

CENTRAL BANK OF SRI LANKA



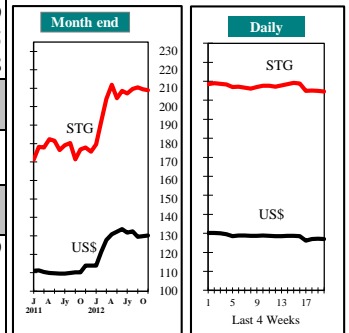
SELECTED WEEKLY ECONOMIC INDICATORS

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Exchange Rates (Rs Per Unit)	Week Ending January 04	Week Ago	Year Ago
Commercial Bank Avg. Middle Rate (prevailing at 9.30a.m.)			
US\$	127.78	127.05	113.90
STG	205.32	204.59	178.16
Yen	1.46	1.47	1.49
Euro	166.40	168.13	148.59
INR(1)	2.35	2.32	2.15
SDR (As at 03 January 2013)	195.29	195.24	175.68
Central Bank purchases and sales of foreign exchange from commercial banks at market rates (US\$ Mn.)-total for Month	November 2012	Month Ago	Year Ago
Purchases	0.00	36.70	30.00
Sales	7.85	6.40	594.15
	Week Ending	Week Ago	Year Ago
Average Daily Interbank Volume (US\$ Mn.) (spot, tom and cash transactions among commercial banks)	31.82	37.52	55.19
Forward Transactions			
Forward Rates (US\$) ⁽²⁾			
1 Month	128.27	127.57	114.83
3 Months	130.07	129.85	115.50
Average Daily Interbank Forward Volume (US\$ mn)	8.74	13.31	15.51
Outstanding Forward Volume (US\$ mn) (As at 03 January 2013)	958.30	1,007.39	1,514.17

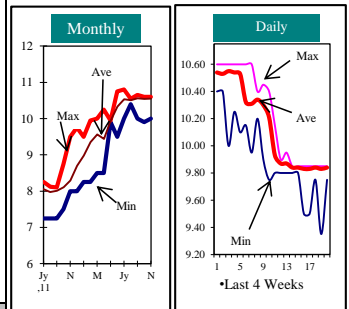
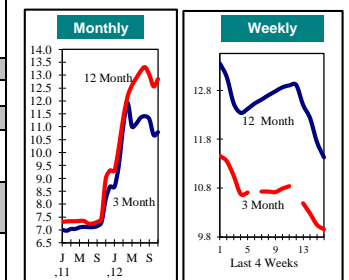
EXCHANGE RATES
(US\$ and STG 2011-2012)

In nominal terms the Rupee appreciated against the Yen and Euro while it depreciated against the US\$, STG, INR and SDR

(1) Central Bank indicative rate

(2) Weekly average based on actual transactions.

Interest Rates (%)	Week Ending January 04	Week Ago	Year Ago
Commercial Bank Average Weighted Prime Lending Rate (AWPR)	14.26	14.40	10.77
Treasury Bill Yield - 91 days	9.91	10.00	8.68
(Excluding 10% withholding tax) - 182 days	10.99	11.32	8.71
- 364 days	11.38	11.69	9.31
Central Bank Overnight Repurchase Rate (Repo)	7.50	7.50	7.00
Central Bank Overnight Reverse Repurchase Rate	9.50	9.50	8.50
Call Money Weekly Average (CMR)	9.83	9.85	9.12
Sri Lanka Inter Bank Offer Rate (SLIBOR)			
1 day	9.88	9.91	9.33
7 days	10.95	10.96	9.52
1 Month	12.43	12.50	9.75
3 Months	13.18	13.20	9.97
6 Months	13.72	13.73	10.19
12 Months	14.26	14.23	10.40
Saving Deposits - Commercial Banks	September 2012	Month Ago	Year Ago
One Year Fixed Deposits -Commercial Banks	0.75-10.50	0.75-10.50	1.00-8.50
	5.00-15.60	5.25-15.50	5.05-11.75
Commercial Bank Average Weighted Deposit Rate (AWDR)	December 2012	Month Ago	Year Ago
Commercial Bank Average Weighted Fixed Deposit Rate (AWFDR)	10.10	9.80	7.24
	13.21	12.78	8.95
Commercial Bank Average Weighted Lending Rate (AWLR)	November 2012	Month Ago	Year Ago
	15.74	15.57	13.47
Saving Deposits - NSB	November 2012	Month Ago	Year Ago
One Year Fixed Deposits - NSB	5.00	5.00	5.00
	12.50	12.50	8.50
Treasury Bonds Auction	(02 Y & 02 Months)	(04 Y & 02 Months)	(06 Y & 03 Months)
Coupon rate	26/07/2012	26/07/2012	26/07/2012
Weighted Average Yield(Excluding 10% withholding tax)	9.00	6.40	8.00
	13.62	14.10	14.25

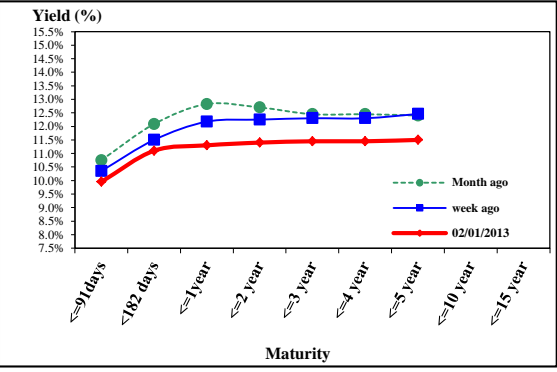
INTEREST RATES- Call Money
(Minimum and Maximum)INTEREST RATES
3 Month & 12 Month
Treasury Bills Yield

Call money rates remained between 9.35 to 9.85 per cent during the week.

