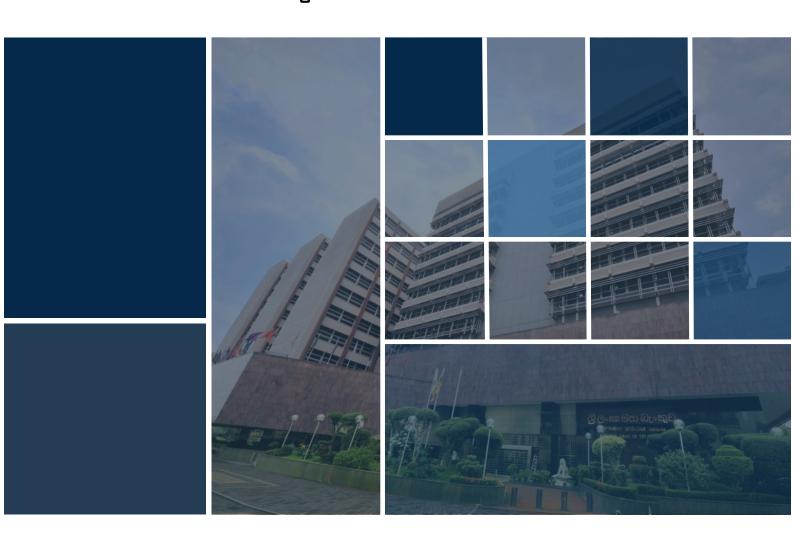
Weekly Economic Indicators

27th August 2021



Highlights of the Week



Real Sector

NCPI based headline inflation (Y-o-Y) increased to 6.8 percent in July 2021 from 6.1 per cent in June 2021 due to the monthly increases of prices of items in both Food and Non-food categories. Meanwhile, Food inflation (Y-o-Y) and Non-food inflation (Y-o-Y) recorded at 11.0 per cent and 3.2 per cent, respectively, in July 2021.

During the period under review (21.08.2021 to 27.08.2021), crude oil prices were on a largely upward trend. Prices increased on optimism of a faster recovery in demand as the US Food and Drug Administration granted full approval to the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine. Supply constraints stemming from the large production outage in Mexico due to oil rig fire buoyed prices. However, prices slightly fell towards the end of the week with the restoration of oil output in Mexico. Overall, both Brent and WTI prices increased by US dollars 5.61 per barrel and US dollars 5.10 per barrel, respectively, during the period.



Monetary Sector

Weekly AWPR for the week ending 27th August 2021 increased by 7 bps to 5.94 per cent compared to the previous week.

Broad money (M_{2b}) expanded by 21.1 per cent, on a Y-o-Y basis, in July 2021.

Net Credit to the Government from the banking system increased by Rs. 318.8 bn in July 2021.

Outstanding credit to public corporations increased by Rs. 8.8 bn in July 2021.

Outstanding credit extended to the private sector increased by Rs. 76.6 bn in July 2021.

The reserve money decreased compared to the previous week mainly due to the decrease in deposits held by the commercial banks with the Central Bank.

The total outstanding market liquidity was a surplus of Rs. 13.263 bn by the end of this week, compared to a surplus of Rs. 9.149 bn by the end of last week.

By 27th August 2021, the All Share Price Index (ASPI) increased by 8.39 per cent to 8,931.33 points and the S&P SL 20 Index increased by 9.62 per cent to 3,345.25 points, compared to the index values of last week.



Fiscal Sector

During the period from January to June 2021, Government revenue increased to Rs. 714.5 bn from Rs. 663.4 bn recorded in the corresponding period of 2020.

During the six months ending June 2021, total expenditure and net lending increased to Rs. 1,495.5 bn from Rs. 1,401.2 bn recorded in the corresponding period of 2020.

During the period from January to June 2021, overall budget deficit increased to Rs. 780.2 bn from Rs. 735.7 bn recorded in the corresponding period of the previous year.

During the period from January to June 2021, domestic financing decreased to Rs. 759.0 bn compared to Rs. 882.5 bn in the corresponding period of 2020. Foreign financing recorded a net borrowing of Rs. 21.2 billion in during the period from January to June 2021 compared to a net repayment of Rs. 146.8 bn recorded in the corresponding period of 2020.

Outstanding central government debt increased to Rs. 16,564.5 bn by end June 2021 from Rs. 15,117.2 bn as at end 2020. Total outstanding domestic debt increased by 9.6 per cent to Rs. 9,931.7 bn, and the rupee value of total outstanding foreign debt increased by 9.6 per cent to Rs. 6,632.8 bn by end June 2021.



External Sector

During the year up to 27th August 2021, the Sri Lankan rupee depreciated against the US dollar by 6.8 per cent. Given the cross currency exchange rate movements, the Sri Lankan rupee depreciated against the pound sterling by 7.1 per cent, the Indian rupee by 5.6 per cent, the Euro by 2.4 per cent and the Japanese yen by 0.6 per cent during this period.

Real Sector

1.1 Price Indices

NCPI(2013=100)	July 2021	Month Ago	Year Ago		NCPI - Year-on-Year %
National Consumer Price Index (NCPI) - Headline	146.6	145.7	137.3	ent	2020 — 2021
Monthly Change %	0.6	1.5	0.0	U	6
Annual Average Change %	5.4	5.4	5.9	Per	
Year - on - Year Change %	6.8	6.1	6.1		2
National Consumer Price Index (NCPI) - Core	145.6	144.6	139.4		
Annual Average Change %	4.4	4.4	4.5		-2
Year - on - Year Change %	4.4	4.1	4.5		J F M A M J Jy A S O N D Month
CCPI(2013=100)	July 2021	Month Ago	Year Ago		CCPI - Year-on-Year %
Colombo Consumer Price Index (CCPI) - Headline	143.1	142.4	135.4		2020
Monthly Change %	0.5	1.5	0.1	ent	2021
Annual Average Change %	4.2	4.1	4.8	č	6
Year - on - Year Change %	5.7	5.2	4.2	Pe	
Colombo Consumer Price Index (CCPI) - Core	144.1	143.1	138.9		4
Annual Average Change %	3.1	3.0	4.0		2
Year - on - Year Change %	3.7	3.2	3.2		J F M A M J Jy A S O N D Month

