

WEEKLY ECONOMIC INDICATORS

05 APRIL 2024



Statistics Department
Central Bank of Sri Lanka

Highlights of the Week

Real Sector

During the period under review (29.03.2024 to 05.04.2024), crude oil prices exhibited an increasing trend. Crude oil prices increased owing to optimism on demand with the expansion in manufacturing activity in China and the US, coupled with the concerns about tight supply stemming from escalating geopolitical tensions and major producers keeping output cuts in place. Overall, both Brent and WTI prices increased by more than US dollars 3.00 per barrel during the review period.

Monetary Sector

Weekly Average Weighted Prime Lending Rate (AWPR) for the week ending 05th April 2024 decreased by 13 bps to 10.56 per cent compared to the previous week.

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

The total outstanding market liquidity was a surplus of Rs. 19.205 bn by 05th April 2024, compared to a surplus of Rs. 5.283 bn by the end of last week.

By 05th April 2024, the All Share Price Index (ASPI) increased by 3.07 per cent to 11,795.47 points and the S&P SL 20 Index increased by 4.94 per cent to 3,481.54 points, compared to the index values of last week.

Fiscal Sector

During the week, yield rates of T-Bills and T-Bonds remained broadly stable.

The outstanding stock of T-Bills and T-Bonds held by foreigners increased by 1.2 per cent in rupee terms during the reporting week compared to the week before.

The weekly T-Bill auction was oversubscribed by 1.5 times during the reporting week.

The total volume of secondary market transactions in T-Bills and T-Bonds increased by 19.5 per cent in the reporting week compared to the week before.

External Sector

During the year up to 05th April 2024, the Sri Lanka rupee appreciated against the US dollar by 8.0 per cent. Given the cross currency exchange rate movements, the Sri Lanka rupee appreciated against the Japanese yen by 15.5 per cent, the pound sterling by 9.0 per cent, the Euro by 10.5 per cent and the Indian rupee by 8.5 per cent during this period.

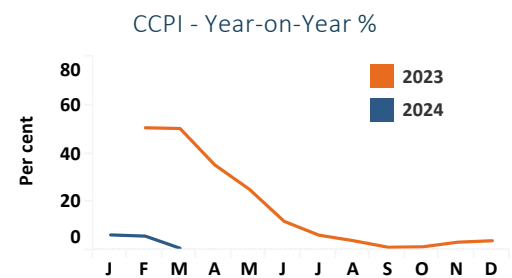
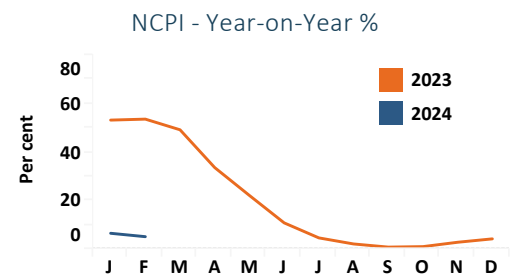
The gross official reserves were provisionally estimated at US dollars 4,951 mn as at end March 2024. This includes proceeds from the PBOC swap arrangement, which is subject to conditionalities on usability.

REAL SECTOR

1.1 Price Indices

NCPI (2021=100)	2023		2024
	February	January	February
National Consumer Price Index (NCPI) - Headline	204.1	215.0	214.5
Monthly Change %	1.1	3.0	(0.2)
Annual Average Change %	-	13.4	10.2
Year-on-Year Change %	53.6	6.5	5.1
National Consumer Price Index (NCPI) - Core	189.4	193.9	194.6
Annual Average Change %	-	12.3	9.2
Year-on-Year Change %	50.1	2.2	2.7

CCPI (2021=100)	2023		2024
	March	February	March
Colombo Consumer Price Index (CCPI) - Headline	195.0	200.6	196.7
Monthly Change %	2.9	0.0	(1.9)
Annual Average Change %	-	11.3	8.0
Year-on-Year Change %	50.3	5.9	0.9
Colombo Consumer Price Index (CCPI) - Core	171.9	177.2	177.3
Annual Average Change %	-	8.5	6.1
Year-on-Year Change %	39.1	2.8	3.1



Source: Department of Census and Statistics

1.2 Prices

1.2.1 Pettah Market

Item (Rs./kg)	Average Wholesale Prices				Average Retail Prices			
	Year Ago	Month Ago	Week Ago	This Week	Year Ago	Month Ago	Week Ago	This Week
Samba	207.33	233.00	235.00	235.00	220.00	250.00	250.00	250.00
Kekulu (Red)	170.00	177.25	180.00	178.00	168.67	190.00	200.00	200.00
Beans	123.33	362.50	122.50	100.00	166.67	412.50	177.50	150.00
Cabbage	80.00	312.50	225.00	152.00	120.00	362.50	275.00	208.00
Carrot	100.00	305.00	277.50	272.00	140.00	355.00	327.50	322.00
Tomato	150.00	387.50	175.00	108.00	200.00	437.50	225.00	158.00
Pumpkin	50.00	250.00	180.00	160.00	80.00	300.00	230.00	200.00
Snake Gourd	143.33	207.50	130.00	134.00	186.67	257.50	180.00	184.00
Brinjal	140.00	150.00	175.00	146.00	180.00	200.00	225.00	196.00
Green Chilli	250.00	300.00	170.00	194.00	300.00	350.00	220.00	242.00
Lime	160.00	140.00	290.00	326.00	216.67	195.00	352.50	384.00
Red Onion (Local)	295.00	216.25	250.25	264.20	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Big Onion (Imported)	88.67	361.00	503.25	507.20	113.33	400.00	580.00	594.00
Potato (Local)	247.67	356.00	305.25	314.60	260.00	395.00	327.50	380.00
Dried Chilli (Imported)	1,100.00	814.50	733.00	700.00	1,250.00	1,000.00	850.00	850.00
Red Dhal	312.67	294.50	285.00	284.60	330.00	320.00	300.00	300.00
Egg White (Each)	n.a.	50.25	43.00	42.20	n.a.	51.25	43.50	42.70
Coconut (Each)	95.00	92.75	93.00	93.00	120.00	120.00	120.00	120.00

1.2.2 Marandagahamula Market

Item (Rs./kg)	Average Wholesale Price of Rice			
	Year Ago	Month Ago	Week Ago	This Week
Samba	198.00	229.00	232.25	229.40
Kekulu (White)	171.00	188.50	192.75	193.00
Kekulu (Red)	164.00	170.00	166.00	166.00
Nadu	187.00	192.00	196.25	198.40

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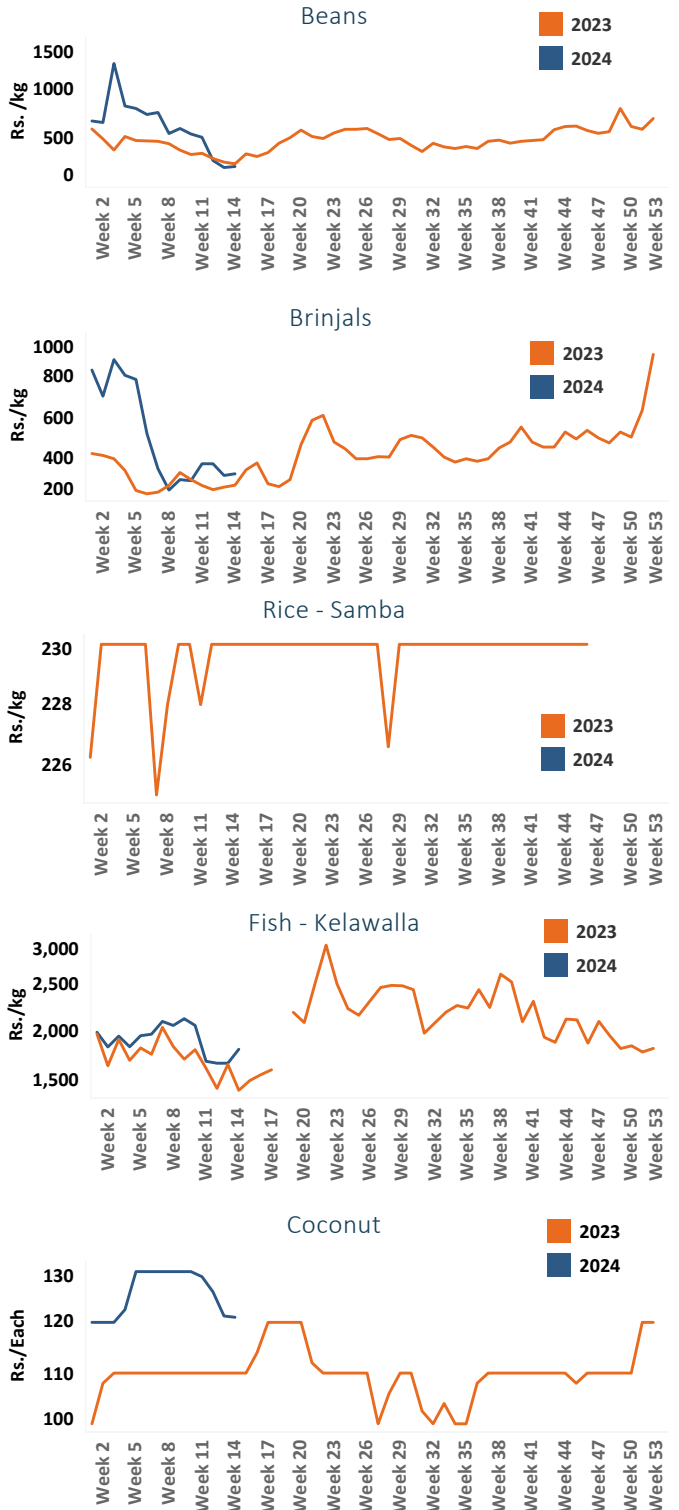
1.2.3 Dambulla Market