*AWPR - Average for the month of December 2012 - 14.29

Bankwise- AWPR	Week ending 04/01/2013	Week Ago
Bank of Ceylon	14.50	14.23
People's Bank	16.00	16.50
Hatton National Bank	14.57	15.24
Commercial Bank of Ceylon	14.50	14.42
Sampath Bank	15.44	15.83
Seylan Bank	18.97	17.34
Union Bank of Colombo	17.24	17.93
Pan Asia Banking Corporation	18.50	18.50
Nations Trust Bank	16.04	15.88
DFCC Vardhana Bank	17.29	16.68
NDB Bank	16.98	17.06
Amana Bank	-	-

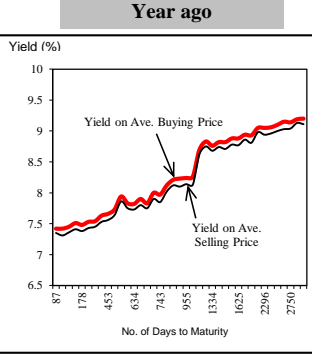
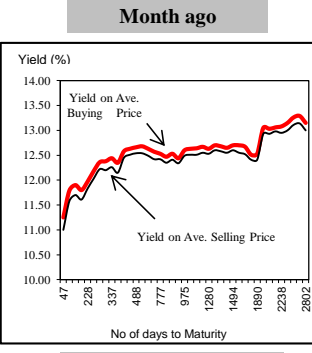
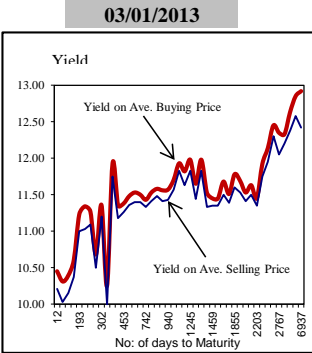
Bankwise- AWPR	Week ending 04/01/2013	Week Ago
HSBC	11.71	12.55
Standard Chartered Bank	14.33	14.40
Citi Bank	13.44	13.16
Deutsche Bank	13.51	12.71
Habib Bank	15.20	15.23
Indian Bank	15.79	15.73
Indian Overseas Bank	15.00	15.00
MCB Bank	14.33	15.39
State Bank of India	16.54	16.46
Public Bank	14.33	14.32
ICICI Bank	13.27	15.41
Axis Bank	-	-

Government Securities Market					
Weekly Summary of Primary & Secondary Market Transactions					
and Weighted Average Yield Rates					
Item/ Week Ended	WeekEnding January 02 2013	WeekEnding December 26 2012	Item / Week Ended	WeekEnding January 02 2013	WeekEnding December 26 2012
			Secondary Market		
Outstanding Stock of Government Securities	Rs.Mn	Rs.Mn	Weighted Average Yield Rates	After Tax	After Tax
T-bills			Treasury Bills		
Outstanding	709,069	727,355	Purchased		
o/w, amounts held by PDs	64,051	58,259	<= 91 days	10.00%	10.20%
o/w, amounts held by Foreign Investors	80,185	79,481	<= 182 days	11.20%	11.40%
T-bonds			<= 364 days	11.40%	11.70%
Outstanding	2,495,495	2,495,495	Sold		
o/w, amounts held by PDs	30,597	30,444	<= 91 days	9.90%	10.00%
o/w, amounts held by Foreign Investors	317,604	318,129	<= 182 days	11.00%	11.20%
Primary Issues			<= 364 days	11.20%	11.60%
T-bills			Treasury Bonds		
Amount Offered	20,000	15,000	Purchased		
Total Bids Received	54,120	37,972	<= 1 year	0.00%	0.00%
Total Bids Accepted	30,202	16,591	<= 2 year	11.50%	11.75%
T-bonds			<= 3 year	11.50%	11.80%
Amount Offered	0	0	<= 4 year	11.65%	12.00%
Total Bids Received	0	0	<= 5 year	11.55%	11.90%
Total Bids Accepted	0	0	<= 10 year	0.00%	0.00%
			<= 15 year	0.00%	0.00%
			>15 year	0.00%	0.00%
Latest Primary Issues	Yield Rates		Sold		
T- bills	<= 91 days	9.91%	<= 1 year	0.00%	0.00%
	< 182 days	10.99%	<= 2 year	11.30%	11.65%
	< 364 days	11.38%	<= 3 year	11.40%	11.70%
T- bonds			<= 4 year	11.55%	11.90%
<2year	Last Issue	0.00%	<= 5 year	11.45%	11.80%
2year	Last Issue 02/08/2012	13.62%	<= 10 year	0.00%	0.00%
3year	Last Issue 11/05/2012	13.50%	<= 15 year	0.00%	0.00%
4year	Last Issue 02/08/2012	14.10%	>15 year	0.00%	0.00%
5year	Last Issue 02/07/2012	14.15%			
6year	Last Issue 02/08/2012	14.25%			
10 year	Last Issue 02/07/2012	14.75%			
15 year	Last Issue 01/03/2011	9.30%			
20 year	Last Issue 01/02/2012	11.00%			
Secondary Market Activities	Rs.Mn	Rs.Mn	Secondary Market Yield		
T- bills			Yield (%)		
Outright Transactions					
Purchased	10,982	10,282			
Sold	10,300	14,788			
Repo Transactions					
Repurchase	44,814	32,963			
Reverse Repurchase	7,426	2,211			
T- bonds					
Outright Transactions					
Purchased	2,850	8,348			
Sold	2,645	6,535			
Repo Transactions					
Repurchase	107,189	113,691			
Reverse Repurchase	7,953	5,852			