Source: Department of Census and Statistics

1.2 Prices

1.2.1 Pettah Market

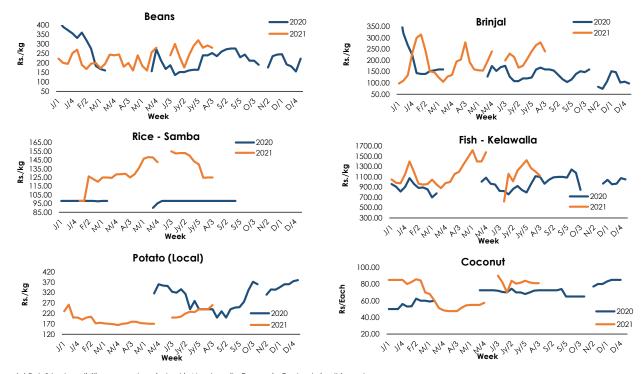
	Ave	Average Wholesale Prices				Average Retail Prices			
Food Item	This Week	Week Ago	Month Ago	Year Ago	This Week ^(a)	Week Ago	Month Ago	Year Ago	
		Rs./k	g			Rs.,	/kg		
Rice									
Samba	119.27	120.33	131.23	96.00	n.a.	135.00	148.80	98.00	
Kekulu (Red)	94.53	93.23	96.60	89.00	n.a.	98.00	108.80	93.00	
Vegetables									
Beans	170.00	231.00	258.00	179.83	n.a.	271.00	286.00	221.00	
Cabbage	120.00	100.00	131.00	134.00	n.a.	136.00	166.00	174.10	
Carrot	100.00	96.00	124.50	109.00	n.a.	136.00	151.00	152.00	
Tomato	100.00	106.00	63.00	52.27	n.a.	140.00	90.00	85.33	
Pumpkin	120.00	109.00	84.00	122.83	n.a.	132.00	114.00	159.33	
Snake Gourd	140.00	136.00	130.00	104.00	n.a.	163.00	160.00	143.00	
Brinjal	130.00	138.00	147.00	119.00	n.a.	168.00	180.00	159.00	
Other Foods									
Red Onion (Local)	185.67	195.60	252.60	120.27	n.a.	222.50	287.00	151.27	
Big Onion (Imported)	96.46	98.12	82.50	95.85	n.a.	116.00	97.08	118.60	
Potato (Local)	228.08	219.12	182.35	147.50	n.a.	230.00	202.00	174.27	
Dried Chilli (Imported)	508.67	500.00	480.00	380.00	n.a.	530.00	531.00	420.00	
Dhal	240.67	216.00	185.50	135.00	n.a.	230.00	203.50	145.00	
Egg - White (Each)	17.50	18.20	17.80	21.20	n.a.	18.70	18.40	22.60	
Coconut (Each)	n.a.	70.20	71.20	n.a.	n.a.	90.00	90.00	62.60	
Green Chilli	150.00	116.00	173.00	154.00	n.a.	148.00	218.00	200.00	
Lime	122.50	82.00	82.00	55.00	n.a.	118.00	107.00	93.00	
Fish (b)									
Kelawalla	566.00	680.00	600.00	565.00	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	857.50	
Balaya	316.00	376.00	430.00	365.00	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	465.00	
Salaya	254.00	202.00	297.00	175.00	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	210.00	
Hurulla	367.50	440.00	680.00	380.00	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	480.00	

⁽a) In Peliyagoda Manning market retail trade activities were not carried out during this week.

n.a - not available

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⁽b) In Peliyagoda Fisheries Trade Centre retail trade activities were not carried out since 21st October 2020.



(a) Retail trade activities were not carried out in Narahenpita Economic Centre during this week.

.2.2 Dambulla Market					1.2.3 Narahenpita Economic Centre			
			Average Prices - This Week			Average R	etail Prices	
Ite	m (Rs./kg)		Wholesale	Retail ^(a)	Item (Rs./kg)	This Week ^(a)	Week Ago	
Rice					Rice			
Samba			n.a.	n.a.	Samba	n.a.	125.0	
Kekulu (Red)			n.a.	n.a.	Kekulu (Red)	n.a.	99.6	
/egetables					Vegetables			
Beans			150.00	n.a.	Beans	n.a.	280.0	
Cabbage			95.00	n.a.	Cabbage	n.a.	196.0	
Carrot			90.00	n.a.	Carrot	n.a.	160.0	
Tomato			63.75	n.a.	Tomato	n.a.	160.0	
Pumpkin			95.00	n.a.	Pumpkin	n.a.	166.0	
Snake Gourd			95.00	n.a.	Snake Gourd	n.a.	236.0	
Brinjal			125.00	n.a.	Brinjal	n.a.	240.0	
Ash Plantain			45.00	n.a.	Ash Plantain	n.a.	n.c	
Other Foods					Other Foods			
Red Onion (Loc	al)		183.75	n.a.	Red Onion (Local)	n.a.	n.c	
Big Onion (Impo	orted)		95.00	n.a.	Big Onion (Imported)	n.a.	122.0	
Potato (Local)			216.25	n.a.	Potato (Local)	n.a.	260.0	
Dried Chilli (Imp	orted)		525.00	n.a.	Potato (Imported)	n.a.	172.0	
Coconut (Each)		55.50	n.a.	Dried Chilli (Imported)	n.a.	580.0	
1.2.4 Marando	aahamula	Market			Dhal	n.a.	229.0	
					Sugar - White	n.a.	165.8	
	Average V	Wholesale Pri	ce of Rice		Egg - White (Each)	n.a.	20.0	
					Coconut (Each)	n.a.	81.0	
ltem (Rs./kg)	This Week	Week Ago	Month Ago	Year Ago	Green Chilli	n.a.	272.0	
					Fish			
Samba	121.00	113.00	116.50	96.70	Kelawalla	n.a.	1,120.0	
Kekulu (White)	97.00	95.00	98.40	83.60	Balaya	n.a.	450.0	
Kekulu (Red)	92.50	93.50	96.50	86.70	Salaya	n.a.	312.0	
Nadu	109.00	108.00	100.70	85.90	Hurulla	n.a.	617.5	

(a) Retail trade activities were not carried out in both Dambulla and Narahenpita Economic Centres during this week.

