	3,083,245	3,250,049	4.3	5.4	4.3	5.4

Economic Activity	Annual ^(a)					
	Rs. Mn		Growth (%)		Contribution to Growth (%)	
	2023 ^(b)	2024	23/22 ^(b)	24/23	2023 ^(b)	2024
Agriculture	925,822	937,104	1.6	1.2	0.1	0.1
Industry	3,002,968	3,333,008	(9.2)	11.0	(2.5)	2.8
Services	7,206,496	7,381,059	(0.2)	2.4	(0.1)	1.5
Taxes less subsidies on products	742,270	821,299	2.6	10.6	0.2	0.7
GDP	11,877,556	12,472,469	(2.3)	5.0	(2.3)	5.0

(a) Provisional

Source: Department of Census and Statistics

(b) Revised

2. BUSINESS OUTLOOK SURVEY ^(a)

Business Sentiment Index (BSI)	2022			2023				2024				2025
	Q ₂	Q ₃	Q ₄	Q ₁	Q ₂	Q ₃	Q ₄	Q ₁	Q ₂	Q ₃	Q ₄	Q ₁
Business Condition												
Realised	28	35	34	63	74	81	93	99	102	108	128	-
Expectation ^(b)	(40)	(33)	(30)	(40)	(74)	(84)	(89)	(80)	(102)	(107)	(118)	(123)
Profitability												
Realised	81	86	80	85	94	98	111	124	123	116	119	-
Expectation ^(b)	(76)	(78)	(82)	(76)	(98)	(108)	(105)	(101)	(120)	(129)	(123)	(136)
Skilled Labour Availability												
Realised	85	82	70	75	70	88	85	85	88	85	101	-
Expectation ^(b)	(89)	(81)	(83)	(74)	(77)	(72)	(86)	(83)	(90)	(97)	(91)	(105)
Demand												
Realised	80	93	86	101	108	108	137	132	120	136	132	-
Expectation ^(b)	(110)	(93)	(94)	(90)	(123)	(131)	(138)	(128)	(133)	(151)	(137)	(132)
Sales Value												
Realised	96	115	106	115	114	107	128	141	124	138	126	-
Expectation ^(b)	(107)	(95)	(107)	(106)	(131)	(131)	(137)	(127)	(137)	(148)	(137)	(136)
Capacity Utilization												
Realised	83	87	92	96	103	114	125	125	124	122	127	-
Expectation ^(b)	(107)	(85)	(91)	(86)	(110)	(108)	(119)	(127)	(124)	(137)	(130)	(127)

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

(a) Respondents were asked to rate their business sentiments compared to the relevant quarter of the previous year.

(b) Expectations of respondents for the relevant quarter given during the preceding quarter.

3. AGRICULTURE

Item	Unit	2024 ^(a)	2025 ^(a)	Y-o-Y Change (%)
Tea Production	Mn. kg			
February		20.0	15.6	(22.0)
January - February		38.7	37.1	(4.3)
Rubber Production	Mn. kg			
February		5.6	5.3	(5.0)
January - February		14.1	10.0	(29.1)
Coconut Production	Mn. Nuts			
February		260.5	178.1	(31.6)
January - February		508.4	346.0	(32.0)
Fish Production	Mn. kg			
February		34.7	35.0	1.0
January - February		73.8	68.2	(7.6)
Paddy Production	Mn. kg	2023	2024 ^(a)	
Maha ^(b)		2,696.0	2,722.0	1.0
Yala ^(c)		1,817.4	1,976.5	8.8

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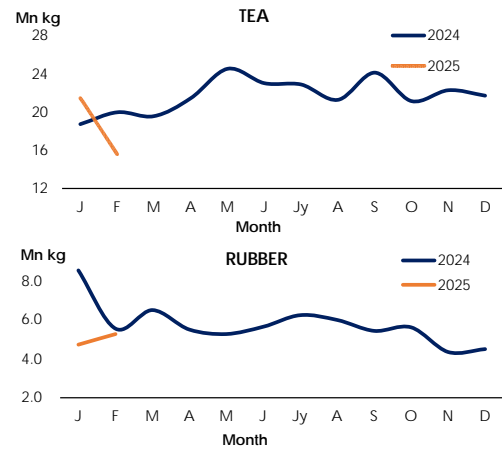
Sources: Sri Lanka Tea Board

Rubber Development Department

Coconut Development Authority

Department of Census & Statistics

Ministry of Fisheries



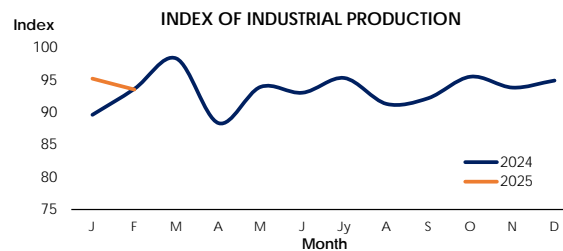
4. INDEX OF INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION (IIP) (2015=100)

Item	February		
	2024 ^(a)	2025 ^(b)	Y-o-Y Change (%)
Food products	86.8	97.4	12.2
Beverages	111.2	111.7	0.4
Tobacco products	75.3	71.7	(4.7)
Textiles	98.8	94.7	(4.1)
Wearing apparels	85.1	86.6	1.7
Leather and related products	95.0	99.8	5.0
Wood and products of wood and cork except furniture; Articles of Straw and plaiting materials	96.0	78.9	(17.8)
Paper and paper products	31.1	55.9	79.8
Printing and reproduction of recorded media	70.4	103.5	47.1
Coke and refined petroleum products	108.3	95.1	(12.2)
Chemicals and chemical products	85.8	73.4	(14.4)
Basic pharmaceutical products and pharmaceutical preparations	142.7	107.8	(24.5)
Rubber and plastic products	92.4	88.0	(4.7)
Other non-metallic mineral products	90.0	113.5	26.1
Basic metals	96.9	115.2	18.9
Fabricated metal products (except machinery equipment)	67.9	73.1	7.7
Electrical equipment	65.6	66.2	0.9
Machinery and equipment (n.e.c)	97.5	135.7	39.1
Furniture	54.3	58.0	6.9
Other manufacturing	73.3	57.9	(21.0)
Overall Index of Industrial Production for the Manufacturing Sector	88.0	93.5	6.3

(a) Revised

(b) Provisional

Source: Department of Census and Statistics



5. PURCHASING MANAGERS' INDEX - MANUFACTURING

Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
2022	58.7	52.5	57.8	36.4	50.3	44.1	41.4	49.6	42.6	38.4	42.1	44.8
2023	40.8	42.3	51.4	34.7	46.2	47.3	44.6	49.3	45.7	49.5	57.0	52.7
2024	55.6	56.0	62.5	42.0	58.2	56.6	59.5	55.5	54.1	58.1	53.3	57.2
2025	59.0	56.8	63.9									

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

6. ENERGY

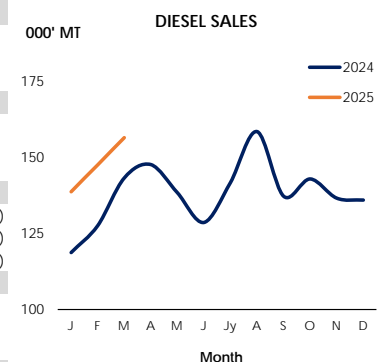
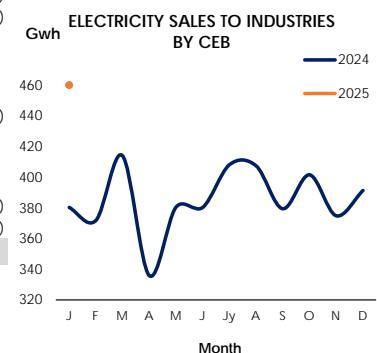
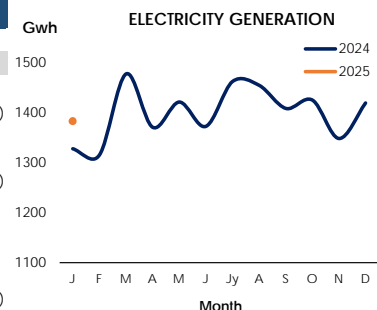
Item	Unit	2023 ^(a)	2024 ^(b)	Y-o-Y Change (%)	
Electricity Generation^(c)	GWh				
December		1,269	1,419	11.8	
CEB - Hydro		755	691	(8.4)	
Fuel Oil		21	59	174.2	
Coal		155	333	114.4	
Wind		30	18	(40.5)	
Private Sector		307	318	3.6	
Non Conventional Renewable Energy		274	286	4.1	
January - December		15,576	16,802	7.9	
CEB - Hydro		4,573	5,426	18.7	
Fuel Oil		1,975	1,571	(20.5)	
Coal		4,646	5,482	18.0	
Wind		391	383	(2.1)	
Private Sector		3,991	3,940	(1.3)	
Non Conventional Renewable Energy		2,831	3,172	12.1	
		2024 ^(b)	2025 ^(b)		
January		1,328	1,383	4.1	
CEB - Hydro		630	531	(15.6)	
Fuel Oil		57	124	117.6	
Coal		322	405	26.0	
Wind		22	27	22.6	
Private Sector		298	295	(0.9)	
Non Conventional Renewable Energy		252	250	(0.7)	
Electricity Sales to Industries	GWh	2023 ^(a)	2024 ^(b)		
December		354	391	10.4	
January - December		4,281	4,626	8.1	
		2024 ^(b)	2025 ^(b)		
January		380	460	20.9	
		2024 ^(a)	2025 ^(b)		
Diesel Sales	'000 MT				
February		128	148	15.7	
March		143	157	9.3	
January - March		390	443	13.7	
Petrol Sales	'000 MT				
February		104	113	8.8	
March		115	121	5.1	
January - March		322	352	9.3	
Furnace Oil Sales	'000 MT				
February		79	72	(8.3)	
March		121	65	(46.4)	
January - March		246	185	(24.6)	
Kerosene Sales	'000 MT				
February		10	13	29.2	
March		12	13	13.8	
January - March		32	39	20.6	
Crude Oil Imports	'000 MT				
March		186	95	(49.0)	
January - March		471	380	(19.3)	
Other Petroleum Imports	'000 MT				
March		387	377	(2.7)	
January - March		975	1,031	5.8	