Item (Rs./kg)	Average Wholesale Prices	
	Week Ago	This Week
Samba	265.00	230.00
Kekulu (Red)	173.75	178.00
Beans	108.75	81.00
Cabbage	216.25	122.00
Carrot	263.75	262.00
Tomato	98.75	67.00
Pumpkin	142.50	135.00
Snake Gourd	75.00	65.00
Brinjal	148.75	100.00
Ash Plantain	147.50	151.60
Red Onion (Local)	231.25	227.00
Red Onion (Imported)	220.00	240.00
Big Onion (Imported)	495.00	409.00
Potatoes (Local)	245.00	238.60
Potatoes (Imported)	144.50	137.20
Dried Chillies (Imported)	725.00	663.00
Coconut (Each)	86.50	86.20

1.2.4 Narahenpita Economic Centre

Item (Rs./kg)	Average Retail Prices	
	Week Ago	This Week
Samba	n.a.	n.a.
Kekulu (Red)	185.00	175.00
Beans	210.00	220.00
Cabbage	445.00	392.00
Carrot	330.00	360.00
Tomato	230.00	216.00
Pumpkin	270.00	280.00
Snake Gourd	330.00	312.00
Brinjal	320.00	328.00
Green Chilli	475.00	400.00
Red Onion (Local)	n.a.	n.a.
Big Onion (Imported)	500.00	500.00
Potato (Local)	340.00	360.00
Potato (Imported)	220.00	220.00
Dried Chilli (Imported)	1,000.00	1,000.00
Red Dhal	320.00	320.00
Sugar White	270.00	270.00
Egg White (Each)	44.25	44.80
Coconut (Each)	121.25	121.00

Narahenpita Economic Centre - Retail Prices



1.2.5 Fish Markets

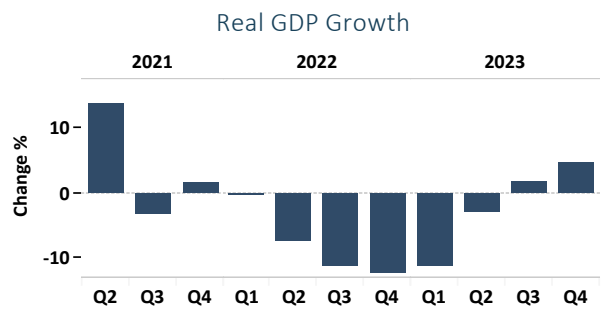
	Peliyagoda		Negombo				Narahenpita	
	Avg. Wholesale Prices		Avg. Wholesale Prices		Avg. Retail Prices		Avg. Retail Prices	
	Week Ago	This Week	Week Ago	This Week	Week Ago	This Week	Week Ago	This Week
Kelawalla	775.00	1,075.00	750.00	830.00	1,312.50	1,314.00	1,680.00	1,824.00
Balaya	550.00	680.00	460.00	n.a.	650.00	n.a.	860.00	953.33
Salaya	430.00	380.00	437.50	422.00	550.00	538.00	490.00	520.00
Hurulla	800.00	650.00	732.50	632.00	922.50	840.00	990.00	866.00

n.a. - not available

1.3 GDP by Industrial Origin at Constant (2015) Prices - Growth Rates

Item	Annual		Quarterly	
	2022 ^{(a)(b)}	2023 ^(b)	2022 Q4 ^{(a)(b)}	2023 Q4 ^(b)
Agriculture	(4.2)	2.6	2.3	0.6
Industry	(16.0)	(9.2)	(30.2)	7.9
Services	(2.6)	(0.2)	(4.6)	2.8
Taxes less subsidies on products	(12.4)	2.8	(23.6)	14.9
GDP	(7.3)	(2.3)	(12.4)	4.5

(a) Revised
(b) Provisional

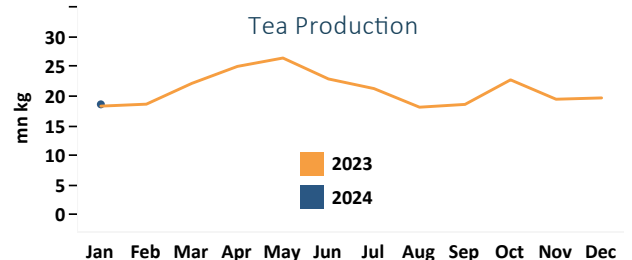


Source: Department of Census and Statistics

1.4 Agricultural Production

Item	January		% Change
	2023 ^(a)	2024 ^(a)	
Tea (mn kg)	18.4	18.7	1.6
Rubber (mn kg)	6.5	5.6	(14.0)
Coconut (mn nuts)	256.8	245.6	(4.4)

(a) Provisional

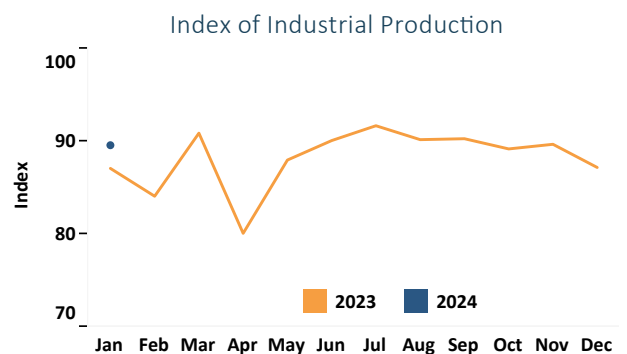


Sources: Sri Lanka Tea Board
Rubber Development Department
Coconut Development Authority

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

Item	January		% Change
	2023 ^(b)	2024 ^(c)	
Index of Industrial Production	87.1	89.6	2.9
Food products	84.4	96.4	14.1
Wearing apparel	95.5	91.8	(3.9)
Other non-metallic mineral products	98.3	84.3	(14.2)
Coke and refined petroleum products	100.9	92.1	(8.7)
Rubber and plastic products	91.8	90.3	(1.6)
Chemicals and chemical products	65.3	66.5	1.9
Beverages	100.8	119.6	18.7

(a) Major 7 sub divisions
(b) Revised
(c) Provisional



Source: Department of Census and Statistics

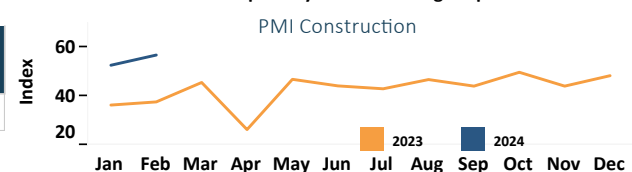
1.6 Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI)^(a)