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

Item	2019 Annual ^{(a)(b)}	2020 Annual ^(a)	2020 1 st Qtr ^{(a)(b)}	2021 1 st Qtr ^(a)	% Change
Agriculture	1.0	(2.4)	(6.5)	6.1	6.0
Industry	2.6	(6.9)	(7.9)	5.5	-2.0 = 2 2 2 3
Services	2.2	(1.5)	2.9	3.0	5.5.5.5.5.5.5.0 Q Q Q Q
Taxes less subsidies on products	2.4	(8.0)	(10.8)	11.2	-10.0
GDP	2.3	(3.6)	(1.8)	4.3	-18.0



(a) Provisional (b) Revised

(b) Provisional

Source: Department of Census and Statistics

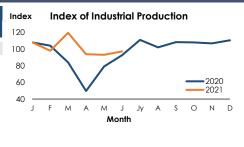
1.4 Agricultural Production

Item	Unit	2020 Jan - May ^(a)	2021 Jan - May ^(b)	%Change
Tea	(Mn kg)	103.1	133.8	29.8
Rubber	(Mn kg)	31.4	36.3	15.6
Coconut	(Mn Nuts)	1,103.4	1,216.2	10.2
(a) Revised				



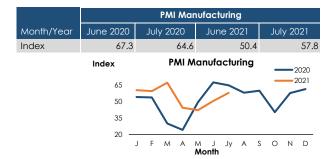
1.5 Index of Industrial Production (IIP) (2015 = 100) (a)

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Item	2020 ^(b)	2021 ^(c)	% Change		
Index of Industrial Production (IIP)	92.5	97.2	5.1		
Food products	106.2	112.3	5.8		
Wearing apparel	71.5	75.4	5.5		
Other non-metallic mineral products	102.5	131.9	28.7		
Coke and refined petroleum products	77.9	74.9	(3.8)		
Rubber and plastic products	55.3	105.2	90.2		
Chemicals and chemical products	113.8	69.5	(38.9)		
Beverages	112.0	52.1	(53.5)		
(a) Major 7 sub divisions (b) Revised (c) Provision	onal				



Source: Department of Census and Statistics

1.6 Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI)

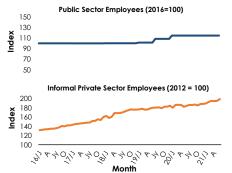




1.7 Wages and Employment

1.7.1 Wage Rate Indices

Item	2020 June	2021 June	% Change	150 130
Public Sector Employees (2016 = 100) - Nominal	114.6	114.6	-	110 90
Informal Private Sector Employees (2012 = 100) - Nominal	184.6	199.3	7.9	70 50
Agriculture	194.5	202.9	4.3	000
Industry	185.0	202.6	9.5	200 × 180
Services	180.1	194.5	8.0	x 180 160 1 140 120 100 -



1.7.2 Employment (a)

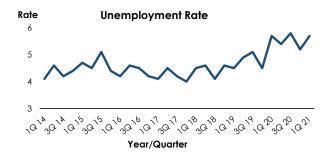
Item	2020	2021 ^(b)	2020
llelli	1 st Qtr	1 st Qtr	Annual
Labour Force Participation rate	51.0	50.9	50.6
Unemployment rate	5.7	5.7	5.5
Itam	2019	2020	2020
Item	4 th Qtr	4 th Qtr	Annual
Employed Persons by Sectors (c) (as	a % of Total Employment)		
Agriculture	27.1	29.0	27.1
Industry	26.9	26.2	26.9
Services	46.1	44.8	46.0
(a) The working age population, aged 15 and	d above	Source.	Department of Census and Statistics

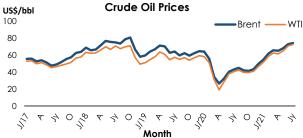
(a) The working age population aged 15 and above

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

		2020			2021			
	Futures Price	es (US\$/bbl)	CPC Import	Futures Price	es (US\$/bbl)	. CPC Import Prices (CIF) (US\$/bbl) ^(*)		
Month	Brent (Benchmark price)	WTI (Benchmark price)	Prices (CIF) (US\$/bbl) ^(*)	Brent (Benchmark price)	WTI (Benchmark price)			
January	64.28	58.28	70.44	54.85	51.65	57.65		
February	55.86	51.04	63.68	61.82	58.63	64.07		
March	34.63	31.42	37.67	65.89	62.60	-		
April	26.46	19.03	19.56	65.22	61.61	66.44		
May	32.28	28.41	25.44	68.24	65.13	68.47		
June	40.43	37.89	38.35	73.11	71.01	-		
July	43.07	40.64	46.23	74.41	72.79	68.92		
August	45.07	42.40	47.74					
September	42.02	39.67	44.05					
October	41.55	39.55	41.77					
November	43.48	40.99	45.88					
December	49.91	46.82	51.89					
Date	20	20		20	21			
21 August	44.96	42.85		-	-			
22 August	-	-		-	-			
23 August	-	-		65.88	62.73			
24 August	44.49	42.42		69.36	66.14			
25 August	45.19	42.55		70.80	67.28			
26 August	45.93	43.29		71.91	67.94			
27 August	45.71	43.38		71.49	67.83			

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 (% p.a.)

Item	Week Ending 27-Aug-2021	Week Ago	Year Ago
Policy Interest Rates			
Standing Deposit Facility Rate	5.00	5.00	4.50
Standing Lending Facility Rate	6.00	6.00	5.50
Average Weighted Call Money Rate (AWCMR) (Weekly Average)	5.77	5.34	4.53
Treasury Bill Yields (Primary Market)			
91-Day	5.87	5.33	4.56
182-Day	5.90	5.34	4.68
364-Day	5.93	-	4.89
Licensed Commercial Banks			
Average Weighted Prime Lending Rate (AWPR)	5.94	5.87	6.66
	Jul-21	Month Ago	Year Ago
Savings Deposits	0.10-6.00	0.10-7.00	0.20-7.00
One Year Fixed Deposits	0.25-15.00	0.25-15.00	1.60-15.00
	Aug-21	Month Ago	Year Ago
Average Weighted Deposit Rate (AWDR)	4.75	4.77	6.74
Average Weighted Fixed Deposit Rate (AWFDR)	5.62	5.67	8.26
	Jul-21	Month Ago	Year Ago
Average Weighted New Deposit Rate (AWNDR)	4.99	4.98	5.78
Average Weighted New Fixed Deposit Rate (AWNFDR)	5.15	5.10	5.96
	Jul-21	Month Ago	Year Ago
Average Weighted Lending Rate (AWLR)	9.45	9.50	12.29
Average Weighted New Lending Rate (AWNLR)	8.09	7.47	9.85
National Savings Bank (NSB)			
	Jul-21	Month Ago	Year Ago
Savings Deposits	3.50	3.50	4.00
One Year Fixed Deposits	5.00	5.00	5.75