(a) Revised

(b) Provisional

(c) Including rooftop solar generation

Sources: Ceylon Electricity Board, Ceylon Petroleum Corporation, Lanka IOC PLC, Sinopec Energy Lanka (Pvt) Ltd, RM Parks (Pvt) Ltd, United Petroleum Lanka (Pvt) Ltd Sri Lanka Customs



7. PURCHASING MANAGERS' INDEX - CONSTRUCTION - TOTAL ACTIVITY INDEX ^(a)

Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
2022	54.1	47.2	30.3	7.5	3.8	6.9	22.2	32.9	44.6	32.9	30.3	32.9
2023	36.5	37.8	45.8	26.4	47.1	44.4	43.2	47.0	44.3	50.0	44.3	48.6
2024	52.9	57.1	55.9	31.9	54.5	59.5	62.9	51.4	48.6	54.3	51.4	51.4
2025	52.9	55.6	54.3									

(a) As per the international best practices, headline PMIs for Services and Construction are Services Business Activity Index and Construction Total Activity Index, respectively, while for PMI - Manufacturing, it is a weighted average of five sub-indices. Further, Manufacturing Production Index, Services Business Activity Index and Construction Total Activity Index are the comparable figures of PMI.

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

8. HOUSING AND CONSTRUCTIONS

Item	Unit	2022	2023 ^(a)	Y-o-Y Change (%)
Greater Colombo Housing Approvals Index ^(b)	1995 = 100			
Quarter 3		51.0	55.3	8.4
Quarter 4		51.0	59.7	17.1
Cement		2024	2025 ^(a)	
Total Local Production	'000 MT			
February		272	328	20.8
March		321	373	15.9
January - March		866	1,009	16.6
Total Imports	'000 MT			
February		59	58	(1.0)
March		85	80	(6.9)
January - March		262	218	(16.5)
Total	'000 MT			
February		331	387	16.9
March		407	452	11.2
January - March		1,127	1,228	8.9

(a) Provisional

Sources: 5 Municipal Councils (Colombo, Dehiwala-Mount Lavinia, Sri Jayawardanepura, Moratuwa and Kaduwela)

(b) Includes housing approvals by five Municipal Councils, seven Urban Councils & eight Pradeshiya Sabhas in Greater Colombo.

7 Urban Councils (Wattala-Mabole, Peliyagoda, Panadura, Maharagama, Kesbewa, Horana and Boralesgamuwa)

8 Pradeshiya Sabha (Homagama, Kotikawatta-Mulleriyawa, Kelaniya, Attanagalla, Wattala-Mabole, Horana, Panadura, Mahara)

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9. PROPERTY PRICE INDICES

Item					Unit		2023		2024 ^(a)		Y-o-Y Change (%)	
Land Valuation Indicator ^(b)					First Half 2017 = 100							
First Half							215.3		230.1		6.9	
Second Half							219.8		236.8		7.7	
Price Index for New Condominiums ^(c)					2019 = 100							
Quarter 1							182.3		210.8		15.7	
Quarter 2							184.5		240.9		30.6	
Quarter 3							200.1		235.7		17.8	
Quarter 4							205.9		238.4		15.8	
Asking Price Indices ^(d) (2019 = 100)												
Lands												
Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
2023	118.2	114.2	110.4	106.0	104.1	105.1	109.1	106.7	104.6	101.8	105.5	110.8
2024	119.6	122.7	125.0	118.5	121.9	123.0	126.6	126.7	128.7	131.3	131.8	132.0
Houses												
Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
2023	157.1	157.4	158.4	159.3	159.2	159.0	157.5	157.4	157.6	160.5	161.9	163.6
2024	162.5	160.9	159.8	160.4	162.4	164.1	164.9	165.6	165.9	167.2	167.5	167.8
Condominiums												
Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
2023	170.4	169.9	171.0	170.6	171.9	170.3	171.7	173.6	173.7	173.8	173.6	178.0
2024	176.3	178.2	177.7	181.7	180.0	179.7	179.5	181.7	182.3	179.9	179.5	180.1

(a) Provisional

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka.

(b) Compiled based on per perch bare land prices obtained from the Government Valuation Department on a semi-annual basis covering 13 DS divisions in the Colombo District

(c) Compiled based on the information obtained through the Condominium Market Survey and the index covers the Colombo district

(d) Compiled based on the publicly available web based property advertisement data

10. PURCHASING MANAGERS' INDEX - SERVICES - BUSINESS ACTIVITY INDEX ^(a)

Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
2022	62.0	56.5	52.1	40.5	39.0	35.1	36.9	53.1	58.3	54.2	53.0	54.0
2023	51.5	45.0	56.1	51.0	57.4	61.9	67.5	58.9	53.4	63.0	63.6	71.0
2024	60.1	53.0	67.7	56.7	55.0	63.5	71.1	65.2	53.4	60.3	60.5	71.1
2025	58.5	56.5	69.8									

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Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

11. TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Item	Unit	4 th Quarter		Y-o-Y Change (%)
		2023	2024 ^(a)	
Telephones (Fixed lines)	Number	2,307,741	2,121,560	(8.1)
Wireline in service	Number	1,145,238	1,075,344	(6.1)
Wireless Local Loop Access	Number	1,162,503	1,046,216	(10.0)
Cellular Phones	Number	28,986,361	28,820,245	(0.6)
Internet Subscribers ^(b)	Number	22,864,173	23,149,380	1.2
Telephone Penetration (excluding Cellular Phones)	per 100 persons	10.5	9.7	(7.6)
Telephone Penetration (including Cellular Phones)	per 100 persons	142.0	141.2	(0.6)

(a) Provisional

Sources: Telecommunications Regulatory Commission of Sri Lanka

(b) Including mobile internet connections

Department of Census and Statistics

Note: Mid year population for 2024: 21,916,000

12. TRANSPORT

Item	Unit	2024	2025 ^(a)	Y-o-Y Change (%)
New Registration of Motor Vehicles				
February		3,275	12,712	288.2
Buses		17	52	205.9
Motor Cars		127	92	(27.6)
Three Wheelers		5	9	80.0
Dual Purpose Vehicles ^(b)		47	57	21.3
Motor Cycles		2,568	11,857	361.7
Goods Transport Vehicles ^(c)		74	146	97.3
Land Vehicles ^(d)		437	499	14.2
Other ^(e)		-	-	-
January - February	Number	9,144	24,176	164.4
Buses		46	87	89.1
Motor Cars		286	203	(29.0)
Three Wheelers		12	38	216.7
Dual Purpose Vehicles ^(b)		192	153	(20.3)
Motor Cycles		7,446	22,378	200.5
Goods Transport Vehicles ^(c)		171	290	69.6
Land Vehicles ^(d)		990	1,027	3.7
Other ^(e)		1	-	-

(a) Provisional

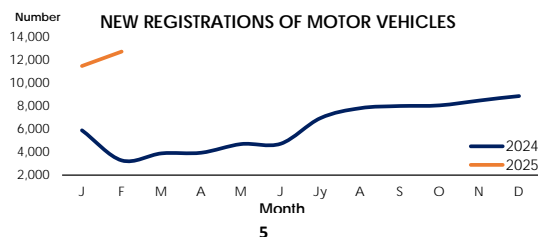
(b) Including Single Cabs

Source: Department of Motor Traffic

(c) Lorries, Other Goods Transport Vehicles and Special Purpose Vehicles

(d) Tractors, Hand Tractors and Other Land Vehicles

(e) Quadricycles and Motor Homes



13. PORT SERVICES

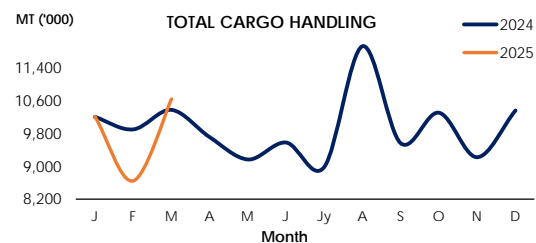
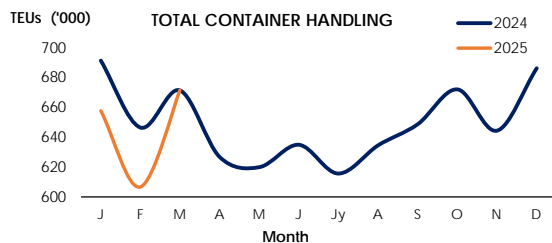
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Ship Traffic				
March	Number	393	421	7.1
January - March		1,165	1,203	3.3
Container Handling				
Domestic	TEUs			
March		96,518	116,001	20.2
January - March		279,474	328,941	17.7
Transshipment	TEUs			
March		549,182	531,052	(3.3)
January - March		1,640,057	1,536,762	(6.3)
Re-stowing	TEUs			
March		25,531	24,563	(3.8)
January - March		89,257	70,425	(21.1)
Total Container Handling	TEUs			
March		671,231	671,616	0.1
January - March		2,008,788	1,936,128	(3.6)
Cargo Handling				
Cargo Discharged	MT			
March		5,584,345	6,013,479	7.7
January - March		16,570,661	16,450,615	(0.7)
Cargo Loaded	MT			
March		4,805,475	4,637,123	(3.5)
January - March		13,933,764	13,072,547	(6.2)
Total Cargo Handling	MT			
March		10,389,820	10,650,602	2.5
January - March		30,504,425	29,523,162	(3.2)