PMI Manufacturing	2023		2024	
	Jan	Feb	Jan	Feb
Index	40.8	42.3	55.6	56.0

PMI Services	2023		2024	
	Jan	Feb	Jan	Feb
Business Activity Index	51.5	45.0	60.1	53.0

PMI Construction	2023		2024	
	Jan	Feb	Jan	Feb
Total Activity Index	36.5	37.8	52.9	57.1

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



1.7 Employment (a)

Item	2022	2023 Q3	2023 Q4
Labour Force Participation rate	49.8	48.8	47.1
Unemployment rate	4.7	4.7	4.3

Employed Persons by Sectors (b) (as a % of Total Employment)

	2022	2023 Q3	2023 Q4
Agriculture	26.5	25.4	26.5
Industry	26.5	25.0	25.3
Services	47.0	49.6	48.2

1.8 Wage Rate Indices

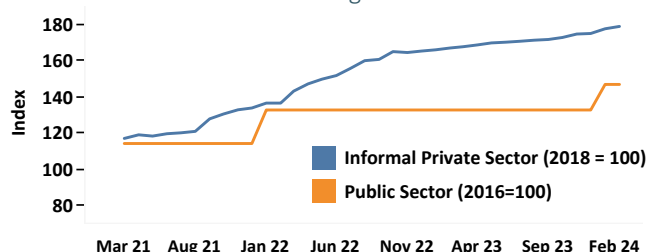
Item	2023	2024	Change %
	February	February	
Public Sector Employees' Wage Rate Index (2016 = 100) - Nominal	133.1	147.2	10.6
Informal Private Sector Employees' Wage Rate Index (2018 = 100) - Nominal	167.3	179.2	7.1
Agriculture	168.7	179.0	6.1
Industry	167.5	179.3	7.0
Services	164.9	179.3	8.7

Unemployment Rate



Source: Department of Census and Statistics

Nominal Wage Rate Indices

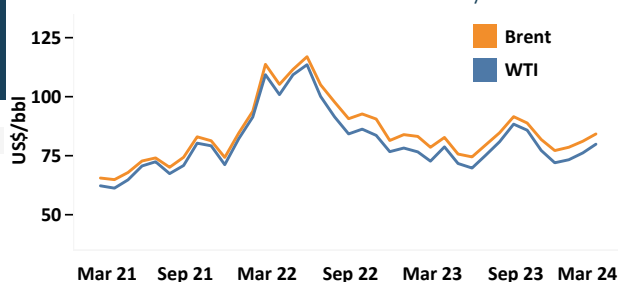


1.9 Average Crude Oil Prices

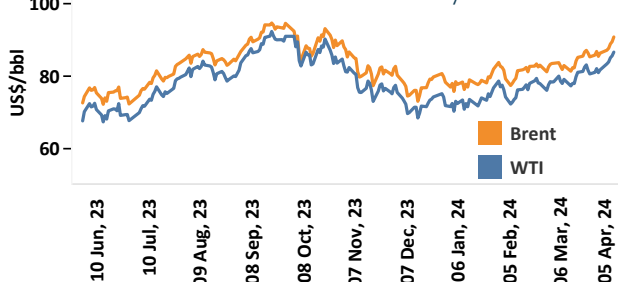
Month	2023			2024		
	Futures Prices (US\$/bbl)		CPC Import Prices (CIF) (US\$/bbl) ^{(c)(d)}	Futures Prices (US\$/bbl)		CPC Import Prices (CIF) (US\$/bbl) ^{(c)(d)}
	Brent (Benchmark Price)	WTI (Benchmark Price)		Brent (Benchmark Price)	WTI (Benchmark Price)	
January	84.28	78.60	97.93	78.93	73.64	91.48
February	83.52	76.97	-	81.48	76.53	81.33
March	78.93	73.05	84.05	84.57	80.23	-
April	83.09	79.10	90.49	-	-	-
May	76.05	72.05	86.90	-	-	-
June	74.85	70.13	90.90	-	-	-
July	79.90	75.52	81.29	-	-	-
August	85.09	81.28	81.53	-	-	-
September	91.89	88.72	-	-	-	-
October	89.19	86.16	88.98	-	-	-
November	82.22	77.58	99.98	-	-	-
December	77.53	72.36	97.62	-	-	-

Date	2023	2024
30-Mar	78.22	72.98
31-Mar	79.42	74.47
01-Apr	-	87.24
02-Apr	-	87.78
03-Apr	83.90	85.14
04-Apr	85.19	85.67
05-Apr	-	90.90

Crude Oil Prices - Monthly



Crude Oil Prices - Daily

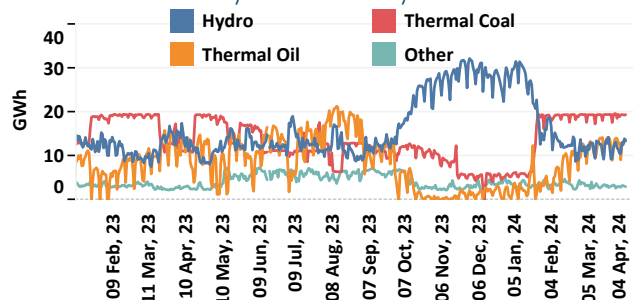


Sources: Bloomberg, Ceylon Petroleum Corporation

1.10 Daily Electricity Generation

	01-Apr-24	02-Apr-24	03-Apr-24	04-Apr-24
Peak Demand (MW)	2,402.40	2,542.10	2,573.80	2,496.00
Total Energy (GWh)	49.22	49.16	50.16	50.08
Hydro	13.11	12.64	14.00	13.49
Thermal Coal	19.51	19.47	19.39	19.50
Thermal Oil	12.94	13.38	13.30	13.79
Wind	0.34	0.39	0.39	0.24
Solar	2.96	2.93	2.75	2.84
Biomass	0.37	0.36	0.33	0.23

Electricity Generation by Source



Source: Ceylon Electricity Board

(a) The household population aged 15 and above

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

(c) 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, a part of the imports of CPC is on a term contract basis. Crude oil was not imported in the months of February and September 2023.

(d) Provisional

MONETARY SECTOR

2.1 Interest Rates (% p.a.)

Policy Interest Rates	Year Ago	Week Ago	This Week
Standing Deposit Facility Rate	15.50	8.50	8.50
Standing Lending Facility Rate	16.50	9.50	9.50

Call Money Market	Year Ago	Week Ago	This Week
Average Weighted Call Money Rate (AWCMR) (Weekly Average)	16.49	8.83	8.66

Treasury Bill Yields (Primary Market)	Year Ago	Week Ago	This Week
91 Day	24.12	10.07	10.11
182 Day	24.10	10.23	10.30
364 Day	22.37	10.28	10.28

Licensed Commercial Banks	Year Ago	Week Ago	This Week
Average Weighted Prime Lending Rate (AWPR)	22.63	10.69	10.56

	January 2023	December 2023	January 2024
Savings Deposits	0.25 - 6.00	0.25 - 13.00	0.25 - 12.00
One Year Fixed Deposits	3.50 - 30.00	1.00 - 22.00	2.00 - 22.00

	March 2023	February 2024	March 2024
Average Weighted Deposit Rate (AWDR)	15.06	10.80	10.30
Average Weighted Fixed Deposit Rate (AWFDR)	19.80	13.77	13.10

	February 2023	January 2024	February 2024
Average Weighted New Deposit Rate (AWNDR)	21.56	10.86	9.52
Average Weighted New Fixed Deposit Rate (AWNDFDR)	22.06	11.12	9.77
Average Weighted Lending Rate (AWLR)	18.50	13.88	13.74
Average Weighted New Lending Rate (AWNLR)	25.31	13.91	13.44

National Savings Banks (NSB)	February 2023	January 2024	February 2024
Savings Deposits	3.00	3.00	3.00
One Year Fixed Deposits	12.00	8.00	7.75

Treasury Bond Auction	02 Years 09 Months 12-Mar-2024	04 Years 09 Months 12-Mar-2024	07 Years 12-Mar-2024
Coupon Rate	11.25	11.50	11.25
Weighted Average Yield	11.33	12.25	12.42