Treasury Bond Auction	03 Yrs 04 Mon 29-Jul-2021	04 Yrs 06 Mon 29-Jul-2021	06 Yrs 09 Mon 29-Jul-2021	09 Yrs 07 Mon 29-Jul-2021
Coupon rate	6.00	9.00	9.00	11.25
Weighted Average Yield	6.87	7.47	8.17	8.86

Bank wise- AWPR	Week ending 27-Aug-2021	Week Ago	Bank wise- AWPR	Week ending 27-Aug-2021	Week Ago
Bank of Ceylon	6.04	5.99	Cargills Bank	6.29	7.27
People's Bank	5.83	6.71	HSBC	6.84	6.40
Hatton National Bank	5.93	5.78	Standard Chartered Bank	6.30	6.00
Commercial Bank of Ceylon	5.67	5.49	Citi Bank	5.95	9.00
Sampath Bank	6.39	6.45	Deutsche Bank	5.61	5.86
Seylan Bank	5.96	6.30	Habib Bank ^(a)	5.20	5.20
Union Bank of Colombo	6.59	5.91	Indian Bank ^(a)	8.00	8.00
Pan Asia Banking Corporation	7.70	7.70	Indian Overseas Bank ^(a)	6.82	6.82
Nations Trust Bank	5.47	5.36	MCB Bank	5.73	5.70
DFCC Bank	6.90	6.32	State Bank of India	7.45	5.51
NDB Bank	6.23	5.90	Public Bank ^(a)	5.63	5.63
Amana Bank	5.96	5.99			

 $[\]hbox{(a) The bank has not granted loans during this week to prime customers, hence the latest available rate has been provided. } \\$

2.2 Money Supply

	Rs. bn			Annual Change (%)			
Item	2021 July ^(a)	Month Ago	Year Ago ^(b)	2021 July ^(a)	Month Ago	Year Ago ^(b)	
Reserve Money	1,063.9	1,065.1	878.8	21.1	22.6	(1.1)	
M_1	1,317.0	1,293.3	1,024.6	28.5	29.1	28.3	
M_2	9,269.6	9,136.2	7,717.8	20.1	20.1	15.2	
M _{2b}	10,303.6	10,164.8	8,507.4	21.1	21.5	15.7	
Net Foreign Assets of the Banking System (c)	(699.4)	(481.3)	(48.9)	(1,330.2)	(4,012.3)	(142.9)	
Monetary Authorities	10.3	306.6	785.2	(98.7)	(62.8)	(4.7)	
Commercial Banks	(709.6)	(787.9)	(834.1)	14.9	5.8	(17.5)	
Domestic Banking Units (DBUs)	(433.4)	(476.0)	(406.3)	(6.7)	(26.4)	(18.5)	
Offshore Banking Units (OBUs)	(276.3)	(311.9)	(427.8)	35.4	32.2	(16.6)	
Net Domestic Assets of the Banking System (c)	11,003.0	10,646.1	8,556.3	28.6	27.1	18.2	
Net Credit to the Government	5,513.4	5,194.6	3,783.6	45.7	44.3	39.9	
Monetary Authorities	1,418.0	1,178.9	550.0	157.8	111.8	59.0	
Commercial Banks	4,095.4	4,015.7	3,233.6	26.7	32.0	37.1	
DBUs	3,667.8	3,574.0	2,755.6	33.1	39.4	40.2	
OBUs	427.6	441.7	478.0	(10.5)	(7.8)	21.5	
Credit to Public Corporations	1,140.9	1,132.1	982.6	16.1	19.0	34.7	
DBUs	653.7	656.0	557.0	17.4	22.8	20.5	
OBUs	487.2	476.1	425.6	14.5	14.1	59.3	
Credit to the Private Sector	6,661.5	6,584.9	5,828.0	14.3	12.9	4.2	
DBUs	6,163.1	6,100.3	5,383.8	14.5	13.3	3.9	
OBUs	498.3	484.6	444.1	12.2	8.7	7.6	
Other Items (Net)	(2,312.8)	(2,265.5)	(2,037.8)	(13.5)	(12.9)	(14.1)	







2.3 Weekly change in Reserve Money

Item	26-Aug-2021	19-Aug-2021	Change
Reserve Money (Rs.Mn.)	1,091,070.87	1,094,773.78	(3,702.91)



2.4 Money Market Activity (Overnight)

ltem	23-Aug-2021	24-Aug-2021	25-Aug-2021	26-Aug-2021	27-Aug-2021
Call Money Market					
Weighted Average Rate (% p.a.)	5.77	5.77	5.76	5.77	5.77
Gross Volume (Rs. Mn)	41,770	43,530	35,625	45,225	54,775
Repo Market					
Weighted Average Rate (% p.a.)	5.75	5.75	5.74	5.74	5.76
Gross Volume (Rs. Mn)	14,259	14,144	17,352	21,301	20,464

2.5 CBSL Securites Portfolio

Item	23-Aug-2021	24-Aug-2021	25-Aug-2021	26-Aug-2021	27-Aug-2021
CBSL Treasury Bill/Bond Holdings -Face Value (Rs. Mn)	1,203,435.25	1,203,435.25	1,203,435.25	1,203,435.25	1,215,097.86
CBSL Treasury Bill/Bond Holdings -Book Value (Rs. Mn)	1,168,686.63	1,168,179.96	1,168,439.72	1,168,654.57	1,179,014.66