(a) Revised

Source: Sri Lanka Ports Authority

(b) Provisional

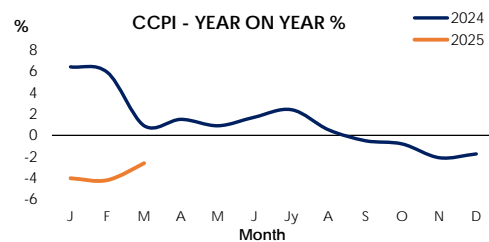
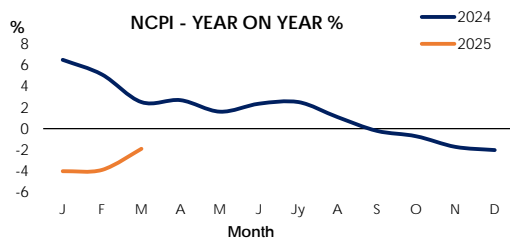
TEUs = Twenty-foot Equivalent Container Units



14. PRICE INDICES

Item	Base Period	2024	2025	Y-o-Y Change (%)
National Consumer Price Index (NCPI)				
March	2021=100			
Headline		210.0	206.0	(1.9)
Core		194.5	193.3	(0.6)
Colombo Consumers Price Index (CCPI)				
March	2021=100			
Headline		196.7	191.6	(2.6)
Core		177.3	178.6	0.7

Source: Department of Census and Statistics



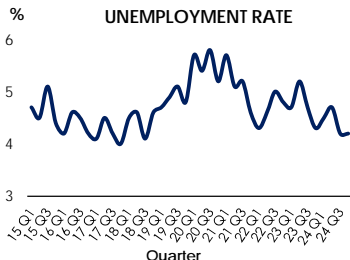
15. AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES - PETTAH MARKET

Item	Unit	March		Y-o-Y Change(%)
		2024	2025	
Rice	Rs/kg			
Samba		253.16	240.26	(5.1)
Nadu		221.58	230.00	3.8
Kekulu (Red)		200.00	220.00	10.0
Other Food Items	Rs/kg			
Dried Chillie (Imported)		944.74	700.00	(25.9)
Red Onion (Local)		350.00	n.a.	-
Red Onion (Imported)		315.26	350.00	11.0
Big Onion (Local)		n.a.	n.a.	-
Big Onion (Imported)		549.21	144.74	(73.6)
Dhal		315.79	280.00	(11.3)
Potato (Local)		380.00	364.74	(4.0)
Egg - White (Each)		47.13	27.97	(40.6)
Sugar - White		284.21	235.00	(17.3)

n.a. - not available

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

16. EMPLOYMENT (a)

Item	Unit	4 th Quarter		%
		2023	2024	
Labour Force Participation Rate	Percentage	47.1	47.7	
Unemployment Rate		4.3	4.2	
Employment by Economic Activity ^(b) (as a % of Total Employment)				
Agriculture		26.5	26.8	
Industry		25.3	25.7	
Services		48.2	47.6	

(a) [Labour Force Participation Rate](#) (b) [Unemployment Rate](#)

Quarter

(a) Household population aged 15 and above

(b) Based on the International Standard Industrial Classification (ISIC) - Revision 4

Source: Department of Census and Statistics

17. WAGE INDICES

Item	Unit	February	
		2024	2025 ^(a)
Public Sector Employees	2016 = 100		
Nominal Wage Rate Index		147.2	175.4
Real Wage Rate Index ^(b)		61.1	75.7
Informal Private Sector Employees ^(c)	2018 = 100		
Nominal Wage Rate Index		179.2	186.9
Real Wage Rate Index ^(b)		81.8	88.7
Agriculture			
Nominal Wage Rate Index		179.0	188.0
Real Wage Rate Index ^(b)		81.7	89.3
Industry			
Nominal Wage Rate Index		179.3	186.4
Real Wage Rate Index ^(b)		81.8	88.5
Services			
Nominal Wage Rate Index		179.3	186.7
Real Wage Rate Index ^(b)		81.8	88.6

(a) Provisional

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

(b) Based on National Consumer Price Index (2013=100)

(c) Informal private sector wage rate index was rebased to 2018 (from 2012) in order to capture the recent changes in the informal private sector wages and the employment structure.

18. GOVERNMENT FINANCE

Item	Unit	2023	2024 ^(a)	2024 January ^(a)	2025 January ^(a)	2024 Jan - Feb ^(a)	2025 Jan - Feb ^(a)
Total revenue and grants ^(b)	Rs. Mn.	3,074,324	4,090,808	283,189	346,581	647,354	760,875
Total revenue ^(b)	Rs. Mn.	3,048,822	4,030,838	283,126	346,581	647,101	760,672
Tax revenue		2,720,563	3,704,577	257,575	321,476	597,781	707,001
Non tax revenue		328,259	326,261	25,551	25,105	49,320	53,671
Grants ^(b)	Rs. Mn.	25,502	59,970	63	0	253	204
Recurrent expenditure ^(b)	Rs. Mn.	4,699,679	5,339,941	395,087	424,507	691,093	791,337
Capital expenditure and net lending ^(b)	Rs. Mn.	656,912	790,798	54,974	41,471	85,547	56,157
Financing ^(b)	Rs. Mn.	2,282,267	2,039,931	166,872	119,398	129,286	86,619
Domestic financing		1,787,612	1,706,691	177,326	130,345	144,789	96,843
Foreign financing		494,655	333,241	(10,454)	(10,947)	(15,502)	(10,225)

(a) Provisional

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

		2023 ^{(a)(b)(c)} End December	2024 ^{(a)(b)} End December
Total outstanding government debt ^(d)	Rs. Mn.	28,695,949	28,738,704
Total domestic debt	Rs. Mn.	17,051,854	18,309,660
By Maturity			
Short term		3,616,227	3,220,075
o/w Treasury bills		4,017,035	4,061,554
Central bank advances		0	0
Medium & Long term		13,435,627	15,089,586
o/w Treasury bonds		12,002,337	14,079,198
By Institution ^(e)		17,051,854	18,309,660
o/w Bank (Excluding Licensed Specialised Banks)		9,102,839	9,411,206
Non Bank		7,506,289	8,158,550
Total foreign debt ^{(f)(g)}	Rs. Mn.	11,644,094	10,429,044
Multilateral		3,816,950	3,773,453
Bilateral and Commercial		7,827,144	6,655,590
o/w International Sovereign Bonds		3,498,371	2,725,389
Foreign Currency Term Financing Facilities		709,741	715,520

Sources: Ministry of Finance, Planning and Economic Development
Central Bank of Sri Lanka

Note 1: With the establishment of the Public Debt Management Office (PDMO) under the Ministry of Finance, Planning and Economic Development (MOF), the responsibility for recording and publishing Sri Lanka's public debt now falls under the PDMO, as mandated by the provisions of the Public Debt Management Act, No. 33 of 2024. Accordingly, the Quarterly Statistical Debt Bulletin, published by the PDMO, will serve as the official source for debt statistics. The Central Bank compiles and present this table based on data received from the MOF to ensure data continuity, following the Government Finance Statistics Manual 2014 (GFS 2014).

Note 2: From 2023 onwards, debt statistics details given in this format will only be available to be published on a quarterly basis

(a) Provisional

(b) The outstanding central government debt excludes several debt service payments that became overdue after 12 April 2022, the date of which the Interim Policy regarding the servicing of Sri Lanka's external public debt was announced by the Ministry of Finance, Planning and Economic Development. These debt service payments comprise of certain overdue interest payments of affected debt which deemed to be capitalised as per the Interim Policy.

(c) Revised

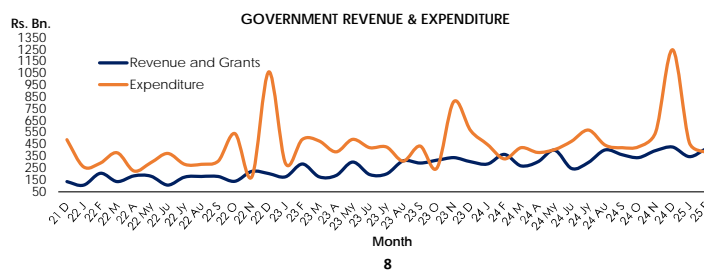
(d) As per the guidelines of compiling government debt statistics in the Manual of Government Finance Statistics published by the IMF in 2014, non resident holdings of outstanding SLDs have been classified under foreign debt and resident holdings of outstanding of ISBs of the Sri Lankan Government have been classified under domestic debt. Further, debt statistics are presented on net basis (net of deposits).

(e) Includes outstanding balance of the government guaranteed foreign currency debt of the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation that was absorbed into central government debt.

(f) Institution wise classification was revised based on records of the Central Depository System.

(g) Foreign loan debt statistics and classification of foreign debt are prepared based on the data sourced from the Commonwealth Secretariat Debt Recording and Management System (CS-DRMS) maintained by the Ministry of Finance, Planning and Economic Development.