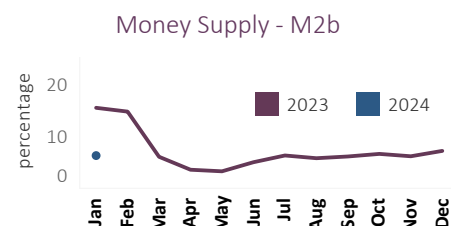
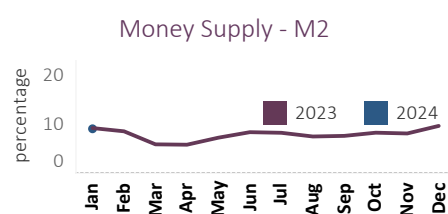
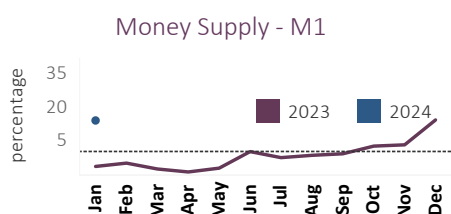
Bank wise Average Weighted Prime Lending Rate	Week Ago	This Week	Week Ago	This Week	
Bank of Ceylon	11.32	10.73	Cargills Bank	11.29	12.38
People's Bank	10.04	10.00	HSBC	10.90	10.59
Hatton National Bank	10.51	10.36	Standard Chartered Bank	10.46	10.75
Commercial Bank of Ceylon	10.44	10.18	Citi Bank ^(a)	11.50	11.50
Sampath Bank	10.74	10.13	Deutsche Bank	10.36	10.28
Seylan Bank	12.57	12.27	Habib Bank	12.09	12.63
Union Bank of Colombo	10.96	10.39	Indian Bank	12.59	11.96
Pan Asia Banking Corporation	10.85	11.82	Indian Overseas Bank	12.09	11.61
Nations Trust Bank	10.89	10.56	MCB Bank	10.79	11.61
DFCC Bank	11.41	13.05	State Bank of India	11.78	11.40
NDB Bank	11.21	11.75	Public Bank	14.00	15.67
Amana Bank	11.13	10.64	Bank of China	-	-

(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

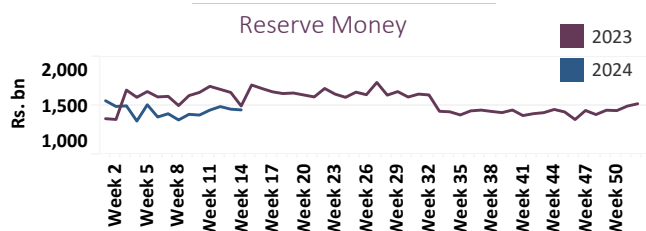
	Rs. bn			Annual Change (%)		
	Jan 2023 ^(a)	Dec 2023 ^(a)	Jan 2024 ^(b)	Jan 2023 ^(a)	Dec 2023 ^(a)	Jan 2024 ^(b)
	Reserve Money	1,589.7	1,328.7	1,488.6	18.9	-1.5
M1	1,411.4	1,658.0	1,606.6	-5.9	14.1	13.8
M2	10,518.3	11,485.1	11,449.6	9.0	9.4	8.9
M2b	12,322.5	13,189.1	13,114.9	15.5	7.3	6.4
Net Foreign Assets of the Banking System ^(c)	-1,572.7	-456.1	-400.0	-29.4	74.2	74.6
Monetary Authorities	-1,539.6	-837.3	-745.1	-132.3	48.1	51.6
Commercial Banks	-33.1	381.2	345.1	94.0	349.3	1,143.0
Domestic Banking Units (DBUs)	-477.0	-262.5	-302.1	-19.2	39.4	36.7
Offshore Banking Units (OBUs)	443.9	643.8	647.2	390.7	129.5	45.8
Net Domestic Assets of the Banking System ^(c)	13,895.2	13,645.2	13,514.9	16.9	-2.9	-2.7
Net Credit to the Government ^(d)	7,611.6	8,285.0	8,335.1	25.7	10.9	9.5
Monetary Authorities	3,409.4	2,376.2	2,284.6	42.8	-30.8	-33.0
Commercial Banks	4,202.2	5,908.8	6,050.5	14.6	46.3	44.0
DBUs	3,807.4	5,689.3	5,850.5	14.2	56.3	53.7
OBUs	394.9	219.4	200.0	18.7	-45.1	-49.4
Credit to Public Corporations ^(d)	1,750.4	769.8	747.0	46.9	-56.0	-57.3
DBUs	1,690.0	712.3	691.1	65.4	-57.8	-59.1
OBUs	60.4	57.5	56.0	-64.5	-4.7	-7.4
Credit to the Private Sector	7,315.4	7,366.4	7,314.2	4.2	-0.6	0.0
DBUs	6,670.5	6,834.8	6,769.0	2.2	1.5	1.5
OBUs	644.9	531.6	545.2	32.1	-21.7	-15.5
Other Items (Net)	-2,782.3	-2,776.0	-2,881.5	-16.9	-7.8	-3.6



2.3 Reserve Money and Currency in Circulation

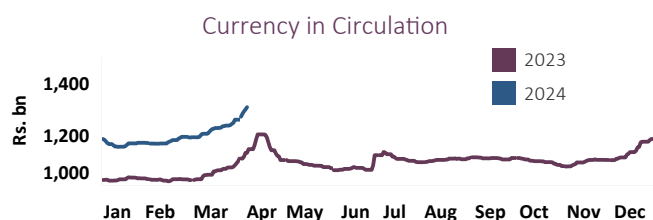
27-Mar-2024 04-Apr-2024

Reserve Money (Rs. mn) 1,466,076.10 1,458,777.37



28-Mar-2024 05-Apr-2024

Currency in Circulation (Rs. Mn) 1,261,899 1,310,725



2.4 Money Market Activity (Overnight)

Call Money Market	01-Apr-2024	02-Apr-2024	03-Apr-2024	04-Apr-2024	05-Apr-2024
Average Weighted Call Money Rate (AWCMR)	8.69	8.70	8.65	8.63	8.61
Gross Volume (Rs. bn)	16.40	17.05	10.35	11.60	23.55
Repo Market	01-Apr-2024	02-Apr-2024	03-Apr-2024	04-Apr-2024	05-Apr-2024
Weighted Average Rate (% p.a.)	8.90	8.93	9.03	9.08	9.07
Gross Volume (Rs. bn)	23.91	39.30	26.05	28.80	33.85

2.5 CBSL Securities Portfolio

	01-Apr-2024	02-Apr-2024	03-Apr-2024	04-Apr-2024	05-Apr-2024
CBSL Treasury Bill/Bond Holdings -Face Value (Rs. bn)	2,676	2,676	2,676	2,676	2,676
CBSL Treasury Bill/Bond Holdings -Book Value (Rs. bn)	1,551	1,551	1,550	1,550	1,550

(a) Revised

(b) Provisional

(c) In relation to M2b

(d) With the approval of the Cabinet of Ministers at its meeting held on 30 January 2023, the outstanding foreign currency guaranteed debt of the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation (CPC) was absorbed into central government debt with effect from December 2022, in line with the actions agreed under the IMF-EFF arrangement to restructure the balance sheets of selected State Owned Business Enterprises (SOBEs). Accordingly, this adjustment was implemented in two phases, first in April 2023 and subsequently in December 2023, hence, was reflected in the balance sheet of the particular state-owned commercial bank, which caused a reduction in credit to public corporations/ SOBEs and a corresponding expansion in net credit to the government (NCG).

