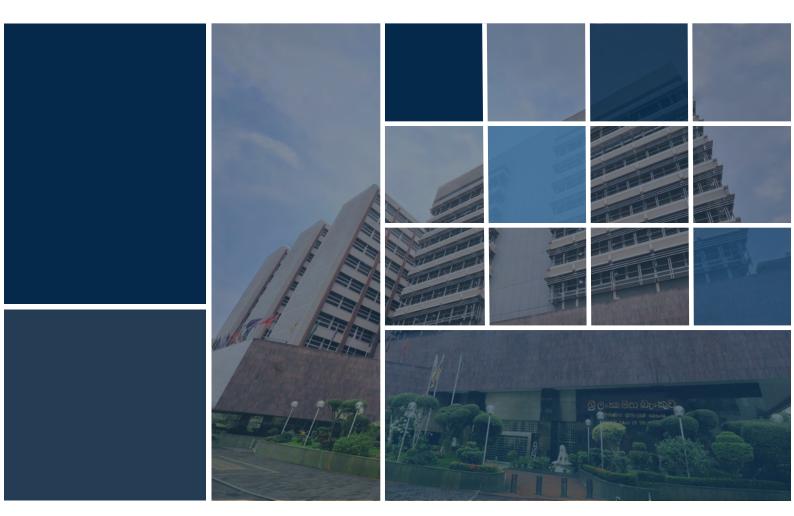
Weekly Economic Indicators

6th March 2020



Highlights of the Week



During the month of January 2020, domestic tea production declined in comparison to the previous year owing to dry weather conditions. Production of rubber decreased in response to low market prices while coconut production decreased considerably due to the lagged effect of adverse weather conditions prevailed during the early part of 2019.

During the period (01.03.2020 to 06.03.2020), crude oil prices showed a mixed performance. In the beginning of the week, crude oil prices increased amid expectations on possible monetary stimulus to offset the impact of COVID-19 virus outbreak in affected countries and hopes for OPEC output cuts. However, prices decreased later mainly due to worries about lower demand for fuel and non-OPEC producers not yet agreeing to cut outputs. Overall, Brent and WTI prices marginally increased by US\$ 0.1 per barrel and US\$ 1.1 per barrel, respectively, during the period.



Monetary Sector

Weekly AWPR for the week ending 6th March 2020 decreased by 09 bps to 9.38 per cent compared to the previous week.

Broad money (M_{2b}) expanded by 8.3 per cent, on a year-on-year basis, in January 2020.

Net Credit to the Government from the banking system increased by Rs.119.9 bn in January 2020.

Credit to public corporations increased by of Rs. 2.0 bn in January 2020.

Credit extended to the private sector increased by Rs. 0.2 bn in January 2020.

The reserve money increased compared to the previous week mainly due to the increase in currency in circulation and deposits held by the commercial banks with the Central Bank.

The total outstanding market liquidity was a surplus of Rs. 40.935 bn by end of the week, compared to a surplus of Rs. 47.983 bn by the end of last week.

By 6^{th} March 2020, the All Share Price Index (ASPI) decreased by 4.47 per cent to 5343.15 points and the S&P SL 20 Index decreased by 5.79 per cent to 2479.61 points, compared to the previous week.



External Sector

During the year up to 06 March 2020 the Sri Lanka rupee depreciated against the US dollar (0.2 per cent). Given the cross currency exchange rate movements, the Sri Lanka rupee appreciated against the pound sterling (1.2 per cent) and the Indian rupee (2.9 per cent) while depreciated against the euro (0.4 per cent) and the Japanese yen (2.7 per cent) during this period.

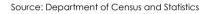
India, UK, Russia, Germany and China were the top five sources of tourist arrivals, accounting for 49.8 per cent of total tourist arrivals up to the month of February 2020.

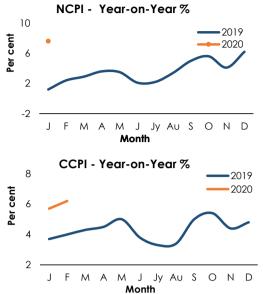
The gross official reserves were estimated at US dollars 7,948.0 million as at 28th February 2020.

Real Sector

1.1 Price Indices

NCPI (2013=100)	January 2020	Month Ago	Year Ago	
National Consumer Price Index (NCPI) - Headline	137.0	135.0	127.3	÷
Monthly Change %	1.5	1.6	0.2	Č
Annual Average Change %	4.1	3.5	1.8	Š
Year - on - Year Change %	7.6	6.2	1.2	
National Consumer Price Index (NCPI) - Core	135.3	134.2	130.2	
Annual Average Change %	5.6	5.7	2.7	
Year - on - Year Change %	3.9	5.2	5.1	
CCPI (2013=100)	February	Month	Vasur Asia	i
CCI (2013-100)	2020	Ago	Year Ago	
Colombo Consumer Price Index (CCPI) - Headline	2020 134.6	Ago 134.6	126.8	
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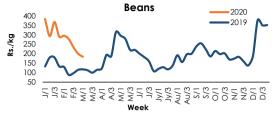
1.2 Prices