Source :Primary Auctions & Primary Dealer Weekly Reporting System

Buying and Selling prices of Treasury Bonds Quoted by Primary Dealers on 03/01/2013						
Bond Series	Maturity Period (Years)	Maturity D / M / Y	Average Buying Price *	Yield **	Average Selling Price *	Yield **
08.84%2013A	2	05/10/2013	98.68	10.68	98.80	10.50
09.22%2013A	2	21/11/2013	99.13	10.25	99.34	10.00
06.60%2014A	2	01/02/2014	94.73	11.93	94.91	11.75
09.00%2014A	2	01/10/2014	96.12	11.50	96.27	11.40
06.75%2013A	3	01/09/2013	97.19	11.27	97.30	11.09
08.50%2015A	3	01/11/2015	91.95	11.93	92.18	11.83
13.50%2013A	4	01/02/2013	100.20	10.31	100.23	10.03
11.50%2013A	4	15/06/2013	100.36	10.60	100.46	10.37
07.00%2014A	4	01/03/2014	95.38	11.35	95.56	11.18
06.60%2014B	4	01/06/2014	93.80	11.48	93.94	11.36
06.20%2015A	4	15/01/2015	90.75	11.43	90.92	11.33
06.20%2015B	4	15/06/2015	88.81	11.58	89.01	11.48
08.00%2016B	4	01/06/2016	89.12	11.98	89.50	11.83
11.25%2014A	5	15/07/2014	99.61	11.53	99.78	11.40
06.50%2015A	5	15/07/2015	89.16	11.56	89.44	11.41
08.00%2016A	5	01/09/2016	88.47	11.98	88.88	11.83
08.00%2017A	5	01/01/2017	89.18	11.45	89.47	11.35
08.00%2017B	5	15/06/2017	87.49	11.68	88.06	11.50
10.50%2013A	6	01/04/2013	99.96	10.39	100.02	10.15
11.75%2014B	6	01/04/2014	100.38	11.38	100.51	11.26
11.75%2015A	6	15/03/2015	100.38	11.53	100.61	11.41
11.00%2015A	6	01/08/2015	98.74	11.57	99.04	11.43
11.00%2015B	6	01/09/2015	98.41	11.70	98.69	11.57
07.25%2016A	6	01/04/2016	87.96	11.82	88.42	11.63
06.40%2016A	6	01/08/2016	84.97	11.65	85.53	11.44
06.40%2016B	6	01/10/2016	84.75	11.53	85.29	11.33
05.80%2017A	6	15/01/2017	82.15	11.45	82.43	11.35
05.80%2017B	6	15/07/2017	80.26	11.51	80.62	11.39
08.00%2018A	6	15/11/2018	84.87	11.63	85.34	11.50
05.65%2019A	8	15/01/2019	75.22	11.45	75.58	11.35
08.00%2019A	8	01/11/2019	81.13	12.14	81.89	11.95
08.00%2020A	8	01/06/2020	78.85	12.45	79.46	12.30
08.50%2013A	10	15/01/2013	99.92	10.45	99.93	10.21
08.50%2013B	10	15/07/2013	98.62	11.23	98.73	11.00
07.50%2013A	10	01/08/2013	97.89	11.34	98.06	11.03
07.50%2013B	10	01/11/2013	97.01	11.36	97.13	11.20
08.50%2019A	10	01/05/2019	85.09	11.92	85.75	11.75
06.20%2020A	10	01/08/2020	70.27	12.35	71.44	12.05
08.00%2022A	10	01/01/2022	76.87	12.33	77.44	12.20
08.50%2018A	15	01/02/2018	87.70	11.78	88.33	11.60
08.50%2018B	15	15/07/2018	87.27	11.69	87.87	11.53
07.50%2018A	15	15/08/2018	83.65	11.53	84.10	11.41
05.35%2026A	15	01/03/2026	52.95	12.85	54.04	12.58
07.00%2023A	20	01/10/2023	67.34	12.63	68.46	12.38
08.00%2032A	20	01/01/2032	65.47	12.92	68.04	12.42

Treasury Bonds - Yield Curves



Two way quotes for Treasury Bills 03/01/2013					
Remaining Maturity	Average Buying Price	Yield	Average Selling Price	Yield	Buying & Selling Spread
1-7 Days	99.82	9.63	99.82	9.32	0.01
1 Month	99.19	9.90	99.21	9.62	0.02
2 Month	98.36	9.99	98.39	9.80	0.03
3 Month	97.51	10.09	97.55	9.92	0.04
4 Month	96.52	10.59	96.60	10.33	0.08
5 Month	95.52	10.91	95.62	10.65	0.11
6 Month	94.54	11.08	94.60	10.95	0.06
7 Month	93.55	11.21	93.64	11.06	0.09
8 Month	92.59	11.27	92.68	11.13	0.09
9 Month	91.60	11.36	91.69	11.23	0.10
10 Month	90.60	11.43	90.73	11.28	0.12
11 Month	89.60	11.51	89.73	11.36	0.14
12 Month	88.66	11.50	88.77	11.38	0.12

Money Market Activity - Volumes (Rs. Mn)	Week Ending 03 Jan 2013	Week Ago	Year Ago
Inter - bank Call Money Turnover (a)	13,109	12,716	16,870
Central Bank Holdings (a) Treasury bills	161,634	186,121	166,352

(a) Daily average for week

Open Market Operations	31.12.2012	01.01.2013	02.01.2013	03.01.2013	04.01.2013
Repo Auction					
Amount Offered (Rs. Bn)	-	-	-	-	-
Bids received (Rs. Bn)	-	-	-	-	-
Amount accepted (Rs. Bn)	-	-	-	-	-
Weighted Average Yield (% p.a.)	-	-	-	-	-
Standing Facilities (Volumes)					
Repo (Rs.Bn.)	7.02	9.74	0.46	6.75	0.32
Reverse Repo (Rs.Bn)	14.58	16.14	5.34	10.62	1.38