2.6 Open Market Operations

Item	23-Aug-2021	24-Aug-2021	25-Aug-2021	26-Aug-2021	27-Aug-2021
Short-Term Auction					
Repo Amount Offered (Rs. bn)		8.000	9.000	10.000	12.000
Reverse Repo Amount Offered (Rs. bn)					
Tenure (No. of Days)		1	1	1	3
Bids Received (Rs. bn)		0.000	10.950	12.750	31.100
Amount Accepted (Rs. bn)		0.000	6.950	10.000	12.000
Minimum Accepted Rate (% p.a.)		0.00	5.52	5.70	5.74
Maximum Accepted Rate (% p.a.)		0.00	5.79	5.77	5.74
Weighted Average Yield Rate (% p.a.)		0.00	5.71	5.74	5.74
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)					
Settlement Date					
Maturity Date					
Tenure (No. of Days)					
Bids Received (Rs. bn)					
Amount Accepted (Rs. bn)					
Minimum Aaccepted Rate (% p.a.)					
Maximum Aaccepted Rate (% p.a.)					
Weighted Average Yield Rate (% p.a.)					
Liquidity Support Facility Auction					
Reverse Repo 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.)					
Standing Facility					
Standing Deposit Facility (Rs. bn)	115.552	117.817	117.215		101.463
Standing Lending Facility (Rs. bn)	100.935	107.556	112.050	103.330	100.200
Total Overnight Market Liquidity (Rs. bn)	14.617	10.261	12.115		13.263
Total Outstanding Market Liquidity (Rs. bn)**	14.617	10.261	12.115	13.711	13.263

^{**} 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)

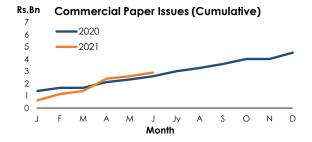
Item	2020	2021	2021
пеш	End Dec	End May	End June ^(b)
Total Number of Active Cards	1,879,255	1,923,592	1,943,267
Local (accepted only locally)	17,291	16,696	16,556
Global (accepted globally)	1,861,964	1,906,896	1,926,711
Outstanding balance (Rs.mn)	117,260	119,678	118,636
Local (accepted only locally)	32,760	33,575	33,563
Global (accepted globally) (a) Issued by Licensed Commercial Banks (LCBs) (b) Pro	84,500 ovisional	86,102	85,074

2.8 Commercial Paper Issues (a)

H /D . l)	2020	2021	2021
Item (Rs. bn.)	End Dec	End Dec End May	
Total Issues - Cumulative (c)	4.5	2.6	2.9
Outstanding (as at end of the period)	1.5	2.3	2.1

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

(b) Provisional (c) Year-to-date total





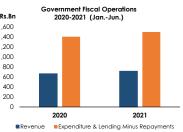
2.9 Share Market

Item	As at 27-Aug-2021	As at 20-Aug-2021	Year Ago
All Share Price Index (1985 = 100) (ASPI)	8,931.33	8,240.06	5,320.87
S&P Sri Lanka 20 Index (2004 = 1,000) (S&P SL20)	3,345.25	3,051.64	2,360.38
Daily Turnover (Weekly Average)(Rs. mn)	11,009.95	4,237.16	1,743.12
Market Capitalisation (Rs.bn)	3,979.93	3,667.84	2,312.51
Foreign Purchases (Rs. mn)	129.75	396.95	11.80
Foreign Sales (Rs. mn)	117.36	771.15	364.67
Net Foreign Purchases (Rs. mn)	12.39	(374.19)	(352.87)

Fiscal Sector

3.1 Goverment Finance (Rs.Bn)

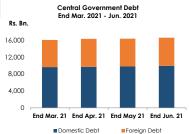
Item	2020 Jan-May ^(a)	2021 Jan-May ^(a)	2020 Jan-June ^(a)	2021 Jan-June ^(b)
Revenue and Grants	585.3	630.7	665.5	715.3
Revenue	583.3	630.1	663.4	714.5
Tax	508.3	569.2	580.8	641.2
Non tax	75.0	60.8	82.5	73.3
Grants	2.0	0.7	2.1	0.7
Expenditure & Lending Minus Repayments	1,195.4	1,265.6	1,401.2	1,495.5
Recurrent	1,043.9	1,103.2	1,237.4	1,311.0
Capital & Lending Minus Repayments	151.5	162.4	163.7	184.5



(a) Excluding the adjustments for fiscal sector statistics of 2019 as announced in the Budget Speech for 2020. (b) Provisional

3.2 Outstanding Central Government Debt (Rs.Bn) (a)

ltem	End 2020	End May 2021 ^(b)	End June 2021 ^(b)
Total domestic debt	9,065.1	9,778.6	9,931.7
of which			
Treasury bills	1,620.7	1,765.3	1,795.2
Treasury bonds	5,713.3	6,001.2	6,092.3
Rupee loans	24.1	24.1	24.1
Total foreign debt	6,052.2	6,575.4	6,632.8
Total outstanding govt. debt	15,117.2	16,354.0	16,564.5



(a) 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 SLDBs and ISBs of the Sri Lankan Government have been classified under foreign debt and resident holdings of outstanding SLDBs and ISBs of the Sri Lankan Government have been classified under domestic debt.

(b) Provisional

Sources : Ministry of Finance, Central Bank of Sri Lanka

3.3 Government Securities - Primary and Secondary Market Yield Rates for the week ending - 25th August 2021

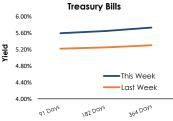
		Primary Market ^(a) %		Secondary Market ^(b) %			
Security	Maturity				This Week		Last Week
		This Week	Last Week	Buying	Selling	Average	Average
	91 Day	5.87	5.33	5.77	5.43	5.60	5.22
Treasury Bills	182 Day	5.90	5.34	5.82	5.48	5.65	5.25
	364 Day	5.93	<u>-</u>	5.92	5.55	5.73	5.30
	< 2 Years	-	-	6.55	6.37	6.46	6.06
	< 3 Years	-	-	7.63	7.41	7.52	6.79
	< 4 Years	-	-	8.12	7.90	8.01	7.26
	< 5 Years	-	-	8.40	8.17	8.29	7.50
Transcer Danada	< 6 Years	-	-	8.62	8.29	8.46	7.76
Treasury Bonds	< 8 Years	-	-	8.89	8.63	8.76	8.19
	< 10 Years	-	-	9.33	8.95	9.14	8.66
	< 15 Years	-	-	9.46	9.18	9.32	8.87
	< 20 Years	-	-	9.48	9.19	9.33	8.87
	< 30 Years	-	_	9.56	9.31	9.44	8.87

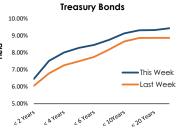
(a) Primary market transactions during the week ending $25^{\rm th}$ August 2021

(b) Average of the secondary market quotes

Both T-bill and T-bond secondary market yield curves have shifted upwards considerably during this week compared to the last week.