(h) From December 2022 onwards, several outstanding project loans which were previously classified under Ceylon Electricity Board, Airport and Aviation Services Ltd, and Sri Lanka Ports Authority were absorbed into central government debt.



19. MONETARY AGGREGATES & UNDERLYING FACTORS

Item	Unit	Beginning January	End February ^(a)	Change (End February)	
				Absolute	Percentage
Narrow Money Supply (M₁)	Rs. Bn.				
2024		1,658.0	1,626.8	(31.3)	(1.9)
2025		1,925.6	1,938.3	12.7	0.7
Currency Held by the Public					
2024		900.1	903.8	3.7	0.4
2025		1,051.1	1,084.6	33.5	3.2
Demand Deposits Held by the Public					
2024		757.9	722.9	(35.0)	(4.6)
2025		874.5	853.7	(20.8)	(2.4)
Broad Money Supply (M₂) ^(b)	Rs. Bn.				
2024		11,485.1	11,567.0	81.9	0.7
2025		12,660.6	12,825.9	165.3	1.3
Time & Savings Deposits Held by the Public (Quasi Money)					
2024		9,827.0	9,940.2	113.2	1.2
2025		10,735.0	10,887.6	152.6	1.4
Underlying Factors (M₂) Net Foreign Assets ^(c)	Rs. Bn.				
2024		(1,865.7)	(1,676.0)	189.7	10.2
2025		(810.7)	(626.4)	184.3	22.7
Domestic Credit					
2024		15,612.7	15,598.5	(14.2)	(0.1)
2025		16,376.3	16,465.8	89.4	0.5
To Government (Net)		8,211.1	8,203.8	(7.3)	(0.1)
To Public Corporations		605.1	595.2	(9.8)	(1.6)
To Co-operatives		1.7	1.7	0.1	5.1
To Other Private Sector		7,558.5	7,665.0	106.5	1.4
Other Items (Net)					
2024		(2,261.9)	(2,355.5)	(93.6)	(4.1)
2025		(2,905.1)	(3,013.5)	(108.4)	(3.7)
Consolidated Broad Money Supply (M_{2b}) ^(d)	Rs. Bn.				
2024		13,189.1	13,201.1	12.0	0.1
2025		14,321.7	14,543.8	222.1	1.6
Adjusted Time & Savings Deposits Held by the Public (Quasi Money)					
2024		11,531.1	11,574.4	43.3	0.4
2025		12,396.1	12,605.5	209.4	1.7
Underlying Factors (M_{2b}) Net Foreign Assets ^(d)	Rs. Bn.				
2024		(456.1)	(320.2)	135.9	29.8
2025		572.9	794.7	221.8	38.7
Domestic Credit					
2024		16,421.2	16,371.5	(49.7)	(0.3)
2025		17,082.8	17,166.3	83.5	0.5
To Government (Net)		8,270.1	8,262.2	(7.9)	(0.1)
To Public Corporations		656.7	647.3	(9.4)	(1.4)
To Co-operatives		1.7	1.7	0.1	5.1
To Other Private Sector		8,154.4	8,255.1	100.7	1.2
Other Items (Net) ^(d)					
2024		(2,776.0)	(2,850.1)	(74.1)	(2.7)
2025		(3,334.0)	(3,417.3)	(83.3)	(2.5)
Reserve Money	Rs. Bn.				
2024		1,328.7	1,413.7	85.0	6.4
2025		1,539.3	1,589.6	50.2	3.3
Money Multipliers					
M₁ Multiplier					
2024		1.25	1.15		
2025		1.25	1.22		
M₂ Multiplier					
2024		8.64	8.18		
2025		8.22	8.07		
M_{2b} Multiplier					
2024		9.93	9.34		
2025		9.30	9.15		

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

(a) Provisional

(b) M2 = M1 + Time & Savings Deposits of DBUs

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

(d) Based on the consolidated monetary survey, which covers aggregated data pertaining to both Domestic Banking Units (DBUs) and Offshore Banking Units (OBUs) 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.

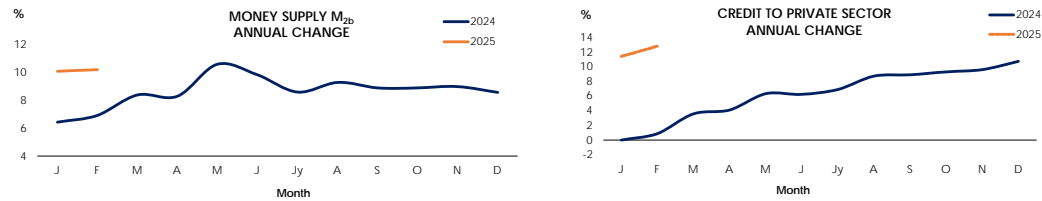
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Item	Unit	Beginning January	End February ^(a)	Change (End February)	
				Absolute	Percentage
Broad Money Supply (M_2) ^(e)	Rs. Bn.				
2024		15,829.2	15,953.4	124.3	0.8
2025		17,260.7	17,521.7	261.0	1.5
Time & Savings Deposits (Quasi Money)					
2024		14,244.8	14,399.1	154.3	1.1
2025		15,397.1	15,650.2	253.1	1.6
Underlying Factors (M_2)					
Net Foreign Assets					
2024		(456.1)	(346.8)	109.3	24.0
2025		551.8	772.4	220.6	40.0
Domestic Credit					
2024		20,092.4	20,016.5	(75.9)	(0.4)
2025		21,036.3	21,190.5	154.3	0.7
To Government (Net)		9,469.7	9,467.0	(2.6)	(0.0)
To Public Corporations		656.7	647.3	(9.4)	(1.4)
To Private Sector		10,909.9	11,076.3	166.3	1.5
Other Items (Net)					
2024		(3,807.1)	(3,716.2)	90.9	2.4
2025		(4,327.4)	(4,441.2)	(113.8)	(2.6)
Money Multiplier					
M_2 Multiplier					
2024		11.91	11.28		
2025		11.21	11.02		

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

(a) Provisional

(e) Based on the financial survey, which covers the consolidated monetary survey data (both DBUs & OBUs) and transactions of Licensed Specialised Banks (LSBs) and Finance Companies (FCs).

20. BANKING ^{(a)(b)}

Item	Unit	2024 End February	2025 End February ^(c)	Change (End February)	
				Absolute	Percentage
Commercial Banks					
Domestic Banking Units (DBUs)					
Loans & Advances (Total Outstanding) ^(d)	Rs. Bn.	8,276.5	8,783.3	506.8	6.1
Investment (Total Outstanding)					
Treasury Bills	Rs. Bn.	1,994.3	2,825.4	831.0	41.7
Other Govt. Securities ^(e)		3,760.7	4,343.8	583.1	15.5
Other Investments		141.6	183.2	41.6	29.4
Total Deposits	Rs. Bn.	13,365.1	15,183.4	1,818.3	13.6
Commercial Banks' Liquidity					
Excess Reserves and Cash in Hand	Rs. Bn.	226.3	243.1	16.8	7.4
Call Market Borrowings-Last week of month	Rs. Bn.	54.5	149.1	94.7	173.8
Offshore Banking Units (OBUs)					
Total Assets / Liabilities	Rs. Bn.	1,742.1	1,682.7	(59.5)	(3.4)
Assets					
Loans & Advances - Residents		784.5	714.2	(70.4)	(9.0)
Loans & Advances - Non-Residents		921.9	913.9	(8.0)	(0.9)
Other Assets		35.7	54.6	18.9	53.1
Liabilities					
Deposits & Borrowings - Residents		786.0	784.1	(1.9)	(0.2)
Deposits & Borrowings - Non-Residents		322.2	274.6	(47.6)	(14.8)
Other Liabilities		633.9	623.9	(10.0)	(1.6)
National Savings Bank					
Time & Savings Deposits	Rs. Bn.	1,496.8	1,556.3	59.5	4.0

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

(a) With the implementation of the Banking Act No. 24 of 2024, the demarcation of DBU and OBU was eliminated effective 14 June 2024. However, for the compilation of monetary aggregates, balance sheet data of LCBs are collected separately for DBUs and OBUs.

(b) Data presented in the Table may be different from Table 24 due to differences in compilation methodologies

(c) Provisional

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

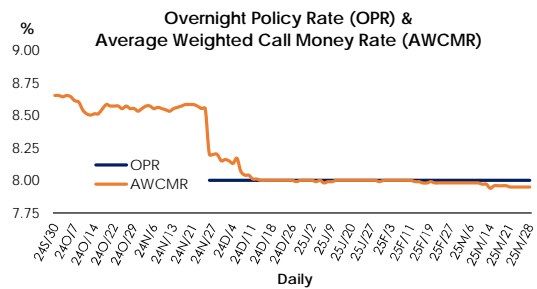
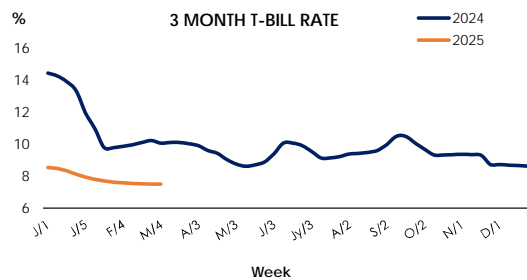
(e) Includes Rupee Securities and International Sovereign Bonds.