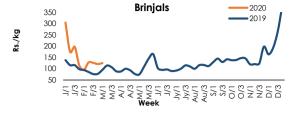
1.2.1 Pettah Market

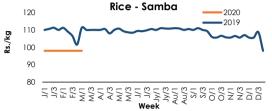
	Ave	Average Wholesale Prices			Average Retail Prices			
Food Item	This Week	Week Ago	Month Ago	Year Ago	This Week	Week Ago	Month Ago	Year Ago
		Rs / k	(g			Rs /	Kg	
Rice								
Samba	96.00	96.00	96.00	94.40	98.00	98.00	98.00	104.40
Kekulu (Red)	88.00	92.00	92.00	63.20	95.00	98.00	98.00	75.00
Vegetables								
Beans	138.00	149.00	247.50	86.00	184.00	200.00	295.00	117.40
Cabbage	75.00	84.00	100.00	33.00	126.00	133.00	160.00	60.60
Carrots	141.00	154.00	337.50	83.00	186.00	202.00	387.50	119.00
Tomatoes	132.00	144.00	357.50	43.20	167.00	194.00	407.50	82.60
Pumpkins	83.00	139.00	182.50	22.40	120.00	180.00	222.50	51.00
Snake Gourd	76.00	80.00	120.00	54.00	114.00	120.00	160.00	88.60
Brinjals	82.00	85.00	56.25	62.40	125.00	121.00	95.00	95.00
Other Foods								
Red-Onions (Local)	260.00	308.00	n.a.	86.60	300.00	342.00	n.a.	122.00
Big-Onions (Local)	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Potatoes (Local)	103.33	133.00	225.00	109.80	136.60	160.00	255.00	142.00
Dried Chilies (Imported)	400.00	560.00	520.00	278.00	440.00	600.00	570.00	329.00
Dhal (Indian)	123.00	125.00	125.00	116.20	135.00	132.02	132.00	130.00
Eggs (White)	18.50	18.50	18.50	16.50	19.50	19.50	19.50	17.50
Coconut (Each)	55.00	57.00	65.00	39.60	67.70	69.90	70.00	48.40
Green Chillies	125.00	120.00	250.00	201.67	172.00	180.00	300.00	253.33
Lime	60.00	46.00	45.00	60.00	87.00	67.00	67.50	93.33
Fish*								
Kelawalla	602.00	502.00	500.00	510.00	902.00	802.00	800.00	810.00
Balaya	292.00	326.00	360.00	365.00	392.00	426.00	460.00	465.00
Salaya	184.00	228.00	160.00	134.00	224.00	268.00	200.00	170.00
Paraw	620.00	612.50	500.00	520.00	920.00	912.50	800.00	820.00
* Prices collected from the Fisheries Trade Centre, Peliyagoda n.a - Not Available	l.							

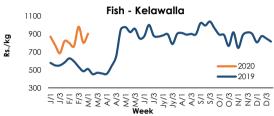
Pettah Market-Retail Prices

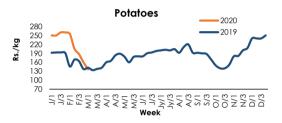
Rs/Each

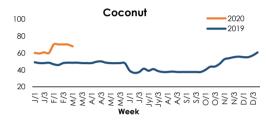












Average Retail Prices

1.2.2 Dambulla Market

1.2.3 Narahenpita Economic Centre

	Average Price	es - This Week
Item (Rs / Kg)	Wholesale	Retail
Rice		
Samba	94.20	97.00
Kekulu (Red)	89.60	92.40
Vegetables		
Beans	117.83	137.83
Carrot	140.00	160.00
Tomatoes	103.50	123.50
Pumpkins	64.50	84.50
Snake Gourd	71.00	91.00
Ash-Plantains	83.50	85.50
Other Foods		
Red-Onions (Local)	179.17	189.17
Big-Onions (Local)	n.a.	n.a.
Potatoes (Local)	108.50	120.50
Dried Chilies(Imported)	409.00	419.00
Coconut (Each)	62.90	67.90

Item (Rs / Kg)	This Week	Week Ago
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Rice		
Samba	98.00	97.50
Kekulu (Red)	93.40	93.00
/egetables		
Beans	168.00	184.00
Cabbage	168.00	180.00
Carrots	184.00	208.00
Tomatoes	200.00	196.00
Pumpkins	172.00	200.00
Snake Gourd	168.00	192.00
Brinjals	160.00	156.00
Ash-Plantains	152.00	168.00
Other Foods		
Red-Onions (Imported)	322.00	400.00
Big-Onions (Imported)	133.00	198.00
Potatoes (Imported)	116.00	116.00
Dried Chilies (Imported)	476.00	540.00
Dhal (Indian)	139.00	140.00
Eggs (Red)(Each)	20.00	20.00
Coconut (Each)	59.00	60.00

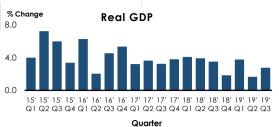
1.2.4 Marandagahamula Market

Average Wholesale Price of Rice						
Item (Rs./kg)	This Week	Week Ago	Month Ago	Year Ago		
Samba	86.90	87.60	91.00	78.20		
Sudu Kekulu	83.40	83.70	87.13	71.80		
Raw Red	86.70	88.80	96.50	67.00		
Nadu	83.80	85.00	87.00	73.20		
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	Kelawalla	700.00	856.00
	Balaya	600.00	470.00
	Salaya	288.00	364.00
	Paraw (Small)	938.00	852.00

1.3 GDP by Industrial Origin at Constant (2010) Prices - Growth Rates in value added terms

	Annu	al	3 rd Qtr		
Item	2017 ^{(a)(b)}	2018 ^(a)	2018 ^{(a)(b)}	2019 ^(a)	
Agriculture	-0.4	4.8	4.0	0.4	
Industry	4.1	0.9	3.1	3.3	
Services	3.6	4.7	4.3	2.8	
Taxes less subsidies on products	3.3	-0.4	-1.3	1.9	
GDP	3.4	3.2	3.5	2.7	
(a) Provisional (b) Revised					

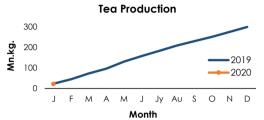


Source: Department of Census and Statistics

1.4 Agricultural Production

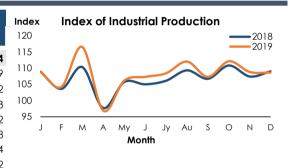
(b) Revised

ltem	Unit	2020 January ^(a)	2019 January ^(b)	%Change
Tea	(Mn Kg)	21.94	23.21	-5.47
Rubber	(Mn Kg)	6.81	7.27	-6.40
Coconut	(Mn Nuts)	236.74	244.08	-3.01
(a) Provisional				



1.5 Index of Industrial Production (IIP) (2015 = 100) (a)

И	Decei	December			
ltem	2018 ^(b)	2019 ^(c)	% Change		
Index of Industrial Production (IIP)	109.0	108.6	-0.4		
Food products	109.7	112.8	2.9		
Wearing apparel	117.9	109.4	-7.2		
Other non-metallic mineral products	113.6	115.1	1.3		
Coke and refined petroleum products	106.4	113.0	6.2		
Rubber and plastic products	120.6	108.8	-9.8		
Chemicals and chemical products	82.0	102.8	25.4		
Beverages	100.5	105.7	5.2		
(a) Major 7 sub divisions (b) Revised (c) Provisional					



Source: Department of Census and Statistics

1.6 Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI)