Credit Cards *	2012 (a) End October	2012 End September	2012 (b) End August	2011 End Dec
Total Number of Active Cards	944,543	935,108	928,072	862,352
Local (accepted only locally)	60,371	60,574	60,660	61,320
Global (accepted globally)	884,172	874,534	867,412	801,032
Outstanding balance (Rs. Mn.)	41,638	41,196	42,126	37,637
Local (accepted only locally)	1,159	1,132	1,143	1,098
Global (accepted globally)	40,478	40,065	40,982	36,539

* Issued by Licensed Commercial Banks

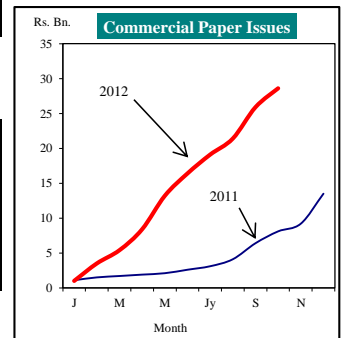
(a) Provisional

(b) Revised

Commercial Paper Issues ⁽¹⁾	2012 End Oct*	2012 End Sep	2011 End Dec
Total Issues - Cumulative (Rs. bn.)	28.6	25.9	13.5
Outstanding (as at end of the period) (Rs.bn.)	9.8	10.7	8.1

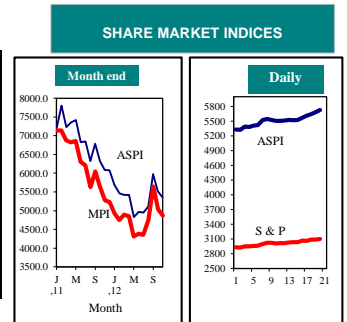
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(1) Based on the information provided by Licensed Commercial Banks and Licensed Specialised Banks



Share Market	Week Ending 03 Jan 2013	Week Ago	Year Ago
All Share Price Index (1985 = 100) (ASPI)	5,730	5,571	6,036
S & P Sri Lanka 20 Index (S&P SL20)	3,104	3,061	-
Average Daily Turnover (Rs. Mn)	854	434	425
Market Capitalisation (Rs.Bn.)	2,201	2,140	2,170

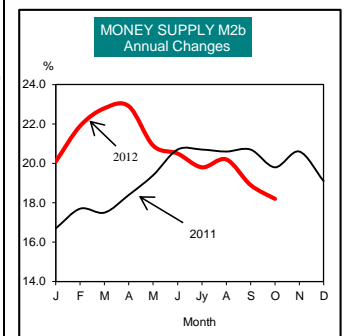
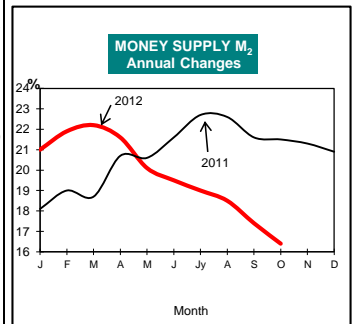
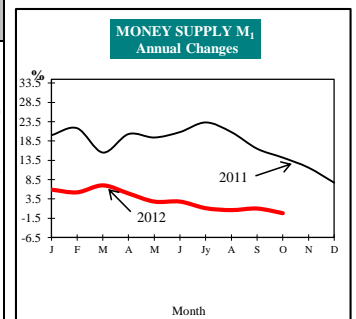
Both the All Share Price Index and S & P SL20 index have increased by 159 and 43 index points respectively. The Average Daily Turnover has increased by Rs.420 mn.



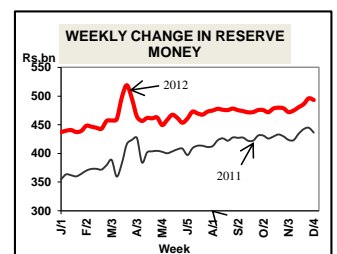
Money Supply	2012 (a) October	Month Ago	Year Ago
M ₁ (Rs. bn.)	425.4	439.8	434.1
M ₂ (Rs. bn.)	2,463.3	2,455.0	2,116.7
M _{2b} (Rs. bn.)	2,842.6	2,828.7	2,405.0
Net Foreign Assets of the Banking System (Rs. bn.) (b)	-20.9	-30.2	213.2
Monetary Authorities (Rs. bn.)	356.1	345.4	407.6
Domestic Banking Units (DBUs) (Rs. bn.)	-124.2	-112.0	-75.7
Foreign currency Banking Units (FCBUs) (Rs. bn.)	-252.8	-263.6	-118.7
Net Domestic Assets of the Banking System (Rs. bn.) (b)	2,863.4	2,858.9	2,191.7
DBUs (Rs. bn.)	2,491.3	2,479.4	1,989.5
FCBUs (Rs. bn.)	372.1	379.5	202.3
Net Credit to Government (Rs. bn.)	1,042.7	1,035.1	787.5
Monetary Authorities (Rs. bn.)	320.0	332.0	176.8
DBUs (Rs. bn.)	589.0	566.4	484.4
FCBUs (Rs. bn.)	133.7	136.7	126.3
Credit to Corporations (Rs. bn.)	254.6	271.9	161.2
DBUs (Rs. bn.)	70.0	68.2	69.3
FCBUs (Rs. bn.)	184.6	203.7	91.9
Credit to the Private Sector (Rs. bn.)	2,324.4	2,294.9	1,882.5
DBUs (Rs. bn.)	2,132.0	2,112.6	1,704.0
FCBUs (Rs. bn.)	192.5	182.3	178.5
Reserve Money (Rs. bn.)	471.1	473.1	425.5
Annual Change (%)			
M ₁	-2.0	1.0	14.2
M ₂	16.4	17.4	21.5
M _{2b}	18.2	18.9	19.8
Net Foreign Assets of the Banking System (b)	-109.8	-113.0	-49.1
Monetary Authorities	-12.6	-15.9	-21.2
Domestic Banking Units (DBUs)	-64.2	-72.6	-51.3
Foreign currency Banking Units (FCBUs)	-112.9	-131.1	-146.8
Net Domestic Assets of the Banking System (b)	30.6	33.1	38.0
DBUs	25.2	27.3	35.6
FCBUs	84.0	88.7	66.2
Net Credit to Government	32.4	30.0	32.5
Monetary Authorities	81.0	104.5	114.3
DBUs	21.6	12.7	15.6
FCBUs	5.9	3.8	36.1
Credit to Corporations	58.0	92.9	31.2
DBUs	1.0	-4.2	-21.7
FCBUs	100.9	192.0	168.2
Credit to the Private Sector	23.5	25.5	33.4
DBUs	25.1	28.2	35.6
FCBUs	7.8	1.0	15.4
Reserve Money	10.7	12.0	22.1