21. INTEREST RATES

Item	Unit	March		Y-o-Y Absolute Change (Basis Points)
		2024	2025	
Overnight Policy Rate (OPR)	Per cent	-	8.00	-
Call Money Rates (End Month)	Per cent	8.65-9.00	7.95-7.95	-
Standing Deposit Facility Rate	Per cent	8.50	7.50	(100)
Standing Lending Facility Rate	Per cent	9.50	8.50	(100)
Treasury Bills ^(a) (Last Week)	Yield			
91-Day	Per cent	10.07	7.50	(257)
182-Day		10.23	7.84	(239)
364-Day		10.28	8.25	(203)
Treasury Bonds ^(a)				
2-Year				
3-Year		11.33	-	-
4-Year		-	-	-
5-Year		12.25	10.72	(153)
6-Year		-	-	-
10-Year			11.50	
		2024 February	2025 February	
AWDR ^(b)	Per cent	10.80	7.21	(359)
AWFDR ^(c)	Per cent	13.77	8.84	(493)
AWNDR ^(d)	Per cent	9.52	6.25	(327)
AWNFRD ^(e)	Per cent	9.77	6.51	(326)
		2024 March	2025 March	
AWPR ^(f) (Last Week)	Per cent	10.69	8.43	(226)
		2024 February	2025 February	
AWLR ^(g)	Per cent	13.74	11.99	(175)
AWNLR ^(h)		13.44	10.45	(299)
Saving Rates	Per cent	2024 February	2025 February	
Commercial Banks		0.25-12.00	0.25-9.00	
National Savings Bank		3.00	3.00	
Fixed Deposit Rates	Per cent			
Commercial Banks (12 Months)		2.00-22.0	2.50-12.0	
National Savings Bank (12 Months)		7.75	7.00	
Long Term Lending Rates	Per cent	2024 February	2025 February	
State Mortgage & Investment Bank		9.50-21.00	9.00-20.00	
National Savings Bank		15.00-19.00	10.00-15.00	
National Housing Development Authority		12.00-16.00	12.00-14.00	

Sources: Central Bank of Sri Lanka
Respective Financial Institutions

- (a) Average weighted yield rates at the last auction held during the month.
(b) AWDR (Average Weighted Deposit Rate) of commercial banks is computed monthly based on previous month data.
(c) AWFDR (Average Weighted Fixed Deposit Rate) of commercial banks is computed monthly.
(d) AWNDR (Average Weighted New Deposit Rate) of commercial banks is computed monthly.
(e) AWFNDR (Average Weighted New Fixed Deposit Rate) of commercial banks is computed monthly.
(f) AWPR (Average Weighted Prime Lending Rate) of commercial banks is computed weekly.
(g) AWLR (Average Weighted Lending Rate) of commercial banks is computed monthly.
(h) AAWNLR (Average Weighted New Lending Rate) of commercial banks is computed monthly.



22. CREDIT CARDS

Credit Cards ^(a)	Unit	2024 End December	2025 End January	2025 End February ^(b)
Total Number of Active Cards	Number	2,008,456	2,018,996	2,020,766
Local (accepted only locally)		9,772	9,670	9,595
Global (accepted globally)		1,998,684	2,009,326	2,011,171
Outstanding balance	Rs. Mn.	157,957.42	155,262.19	155,986.95
Local (accepted only locally)		34,847.40	34,426.64	34,384.54
Global (accepted globally)		123,110.02	120,835.55	121,602.41

(a) Issued by Licensed Commercial Banks (LCBs)

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

(b) Provisional

23. COMMERCIAL PAPER ISSUES

Item	Unit	2024 End December	2025 End January	2025 End February ^(a)
Commercial Paper Issues ^(b)	Rs. Mn.			
Total Issues ^(c)		3,125.00	-	-
Outstanding (at the end of the period)		875.00	875.00	875.00

(a) Provisional

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

(b) Based on the information provided by LCBs and LSBs

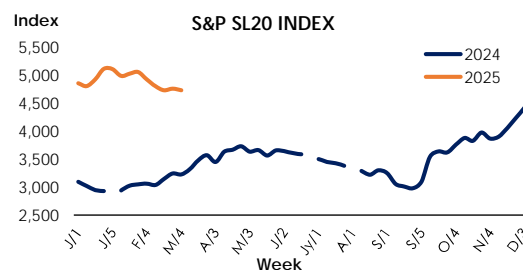
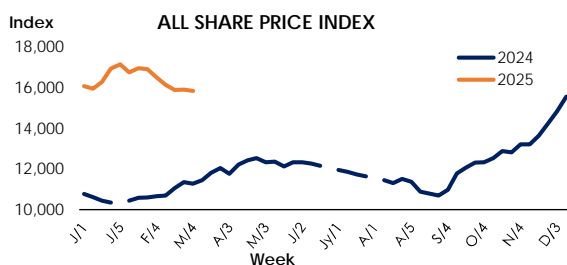
(c) Year-to-date total

24. SHARE MARKET

Item	Unit	End March		Y-o-Y Change (%)
		2024	2025	
All Share Price Index (ASPI)	1985=100	11,444.38	15,814.82	38.2
S&P Sri Lanka 20 (S&P SL20)	2004=1000	3,317.62	4,734.72	42.7
Market Capitalisation	Rs. Bn.	4,534.65	5,606.37	23.6
Non-national Transactions ^(a)				
Purchase	Rs. Mn.	1,573.44	2,259.98	43.6
Sales		5,835.36	3,926.61	(32.7)
Net Purchases		(4,261.93)	(1,666.63)	60.9

(a) Total for the month

Source: Colombo Stock Exchange



25. BANKING SECTOR

Item	Unit	2023 End December	2024 End December ^(a)	Change (End December)	
				Absolute	Percentage
Assets and Liabilities					
Assets					
Total Assets	Rs. Bn	20,394.4	22,175.7	1,781.2	8.7
Cash and Due From Banks	Rs. Bn	2,131.1	1,778.0	(353.1)	(16.6)
Investments	Rs. Bn	7,299.9	9,083.7	1,783.8	24.4
Net Loans and Receivables	Rs. Bn	10,063.4	10,494.4	431.0	4.3
Investment Properties	Rs. Bn	4.5	7.4	2.9	64.6
Property, Plant and Equipment	Rs. Bn	214.9	229.5	14.6	6.8
Other Assets	Rs. Bn	680.6	582.7	(97.9)	(14.4)
Liabilities					
Deposits	Rs. Bn	16,630.5	17,969.4	1,338.9	8.1
Borrowings	Rs. Bn	1,397.4	1,280.0	(117.4)	(8.4)
Other Liabilities	Rs. Bn	601.1	883.1	282.1	46.9
Equity Capital & Reserves	Rs. Bn	1,765.5	2,043.2	277.7	15.7
Income & Expenses					
Net Interest Income	Rs. Bn	714.6	912.1	197.5	27.6
Non-interest Income	Rs. Bn	207.4	182.2	(25.2)	(12.1)
Operating Expenses	Rs. Bn	373.4	444.0	70.6	18.9
Impairment for Loans & Other Losses	Rs. Bn	171.6	(67.4)	(239.0)	(139.3)
Profit Before Corporate Taxes	Rs. Bn	291.1	562.3	271.2	93.2
Profits After Corporate Tax	Rs. Bn	192.6	309.3	116.7	60.6
Soundness Indicators					
Asset Quality (%)					
Stage 3 Loans to Total Loans Ratio (Including Undrawn Amounts and Net of Stage 3 Impairment)	%	12.8	12.3		(0.5)
Stage 3 Loans to Total Loans Ratio (Excluding Undrawn Amounts)	%	12.8	12.1		(0.7)
Stage 3 Impairment Coverage (Including Undrawn Amounts)	%	49.0	54.1		5.1
Total Impairment Coverage (Including Undrawn Amounts)	%	8.6	8.5		(0.2)
Profitability (%)					
Return on Equity – after tax	%	11.5	16.6		5.1
Return on Assets – before tax	%	1.5	2.7		1.2
Efficiency (operating cost) Ratio	%	40.5	40.6		0.1
Net Interest Income to Average Assets (Net Interest Margin)	%	3.7	4.4		0.7
Liquidity (%)					
Liquid Assets to Total Assets	%	32.2	38.6		6.4
Liquidity Coverage Ratio – LKR	%	340.9	349.9		9.1
Liquidity Coverage Ratio – All Currency	%	288.4	313.8		25.4
Net Stable Funding Ratio	%	158.4	164.8		6.5
Credit to Total Deposits	%	66.3	63.9		(2.4)
Capital Adequacy (%)					
Capital Adequacy Ratio	%	18.4	18.4		0.0
Tier 1 Capital Ratio	%	15.2	14.9		(0.3)
Common Equity Tier 1 Ratio	%	14.9	14.6		(0.3)