	Maturity	Coupon	Secondar	y Market %	
Security	Date	Rate %	This Week	Last Week	Yield
	18-Jan-22	5.75	45.40	24.24	>
	25-Jul-22	5.88	39.78	31.02	
	18-Apr-23	5.75	29.30	24.24	
	14-Mar-24	6.85	24.44	28.94	
	28-Jun-24	6.35	22.09	26.13	
latanantianal Carranian Danda	03-Jun-25	6.13	18.99	21.84	
International Sovereign Bonds	03-Nov-25	6.85	18.78	21.41	
	18-Jul-26	6.83	17.56	19.91	-
	11-May-27	6.20	15.60	17.87	Yield
	18-Apr-28	6.75	15.33	17.30	
	14-Mar-29	7.85	15.98	17.90	
	28-Mar-30	7.55	14.93	16.69	





3.4 Government Securities - Weekly Summary of Primary and Secondary Market Transactions (Week ending - 25^{th} Aug 2021)

Item	Volume	in Rs Mn
liem	This Week	Last Week
Outstanding Stock of Government Securities		
Treasury Bills	2,068,165.33	2,068,154.34
Treasury Bonds ^(a)	6,219,989.80	6,219,989.80
Total	8,288,155.12	8,288,144.13
T-bills and T-bonds held by Foreigners	2,087.09	2,087.03
Sri Lanka Development Bonds (SLDBs)	460,851.46	457,852.96

The outstanding stock of T-bills and T-bonds held by foreigners has slightly increased in rupee terms during the reporting week compared to the previous week.

Discount Laboration	Volume	in Rs Mn
Primary Market Activities	This Week	Last Week
Treasury Bills		
Amount Offered	56,500.00	53,500.00
Total Bids Received	88,492.00	67,355.00
Total Bids Accepted	37,317.00	24,162.00
Treasury Bonds		
Amount Offered	-	-
Total Bids Received	-	-
Total Bids Accepted	-	-

Weekly T-bill auction was oversubscribed by 1.6 times during the reporting week.

Construction Market Authority	Volume in Rs Mn			
Secondary Market Activities	This Week	Last Week		
Treasury Bills				
Outright Transaction (Sales/Purchases)	42,408.71	40,785.89		
Repo Transaction (Sales/Purchases)	152,675.34	144,935.88		
Treasury Bonds				
Outright Transaction (Sales/Purchases)	72,498.58	72,723.80		
Repo Transaction (Sales/Purchases)	597,478.39	593,949.35		

The total volume of secondary market transactions in T-bills and T-bonds has increased by 1.49 per cent in the reporting week compared to the previous week.

3.5 Two way Quotes (Treasury Bills) - 27th August 2021

Remaining Maturity	Average Buying Price	Yield %	Average Selling Price	Yield %	Buying & Selling Spread
1-7 Days	99.89	5.80	99.89	5.51	0.01
1 Month	99.52	5.87	99.54	5.56	0.03
2 Month	99.03	5.93	99.08	5.62	0.05
3 Month	98.53	5.98	98.60	5.68	0.07
4 Month	98.02	6.03	98.13	5.70	0.11
5 Month	97.52	6.04	97.65	5.71	0.14
6 Month	97.03	6.03	97.18	5.73	0.15
7 Month	96.48	6.13	96.70	5.74	0.22
8 Month	95.96	6.14	96.22	5.75	0.26
9 Month	95.44	6.16	95.75	5.75	0.30
10 Month	94.93	6.16	95.26	5.77	0.32
11 Month	94.41	6.18	94.78	5.77	0.37
12 Month	93.94	6.15	94.30	5.78	0.36

a) Includes Treasury bonds amounting to Rs. 56,662.21 million issued to settle dues of CPC, out of which 25,216.61 million and 31,445.60 million are due to mature on 01.01.2022 and 01.01.2032, respectively.