1.7 Wages and Employment

1.7.1 Wage Rate Indicies

Item	2020 January	2019 January	% Change
Public Sector Employees (2012 = 100)	178.5	162.2	10.1
Informal Private Sector Employees (2012 = 100)	180.5	176.7	2.1
Agriculture	191.5	183.9	4.2
Industry	180.8	177.4	1.9
Services	175.4	173.0	1.4



1.7.2 Employment (a)

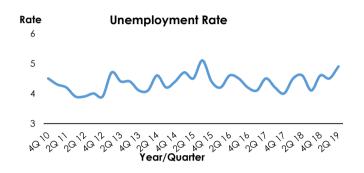
Item	2018 3 rd Qtr	2019 ^(b) 3 rd Qtr	2018 ^(b) Annual
Labour Force Participation rate	51.8	52.2	51.8
Unemployment rate	4.1	5.1	4.4
Employed Persons by Sectors (c) (as a	a % of total employment)		
Agriculture	25.3	n.a.	25.5
Industry	28.7	n.a.	27.9
Services	46.0	n.a.	46.6

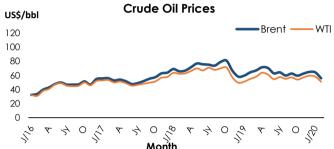
(a) The working age population aged 15 and above

Source: Department of Census and Statistics

(b) Provisional

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





1.8 Average Crude Oil Prices

		2019			2020	
	Futures Price	Futures Prices (US\$/bbl)		Futures Price	es (US\$/bbl)	CPC Import
Month	(Benchmark (Benchmark price) price)	WTI (Benchmark price)	CPC Import Prices (CIF) (US\$/bbl) ^(*)	Brent (Benchmark price)	WTI (Benchmark price)	Prices (CIF) (US\$/bbl) ^(*)
January	59.63	51.13	62.80	64.28	58.28	70.44
February	64.23	54.84	68.65	55.86	51.04	
March	66.97	58.08	70.97			
April	71.45	63.76	75.59			
May	70.49	61.09	74.76			
June	62.88	54.57	67.29			
July	64.31	57.61	68.73			
August	59.76	55.10	64.78			
September	62.53	57.20	67.73			
October	59.54	53.98	66.06			
November	62.49	57.00	69.11			
December	64.87	59.54	71.78			
Date	20	19		20)20	
01 March	66.60	57.44		-	-	
02 March	-	-		50.25	44.83	
03 March	-	-		53.29	48.14	
04 March	65.67	56.29		52.49	47.83	
05 March	65.57	56.41		52.00	47.55	
06 March	65.34	56.06		50.40		

Sources: Bloomberg

Ceylon Petroleum Corporation

^(*) CPC import prices are not directly comparable with futures prices of WTI and Brent as CPC's import prices include freight charges and the price is weighted for average prices of different types of crude oil. Also part of the imports of CPC are on a term contract basis.

Monetary Sector

2.1 Interest Rates

ltem	Week Ending 06 th March 2020	Week Ago	Year Ago
Policy Interest Rates			
Standing Deposit Facility Rate	6.50	6.50	8.00
Standing Lending Facility Rate	7.50	7.50	9.00
Average Weighted Call Money Rate (AWCMR) (Weekly Average)	6.96	6.97	8.90
Sri Lanka Inter Bank Offered Rate (SLIBOR)			
1-Day	7.00	6.97	8.97
7-Day	7.10	7.10	9.32
1-Month	7.30	7.33	10.24
3-Month	8.10	8.10	11.00
6-Month	8.80	8.81	11.51
12-Month	9.60	9.60	11.95
Treasury Bill Yields			
91-Day	7.41	7.42	-
182-Day	7.99	8.06	-
364-Day	8.46	8.58	10.64
Licensed Commercial Banks			
Average Weighted Prime Lending Rate (AWPR)	9.38	9.47	12.51
	Jan-20	Month Ago	Year Ago
Savings Deposits	0.20-7.50	0.20-7.50	0.50-8.50
One Year Fixed Deposits	3.20-15.00	3.55-15.00	4.00-15.00
	Feb-20	Month Ago	Year Ago
Average Weighted Deposit Rate (AWDR)	8.06	8.14	8.88
Average Weighted Fixed Deposit Rate (AWFDR)	9.83	9.97	10.96
	Jan-20	Month Ago	Year Ago
Average Weighted New Deposit Rate (AWNDR)	9.34	8.89	11.21
Average Weighted New Fixed Deposit Rate (AWNFDR)	9.57	9.17	11.60
	Jan-20	Month Ago	Year Ago
Average Weighted Lending Rate (AWLR)	13.47	13.59	14.44
Average Weighted New Lending Rate (AWNLR)	12.53	12.80	14.50
National Savings Bank (NSB)			
	Jan-20	Month Ago	Year Ago
Savings Deposits	4.00	4.00	4.00
One Year Fixed Deposits	9.83	9.83	10.50

Treasury Bond Auction	04 Yrs 07 Mon	07 Yrs 08 Mon
noasary bona / ochon	30-Jan-20	30-Jan-20
Coupon rate	9.85	10.30
Weighted Average Yield	9.27	9.40

Bankwise- AWPR	Week ending 6 th March 2020	Week Ago	Bankwise- AWPR	Week ending 6 th March 2020	Week Ago
Bank of Ceylon ^(a)	9.74	9.74	HSBC	8.90	8.30
People's Bank	9.56	9.59	Standard Chartered Bank	9.10	9.35
Hatton National Bank	9.49	9.50	Citi Bank	7.39	7.28
Commercial Bank of Ceylon	9.51	9.43	Deutsche Bank	9.90	9.10
Sampath Bank	9.33	9.79	Habib Bank	9.51	9.68
Seylan Bank	9.92	10.06	Indian Bank	10.27	10.43
Union Bank of Colombo	10.05	10.24	Indian Overseas Bank ^(b)	10.68	10.68
Pan Asia Banking Corporation ^(b)	11.50	11.50	MCB Bank	10.13	10.13
Nations Trust Bank	9.72	9.85	State Bank of India	8.10	7.94
DFCC Bank	10.97	10.96	Public Bank ^(b)	10.00	10.00
NDB Bank	9.69	9.71	ICICI Bank ^(c)	-	-
Amana Bank ^(b)	10.21	10.21	Axis Bank ^(c)	-	-
Cargills Bank ^(b)	11.97	11.97			

⁽a) Bank of Ceylon has failed to submit the AWPR return for the week ending 06 March 2020. Hence, the previous week's AWPR has been provided.