(a) Provisional

(b) In relation to M_{2b}

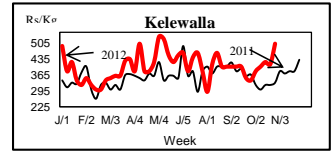
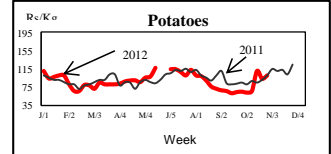
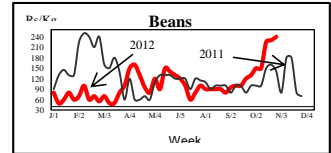
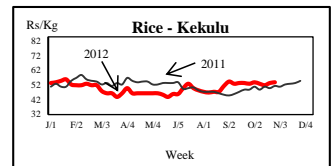


Weekly change in Reserve Money	03 Jan 2013	Week ago	Change
Reserve Money (Rs.Mn.)	488,940	493,070	-4,130

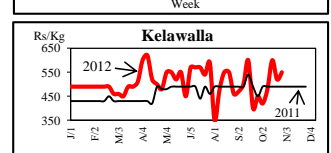
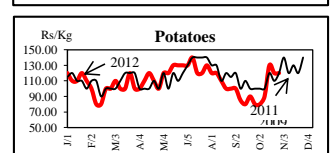
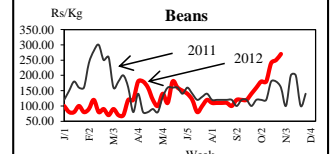
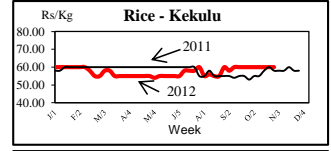


Pettah Market

Average Wholesale Prices	Week Ending 03/01/2013	Week Ago	Month Ago	Year Ago Annual Ave.
Rice (Rs/Kg)				
Samba	70.00	70.00	70.63	65.58
Kekulu (Red)	54.00	55.00	54.75	50.63
Beans	100.00	80.00	70.00	103.35
Cabbage	70.00	80.00	70.00	51.15
Carrots	140.00	140.00	157.50	104.91
Tomatoes	50.00	120.00	100.00	71.00
Pumpkins	35.00	30.00	35.00	40.97
Snake Gourd	60.00	55.00	46.25	56.91
Brinjals	130.00	120.00	80.00	61.86
Ash-Plantains	80.00	80.00	77.50	46.79
Red-Onions (Local)	137.50	155.00	151.25	86.75
Big-Onions (Local)	n.a	n.a	87.50	57.32
Potatoes (N'Eliya)	117.50	125.00	138.13	94.95
Dried Chilies (Imported)	170.00	173.00	179.25	176.66
Dhal (Indian)	123.00	120.00	118.00	117.81
Eggs (Red) (Each)	12.20	12.20	13.65	10.32
Coconut (Each)	34.50	33.50	33.50	27.97
Fish (Rs/Kg) *				
Kelawalla	470.00	380.00	385.00	396.15
Balaya	350.00	300.00	290.00	278.80
Salaya	140.00	130.00	112.50	112.08
Paraw (Small)	480.00	330.00	347.50	424.10



Average Retail Prices	Week Ending 03/01/2013	Week Ago	Month Ago	Year Ago Annual Ave.
Rice (Rs/Kg)				
Samba	72.00	72.00	72.50	69.75
Kekulu (Red)	60.00	60.00	60.00	57.90
Beans	120.00	120.00	95.00	126.73
Cabbage	100.00	120.00	105.00	77.12
Carrots	170.00	180.00	190.00	126.63
Tomatoes	80.00	160.00	135.00	96.25
Pumpkins	60.00	50.00	55.00	61.15
Snake Gourd	80.00	80.00	70.00	82.50
Brinjals	160.00	160.00	110.00	86.54
Ash-Plantains	100.00	100.00	100.00	67.55
Red-Onions (Local)	170.00	170.00	197.50	114.23
Big-Onions (Local)	n.a	n.a	110.00	70.68
Potatoes (N'Eliya)	130.00	150.00	157.50	114.13
Dried Chilies (Imported)	210.00	210.00	202.00	213.04
Dhal (Indian)	140.00	140.00	137.50	137.50
Eggs (Red) (Each)	12.50	12.50	14.00	10.70
Coconut (Each)	35.00	38.00	38.50	33.72
Fish (Rs/Kg) *				
Kelawalla	540.00	540.00	540.00	508.53
Balaya	480.00	340.00	327.50	367.06
Salaya	200.00	160.00	160.00	152.20
Paraw (Small)	540.00	380.00	397.50	527.35



* Prices collected from the Fisheries Trade Centre, Peliyagoda.