(a) Provisional

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

26. FINANCE COMPANIES SECTOR

Item	Unit	2024	2025	Change (End March)	
		End March	End March ^(a)	Absolute	Percentage
Assets and Liabilities					
Assets	Rs. Bn	1,760.7	2,090.0	329.2	18.7
Cash and Cash Equivalents	Rs. Bn	40.7	45.5	4.8	11.7
Loans	Rs. Bn	1,214.7	1,567.8	353.1	29.1
Investments	Rs. Bn	399.7	363.5	(36.3)	(9.1)
Other Assets	Rs. Bn	105.6	113.2	7.6	7.2
Liabilities	Rs. Bn	1,330.1	1,596.2	266.2	20.0
Deposits	Rs. Bn	987.0	1,120.7	133.7	13.5
Borrowings	Rs. Bn	248.5	357.5	108.9	43.8
Other Liabilities	Rs. Bn	94.6	118.1	23.5	24.9
Equity	Rs. Bn	430.7	493.7	63.1	14.6
Income & Expenses (9 months ending December)					
Net Interest Income	Rs. Bn	165.5	200.3	34.9	21.1
Non Interest Income	Rs. Bn	34.1	33.5	(0.6)	(1.8)
Impairment	Rs. Bn	8.1	(5.8)	(13.9)	(172.2)
Operating Expenses	Rs. Bn	100.4	116.6	16.2	16.1
Share of Profit/Loss of Associates and Joint Ventures	Rs. Bn	0.3	0.6	0.3	115.0
Profit/Loss for the Period (Before VAT and Income Tax)	Rs. Bn	91.4	123.7	32.3	35.3
Profit/Loss the Period (After VAT and Income Tax)	Rs. Bn	51.5	69.0	17.5	34.1
Soundness Indicators					
Asset Quality					
Gross Non Performing Loans (Stage 03 Loans) to Total Loans	%	14.7	8.3		(6.4)
Net Non Performing Loans (Stage 03 Loans net of Stage 03 Impairment) to Total Loans	%	9.4	4.5		(4.9)
Stage 03 Impairment Coverage Ratio (Stage 03 Impairment to Stage 03 Loans)	%	35.7	45.8		10.1
Profitability					
Return on Assets (ROA) (Annualized)	%	5.5	6.6		1.1
Return on Equity (ROE) (Annualized)	%	12.9	15.1		2.2
Net Interest Margin (NIM) (Net Interest Income to Average Assets) (Annualized)	%	10.0	10.7		0.7
Liquidity					
Liquid Assets to Total Assets	%	14.8	11.8		(3.0)
Liquid Assets to External Funds (Total Deposits and Borrowings)	%	21.0	16.7		(4.3)
Excess/Deficit in Liquid Assets to Required Liquid Assets	%	140.8	99.3		(41.5)
Liquid Assets to Short Term Liabilities (less than 03 Months)	%	46.8	41.4		(5.4)
Capital Adequacy					
TIER 1 Capital after Adjustments to Risk Weighted Assets (Core Capital Ratio)	%	21.0	19.7		(1.3)
Total Capital to Risk Weighted Assets (Total Capital Ratio)	%	21.9	20.5		(1.3)
TIER 1 Capital after Adjustments to Assets (Leverage Ratio)	%	18.0	16.8		(1.1)
Net Non Performing Loans to TIER 1 Capital after Adjustments	%	39.0	21.2		(17.8)

(a) Provisional

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

27. EXTERNAL TRADE

Item	Unit	2024	2025 ^(a)	Y-o-Y Change (%)
Exports	Rs. Mn.			
February		331,122	312,514	(5.6)
January - February		642,890	624,329	(2.9)
Imports				
February		430,867	434,580	0.9
January - February		916,408	963,417	5.1
Trade Balance				
February		(99,745)	(122,067)	
January - February		(273,518)	(339,088)	
Exports	US \$ Mn.			
February		1,059	1,053	(0.6)
January - February		2,030	2,106	3.7
Imports				
February		1,378	1,464	6.2
January - February		2,890	3,250	12.4
Trade Balance				
February		(319)	(411)	
January - February		(860)	(1,144)	

(a) Provisional

Sources: Ceylon Petroleum Corporation and other exporters of pe

Lanka IOC PLC

National Gem and Jewellery Authority

Sri Lanka Tourism Development Authority

Sri Lanka Customs

Central Bank of Sri Lanka

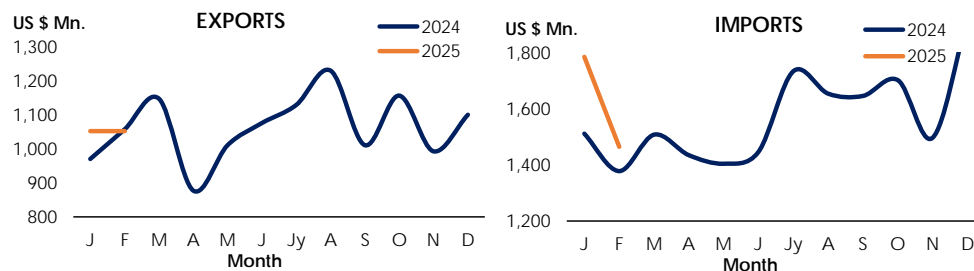
TRADE INDICES ^(a) (2010 = 100)

Item	February	
	2024	2025 ^(b)
Total Exports		
Value	147.4	146.5
Quantity	163.3	173.2
Unit Value	90.3	84.6
Total Imports		
Value	123.4	131.0
Quantity	147.9	165.6
Unit Value	83.4	79.1
Terms of Trade	108.2	106.9

(a) In US\$ Terms

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

(b) Provisional



EXTERNAL TRADE - COMPOSITION OF IMPORTS

Item	Unit	2024	2025 ^(a)	Y-o-Y Change (%)
Major Imports				
Consumer Goods - Total	Rs. Mn.			
February		78,022	104,192	33.5
January - February		168,380	216,806	28.8
Food and Beverages				
February		39,573	59,134	49.4
January - February		89,860	130,627	45.4
Vegetables				
February		9,056	11,489	26.9
January - February		19,910	24,290	22.0
Sugar				
February		9,831	12,740	29.6
January - February		19,478	25,568	31.3
Dairy Products				
February		4,632	12,365	167.0
January - February		11,060	17,620	59.3
Other Food and Beverages				
February		16,054	22,540	40.4
January - February		39,411	63,148	60.2
Non-food Consumer Goods				
February		38,450	45,059	17.2
January - February		78,520	86,180	9.8
Personal Vehicles				
February		1,494	1,049	(29.8)
January - February		2,994	1,930	(35.5)
Medical and Pharmaceuticals				
February		12,247	13,708	11.9
January - February		30,311	27,144	(10.4)
Other Non Food Consumables				
February		24,709	30,302	22.6
January - February		45,216	57,106	26.3
Intermediate Goods - Total				
February		262,645	249,301	(5.1)
January - February		577,539	563,678	(2.4)
Fuel				
February		90,795	82,618	(9.0)
January - February		224,868	206,326	(8.2)
Textile and Textile Articles				
February		76,919	68,512	(10.9)
January - February		149,027	137,446	(7.8)
Diamonds, Precious Stones and Metals				
February		3,802	2,111	(44.5)
January - February		8,563	4,043	(52.8)
Wheat				
February		154	3,090	1,906.4
January - February		3,543	9,850	178.0
Other Intermediate Goods				
February		90,975	92,970	2.2
January - February		191,539	206,013	7.6
Investment Goods - Total				
February		89,465	79,956	(10.6)
January - February		169,575	180,696	6.6
Machinery and Equipment				
February		63,071	52,392	(16.9)
January - February		116,372	123,411	6.0
Other Investment Goods				
February		26,394	27,563	4.4
January - February		53,202	57,285	7.7
Total Imports ^(b)				
February		430,867	434,580	0.9
January - February		916,408	963,417	5.1

(a) Provisional

(b) Data from the Sri Lanka Customs have been adjusted to include accurate monthly values of imports of fuel which are recorded with a lag in customs data. Those data are obtained directly from relevant institutions for the adjustment.

Sources: Ceylon Petroleum Corporation
Lanka IOC PLC
Sri Lanka Customs
Central Bank of Sri Lanka

(External Trade Contd...)

Item	Unit	2024	2025 ^(a)	Y-o-Y Change (%)
Major Imports				
Consumer Goods - Total	US \$ Mn.			
February		249.6	351.0	40.6
January - February		530.9	731.3	37.7
Food and Beverages				
February		126.6	199.2	57.4
January - February		283.2	440.6	55.6
Vegetables				
February		29.0	38.7	33.6
January - February		62.8	81.9	30.5
Sugar				
February		31.4	42.9	36.5
January - February		61.5	86.2	40.2
Dairy Products				
February		14.8	41.7	181.1
January - February		34.8	59.4	70.5
Other Food and Beverages				
February		51.4	75.9	47.9
January - February		124.1	213.0	71.7
Non-food Consumer Goods				
February		123.0	151.8	23.4
January - February		247.8	290.7	17.3
Personal Vehicles				
February		4.8	3.5	(26.0)
January - February		9.4	6.5	(31.1)
Medical and Pharmaceuticals				
February		39.2	46.2	17.9
January - February		95.4	91.5	(4.1)
Other Non Food Consumables				
February		79.0	102.1	29.2
January - February		142.9	192.6	34.8
Intermediate Goods - Total				
February		840.2	840.0	(0.0)
January - February		1,820.7	1,901.4	4.4
Fuel				
February		290.5	278.4	(4.2)
January - February		707.9	696.0	(1.7)
Textile and Textile Articles				
February		246.1	230.8	(6.2)
January - February		470.6	463.6	(1.5)
Diamonds, Precious Stones and Metals				
February		12.2	7.1	(41.5)
January - February		27.0	13.6	(49.5)
Wheat				
February		0.5	10.4	2,013.1
January - February		11.0	33.2	200.9
Other Intermediate Goods				
February		291.0	313.2	7.6
January - February		604.2	694.9	15.0
Investment Goods - Total				
February		286.2	269.4	(5.9)
January - February		535.6	609.5	13.8
Machinery and Equipment				
February		201.8	176.5	(12.5)
January - February		367.7	416.3	13.2
Other Investment Goods				
February		84.4	92.9	10.0
January - February		167.9	193.2	15.1
Total Imports ^(b)				
February		1,378.4	1,464.2	6.2
January - February		2,890.2	3,249.7	12.4

(a) Provisional

(b) Data from the Sri Lanka Customs have been adjusted to include accurate monthly values of imports of fuel which are recorded with a lag in customs data. Those data are obtained directly from relevant institutions for the adjustment.