⁽b) The bank has not granted loans during this week to prime customers, hence the latest available rate has been provided.

⁽c) The Central Bank of Sri Lanka has permitted Axis Bank Ltd and ICICI Bank Ltd to close down their business operations in Sri Lanka, subject to certain conditions, at the request of their parent banks. Accordingly, these two banks are currently not permitted to carry on banking business, including accepting deposits from the general public. The licences issued to them will be cancelled once the winding-up operations are completed.

2.2 Money Supply

		Rs. bn			Annual Change (%)		
ltem	2020 January ^(a)	Month Ago ^(b)	Year Ago ^(b)	2020 January ^(a)	Month Ago ^(b)	Year Ago ^(b)	
Reserve Money	935.6	932.6	949.1	(1.4)	(3.0)	2.1	
M_1	859.0	865.5	800.5	7.3	4.2	3.5	
M_2	7,001.1	6,912.7	6,419.1	9.1	7.6	11.9	
M_{2b}	7,703.8	7,624.1	7,110.9	8.3	7.0	11.5	
Net Foreign Assets of the Banking System (c)	117.2	128.3	(121.6)	196.4	291.4	(195.3)	
Monetary Authorities	925.9	896.0	676.9	36.8	19.4	(21.6)	
Commercial Banks	(808.7)	(767.7)	(798.5)	(1.3)	6.1	(8.5)	
Domestic Banking Units (DBUs)	(361.1)	(369.6)	(322.1)	(12.1)	(8.2)	(0.3)	
Offshore Banking Units (OBUs)	(447.6)	(398.1)	(476.4)	6.1	16.3	(14.8)	
Net Domestic Assets of the Banking System (c)	7,586.6	7,495.9	7,232.5	4.9	4.2	15.7	
Net Credit to the Government	2,887.0	2,767.1	2,626.9	9.9	9.9	18.3	
Monetary Authorities	335.1	363.0	516.5	(35.1)	(23.2)	122.1	
Commercial Banks	2,551.9	2,404.1	2,110.4	20.9	17.6	6.1	
DBUs	2,068.8	1,978.4	1,692.9	22.2	20.4	4.2	
OBUs	483.1	425.7	417.5	15.7	6.2	14.8	
Credit to Public Corporations	820.0	818.0	711.1	15.3	8.3	34.6	
DBUs	487.9	481.2	431.3	13.1	11.2	27.0	
OBUs	332.1	336.7	279.8	18.7	4.4	48.4	
Credit to the Private Sector	5,798.4	5,798.1	5,549.4	4.5	4.3	14.6	
DBUs	5,376.4	5,376.3	5,126.1	4.9	4.7	13.8	
OBUs	421.9	421.8	423.3	(0.3)	(0.9)	25.2	
Other Items (Net)	(1,918.8)	(1,887.3)	(1,654.8)	(16.0)	(15.2)	(23.4)	

(a) Provisional (b) Revised (c) In relation to M_{2b}







2.3 Weekly change in Reserve Money

Item	5 th March 2020	Week Ago	Change
Reserve Money (Rs.Mn.)	970,094.85	951,188.21	18,906.64



2.4 Money Market Activity (Overnight)

Item	02.03.2020	03.03.2020	04.03.2020	05.03.2020	06.03.2020
Call Money Market					
Weighted Average Rate (% p.a.)	6.94	6.95	6.95	6.97	6.99
Gross Volume (Rs. Mn)	16,500	29,530	32,945	23,550	23,000
Repo Market					
Weighted Average Rate (% p.a.)	7.01	7.01	7.02	7.02	7.03
Gross Volume (Rs. Mn)	14,821	20,101	19,810	15,033	15,625

2.5 CBSL Securites Portfolio

Item	02.03.2020	03.03.2020	04.03.2020	05.03.2020	06.03.2020
CBSL Treasury Bill Holdings -Face Value (Rs. Mn)	78,212.21	78,212.21	78,212.21	78,212.21	78,012.21
CBSL Treasury Bill Holdings -Book Value (Rs. Mn)	79,874.39	79,359.22	79,370.93	79,143.76	78,568.69

2.6 Open Market Operations

ltem	02.03	.2020	03.03.2020	04.03.2020	05.03	.2020	06.03	.2020
Short-Term Auction								
Repo Amount Offered (Rs. bn)	20.000	10.000	10.000	10.000	15.000	12.000	10.000	10.000
Reverse Repo Amount Offered (Rs. bn)								
Tenure (No. of Days)	1	4	1	1	1	7	4	7
Bids Received (Rs. bn)	15.850	13.100	7.000	6.600	9.500	1.000	0.700	1.250
Amount Accepted (Rs. bn)	15.850	10.000	7.000	6.600	9.500	1.000	0.700	1.250
Minimum Accepted Rate (% p.a)	6.95	6.99	6.95	6.95	6.96	7.15	7.05	7.15
Maximum Accepted Rate (% p.a)	7.00	7.04	7.05	7.03	7.05	7.15	7.05	7.20
Weighted Average Yield Rate (% p.a.)	6.97	7.01	6.97	6.99	7.00	7.15	7.05	7.16
Outright Auctions								
Outright Sales Amount Offered (Rs. bn) Outright Purchase Amount Offered (Rs. bn) Settlement Date Maturity Date Tenure (No. of Days) Bids Received (Rs. bn) Amount Accepted (Rs. bn) Minimum Accepted Rate (% p.a) Maximum Accepted Rate (% p.a) Weighted Average Yield Rate (% p.a.) Long Term Auction Repo Amount Offered (Rs. bn) Reverse Repo Amount Offered (Rs. bn)				15.00				
Settlement Date Maturity Date				05.03.2020 13.03.2020				
Tenure (No. of Days)				8.00				
Bids Received (Rs. bn)				2.90				
Amount Accepted (Rs. bn)				2.90				
Minimum Aaccepted Rate (% p.a)				7.10				
Maximum Aaccepted Rate (% p.a)				7.15				
Weighted Average Yield Rate (% p.a.)				7.11				
Liquidity Support Facility Auction								
Reverse Repo Amount Offered (Rs. bn)								
Tenure (No. of Days)								
Bids Received (Rs. bn)								
Amount Accepted (Rs. bn)								
Minimum Accepted Rate (% p.a)								
Maximum Accepted Rate (% p.a)			ĺ					
Weighted Average Yield Rate (% p.a.) Standing Facility								
Standing Pacility Standing Deposit Facility (Rs. bn)	28.	178	15.878	14.842	22	089	35.	198
Standing Deposit Facility (Rs. bri) Standing Lending Facility (Rs. bri)	2.3		4.049	2.483		323		013
Stationing Letioning Facility (NS. DH)	2.3		4.047	2.403	0.0	,20		,,,
Total Overnight Market Liquidity (Rs. bn) Total Outstanding Market Liquidity (Rs. bn)**	51. 55.		18.829 47.829	18.959 47.959		266 166	37. 40.	035 935

^{**} Total Outstanding Market Liquidity represents overnight liquidity adjusted for outstanding amounts of term repo/reverse repo transactions of the Central Bank with market participants.