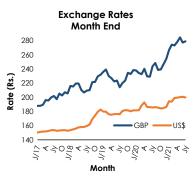
Treasury Bond By Series	Maturity Period (Years)	Maturity Date (DD/MM/YY)	Days to Maturity	Average Buying Price	Yield %	Average Selling Price	Yield %	Buying & Selling Spread
09.45%2021A	7	15-Oct-21	49	100.50	5.50	100.52	5.32	0.02
11.50%2021A	5	15-Dec-21	110	101.72	5.56	101.77	5.40	0.05
08.00%2022A	10	01-Jan-22	127	100.78	5.64	100.82	5.50	0.05
10.70%2022A	3	15-Mar-22	200	102.58	5.86	102.68	5.68	0.10
11.20%2022A	9	01-Jul-22	308	104.22	5.99	104.37	5.80	0.16
				104.22				
10.00%2022A	8	01-Oct-22	400		6.08	104.30	5.88	0.22
05.75%2022A	3	15-Nov-22	445	99.47	6.20	99.71	5.99	0.24
07.90%2022A	3	15-Dec-22	475	102.01	6.25	102.28	6.04	0.27
08.65%2023A	3	15-Jan-23	506	102.99	6.35	103.28	6.13	0.30
10.00%2023A	6	15-Mar-23	565	105.19	6.43	105.49	6.23	0.31
11.50%2023A	6	15-May-23	626	108.04	6.46	108.36	6.27	0.32
10.20%2023A	5	15-Jul-23	687	106.15	6.66	106.51	6.47	0.36
09.00%2023A	10	01-Sep-23	735	104.13	6.77	104.49	6.58	0.36
11.20%2023A	9	01-Sep-23	735	108.23	6.76	108.56	6.59	0.33
07.00%2023A	20	01-Oct-23	765	100.39	6.79	100.70	6.63	0.30
06.30%2023A	3	15-Nov-23	810	98.61	6.98	98.99	6.79	0.38
11.60%2023A	5	15-Dec-23	840	109.56	7.01	110.01	6.81	0.45
11.40%2024A	10	01-Jan-24	857	107.50	7.01	109.21	7.06	0.43
10.90%2024A	5	15-Mar-24	931	107.92	7.43	108.60	7.15	0.68
10.25%2024A	5	15-Jun-24	1,023	106.62	7.58	107.26	7.33	0.65
11.00%2024A	8	01-Aug-24	1,070	108.66	7.64	109.29	7.41	0.63
09.85%2024A	5	15-Sep-24	1,115	104.95	7.99	105.46	7.80	0.52
06.00%2024A	10	01-Dec-24	1,192	94.53	7.93	94.90	7.80	0.37
10.25%2025A	10	15-Mar-25	1,296	106.63	8.06	107.23	7.88	0.59
09.00%2025A	12	01-May-25	1,343	102.09	8.32	102.77	8.11	0.68
11.00%2025A	10	01-Aug-25	1,435	109.17	8.22	109.90	8.01	0.73
10.35%2025A	8	15-Oct-25	1,510	106.85	8.35	107.73	8.11	0.87
06.75%2026A	5	15-Jan-26	1,602	94.50	8.27	95.27	8.05	0.76
09.00%2026A	13	01-Feb-26	1,619	101.73	8.52	102.84	8.22	1.11
05.35%2026A	15	01-Mar-26	1,647	88.73	8.40	89.34	8.23	0.60
11.00%2026A	11	01-Jun-26	1,739	110.03	8.39	110.81	8.20	0.78
	10		1,737		8.51		8.31	
11.50%2026A		01-Aug-26		111.82		112.68		0.85
11.40%2027A	8	15-Jan-27	1,967	111.98	8.57	113.27	8.29	1.29
11.75%2027A	10	15-Jun-27	2,118	113.93	8.64	115.31	8.36	1.38
07.80%2027A	7	15-Aug-27	2,179	95.18	8.86	96.95	8.46	1.76
10.30%2027A	8	15-Oct-27	2,240	106.43	8.91	108.26	8.54	1.83
11.25%2027A	10	15-Dec-27	2,301	112.88	8.56	114.36	8.27	1.48
10.75%2028A	10	15-Mar-28	2,392	109.48	8.81	110.59	8.60	1.11
09.00%2028B	15	01-May-28	2,439	98.95	9.21	100.39	8.92	1.44
09.00%2028A	15	01-Jul-28	2,500	100.66	8.86	102.13	8.58	1.46
11.50%2028A	13	01-Sep-28	2,562	112.52	9.05	113.84	8.81	1.32
13.00%2029A	15	01-Jan-29	2,684	121.74	8.90	122.65	8.75	0.91
13.00%2029B	15	01-May-29	2,804	118.49	9.54	122.01	8.97	3.52
11.00%2030A	15	15-May-30	3,183	108.61	9.52	112.40	8.92	3.79
11.25%2031A	12	15-Mar-31	3,487		9.72	112.16	9.30	2.76
08.00%2032A	20	01-Jan-32	3,779	91.46	9.30	93.23	9.02	1.77
09.00%2032A	20	01-Oct-32	4,053	97.77	9.33	99.71	9.04	1.94
11.20%2033A	15	15-Jan-33	4,159		9.32	115.71	8.97	2.69
09.00%2033A	20	01-Jun-33	4,296		9.36	99.51	9.07	2.07
13.25%2033A	20	01-Jul-33	4,326	127.34	9.38	129.90	9.08	2.56
09.00%2033B	20	01-Nov-33	4,449	96.52	9.49	97.92	9.29	1.41
13.25%2034A	20	01-Jan-34	4,510	126.89	9.50	128.61	9.30	1.72
10.25%2034A	15	15-Sep-34	4,767	103.94	9.71	107.16	9.29	3.23
11.50%2035A	20	15-Mar-35	4,948	111.52	9.93	115.42	9.46	3.90
10.50%2039A	20	15-Aug-39	6,562	107.48	9.62	110.53	9.28	3.05
12.00%2041A	25	01-Jan-41	7,067		9.40	125.60	9.15	2.65
09.00%2043A	30	01-Jun-43	7,948	95.85	9.45	98.11	9.20	2.26
13.50%2044A	30	01-Jan-44	8,162	136.78	9.50	139.82	9.25	3.04
13.50%2044B	30	01-Jun-44	8,314	136.37	9.55	139.42	9.30	3.04
12.50%2044B	30	01-J011-44 01-Mar-45	8,587	125.19	9.75	128.01	9.50	2.82
12.50%2045A	30	01-Mai-45	0,38/	125.19	7./5	120.01	7.50	2.62

External Sector

4.1 Exchange Rates

Sales

Item	Week	k Ending - 27	7-Aug-2021	Averd	age Rate	
(Rs Per Unit) ^(a)	Buying Rate	Selling Rate	Average Rate	Week Ago	Year Ago	
USD	198.10	202.90	200.50	200.55	186.28	
GBP	272.45	282.08	277.27	273.24	246.12	(Rs.)
Yen	1.80	1.88	1.84	1.83	1.76	e œ
Euro	232.40	240.37	236.38	234.09	220.45	Rate
INR ⁽¹⁾			2.70	2.69	2.51	
SDR	As at 2	26-Aug-2021	284.15	283.37	262.84	
Central Bank Purchases and Sales ^(b)		July	Month	Year		
(US\$ Mn.)			2021	Ago	Ago	
Purchases			37.65	33.71	162.50	



ltem	ltem				
Average Daily Interbank Volume (US\$ Mn.)		27-Aug-2021 7.80	7.20	46.43	
(spot, tom and cash transactions among commercial bank	s)				
Forward Transactions					
Forward Rates (Rs per US\$) (2)					
1 Month		205.64	200.50	185.46	
3 Months		-	199.99	185.31	
Average Daily Interbank Forward Volume (US\$ Mn)		11.41	11.52	31.26	
Outstanding Forward Volume (US\$ Mn)	As at 26-Aug-2021	899.13	907.23	1,825.45	
(a) Commercial Book Ava Middle Bate (provailing at 0.20g m.)					