2.6 Open Market

Item	01.04.2024	02.04.2024	03.04.2024	04.04.2024	05.04.2024
Short-Term Auction					
Repo Amount Offered (Rs. bn)					
Reverse Repo Amount Offered (Rs. bn)	60.00	70.00	40.00	30.00	25.00
Tenure (No. of Days)	1	1	1	1	3
Bids Received (Rs. bn)	53.22	63.76	48.57	28.71	46.74
Amount Accepted (Rs. bn)	53.22	63.76	40.00	28.71	25.00
Minimum Accepted Rate (% p.a.)	8.52	8.52	8.55	8.52	8.60
Maximum Accepted Rate (% p.a.)	8.70	8.80	8.75	8.70	8.75
Weighted Average Yield Rate (% p.a.)	8.60	8.61	8.60	8.59	8.64
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)		40.00		20.00	
Settlement Date		03.04.2024		05.04.2024	
Maturity Date		17.04.2024		19.04.2024	
Tenure (No. of Days)		14		14	
Bids Received (Rs. bn)		60.00		15.00	
Amount Accepted (Rs. bn)		40.00		15.00	
Minimum Accepted Rate (% p.a.)		8.86		8.76	
Maximum Accepted Rate (% p.a.)		9.41		8.99	
Weighted Average Yield Rate (% p.a.)		8.99		8.85	
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)	132.158	128.206	148.155	157.850	165.758
Standing Lending Facility (Rs. bn)	20.430	7.848	9.669	7.605	6.553
Total Overnight Market Liquidity (Rs. bn)	58.508	56.598	98.486	121.535	134.205
Total Outstanding Market Liquidity (Rs. bn)^(a)	(36.492)	(3.402)	(1.514)	21.535	19.205

(a) 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 and Commercial Paper Issues

2.7.1 Credit Cards ^(a)

	December 2022	December 2023	January 2024 ^(b)
Total Number of Active Cards	1,952,991	1,917,085	1,913,675
Local (accepted only locally)	13,028	10,768	10,623
Global (accepted globally)	1,939,963	1,906,317	1,903,052
Outstanding balance (Rs.mn) - Credit Cards	143,098	151,373	149,909
Local (accepted only locally)	37,328	35,838	35,429
Global (accepted globally)	105,770	115,534	114,480

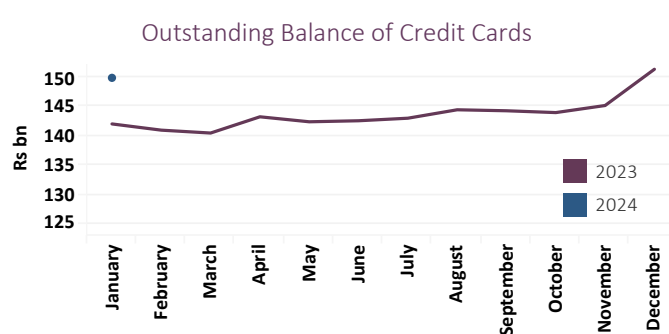
2.7.2 Commercial Paper Issues ^(c)

	December 2022	December 2023	January 2024 ^(b)
Total Issues - Cumulative ^(d) (Rs. bn)	2.0	1.3	0.0
Outstanding (as at end of the period) (Rs. bn)	0.2	0.7	0.5

(a) Issued by Licensed Commercial Banks (LCBs) (b) Provisional

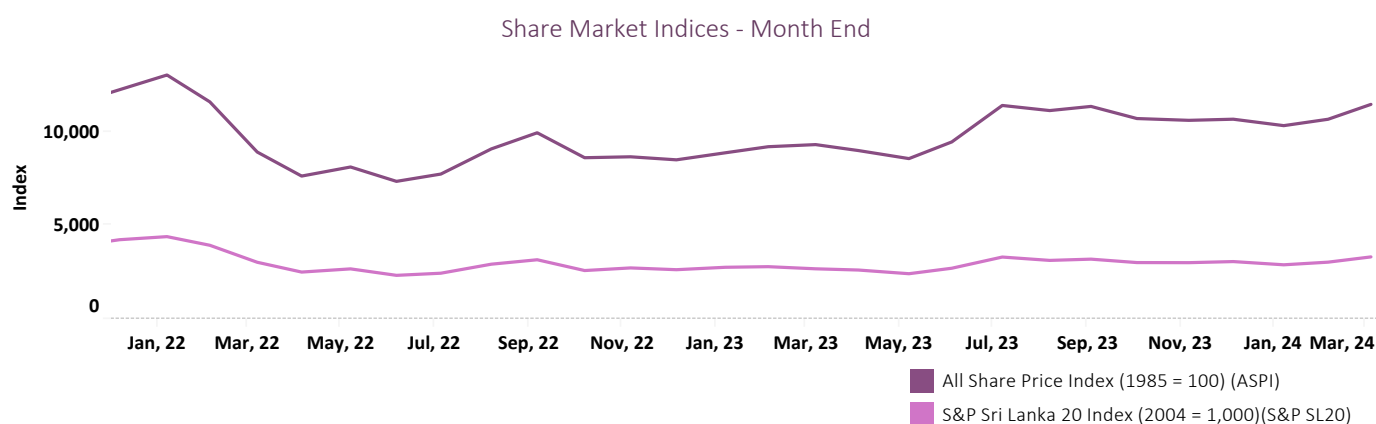
(c) Based on the information provided by LCBs and Licensed Specialised Banks (LSBs)

(d) Year-to-date total



2.8 Share Market

	06-Apr-2023	28-Mar-2024	05-Apr-2024
All Share Price Index (1985 = 100) (ASPI)	9,256.90	11,444.38	11,795.47
S&P Sri Lanka 20 Index (2004 = 1,000)(S&P SL20)	2,685.91	3,317.62	3,481.54
Daily Turnover (Rs. mn)	811.91	2,961.55	2,913.56
Market Capitalisation (Rs.bn)	3,911.73	4,534.65	4,604.28
Foreign Purchases (Rs. mn)	104.17	267.11	268.60
Foreign Sales (Rs. mn)	37.17	185.35	168.44
Net Foreign Purchases (Rs. mn)	67.00	81.76	100.16



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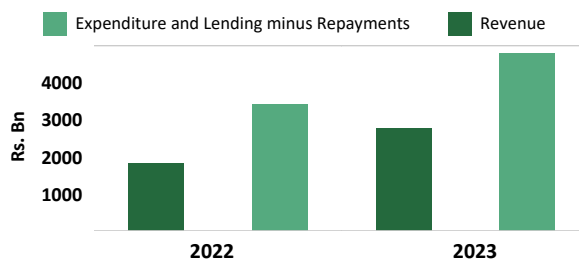
3.1 Government Finance (Rs. Bn)

Item	2022	2023
	Jan. - Nov.	Jan. - Nov. ^(a)
Revenue and Grants	1,809.74	2,771.36
Revenue	1,806.68	2,757.98
Tax Revenue	1,608.83	2,511.98
Non Tax Revenue	197.85	246.01
Grants	3.06	13.38
Expenditure and Lending minus Repayments	3,411.07	4,791.66
Recurrent Expenditure	2,945.04	4,292.75
Capital and Lending minus Repayments	466.03	498.91
Primary Balance	(352.18)	331.42
Overall Budget Balance	(1,601.33)	(2,020.30)

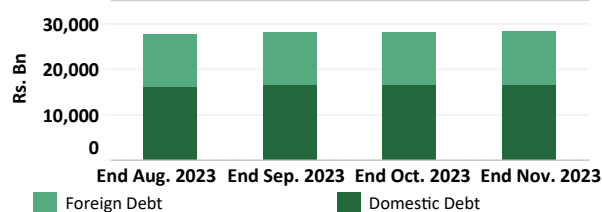
3.2 Outstanding Central Government Debt (Rs. Bn)^(b)

Item	End ^{(a)(c)}	End Nov. ^{(a)(c)}
	2022	2023
Total Domestic Debt ^(d)	15,033.88	16,681.68
of which; Treasury Bills	4,113.91	3,918.85
Treasury Bonds	8,709.06	11,880.38
Rupee Loans	24.09	-
Total Foreign Debt ^{(e)(f)}	12,458.16	11,507.24
Total Outstanding Government Debt	27,492.03	28,188.91

Government Fiscal Operations January - November



Central Government Debt End Aug. 2023 - End Nov. 2023



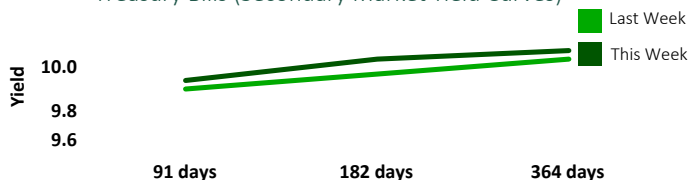
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3.3 Government Securities - Primary and Secondary Market Yield Rates

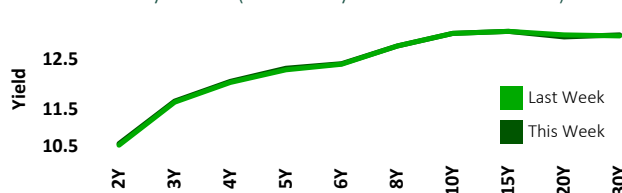
3.3.1 Treasury Bills and Treasury Bonds for the week ending - 04 April 2024