2.7 Credit Cards (a)

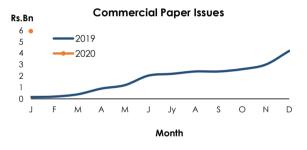
ltem	2020	2019	2018
lietti	End Jan ^(b)	End Dec	End Dec
Total Number of Active Cards	1,838,877	1,829,927	1,648,884
Local (accepted only locally)	29,935	18,538	20,638
Global (accepted globally)	1,808,942	1,811,389	1,628,246
Outstanding balance (Rs.mn)	121,832	121,489	107,814
Local (accepted only locally)	31,778	31,386	25,836
Global (accepted globally) (a) Issued by Licensed Commercial Banks (LCBs) (b) Proceedings (LCBs)	90,054 rovisional	90,103	81,978

2.8 Commercial Paper Issues (a)

14 (D- 1)	2020	2019	2018
Item (Rs. bn.)	End Jan ^(b)	End Dec	End Dec
Total Issues - Cumulative	5.9	4.2	1.9
Outstanding (as at end of the period)	2.6	2.1	1.1

(a) Based on the information provided by LCBs and Licensed Specialised Banks (LSBs)

(b) Provisional



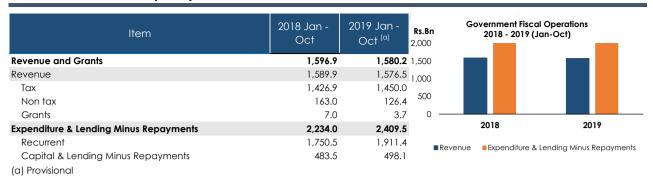


2.9 Share Market

Item	Week Ending 6 th March 2020	Week Ago	Year Ago
All Share Price Index (1985 = 100) (ASPI)	5,343.15	5,592.92	5,722.30
\$&P \$ri Lanka 20 Index (2004 = 1,000) (\$&P \$L20)	2,479.61	2,631.99	2,859.60
Average Daily Turnover (Rs. mn)	513.01	523.63	1,045.60
Market Capitalisation (Rs.bn)	2,483.75	2,599.15	2,674.60
Foreign Purchases (Rs. mn)	172.08	326.96	1,275.40
Foreign Sales (Rs. mn)	491.80	389.67	1,130.40
Net Foreign Purchases (Rs. mn)	(319.71)	(62.71)	145.00

Fiscal Sector

3.1 Goverment Finance (Rs.Bn)



3.2 Outstanding Central Government Debt (Rs.Bn)

Item	End 2018	End Oct 2019 ^(a)	Central Government Debt Rs. Bn. End Jul. 2019 - End Oct. 2019
Total domestic debt	6,018.0	6,500.7	12,000
of which			9,000
Treasury bills	746.9	876.4	6,000
Treasury bonds	4,140.7	4,509.9	3,000
Rupee loans	24.1	24.1	0
Total foreign debt	5,959.5	6,393.2	End July 19 End Aug 19 End Sep 19 End Oct 19
Total outstanding govt. debt	11,977.5	12,893.9	■ Domestic Debt ■ Foreign Debt

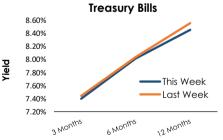
3.3 Government Securities - Primary and Secondary Market Yield Rates for the week ending - 4^{th} March 2020

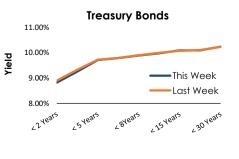
		Primary .	Market ^(a)	Secondary Market ^(b)			
Security	Maturity	This Week			This Week		Last Week Average
	,		Last Week	Buying	Selling	Average	
	3 Months	7.41%	7.42%	7.46%	7.34%	7.40%	7.45%
Treasury Bills	6 Months	7.99%	8.06%	8.09%	7.95%	8.02%	8.04%
	12 Months	8.46%	8.58%	8.50%	8.41%	8.46%	8.56%
	< 2 Years	-	-	8.90%	8.75%	8.82%	8.90%
	< 3 Years	-	-	9.32%	9.19%	9.26%	9.33%
	< 5 Years	-	-	9.76%	9.66%	9.71%	9.73%
	< 6 Years	-	-	9.85%	9.72%	9.79%	9.79%
Treasury Bonds	< 8 Years	-	-	9.95%	9.82%	9.89%	9.90%
	< 10 Years	-	-	10.06%	9.89%	9.98%	10.00%
	< 15 Years	-	-	10.22%	9.95%	10.09%	10.07%
	< 20 Years	-	-	10.21%	9.97%	10.09%	10.10%
	< 30 Years	-	-	10.34%	10.13%	10.23%	10.23%

⁽a) Primary market transactions during the week ending 04/03/2020

The secondary market yield rates of T-bills have decreased and T-bonds have shown a mixed behaviour during the reporting week.

Security				Secondary Market			
		Maturity Date	Coupon Rate	This Week	Last Week		
		04-Oct-20	6.250%	4.50%	4.19%		
		27-Jul-21	6.250%	4.78%	4.48%		
		18-Jan-22	5.750%	4.95%	4.84%		
		25-Jul-22	5.875%	5.20%	5.19%		
		18-Apr-23	5.750%	5.69%	5.65%		
	International	14-Mar-24	6.850%	6.19%	6.11%		
	Sovereign Bonds	28-Jun-24	6.350%	6.27%	6.16%		
		03-Jun-25	6.125%	6.74%	6.58%		
		03-Nov-25	6.850%	6.75%	6.65%		
		18-Jul-26	6.825%	7.08%	6.98%		
		11-May-27	6.200%	7.33%	7.28%		
		18-Apr-28	6.750%	7.62%	7.61%		
		14-Mar-29	7.850%	7.85%	7.86%		
		28-Mar-30	7.550%	7.95%	7.93%		





⁽b) Average of the secondary market quotes.