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

4.2 Tourism & Workers' Remittances

Item		2020 July	2021 ^(a) July	2020 Jan-Jul	2021 ^(a) Jan-Jul	% Change
Tourist Arrivals	Number	-	2,429	507,311	19,337	(96.2)
Earnings from Tourism	US\$ Mn.	-	3.3 ^(c)	681.9 ^(b)	26.0 ^(c)	(96.2)
	Rs.Bn.	-	0.7 ^(c)	124.1 ^(b)	5.1 ^(c)	(95.9)
		2020	2021 ^(a)	2020	2021 ^(a)	% Change
		July	July	Jan-Jul	Jan-Jul	% Change
Workers' Remittances (Inflows)	US\$ Mn.	702.1	453.3	3,681.7	3,777.6	2.6
(10	Rs.Bn.	130.5	90.6	682.7	742.2	8.7

⁽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 2021





⁽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 2020

4.3 Official Reserve Assets as at end July 2021 (a) (b)

Official Reserve Assets (USD Mn)	2,833.5
(1) Foreign Currency Reserves	2,364.6
(2) Reserve position in the IMF	68.4
(3) SDRs	8.7
(4) Gold	390.8
(5) Other Reserve Assets	1.1
(a) Provisional	
(b) This does not include the swap facility signed with the People's Bank of China (PBoC) of RMB 10 bn (equivalent to approximat	tely US\$ 1.5 bn)

4.4 International Reserves & Foreign Currency Liquidity as at end June 2021 (a) (b)

Official Reserve Assets (USD mn)	
Official Reserve Assets	4,060.0
(1) Foreign currency reserves	3,599.2
(a) Securities	615.8
(b) Total currency and deposits with	2,983.4
(i) other national central banks, BIS and IMF	773.9
(ii) banks headquartered inside the reporting country of which located abroad	1.2
(iii) banks headquartered outside the reporting country	2,208.2
(2) Reserve position in the IMF	68.3
(3) SDRs	8.6
(4) Gold	381.3
(5) Other reserve assets	2.7

Predetermined Short-Term Net Drains on Foreign Currency Assets ^(c) (USD mn)							
		Maturity breakdown (re 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	(6,833.9)	(1,549.5)	(730.7)	(4,553.7)			
outflows (-) Principal	(5,400.3)	(1,375.0)	(479.7)	(3,545.6)			
Interest	(1,433.6)	(174.5)	(251.0)	(1,008.1)			
inflows (+) Principal Interest							
 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) 	(586.0)	(220.0)	(150.0)	(216.0)			
(i) Short positions (–) ^(d)	(586.0)	(220.0)	(150.0)	(216.0)			
(ii) Long positions (+)							
3. Other	(0.1)	(0.1)					
inflows related to reverse repos (+) outflows related to repos (-) other accounts payable (-)	(0.1)	(0.1)					

⁽a) Provisiono

⁽b) This does not include the swap facility signed with the People's Bank of China (PBoC) of RMB 10 bn (equivalent to approximately US\$ 1.5 bn)

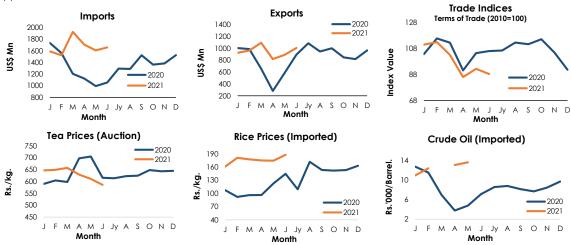
⁽c) This includes only the predetermined outflows.

⁽d) A major share of SWAP outstanding will be rolled over.

4.5 External Trade

		USD Mn			Rs Mn	
Item	Jan-Jun 2020	Jan-Jun 2021 ^(a)	% Change	Jan-Jun 2020	Jan-Jun 2021 ^(a)	% Change
Exports	4,412.8	5,699.0	29.1	814,201.8	1,119,292.4	37.5
Agricultural	1,039.0	1,258.9	21.2	192,580.6	247,333.3	28.4
Industrial	3,357.1	4,407.7	31.3	618,536.1	865,590.4	39.9
Food, Beverages and Tobacco	197.8	248.0	25.4	36,606.0	48,709.7	33.1
Textiles and Garments	1,943.9	2,487.4	28.0	357,867.6	488,245.4	36.4
Petroleum Products	219.5	196.7	(10.4)	40,273.2	38,672.5	(4.0)
Leather, Rubber products etc.	361.8	522.2	44.3	66,816.7	102,616.7	53.6
Other	634.1	953.4	50.4	116,972.6	187,346.1	60.2
Mineral	9.7	24.9	155.6	1,802.4	4,891.4	171.4
Other	7.0	7.5	8.0	1,282.7	1,477.2	15.2
Imports	7,674.6	10,014.7	30.5	1,421,186.4	1,967,590.8	38.4
Consumer Goods	1,782.1	1,912.3	7.3	330,683.3	375,517.0	13.6
Intermediate Goods	4,166.8	5,950.1	42.8	770,945.0	1,168,944.8	51.6
Investment Goods	1,715.2	2,147.4	25.2	317,619.3	422,174.5	32.9
Other	10.5	4.9	(53.8)	1,938.8	954.5	(50.8)
Trade Balance	(3,261.8)	(4,315.7)		(606,984.5)	(848,298.4)	-





4.6 Trade Indices (2010=100) (a)

Item	2021 June ^(b)	Month Ago ^(b)	Year Ago
Total Exports			
Value	140.2	124.1	124.4
Quantity	156.7	137.4	143.8
Unit Value	89.5	90.3	86.5
Total Imports			
Value	148.5	143.9	94.5
Quantity	146.7	147.1	115.8
Unit Value	101.2	97.8	81.6
Terms of Trade	88.4	92.4	106.1
(a) In US\$ Terms (b) Provisional			

4.7 Commodity Prices

Item	2020 June	2021 June ^(a)	% Change	2020 June	2021 June ^(a)	% Change
Colombo Tea Auction		US\$/kg			Rs / kg	
Tea Prices	3.31	2.93	(11.5)	615.69	585.61	(4.9)
Imports (CIF)		US\$ / MT			Rs / MT	
Rice	777.68	939.75	20.8	144,613.94	187,777.28	29.8
Sugar	396.50	490.96	23.8	73,731.80	98,102.05	33.1
Wheat	264.20	319.57	21.0	49,128.33	63,855.50	30.0
		US\$ / Barrel			Rs / Barrel	
Crude Oil ^(b)	38.35	-	-	7,130.80	-	-
(a) Provisional						
(b) Crude Oil was not imported in June 2021						