Security	Maturity	Primary Market ^(g) %			Secondary Market ^(h) %		
		Last Week	This Week	Buying	This Week		Last Week
					Selling	Average	
Treasury Bills	91 Day	10.07	10.11	10.10	9.79	9.94	9.90
	182 Day	10.23	10.30	10.21	9.87	10.04	9.97
	364 Day	10.28	10.28	10.29	9.87	10.08	10.04
	< 2 Years	-	-	10.99	10.64	10.82	10.79
	< 3 Years	-	-	11.80	11.52	11.66	11.64
	< 4 Years	-	-	12.16	11.93	12.05	12.03
	< 5 Years	-	-	12.47	12.15	12.31	12.28
	< 6 Years	-	-	12.57	12.23	12.40	12.39
	< 8 Years	-	-	12.97	12.54	12.75	12.75
Treasury Bonds	< 10 Years	-	-	13.28	12.72	13.00	13.00
	< 15 Years	-	-	13.42	12.67	13.04	13.04
	< 20 Years	-	-	13.28	12.58	12.93	12.97
	< 25 Years	-	-	-	-	-	-
	< 30 Years	-	-	13.31	12.63	12.97	12.95

Treasury Bills (Secondary Market Yield Curves)



Treasury Bonds (Secondary Market Yield Curves)



(a) Provisional

(b) 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.

(c) The outstanding central government debt excludes several debt service payments that became overdue after 12 April 2022, the date of which the Interim Policy regarding the servicing of Sri Lanka's external public debt was announced by the Ministry of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies. These debt service payments comprise of overdue interest payments of affected debt which deemed to be capitalised as per the Interim Policy. Further, the December 2022 balance excluded the value of principal payments yet to be settled in relation to Sri Lanka Development Bonds from April 2022 till end 2022.

(d) Includes outstanding balance of the government guaranteed foreign currency debt of the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation that was absorbed into central government debt w.e.f. December 2022

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

(f) Foreign loan debt statistics are prepared based on the data sourced from the Commonwealth Secretariat Debt Recording and Management System (CS-DRMS) maintained by the Ministry of Finance, Economic Stabilisation and National Policies.

(g) Primary market transactions during the week ending 04 April 2024

(h) Average of the secondary market quotes

3.3.2 International Sovereign Bonds

Security	Maturity Date	Coupon Rate	Secondary Market	
			Last Week	This Week
International Sovereign Bonds	14-Mar-24	6.850	-	-
	28-Jun-24	6.350	-	-
	03-Jun-25	6.125	-	-
	03-Nov-25	6.850	44.00	44.30
	18-July-26	6.825	31.51	31.61
	11-May-27	6.200	25.78	25.79
	18-Apr-28	6.750	22.56	22.53
	14-Mar-29	7.850	20.27	20.23
	28-Mar-30	7.550	18.14	18.10

3.4 Government Securities - Weekly Summary of Primary and Secondary Market Transactions (Week ending 04 April 2024)

Item	Volume in Rs. Mn	
	Last Week	This Week
Outstanding Stock of Government Securities		
Treasury Bills	3,893,764	3,894,224
Treasury Bonds ^(a)	12,505,802	12,505,802
of which T-Bills and T-Bonds held by Foreigners	90,597	91,649
Total	16,399,566	16,400,026

Primary Market Activities ^(b)	Volume in Rs. Mn	
	Last Week	This Week
Treasury Bills		
Phase I, Price based Competitive Bidding Auction		
Amount Offered	80,000	135,000
Total Bids Received	184,561	207,529
Amount Accepted	80,000	132,330
Phase II, Non-competitive Allocation		
Amount Raised	8,000	6,475
Treasury Bonds		
Phases I, II and III		
Amount Offered	-	-
Total Bids Received	-	-
Amount Accepted	-	-
Direct Issuance Window		
Amount Raised	-	-

Secondary Market Activities	Volume in Rs. Mn	
	Last Week	This Week
Treasury Bills		
Outright Transaction (Sales/Purchases)	229,346	188,766
Repo Transaction (Sales/Purchases)	265,140	344,131
Treasury Bonds		
Outright Transaction (Sales/Purchases)	177,156	244,493
Repo Transaction (Sales/Purchases)	716,604	881,706

(a) Includes Treasury Bonds amounting to Rs. 31,445.60 million issued to CPC to be matured on 01.01.2032.

(b) Limited to T-Bill and T-Bond issuances under regular issuance process.

3.5 Two Way Quotes (Treasury Bills) - 05 April 2024

Remaining Maturity	Average Buying Price	Yield %	Average Selling Price	Yield %	Buying & Selling Spread
1-7 Days	99.8171	9.53	99.8235	9.19	0.0064
1 Month	99.1988	9.80	99.2241	9.49	0.0254
2 Month	98.3963	9.89	98.4362	9.64	0.0399
3 Month	97.5384	10.10	97.6098	9.80	0.0714
4 Month	96.8116	9.99	96.8835	9.76	0.0719
5 Month	96.0265	10.04	96.1026	9.84	0.0761
6 Month	95.1497	10.20	95.2948	9.88	0.1451
7 Month	94.4958	10.10	94.6048	9.89	0.1090
8 Month	93.7564	10.10	93.8798	9.89	0.1233
9 Month	93.0264	10.11	93.1710	9.88	0.1447
10 Month	92.3094	10.11	92.4632	9.89	0.1539
11 Month	91.5972	10.12	91.7687	9.89	0.1715
12 Month	90.6710	10.29	91.0240	9.86	0.3531