3.4 Government Securities - Weekly Summary of Primary and Secondary Market Transactions (Week ending - 04^{th} March 2020)

Item		Volume in Rs Mn		
		Week	Last Week	
Outstanding Stock of Government Securities				
Treasury Bills	9	07,343.62	908,189.62	
Treasury Bonds ^(a)	4,7	49,025.84	4,749,025.84	
Total	5,6	56,369.46	5,657,215.46	
T-bills and T-bonds held by Foreigners		83,004.04	91,240.22	
Sri Lanka Development Bonds (SLDBs)	5	62,937.75	561,816.25	

The outstanding stock of T-bills and T-bonds held by foreigners has decreased by 9.03 per cent during the reporting week compared to the previous week.

Discount Andrel And West	Volume in Rs Mn		
Primary Market Activities	This Week	Last Week	
Treasury Bills			
Amount Offered	29,000.00	27,000.00	
Total Bids Received	95,533.00	100,153.00	
Total Bids Accepted	29,000.00	27,000.00	
Treasury Bonds			
Amount Offered	-	-	
Total Bids Received	-	-	
Total Bids Accepted	-	-	

The weekly T-bill auction was over subscribed by 3.3 times during the reporting week.

Construction Market Astronomy	Volume in Rs Mn		
Secondary Market Activities	This Week	Last Week	
Treasury Bills			
Outright Transaction (Sales / Purchases)	48,801.15	26,947.51	
Repo Transaction (Sales / Purchases)	394,201.60	398,155.62	
Treasury Bonds			
Outright Transaction (Sales / Purchases)	54,319.82	59,063.37	
Repo Transaction (Sales / Purchases)	240,761.03	196,548.73	

The total volume of secondary market transactions in T-bills and T-bonds increased by 8.43 per cent in the reporting week compared to the previous week.

3.5 Two way Quotes (Treasury Bills) - 6th March 2020

Remaining Maturity	Average Buying Price	Yield %	Average Selling Price	Yield %	Buying & Selling Spread
1-7 Days	99.86	7.19	99.87	7.04	0.00
1 Month	99.40	7.29	99.41	7.16	0.01
2 Month	98.80	7.35	98.81	7.24	0.02
3 Month	98.17	7.45	98.20	7.33	0.03
4 Month	97.49	7.66	97.54	7.51	0.05
5 Month	96.77	7.88	96.84	7.71	0.07
6 Month	96.03	8.07	96.11	7.92	0.07
7 Month	95.35	8.10	95.41	7.99	0.06
8 Month	94.63	8.19	94.70	8.09	0.07
9 Month	93.90	8.27	93.98	8.15	0.08
10 Month	93.16	8.34	93.25	8.23	0.09
11 Month	92.40	8.40	92.50	8.30	0.09
12 Month	91.65	8.46	91.76	8.36	0.10

⁽a) Includes Treasury bonds amounting to Rs. 56,662 million issued to settle dues of CPC.