**Marandaghamula
Average Wholesale Price of Rice**

Item	Week Ending 04/01/2013	Week Ago Avg	Month Ago	Year Ago
Samba	67.75	68.03	68.41	61.32
Sudu Kekulu	55.50	55.50	56.29	48.69
Raw Red	52.53	52.50	52.35	47.70
Nadu	57.75	58.50	58.45	50.44

**Dambulla Market
Week Ending - 03 Jan 2013 (Rs/Kg)**

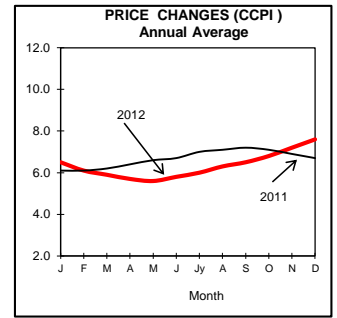
Food Item	Wholesale (Average)	Retail (Average)
Rice		
Samba	70.50	72.20
Kekulu (Red)	55.00	58.60
Vegetables		
Pumpkins	17.90	35.00
Snake Gourd	44.00	65.50
Ash-Plantains	59.50	80.00
Beans	95.50	131.00
Carrots	106.50	143.00
Tomatoes	62.50	99.50
Other Foods		
Potatoes (N'Eliya)	92.50	111.67
Dried Chilies(Imported)	183.00	215.00
Big-Onions (Local)	65.00	80.00
Red-Onions (Local)	85.00	107.50
Coconut (Each)	33.00	39.80

**Narahenpita Economic Centre (Rs/Kg.)
Retail Prices**

Item	Average	
	03/01/2013	Week Ago
Rice		
Samba	70.00	70.00
Kekulu (Red)	56.00	58.00
Beans	100.00	153.33
Cabbage	120.00	100.00
Carrots	180.00	180.00
Tomatoes	100.00	130.00
Pumpkins	60.00	60.00
Snake Gourd	80.00	80.00
Brinjals	140.00	120.00
Ash-Plantains	120.00	120.00
Red-Onions (Imported)	220.00	210.00
Big-Onions (Imported)	80.00	110.00
Potatoes (Imported)	120.00	140.00
Dried Chilies (Imported)	220.00	220.00
Dhal (Indian)	140.00	140.00
Eggs (Red)(Each)	13.00	15.50
Coconut (Each)	35.00	35.00
Fish		
Kelawalla	760.00	710.00
Balaya	400.00	390.00
Salaya	260.00	200.00
Paraw (Small)	920.00	820.00

Price Indices	December 2012	Month Ago	Year Ago
Colombo Consumers' Price Index (CCPI) (2006 / 07 = 100)	168.6	167.1	154.4
Annual Average Change %	7.6	7.2	6.7
Year - on - Year Change %	9.2	9.5	4.9
Core Inflation - (CCPI) (2006 / 07 = 100)	164.2	163.4	152.7
Annual Average Change %	5.8	5.6	6.9
Year - on - Year Change %	7.6	7.2	4.7
	Sep 2012 *	Month Ago	Year Ago
Wholesale Price Index (WPI) (1974 = 100)	4,547.3	4,428.7	4,137.4
Annual Average Change %	-0.2	-0.4	15.1

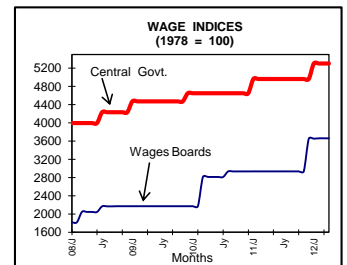
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Wage rate Indices	2012 (a) October	2011 October	% Change
Central Government Employees (1978 = 100) (b)	5,304.7	4,964.5	6.9
Workers in Wages Boards Trades (1978 = 100)	3,662.8	2,936.4	24.7
Agriculture	4,434.3	3,337.0	32.9
Industry & Commerce	2,402.1	2,402.1	0.0
Services	1,851.8	1,851.8	0.0

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(b) Non-executive officers and minor employees



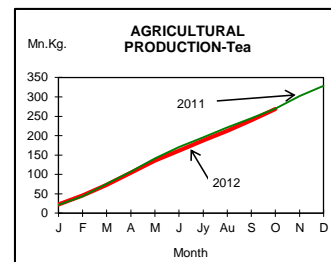
Agriculture Production	2012* Jan - Oct	2011 Jan - Oct	% Change
Tea (Mn Kg)	268.7	270.0	-0.5
Rubber (Mn Kg)	128.6	132.4	-2.9
Coconuts (Mn Nuts)	2,537.9	2,274.7	11.6

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Industrial Production	2012* Oct	2011 Oct	% Change
Industrial Production Index (IPI) (a) (2010 = 100)	104.5	112.5	-7.1
	Jan- Dec'11	Jan- Dec'10	
Public Sector Major Industrial Output Index (1997 = 100)	85.5	70.7	21.0

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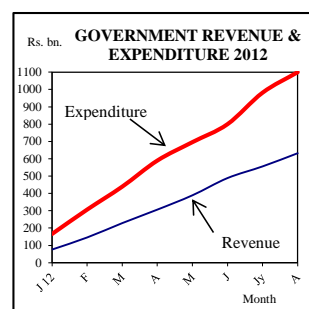
(a) IPI based on ISIC Revision 4 Classification



Government Finance	2012* Jan - Sep	2011 Jan - Sep
Revenue and Grants (Rs.bn)	725.7	670.9
Revenue (Rs.bn)	711.3	661.2
Tax	629.5	590.8
Non tax	81.8	70.4
Grants	14.4	9.7
Expenditure & Lending Minus Repayments (Rs.bn)	1,208.7	1,051.6
Current	851.8	780.9
Capital & Lending Minus Repayments	356.9	270.7

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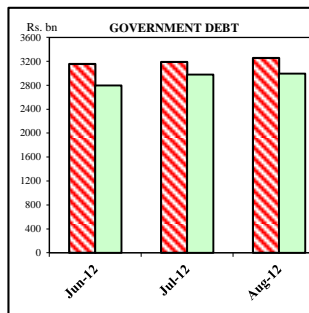
Total revenue & Grants increased by 8.2 per cent compared to the period of Jan - Sep 2011.