Sources: Ceylon Petroleum Corporation

Lanka IOC PLC

Sri Lanka Customs

Central Bank of Sri Lanka

EXTERNAL TRADE - COMPOSITION OF EXPORTS

Item	Unit	2024	2025 ^(a)	Y-o-Y Change (%)
Major Exports				
Tea	Rs. Mn.			
February		39,926	35,442	(11.2)
January - February		72,743	68,820	(5.4)
Rubber				
February		730	886	21.4
January - February		1,270	1,876	47.7
Coconut				
February		10,214	12,338	20.8
January - February		18,188	22,721	24.9
Spices				
February		6,915	11,237	62.5
January - February		15,874	22,395	41.1
Minor Agricultural Products				
February		4,082	2,975	(27.1)
January - February		8,020	6,463	(19.4)
Textile and Garments				
February		131,995	127,125	(3.7)
January - February		254,409	263,766	3.7
Gems Diamonds and Jewellery				
February		9,651	8,214	(14.9)
January - February		25,126	19,384	(22.9)
Rubber Products				
February		27,008	23,785	(11.9)
January - February		52,715	45,026	(14.6)
Petroleum Products				
February		28,580	24,074	(15.8)
January - February		56,159	45,846	(18.4)
Mineral Exports				
February		585	420	(28.2)
January - February		1,050	737	(29.8)
Other Exports				
February		71,436	66,016	(7.6)
January - February		137,335	127,294	(7.3)
Total Exports ^(b)				
February		331,122	312,514	(5.6)
January - February		642,890	624,329	(2.9)
Major Exports				
Tea	US \$ Mn.			
February		127.7	119.4	(6.5)
January - February		229.9	232.1	1.0
Rubber				
February		2.3	3.0	27.8
January - February		4.0	6.3	57.5
Coconut				
February		32.7	41.6	27.2
January - February		57.5	76.6	33.3
Spices				
February		22.1	37.9	71.2
January - February		50.0	75.5	51.0
Minor Agricultural Products				
February		13.1	10.0	(23.3)
January - February		25.3	21.8	(13.9)
Textile and Garments				
February		422.3	428.3	1.4
January - February		803.4	889.7	10.7
Gems Diamonds and Jewellery				
February		30.9	27.7	(10.4)
January - February		79.1	65.4	(17.3)
Rubber Products				
February		86.4	80.1	(7.3)
January - February		166.4	151.9	(8.8)
Petroleum Products				
February		91.4	81.1	(11.3)
January - February		177.3	154.6	(12.8)
Mineral Exports				
February		1.9	1.4	(24.4)
January - February		3.3	2.5	(25.1)
Other Exports				
February		228.5	222.4	(2.7)
January - February		433.7	429.3	(1.0)
Total Exports ^(b)				
February		1,059.3	1,052.9	(0.6)
January - February		2,030.0	2,105.7	3.7

(a) Provisional

(b) Data from the Sri Lanka Customs have been adjusted to include accurate monthly values of exports of petroleum products and gems, diamonds and jewellery which are recorded with a lag in customs data. Those data are obtained directly from relevant institutions for the adjustment.

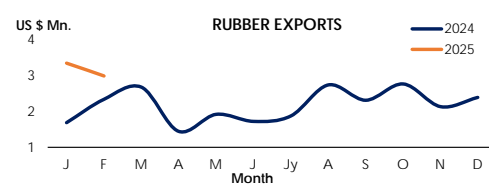
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Other exporters of petroleum
National Gem and Jewellery Authority
Sri Lanka Customs
Central Bank of Sri Lanka

EXTERNAL TRADE - MAJOR EXPORTS & IMPORTS (VOLUMES AND PRICES)

Item	Unit	February		
		2024	2025 ^(a)	Y-o-Y Change (%)
Export Volume				
Tea	Mn. Kg	22.3	20.4	(8.6)
Rubber	Mn. Kg	0.8	0.9	11.3
Coconut	Mn. Nuts	57.0	38.3	(32.8)
Export Prices				
Tea	Rs./ kg	1,789.43	1,737.51	(2.9)
	US \$/ kg	5.72	5.85	2.3
Rubber	Rs./ kg	917.22	999.84	9.0
	US \$/ kg	2.93	3.37	14.8
Coconut	Rs./ Nut	71.94	125.12	73.9
	US \$/ Nut	0.23	0.42	83.2
Average Gross Price				
Tea	Rs./ kg	1,331.95	1,187.06	(10.9)
Rubber	Rs./ kg	650.50	-	(100.0)
Coconut	Rs./ Nut	69.54	140.00	-
Quantity Sold				
Tea	Mn. Kg	16.9	19.6	15.9
Import Volumes				
Rice	MT '000	2.1	5.3	156.7
Wheat & Maize	MT '000	5.8	45.6	691.3
Sugar	MT '000	42.6	73.6	72.6
Crude Oil	Barrels '000	730.10	730.52	0.1
Import Prices (Average)				
Rice	Rs./MT	282,753.21	163,473.87	(42.2)
	US\$/MT	904.58	550.78	(39.1)
Wheat and Maize	Rs./MT	101,968.31	96,541.95	(5.3)
	US\$/MT	326.21	325.27	(0.3)
Sugar	Rs./MT	230,597.40	173,154.96	(24.9)
	US\$/MT	737.72	583.40	(20.9)
Crude Oil	Rs./Barrel	25,422.21	22,652.89	(10.9)
	US\$/Barrel	81.33	76.32	(6.2)

(a) Provisional

Sources: Ceylon Petroleum Corporation and
Other Exporters of Petroleum
Lanka IOC PLC
National Gem and Jewellery Authority
Colombo Tea Brokers' Association
The Ceylon Chamber of Commerce
Coconut Development Authority
Sri Lanka Customs
Central Bank of Sri Lanka



28. TOURISM

Item	Unit	2024	2025 ^(a)	Y-o-Y Change
Tourist Arrivals	Number			
March		209,181	229,298	9.6
January - March		635,784	722,276	13.6
Earnings from Tourism	US\$ Mn.			
March		338	354 ^(b)	4.6
January - March		1,026	1,122 ^(b)	9.4
	Rs. Mn.			
March		103,433	104,759 ^(b)	1.3
January - March		321,265	332,527 ^(b)	3.5
Workers' Remittances (Inflows)	US\$ Mn.			
March		572	693	21.1
January - March		1,536	1,814	18.1

(a) Provisional

(b) Based on the survey conducted by the Sri Lanka Tourism Development Authority in 2025

Sources: Central Bank of Sri Lanka
Sri Lanka Tourism Development Authority

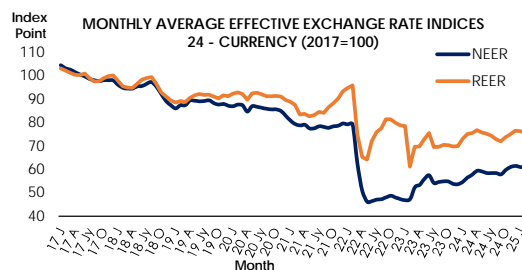
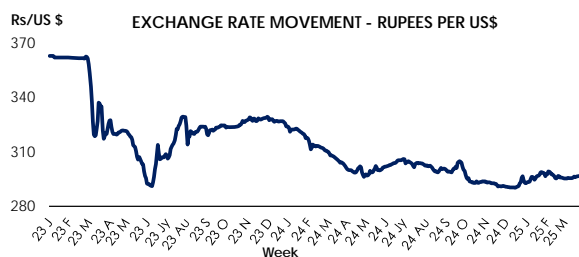
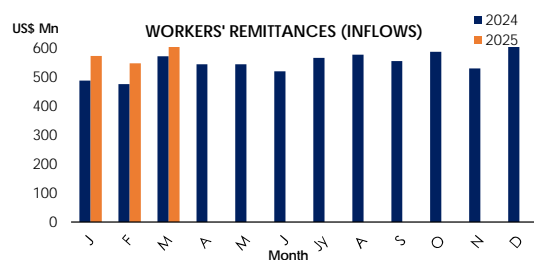
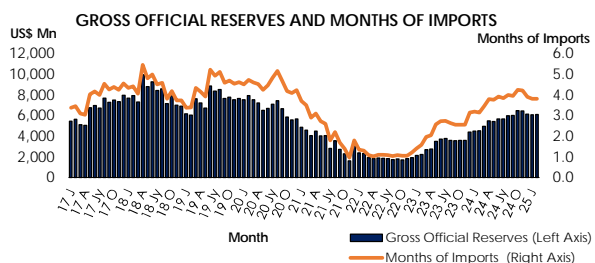
29. INTERNATIONAL FINANCE

Item	Unit	2023 December	2024 December	2025 January	2025 February
External Assets ^(a)					
Gross Official Reserves (GOR) ^(b)	US\$ Mn.	4,392	6,122	6,065	6,086
	Rs. Mn.	1,422,802	1,791,191	1,804,962	1,798,452
Reserve Adequacy of GOR	Months of Imports	3.1	3.9	3.8	3.8
Total Reserves (TR)	US\$ Mn.	9,373	11,230	11,610	11,638
	Rs. Mn.	3,036,261	3,285,710	3,454,940	3,439,093
Reserve Adequacy of TR	Months of Imports	6.7	7.2	7.3	7.3
Exchange Rates (Period Avg.)		2024 March		2025 March	
	Rs./USD	305.6650		295.9090	
	Rs./GBP	388.5587		381.6842	
	Rs./INR	3.6821		3.4152	
	Rs./JPY	2.0419		1.9840	
	Rs./EUR	332.3664		319.3432	
	Rs./SDR	406.3493		393.0167	
Forward Exchange Rates ^(c)		Rs. / USD		2025 March	
One month				297.13	
Three months				297.95	
Six months				-	

Indices of Nominal Effective Exchange Rate (NEER) and Real Effective Exchange Rate (REER) - 24 Currency Basket (Period Avg.)		
	2024 February	2025 February
NEER (2017 = 100) ^(d)	56.48	60.73
REER (2017 = 100) ^(e)	75.36	75.78

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

- (a) 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.
- (b) This includes proceeds from the PBOC swap arrangement, which is subject to conditionalities on usability.
- (c) Average for the last five working days of the month of March based on actual transactions.
- (d) The NEER is the weighted average of nominal exchange rates of the 24 trading partner and competitor countries. Weights are based on the trade shares reflecting the relative importance of each currency in the currency basket.
- (e) The REER is computed by adjusting the NEER for inflation differentials (based on CCPI) with the countries whose currencies are included in the basket. The REER Indices for 2024 are provisional.