Treasury Bond By Series	Maturity Period (Years)	Maturity Date (DD/MM/YY)	Days to Maturity	Average Buying Price	Yield %	Average Selling Price	Yield %	Buying & Selling Spread
09.25%2020A	5	01-May-20	56	100.21	7.63	100.24	7.42	0.03
08.00%2020A	8	01-Jun-20	87	100.02	7.74	100.07	7.56	0.04
06.20%2020A	10	01-Aug-20	148	99.25	8.06	99.31	7.90	0.06
09.50%2020A	5	15-Dec-20	284	100.91	8.24	101.03	8.08	0.12
10.75%2021A	5	01-Mar-21	360	102.11	8.48	102.23	8.35	0.12
09.00%2021A	8	01-May-21	421	100.46	8.56	100.59	8.43	0.14
11.00%2021A	7	01-Aug-21	513	102.98	8.69	103.17	8.55	0.19
09.45%2021A	7	15-Oct-21	588	100.98	8.77	101.18	8.64	0.20
11.50%2021A	5	15-Dec-21	649	104.32	8.80	104.54	8.67	0.22
08.00%2022A	10	01-Jan-22	666	98.37	8.98	98.62	8.83	0.25
10.70%2022A	3	15-Mar-22	739	102.97	9.06	103.29	8.89	0.32
11.20%2022A	9	01-Jul-22	847	104.12	9.18	104.51	8.99	0.39
10.00%2022A	8	01-Oct-22	939	101.77	9.21	102.15	9.04	0.38
10.00%2023A	6	15-Mar-23	1,104	101.94	9.25	102.18	9.16	0.24
11.50%2023A	6	15-May-23	1,165	106.05	9.26	106.34	9.15	0.29
10.20%2023A	5	15-Jul-23	1,226	102.52	9.30	102.81	9.20	0.29
09.00%2023A	10	01-Sep-23	1,274	99.11	9.30	99.42	9.20	0.31
11.20%2023A	9	01-Sep-23	1,274	105.46	9.33	105.77	9.23	0.32
07.00%2023A	20	01-Oct-23	1,304	92.97	9.36	93.35	9.22	0.38
11.60%2023A	5	15-Dec-23	1,379	106.88	9.38	107.28	9.26	0.40
11.40%2024A	10	01-Jan-24	1,396	106.08	9.46	106.48	9.34	0.40
10.90%2024A	5	15-Mar-24	1,470	104.43	9.55	104.81	9.43	0.38
10.25%2024A	5	15-Jun-24	1,562	102.46	9.53	102.80	9.43	0.34
11.00%2024A	8	01-Aug-24	1,609	104.97	9.59	105.32	9.49	0.35
09.85%2024A	5	15-Sep-24	1,654	100.99	9.57	101.32	9.48	0.33
06.00%2024A	10	01-Dec-24	1,731	86.53	9.60	86.98	9.47	0.45
10.25%2025A	10	15-Mar-25	1,835	102.34	9.65	102.74	9.55	0.40
09.00%2025A	12	01-May-25	1,882	97.31	9.67	97.77	9.55	0.46
11.00%2025A	10	01-Aug-25	1,974	105.39	9.69	105.90	9.57	0.51
10.35%2025A	8	15-Oct-25	2,049	102.82	9.68	103.31	9.57	0.49
09.00%2026A	13	01-Feb-26	2,158	96.77	9.73	97.32	9.60	0.54
05.35%2026A	15	01-Mar-26	2,186	80.46	9.73	80.95	9.61	0.49
11.00%2026A	11	01-Jun-26	2,278	105.91	9.71	106.47	9.59	0.56
11.50%2026A	10	01-Aug-26	2,339	108.37	9.71	108.92	9.60	0.55
11.40%2027A	8	15-Jan-27	2,506	108.05	9.76	108.71	9.63	0.66
11.75%2027A	10	15-Jun-27	2,657	110.07	9.78	110.80	9.64	0.73
10.30%2027A	8	15-Oct-27	2,779	102.71	9.78	103.34	9.67	0.63
11.25%2027A	10	15-Dec-27	2,840	107.58	9.83	108.35	9.69	0.78
10.75%2028A	10	15-Mar-28	2,931	104.86	9.86	105.51	9.74	0.64
09.00%2028B	15 15	01-May-28	2,978 3,039	95.09 94.97	9.89 9.90	95.69 95.62	9.78 9.78	0.60
09.00%2028A	15	01-Jul-28					9.78 9.74	0.65
11.50%2028A	13 15	01-Sep-28	3,101	109.15	9.88 9.93	109.98		0.83
13.00%2029A 13.00%2029B	15	01-Jan-29 01-May-29	3,223 3,343	117.75 118.23	9.93 9.92	118.50 119.09	9.81 9.79	0.75 0.86
13.00%2029B 11.00%2030A	15	15-May-30	3,722	106.51	9.92	107.44	9.79	0.86
11.25%2031A	12	15-May-30	4,026	108.30	9.96 9.99	107.44	9.84	1.04
08.00%2032A	20	01-Jan-32	4,026	86.30	10.00	87.25	9.85	0.95
09.00%2032A	20	01-Jan-32	4,516	92.70	10.00	93.83	9.87	1.13
11.20%2032A	15	15-Jan-33	4,698	107.98	10.03	109.61	9.86	1.13
09.00%2033A	20	01-Jun-33	4,835	92.09	10.08	93.57	9.88	1.48
13.25%2033A	20	01-Jul-33	4,865	122.74	10.07	124.61	9.88	1.88
09.00%2033B	20	01-Nov-33	4,988	91.82	10.10	93.40	9.89	1.59
13.25%2034A	20	01-Jan-34	5,049	123.01	10.12	124.97	9.89	1.96
10.25%2034A	15	15-Sep-34	5,306	100.99	10.12	102.44	9.93	1.46
11.50%2035A	20	15-Mar-35	5,487	110.52	10.12	112.29	9.91	1.40
10.50%2039A	20	15-Aug-39	7,101	102.59	10.12	104.33	9.99	1.74
12.00%2041A	25	01-Jan-41	7,606	114.81	10.26	116.75	10.06	1.94
09.00%2043A	30	01-Jun-43	8,487	88.57	10.30	90.18	10.10	1.61
13.50%2044A	30	01-Jan-44	8,701	127.92	10.33	130.13	10.13	2.21
13.50%2044B	30	01-Jun-44	8,853	127.48	10.38	129.80	10.17	2.32
12.50%2045A	30	01-Mar-45	9,126	118.07	10.45	120.93	10.18	2.86
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External Sector

4.1 Exchange Rates

Item	Week En	ding - 6 th Mo	arch 2020	Averc	ige Rate	Evolunas Pates
(Rs Per Unit) ^(a)	Buying	Selling	Average	Week	Year	Exchange Rates Month End
(K3 F GF OTHI)	Rate	Rate	Rate	Ago	Ago	240
USD	180.02	183.69	181.85	181.80	178.92	220
GBP	232.04	239.24	235.64	234.27	235.26	200
Yen	1.69	1.75	1.72	1.66	1.60	£ 180
Euro	200.80	207.62	204.21	199.72	202.18	160
INR ⁽¹⁾			2.47	2.54	2.55	140 — GBP
SDR	(As at 5 th Mo	arch 2020)	251.92	248.85	250.14	120 ——US\$
Central Bank Purcha	ses and Sa	les ^(b)	January	Month	Year	% 4 3 0 5 4 3 0 8 4 3 0 6 4 3 0 8
(US\$ Mn.)			2020	Ago	Ago	Month
Purchases			149.00	1.20	36.00	
Sales			60.00	5.00	33.50	

Item	Week Ending	Week Ago	Year Ago
Helli	6 th March 2020	Week Ago	
Average Daily Interbank Volume (US\$ Mn.)	54.54	49.48	69.37

(spot, tom and cash transactions among commercial banks)

Forward Transactions				
Forward Rates (Rs per US\$) (2)				
1 Month		182.55	182.33	180.55
3 Months		183.59	183.44	182.04
Average Daily Interbank Forward Volume (US\$ Mn	n)	27.00	24.21	36.32
Outstanding Forward Volume (US\$ Mn)	(As at 5 th March 2020)	1,692.69	1,687.89	1,987.86

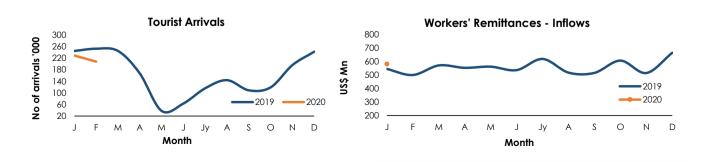
⁽a) Commercial Bank Avg. Middle Rate (prevailing at 9.30 a.m.)

4.2 Tourism & Workers' Remittances

ltem		2019	2020	2019	2020	% Change
		February	February ^(a)	Jan-Feb	Jan-Feb ^(a)	70 Gridings
Tourist Arrivals	Number	252,033	207,507	496,272	435,941	-12.2
Earnings from Tourism	US\$ Mn.	475.0 ^(b)	391.1 ^(c)	935.4 ^(b)	821.7 ^(c)	-12.2
	Rs.Bn.	84.9 ^(b)	71.0 ^(c)	168.7 ^(b)	149.1 ^(c)	-11.6
		2019		2020 ⁽	a)	<i>a</i> o
		Jan	iuary	Janua	ry	% Change
Workers' Remittances (Inflows)	US\$ Mn.	54	15.3	580.9	•	6.5
	Rs.Bn.	9'	9.3	105.4		6.1

⁽a) Provisional

(c) May be revised based on Sri Lanka Tourism Development Authority survey results on average stay period and average spending per day estimates for 2020.