Government Debt	2012* End Sep	Month Ago	Year Ago
Total domestic debt Rs bn	3,280.4	3,253.2	2,824.1
of which			
Treasury bills	626.8	638.2	626.6
Treasury bonds	2,161.8	2,121.7	1,796.2
Rupee loans	58.4	58.4	62.0
Total foreign debt Rs bn	2,981.5	2,995.8	2,245.2
Total outstanding govt. debt Rs bn	6,262.0	6,249.0	5,069.3

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Total outstanding government debt increased by 22.0 per cent compared to end December 2011.

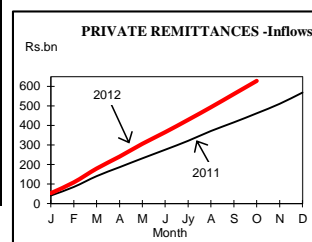
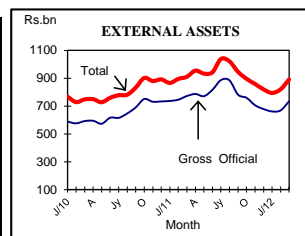


External Finance		2012 (a) End Nov	2011 End Dec	% Change
External Assets				
Total Reserves (b)	US\$ Mn	8,058.6	7,199.0	11.9
	Rs Mn	1,049,639.6	819,978.0	28.0
Gross Official Reserves (b)	US\$ Mn	6,490.2	5,957.6	8.9
	Rs Mn	845,353.3	678,583.9	24.6
Workers' Remittances (c)				
Inflows	US\$ Mn	491.3	436.0	12.7
	Rs Mn	64,032.4	48,541.3	31.9
Workers' Remittances				
Inflows	US\$ Mn	4,418.7	3,782.1	16.8
	Rs Mn	561,536.8	416,568.0	34.8
Outflows	US\$ Mn	468.4	330.4	41.8
	Rs Mn	59,316.3	36,408.1	62.9
Net	US\$ Mn	3,950.2	3,451.7	14.4
	Rs Mn	502,220.5	380,159.8	32.1

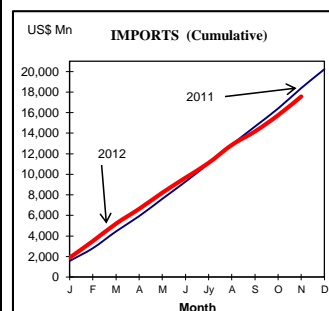
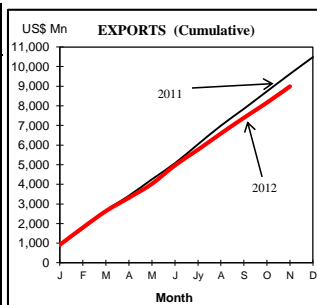
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(b) By end November 2012, the total level of foreign reserves were equivalent to 5.02 months of imports and the gross official reserves were equivalent to 4.05 months of imports.

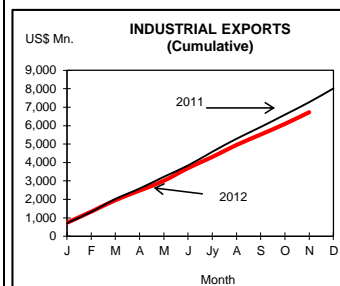
(c) Data on workers' remittances outflows are published on quarterly basis.



External Trade		2012 Jan - Nov	2011 Jan - Nov	% Change
Exports				
	Rs. Mn	1,144,058	1,061,276	7.8
Agricultural		269,811	255,413	5.6
Industrial		856,151	801,776	6.8
Mineral		6,647	3,413	94.8
Other		11,449	675	1,596.5
Imports				
	Rs. Mn	2,234,296	2,027,834	10.2
Consumer Goods		350,145	366,989	-4.6
Intermediate Goods		1,362,111	1,225,339	11.2
Investment Goods		518,698	430,503	20.5
Other		3,341	5,003	-33.2
Trade Balance	Rs. Mn	-1,090,237	-966,558	-12.8
Exports (US\$ Mn)				
	US\$ Mn	8,991	9,625	-6.6
Agricultural		2,114	2,317	-8.7
Industrial		6,728	7,272	-7.5
Mineral		52	31	68.1
Other		98	6	1,500.3
Imports (US\$ Mn)				
	US\$ Mn	17,574	18,393	-4.5
Consumer Goods		2,755	3,328	-17.2
Intermediate Goods		10,702	11,115	-3.7
Investment Goods		4,091	3,904	4.8
Other		27	45	-40.9
Trade Balance	US\$ Mn	-8,583	-8,768	2.1



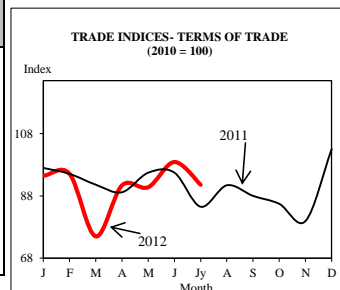
Industrial Exports		2012	2011	% Change
		Jan - Nov	Jan - Nov	
Total Industrial Exports	Rs.Mn.	856,151	801,776	6.8
Food, Beverages and Tobacco		33,616	34,893	-3.7
Textiles and Apparel		462,685	419,981	10.2
Petroleum Products		54,305	53,821	0.9
Leather, Rubber etc		106,045	95,157	11.4
Other		199,500	197,924	0.8
Total Industrial Exports	US\$ Mn.	6,728	7,272	-7.5
Food, Beverages and Tobacco		263	317	-16.8
Textiles and Apparel		3,633	3,809	-4.6
Petroleum Products		427	488	-12.5
Leather, Rubber etc		833	863	-3.5
Other		1,571	1,795	-12.5