Balance of Payments - Standard presentation under BPM6 format ^(a)

US \$ Mn

CURRENT AND CAPITAL ACCOUNT	2023 ^(b)			2024 ^(c)		
	Credit	Debit	Net	Credit	Debit	Net
Goods and services	17,327	19,174	(1,847)	19,682	22,317	(2,635)
Goods ^(d)	11,911	16,811	(4,900)	12,772	18,841	(6,069)
General merchandise	11,911	16,807	(4,896)	12,772	18,837	(6,065)
Non-monetary gold	-	5	(5)	-	5	(5)
Services	5,416	2,363	3,053	6,910	3,475	3,435
Manufacturing services	17	194	(177)	27	213	(186)
Maintenance and repair services n.i.e	45	8	37	56	19	37
Transport	1,550	732	818	1,794	1,017	777
Sea Transport	813	286	528	1,177	441	736
Passenger	0.1	3	(3)	1	1	0.2
Freight	432	252	180	770	411	359
Other	381	31	350	406	29	377
Air transport	736	440	296	616	570	46
Passenger	304	241	63	281	279	2
Freight	81	78	3	51	173	(122)
Other	351	120	230	283	118	165
Postal and courier services	0.5	6	(6)	1	6	(6)
Travel ^(e)	2,068	503	1,565	3,169	755	2,413
Construction	355	111	244	212	127	86
Insurance and pension services	35	51	(16)	24	57	(34)
Financial services	64	57	7	55	65	(9)
Charges for the use of intellectual property	15	94	(79)	7	148	(141)
Telecommunication, computer and information services	917	251	666	971	244	727
Telecommunication services	122	53	69	123	51	73
Computer services	795	198	597	848	194	654
Other business services	310	344	(33)	540	563	(23)
Personal, cultural and recreational services	35	11	24	19	15	4
Government goods and services n.i.e.	7	7	(0.9)	36	251	(215)
Primary Income	460	3,007	(2,548)	609	3,208	(2,599)
Compensation of employees	53	30	23	146	20	126
Investment Income	407	2,977	(2,570)	463	3,188	(2,725)
Direct Investment	8	916	(907)	73	942	(869)
Dividends	6	647	(641)	61	771	(710)
Re-invested earnings	2	268	(266)	12	171	(159)
Portfolio Investment	-	854	(854)	-	877	(877)
Equity	-	86	(86)	-	86	(86)
Interest	-	768	(768)	-	791	(791)
short-term	-	20	(20)	-	25	(25)
long-term	-	748	(748)	-	766	(766)
Other Investment	349	1,207	(858)	271	1,369	(1,098)
Reserve assets	49	-	49	119	-	119
Secondary Income	5,989	155	5,834	6,585	146	6,439
General Government ^(f)	20	-	20	10	-	10
Personal transfers	5,970	155	5,815	6,575	146	6,429
of which, worker's remittances	5,970	155	5,815	6,575	146	6,429
Current Account	23,776	22,337	1,439	26,877	25,671	1,206
Capital Account	40	3	37	20	8	12
Capital Transfers	40	3	37	20	8	12
General Government ^(g)	36	-	36	18	-	18
Private Capital Transfers	3	3	1	2	8	(7)
Current Account + Capital Account	23,816	22,339	1,476	26,896	25,679	1,217

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

(a) The above presentation conforms as far as possible to the Balance of Payments Manual (BPM), 6th edition (2009) of the International Monetary Fund (IMF)

(b) Provisional

(c) Revised

(d) Exports and imports are recorded on f.o.b. and c.i.f. valuation basis, respectively.

(e) Passenger services provided for non-residents are included in transport services.

(f) Includes outright grants received in the form of programme, food and commodity aid, cash and technical assistance.

(g) Includes outright grants received in the form of project aid.

Balance of Payments - Standard presentation under BPM6 format ^(a) (Contd..)

US \$ Mn

FINANCIAL ACCOUNT	2023 ^(c)		2024 ^(c)	
	Net Incurrence of liabilities	Net acquisition of financial assets	Net Incurrence of liabilities	Net acquisition of financial assets
Financial Account	2,172	3,655	1,018	1,910
Direct Investments	713	51	761	110
Equity and investment fund shares	497	47	499	106
Equity other than reinvestment of earnings	228	40	328	94
Direct investor in direct investment enterprise ^(b)	228	40	328	94
- BOI companies	146	-	85	-
- CSE Companies (not registered with BOI)	10	-	243	-
- Other companies	72	-	-	-
Reinvestment of earnings	268	7	171	12
- BOI companies	179	-	135	-
- CSE Companies (not registered with BOI)	39	-	35	-
- Other companies	50	-	-	-
Debt Instruments	216	5	262	4
Direct investor in direct investment enterprise ^(b)	216	5	262	4
- BOI companies	364	-	262	-
Shareholder Advance	285	-	82	-
Intra Company Borrowings	79	-	180	-
Debt Repayments	-	-	-	-
- CSE Companies (not registered with BOI)	-	-	-	-
- Other companies	(148)	-	-	-
Portfolio Investments	931	173	301	180
Equity and investment fund shares	8	-	2	-
- CSE Companies (not registered with BOI)	8	-	2	-
Debt securities	923	173	299	180
Deposit taking corporations, other than the Central Bank	-	173	-	180
Long term	-	173	-	180
General Government	910	-	286	-
Short-term (Treasury Bills)	132	-	(217)	-
Long-term	778	-	504	-
Treasury Bonds	78	-	39	-
SLDBs	(27)	-	-	-
Sovereign Bonds	727	-	465	-
Other Sectors	13	-	13	-
Long-term	13	-	13	-
Financial Derivatives	-	-	-	-
Other Investment	528	972	(44)	(3)
Currency & deposits	(134)	114	(868)	(73)
Central Bank	(341)	-	(900)	-
Short term	0.1	-	(0.2)	-
Long term	(341)	-	(900)	-
Deposit taking corporations, other than the Central Bank	(350)	-	(900)	-
Short-term	9	-	-	-
Long-term	207	114	33	(73)
International swaps	207	(472)	33	(427)
Accrued Interest on International Swaps	-	586	-	354
General Government	-	-	-	-
Other sectors	-	-	-	-
Loans	751	-	993	-
Central Bank	(172)	-	(210)	-
Credit and loans with the IMF	(172)	-	(210)	-
Deposit taking corporations, except the Central Bank	(644)	-	14	-
Short-term	(397)	-	145	-
Long-term	(248)	-	(131)	-
General Government	1,845	-	1,752	-
Short-term	-	-	-	-
Long-term	1,845	-	1,752	-
Credit and loans with the IMF	681	-	335	-
Disbursements	1,822	-	1,552	-
Accrued Interest	384	-	455	-
Repayments	(1,041)	-	(589)	-
Other sectors ⁽ⁱ⁾	(278)	-	(563)	-
Long term	(278)	-	(563)	-
Disbursements	282	-	653	-
Accrued Interest	-	-	-	-
Repayments	(560)	-	(1,217)	-
Trade credits and advances	(260)	136	(170)	111
Deposit taking corporations, except the Central Bank	-	(4)	-	61
Central Bank	-	(4)	-	61
Short term	-	(4)	-	61
Other sectors ⁽ⁱ⁾	(260)	140	(170)	50
Short term	(260)	140	(170)	50
Other accounts receivable/payable	171	721	-	(42)
Central Bank	171	-	-	-
Short term ^(k)	171	-	-	-
Deposit taking corporations, except the Central Bank	-	721	-	(42)
Short term	-	721	-	(42)
Special Drawing Rights	-	-	-	-
Reserve Assets	-	2,458	-	1,622
Monetary gold	-	-	-	-
Special drawing rights	-	33	-	(30)
Reserve position in the IMF	-	-	-	-
Other reserve assets	-	2,426	-	1,652
Currency and deposits	-	1,802	-	42
Claims on monetary authorities	-	(383)	-	41
Claims on other entities	-	2,185	-	2
Securities	-	635	-	1,569
Debt securities	-	635	-	1,569
Long term	-	635	-	1,569
Other claims	-	(11)	-	41
FINANCIAL ACCOUNT (NET) (Assets - Liabilities)	-	1,483	-	892
Errors and Omissions	-	6	-	(325)

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

^(b) Include Direct Investment to BOI, CSE and other private companies.⁽ⁱ⁾ Include State Owned Business Enterprises (SOBEs) and private sector companies.^(j) Include trade credits received by the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation (CPC) and private sector companies.^(k) Net transactions of ACU liabilities