⁽b) Central Bank purchases and sales of foreign exchange from commercial banks at market rates total for the month

⁽¹⁾ Central Bank indicative rate (2) Weekly average based on actual transactions.

⁽b) Revised based on Sri Lanka Tourism Development Authority survey results on average stay period and average spending per day estimates for 2019.

4.3 Official Reserve Assets as at 28th February 2020 (a)

Official Reserve Assets (US\$ Mn)	7,948.0
(1) Foreign Currency Reserves	7,532.4
(2) Reserve position in the IMF	65.7
(3) SDRs	7.3
(4) Gold	341.5
(5) Other Reserve Assets	1.0
(a) Provisional	

4.3 International Reserves & Foriegn Currency Liquidity as at 31st January 2020 (a)

Official Reserve Assets (USD Mn)				
Official Reserve Assets	7,512.73			
(1) Foreign currency reserves	6,513.97			
(a) Securities	4,278.02			
(b) Total currency and deposits with	2,235.95			
(i)other national central banks, BIS and IMF				
(ii)banks headquartered inside the reporting country of which located abroad	1.18			
(iii)banks headquartered outside the reporting country				
(2) Reserve position in the IMF	65.89			
(3) SDRs	7.32			
(4) Gold	935.55			
(5) Other reserve assets	(10.00)			

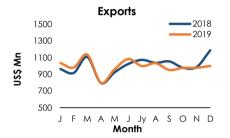
Predetermined Short-Term Net Drains on Foreign Currency Assets ^(b)						
				Maturity breakdown (residual maturity)		
Item	Total	Up to 1 month	More than 1 and up to 3 months	More than 3 months and up to 1 year		
1. Foreign currency loans, securities, and deposits	(5892.06)	(94.44)	(1402.38)	(4395.24)		
outflows (–) Principal	(4230.30)	(76.33)	(986.63)	(3167.34)		
inflows (+) Interest Principal Interest	(1661.76)	(18.11)	(415.75)	(1227.90)		
 Aggregate short and long positions in forwards and futures in foreign currencies vis-à-vis the domestic currency (including the forward leg of currency swaps) 	(429.00)	(25.00)	(80.00)	(324.00)		
(i) Short positions (–) ^(c)	(429.00)	(25.00)	(80.00)	(324.00)		
(ii) Long positions (+)						
3. Other	(0.56)	(0.56)				
inflows related to reverse repos (+)						
other accounts payable (–) (0.56) (0.56) (a) Provisional. (b) This mainly includes only the predetermined outflows. (c) A major share of SWAP outstanding will be rolled over.						

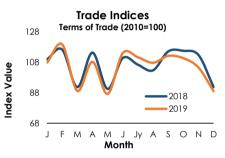
4.4 External Trade

(a) Provisional

	USD Mn			Rs Mn		
Item	Jan - Dec	Jan - Dec	% Change	Jan - Dec	Jan - Dec	% Chango
	2019 ^(a)	2018	% Change	2019 ^(a)	2018	% Change
Exports	11,940.0	11,889.6	0.4	2,134,796.5	1,933,533.2	10.4
Agricultural	2,461.9	2,579.3	(4.6)	440,079.6	418,864.6	5.1
Industrial	9,426.3	9,258.2	1.8	1,685,442.4	1,506,200.5	11.9
Food, Beverages and Tobacco	447.0	462.3	(3.3)	79,989.4	75,060.0	6.6
Textiles and Garments	5,596.5	5,317.7	5.2	1,000,712.7	865,974.7	15.6
Petroleum Products	521.1	622.1	(16.2)	93,194.3	101,467.1	(8.2)
Leather, Rubber products etc.	969.0	1,023.0	(5.3)	173,250.5	166,158.0	4.3
Other	1,892.8	1,833.1	3.3	338,295.5	297,540.6	13.7
Mineral	33.9	34.4	(1.4)	6,062.9	5,569.8	8.9
Other	17.9	17.8	0.6	3,211.6	2,898.4	10.8
Imports	19,937.1	22,232.7	(10.3)	3,565,028.4	3,606,643.7	(1.2)
Consumer Goods	3,956.5	4,979.7	(20.5)	707,593.7	806,608.0	(12.3)
Intermediate Goods	11,369.6	12,488.0	(9.0)	2,032,997.1	2,027,460.3	0.3
Investment Goods	4,602.6	4,690.4	(1.9)	822,953.6	760,941.6	8.1
Other	8.3	74.6	(88.9)	1,484.1	11,633.8	(87.2)
Trade Balance	(7,997.1)	(10,343.1)	-	(1,430,232.0)	(1,673,110.5)	-

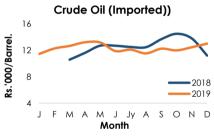












4.5 Trade Indices (2010=100) (a)

	Item	2019 Dec ^(b)	Month Ago ^(b)	Year Ago
Total Exports				
	Value	139.2	136.2	143.8
	Quantity	178.6	140.4	175.5
	Unit Value	77.9	97.0	82.0
Total Imports				
	Value	159.7	155.8	155.2
	Quantity	182.4	167.8	173.6
	Unit Value	87.6	92.9	89.4
Terms of Trade		89.0	104.5	91.7
(a) In US\$ Terms (b) Prov	visional			

4.6 Commodity Prices

Item	2019 Dec ^(a)	2018 Dec	% Change	2019 Dec ^(a)	2018 Dec	% Change
Colombo Tea Auction	US\$	s/kg		Rs	/kg	
Tea Prices	3.19	3.17	0.65	577.92	570.52	1.30
Imports (CIF)		US\$ / MT			Rs / MT	
Rice	533.60	663.78	(19.61)	96717.94	119545.94	(19.10)
Sugar	352.11	340.75	3.33	63820.54	61368.90	3.99
Wheat	263.56	268.24	(1.74)	47771.33	48309.64	(1.11)
	US\$ / Barrel		Rs / Barrel			
Crude Oil	71.78	62.18	15.43	13010.44	11199.25	16.17
(a) Provisional						