Trade Indices *	2012**	Month ago	Year ago
(2010= 100)	September		
Total Exports			
Value	111.4	115.4	119.5
Quantity	112.2	113.5	111.3
Unit Value	99.4	101.6	107.3
Total Imports			
Value	117.7	156.6	157.8
Quantity	122.4	137.1	129.5
Unit Value	96.1	114.2	121.8
Terms of Trade	103.3	88.9	88.1

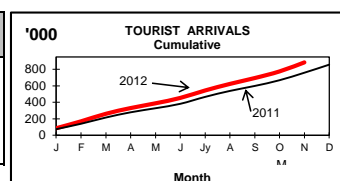
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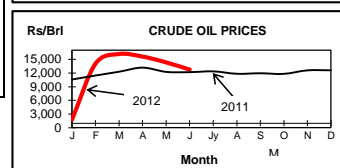
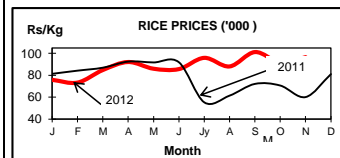
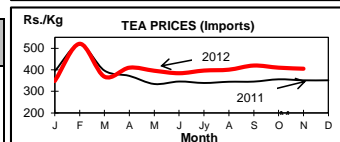


Tourism	2012*	2011	% Change
	Jan - Nov	Jan - Nov	
Tourist Arrivals	883,353	758,458	16.5
Earnings from Tourism	US\$ Mn.	735.7	23.0
	Rs.Mn.	81,151.7	42.1

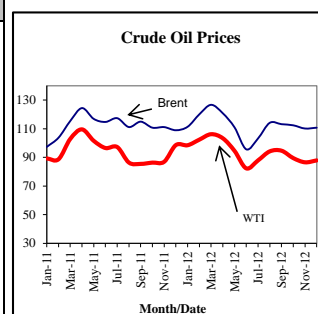
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International Commodity Prices		2012	2011	% Change
		November	November	
Colombo Auction Price				
Tea Prices	Rs / Kg	405.02	351.28	15.3
	US\$ / Kg	3.11	3.16	-1.5
Imports (C I F)				
Rice	Rs. / MT	96,537	60,109	60.6
	US\$ / MT	741	540	37.2
White Sugar	Rs. / MT	77,378	82,645	-6.4
	US\$ / MT	594	742	-20.0
Crude Oil	Rs./Barrel	14,577	12,581	15.9
	US\$ / Barrel	112	113	-1.0
Wheat	Rs. / MT	41,863	40,358	3.7
	US\$ / MT	321	363	-11.4



Average Crude Oil Prices						
Month	2011			2012		
	Spot Prices		CPC Import Prices (C&F) (US\$/bbl)(*)	Spot Prices		CPC Import Prices (C&F) (US\$/bbl)(*)
	Brent(New York closing price) (US \$/bbl)	WTI (European Market) (US \$/bbl)		Brent(New York closing price) (US \$/bbl)	WTI (European Market) (US \$/bbl)	
January	97.33	89.26	95.33	111.34	98.46	115.62
February	103.71	88.66	103.18	120.05	102.36	119.86
March	115.39	102.86	111.31	126.67	106.16	119.86
April	124.41	109.53	119.45	120.77	103.32	121.21
May	116.85	101.54	111.50	110.93	94.49	110.73
June	114.72	96.50	111.21	95.60	82.30	96.60
July	117.35	97.19	112.85	103.20	87.86	-
August	111.14	86.33	107.74	114.11	94.16	112.25
September	114.92	85.42	108.43	113.16	94.64	-
October	110.72	86.31	107.19	112.37	89.49	-
November	111.13	86.89	113.00	110.13	86.53	111.84
December	108.93	98.57	110.57	110.72	87.86	-
28 December	-	-	-	110.85	90.66	-
31 December	-	-	-	111.60	91.83	-
	2012			2013		
02 January	108.65	-	-	113.99	93.14	-
03 January	112.22	103.01	-	114.04	92.97	-



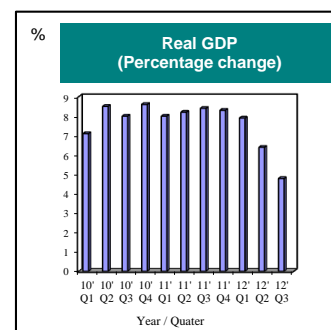
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GDP by Industrial Origin at Constant (2002) Prices	2012*	2011	2011
	3 rd Quarter	3 rd Quarter	Annual
Growth Rate			
Agriculture	-0.5	6.5	1.5
Industry	7.3	10.8	10.3
Services	4.6	7.8	8.6
GDP	4.8	8.5	8.3

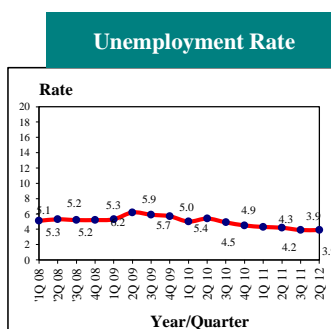
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Source: Department of Census and Statistics



Employment	2012(a)	2011(a)	2011(a)
	2 nd Quarter	2 nd Quarter	Annual
Labour Force Participation rate	46.8	48.3	48.2
Unemployment rate	3.9	4.2	4.2
Employed Persons by Sectors %			
Agriculture	30.1	33.7	32.9
Industry	26.9	23.6	24.3
Services and Other	43.0	42.7	42.8

(a) Data exclude Northern Province



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