3.6 Two Way Quotes (Treasury Bonds) - 05 April 2024

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
22.50%2024A	2	01-May-24	26	100.7896	10.36	100.8177	10.01	0.0281
10.25%2024A	5	15-Jun-24	71	99.8768	10.57	99.9643	10.12	0.0875
11.00%2024A	8	01-Aug-24	118	100.0734	10.56	100.2143	10.12	0.1409
09.85%2024A	5	15-Sep-24	163	99.6646	10.58	99.8579	10.13	0.1933
22.00%2024A	2	15-Nov-24	224	106.4841	10.65	106.7582	10.21	0.2742
06.00%2024A	10	01-Dec-24	240	97.1717	10.55	97.4243	10.13	0.2526
22.50%2025A	3	15-Jan-25	285	108.5426	10.66	108.8387	10.29	0.2961
10.25%2025A	10	15-Mar-25	344	99.5318	10.77	99.9221	10.32	0.3904
09.00%2025A	12	01-May-25	391	98.2344	10.77	98.6690	10.33	0.4345
17.00%2025A	3	01-Jun-25	422	106.6488	10.69	107.0900	10.29	0.4412
18.00%2025A	3	01-Jul-25	452	108.2601	10.66	108.6833	10.31	0.4232
11.00%2025A	10	01-Aug-25	483	100.2280	10.78	100.7337	10.37	0.5056
10.35%2025A	8	15-Oct-25	558	99.3335	10.83	99.8690	10.44	0.5356
06.75%2026A	5	15-Jan-26	650	93.1549	11.08	93.7652	10.68	0.6103
09.00%2026A	13	01-Feb-26	667	96.6181	11.08	97.0632	10.80	0.4452
05.35%2026A	15	01-Mar-26	695	90.3281	11.12	90.8136	10.81	0.4855
22.50%2026A	4	15-May-26	770	120.5802	11.24	121.1293	10.98	0.5490
11.00%2026A	11	01-Jun-26	787	99.3957	11.31	99.9097	11.03	0.5140
11.50%2026A	10	01-Aug-26	848	100.3297	11.32	100.8768	11.04	0.5471
11.25%2026A	3	15-Dec-26	984	99.5729	11.42	100.0898	11.19	0.5169
11.40%2027A	8	15-Jan-27	1,015	99.3811	11.65	100.2201	11.29	0.8390
12%9%2027A	4	15-Mar-27	1,074	100.4073	11.83	101.2331	11.49	0.8258
18.00%2027A	5	01-May-27	1,121	115.2529	11.91	115.9104	11.68	0.6576
11.75%2027A	10	15-Jun-27	1,166	99.3376	11.99	99.9861	11.74	0.6485
07.80%2027A	7	15-Aug-27	1,227	88.6050	12.01	89.2346	11.76	0.6296
20.00%2027A	5	15-Sep-27	1,258	121.9510	12.02	122.4771	11.85	0.5261
10.30%2027A	8	15-Oct-27	1,288	95.1355	12.03	95.8024	11.79	0.6669
11.25%2027A	10	15-Dec-27	1,349	97.6712	12.04	98.3814	11.79	0.7102
18.00%2028A	6	15-Jan-28	1,380	117.0811	12.20	117.8440	11.97	0.7629
10.75%2028A	10	15-Mar-28	1,440	95.4756	12.23	96.1206	12.01	0.6450
12%9%2028A	5	15-Apr-28	1,471	99.2065	12.25	100.1393	11.95	0.9329
09.00%2028B	15	01-May-28	1,487	89.8126	12.25	90.3617	12.06	0.5491
09.00%2028A	15	01-Jul-28	1,548	89.4869	12.24	90.1269	12.03	0.6400
11.50%2028A	13	01-Sep-28	1,610	97.4188	12.27	98.3412	11.99	0.9223
11.50%2028B	5	15-Dec-28	1,715	97.2644	12.27	97.9925	12.06	0.7281
13.00%2029A	15	01-Jan-29	1,732	101.8054	12.47	103.0918	12.11	1.2864
12.4%7.5%5%2029A	5	15-Mar-29	1,805	99.6655	12.49	100.9365	12.14	1.2710
13.00%2029B	15	01-May-29	1,852	101.7014	12.53	103.0125	12.18	1.3111
12%9%2029A	6	15-May-29	1,866	98.0301	12.53	99.3178	12.18	1.2877
20.00%2029A	7	15-Jul-29	1,927	128.1162	12.54	129.4970	12.23	1.3808
12.4%7.5%5%2030A	5	15-Apr-30	2,201	99.3173	12.56	100.8268	12.20	1.5096
11.00%2030A	15	15-May-30	2,231	93.4414	12.56	94.6010	12.28	1.1596
12%9%2030A	8	15-Jun-30	2,262	97.5115	12.58	99.0315	12.22	1.5200
12%9%2031A	8	15-Jan-31	2,476	95.7088	12.96	98.6700	12.29	2.9613
11.25%2031A	12	15-Mar-31	2,535	92.8919	12.82	94.1983	12.52	1.3064
18.00%2031A	9	15-May-31	2,596	123.4739	12.85	125.0788	12.55	1.6049
12.4%7.5%5%2031A	6	15-May-31	2,596	97.2918	12.99	98.7031	12.68	1.4113
12.00%2031A	10	01-Dec-31	2,796	95.1078	13.02	96.7840	12.66	1.6762
08.00%2032A	20	01-Jan-32	2,827	75.8425	13.04	77.8900	12.54	2.0475
12%9%2032A	8	15-Feb-32	2,872	94.8360	13.06	97.2041	12.56	2.3681
12.4%7.5%5%2032A	8	15-Jun-32	2,993	96.6195	13.08	99.0757	12.58	2.4562
18.00%2032A	10	01-Jul-32	3,009	125.5131	12.87	127.6282	12.52	2.1151
09.00%2032A	20	01-Oct-32	3,101	79.1001	13.16	81.2843	12.66	2.1842
11.20%2033A	15	15-Jan-33	3,207	89.6433	13.22	92.2528	12.68	2.6095
12.4%7.5%5%2033A	8	15-Jan-33	3,207	95.4926	13.28	98.2637	12.73	2.7710
12%9%2033A	10	15-Mar-33	3,266	93.2964	13.30	96.1105	12.74	2.8141
09.00%2033A	20	01-Jun-33	3,344	77.8025	13.25	80.2725	12.70	2.4700
13.25%2033A	20	01-Jul-33	3,374	99.8945	13.26	102.8368	12.71	2.9423
09.00%2033B	20	01-Nov-33	3,497	77.2119	13.27	79.7210	12.72	2.5092
13.25%2034A	20	01-Jan-34	3,558	99.7855	13.28	102.8620	12.72	3.0764
12.4%7.5%5%2034A	8	15-Feb-34	3,603	94.7685	13.36	97.8240	12.79	3.0555
12%9%2034A	15	15-Apr-34	3,662	92.5162	13.38	95.5416	12.80	3.0253
10.25%2034A	15	15-Sep-34	3,815	82.9791	13.31	85.7697	12.75	2.7905
11.50%2035A	20	15-Mar-35	3,996	89.6499	13.32	92.6583	12.76	3.0084
12.4%7.5%5%2035A	10	15-Mar-35	3,996	94.3222	13.40	97.5171	12.83	3.1949
12%9%2035A	15	15-May-35	4,057	91.9247	13.41	96.5036	12.59	4.5789
12.4%7.5%5%2036A	10	15-Apr-36	4,393	93.9544	13.43	98.7679	12.60	4.8135
12%9%2036A	15	15-Jun-36	4,454	91.4465	13.44	96.1930	12.61	4.7465
12%9%2037A	15	15-Jan-37	4,668	91.2143	13.45	96.0400	12.63	4.8257
12.4%7.5%5%2037A	10	15-May-37	4,788	93.5031	13.46	98.4649	12.64	4.9618
12%9%2038A	15	15-Feb-38	5,064	90.8104	13.48	95.7635	12.65	4.9530
12.4%7.5%5%2038A	10	15-Jun-38	5,184	93.1533	13.49	98.2445	12.66	5.0912
10.50%2039A	20	15-Aug-39	5,610	81.2752	13.40	85.6135	12.64	4.3383
12.00%2041A	25	01-Jan-41	6,115	91.5420	13.26	96.0593	12.56	4.5173
09.00%2043A	30	01-Jun-43	6,996	70.5110	13.28	74.2902	12.58	3.7791
13.50%2044A	30	01-Jan-44	7,210	101.4189	13.29	106.5465	12.59	5.1276
13.50%2044B	30	01-Jun-44	7,362	101.3448	13.30	106.4899	12.60	5.1452
12.50%2045A	30	01-Mar-45	7,635	94.2784	13.31	99.0572	12.63	4.7788

3.7 New LKR Treasury Bonds issued pursuant to the Domestic Debt Optimisation Programme

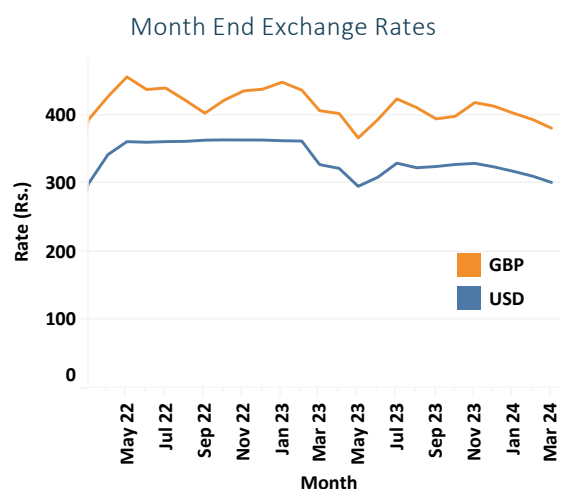
Series	Maturity Period (Years)	Maturity Date (DD/MM/YY)	Days to Maturity	Average Buying Price	Yield %	Average Selling Price	Yield %	Buying & Selling Spread
1.00%2025A	2	15-Jul-25	466	97.4515	15.00	99.7654	13.00	2.3139
1.00%2027A	4	15-Jul-27	1,196	94.4271	15.00	100.8096	12.50	6.3824
1.00%2029A	6	15-Jul-29	1,927	92.1624	15.00	102.1323	12.25	9.9699
1.00%2031A	8	15-Jul-31	2,657	90.4666	15.00	102.6576	12.25	12.1911
1.00%2033A	10	15-Jul-33	3,388	85.1968	15.00	104.4757	12.00	19.2789

EXTERNAL SECTOR

4.1 Exchange Rate

Item (Rs Per Unit) ^(a)	05-Apr-24			Average Rate	
	Buying Rate	Selling Rate	Average Rate	Week Ago	Year Ago
USD	294.93	304.28	299.61	300.44	321.94
GBP	370.86	385.85	378.35	379.54	399.20
Yen	1.94	2.02	1.98	1.99	2.42
EURO	317.60	331.19	324.39	325.22	350.70
INR ^(b)			3.59	3.61	3.94
SDR as at 04-Apr-24			397.89	400.19	436.53

Central Bank Purchases and Sales (USD mn) ^(c)	2023	2024	2024
	February	January	February
Purchases	287.0	245.3	248.5
Sales	33.4	-	9.0



Item	Year Ago	Week Ago	05-Apr-24
Average Daily Interbank Volume (USD mn)	43.44	96.41	84.17

(spot, tom and cash transactions among commercial banks)

Forward Transactions

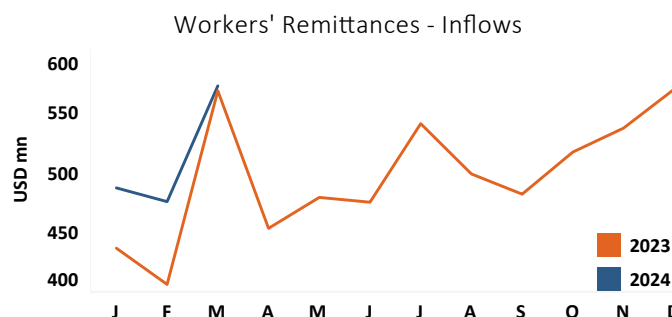
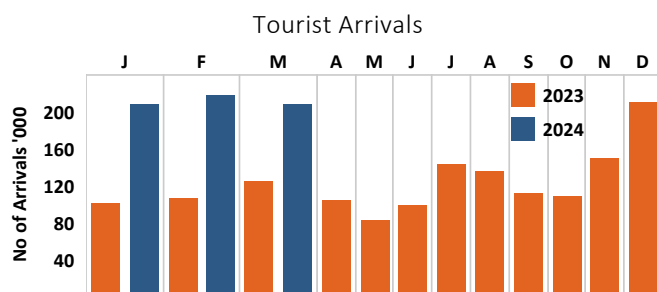
Forward Rates (Rs per USD) ^(d)

1 Month	325.77	302.75	300.35
3 Month	336.75	303.26	301.21
Average Daily Interbank Forward Volume (USD mn)	17.10	40.72	44.65
Outstanding Forward Volume (USD mn) as at 04-Apr-24	411.48	741.90	808.22

4.2 Tourism & Workers' Remittances

		2023	2024	2023	2024	Y-o-Y %
		March	March ^(e)	Jan - Mar	Jan - Mar ^(e)	Change
Tourist Arrivals	Number	125,495	209,181	335,679	635,784	89.4
Earnings from Tourism	USD mn	188.8	338.4 ^(f)	503.9	1,025.9 ^(f)	103.6
	Rs. bn	62.2	103.4 ^(f)	176.3	321.3 ^(f)	82.2

		2023	2024	2023	2024	Y-o-Y %
		March	March ^(e)	Jan - Mar	Jan - Mar ^(e)	Change
Workers' Remittances (Inflows)	USD mn	568.3	572.4	1,413.2	1,536.1	8.7
	Rs bn	187.2	175.0	493.3	480.4	(2.6)



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

(b) Central Bank middle exchange rate

(c) Total monthly purchases and sales of foreign exchange by the Central Bank from commercial banks at market rates.

(d) Weekly average based on actual transactions.

(e) Provisional

(f) Based on the survey conducted by the Sri Lanka Tourism Development Authority in 2024.

4.3 Official Reserve Assets as at end March 2024^(a)(USD Mn)

Official Reserve Assets ^(b)	4,951
Foreign Currency Reserves	4,911
Reserve position in the IMF	4
SDRs	2
Gold	34
Other Reserve Assets	1

4.4 International Reserves & Foreign Currency Liquidity as at end February 2024^(a)(USD Mn)

Official Reserve Assets ^(b)	4,520
Foreign Currency Reserves	4,482
(a) Securities	761
(b) Total currency and deposits with	3,721
(i) other national central banks, BIS and IMF	2,596
(ii) banks headquartered inside the reporting country of which located abroad	0.1
(iii) banks headquartered outside the reporting country	1,125
Reserve position in the IMF	4
SDRs	2
Gold	31
Other Reserve Assets	1

Predetermined Short-Term Net Drains on Foreign Currency Assets ^(c) (USD mn)

Item	Total	Maturity breakdown (residual maturity)		
		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 ^(d)	(1,348)	(71)	(262)	(1,015)
outflows (-) Principal	(773)	(52)	(153)	(568)
outflows (-) Interest	(575)	(19)	(109)	(447)
inflows (+) Principal				
inflows (+) Interest				
2. 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)	(3,280)	(295)	(374)	(2,610)
Short positions (-) ^(e)	(3,280)	(295)	(374)	(2,610)
Long positions (+)				
3. Other	(3)	(3)		
inflows related to reverse repos (+)				
outflows related to repos (-)				
other accounts payable (-)	(3)	(3)		

(a) Provisional

(b) This includes proceeds from the PBOC swap arrangement, which is subject to conditionalities on usability

(c) This mainly includes the predetermined outflows.

(d) Includes projected short-term net drains after the announcement of the suspension of selected external debt servicing by the Government for an interim period.

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

4.5 External Trade ^(a)

Item	Jan - Feb (USD mn)			Jan - Feb (Rs mn)		
	2023	2024 ^(b)	% Change	2023	2024 ^(b)	% Change
Exports	1,960.1	2,030.0	3.6	709,957.5	642,889.9	(9.4)
Agricultural	392.2	417.4	6.4	142,049.7	132,149.7	(7.0)
Industrial	1,558.3	1,605.1	3.0	564,421.7	508,359.5	(9.9)
Food, Beverages & Tobacco	76.6	96.4	25.9	27,747.2	30,521.5	10.0
Textiles and Garments	855.7	803.4	(6.1)	309,937.3	254,409.1	(17.9)
Petroleum Products	90.9	177.3	95.2	32,904.7	56,159.4	70.7
Leather, Rubber Products, etc.	156.5	175.1	11.9	56,685.1	55,446.1	(2.2)
Other	378.6	352.9	(6.8)	137,147.5	111,823.3	(18.5)
Mineral	5.2	3.3	(36.6)	1,896.2	1,049.6	(44.6)
Unclassified	4.4	4.2	(4.3)	1,589.8	1,331.2	(16.3)
Imports	2,444.4	2,890.2	18.2	885,455.5	916,408.4	3.5
Consumer Goods	420.8	531.0	26.2	152,399.1	168,379.7	10.5
Intermediate Goods	1,643.6	1,820.7	10.8	595,385.5	577,539.4	(3.0)
Investment Goods	379.7	535.6	41.1	137,535.5	169,574.5	23.3
Unclassified	0.4	2.9	678.6	135.4	914.8	575.7
Trade Balance	(484.3)	(860.2)		(175,498.0)	(273,518.5)	

4.6 Trade Indices (2010 = 100) ^(c)

Item	Year Ago	Month Ago	2024 February
Total Exports			
Value	136.7	135.1	147.4
Quantity	140.7	194.0	165.1
Unit Value	97.1	69.6	89.3
Total Imports			
Value	91.4	135.3	123.4
Quantity	101.8	169.5	147.9
Unit Value	89.8	79.8	83.4
Terms of Trade	108.2	87.2	107.1



4.7 Commodity Prices

	USD		% Change	LKR		% Change
	February 2023	February 2024		February 2023	February 2024	
Colombo Tea Auctions						
Tea Prices (per kg)	4.01	4.26	6.2	1,452.96	1,331.95	(8.3)
Imports (CIF)						
Rice (per MT)	556.33	904.58	62.6	201,376.86	282,753.21	40.4
Sugar (per MT)	539.65	737.72	36.7	195,339.39	230,597.40	18.0
Wheat (per MT)	399.39	328.63	(17.7)	144,571.10	102,722.52	(28.9)
Crude Oil (per barrel)	-	81.33	-	-	25,422.21	-



(a) Values in some tables have been rounded off to the nearest final digit.

(b) Provisional

(c) In USD Terms

(d) Crude oil was not imported in February and September 2023.