

WEEKLY ECONOMIC INDICATORS

11 October 2024



Statistics Department
Central Bank of Sri Lanka

Highlights of the Week

Real Sector

Index of Industrial Production (IIP) in August 2024 increased by 1.2 per cent to 91.3 compared to August 2023, mainly contributed by the increases reported in the manufacture of Wearing apparel (36.8 per cent), Food Products 2.5 per cent) and Rubber and plastic products (12.0 per cent).

Between 05th of October and 11th of October, 2024, crude oil prices exhibited volatile behaviour. Prices that increased at the beginning of the period due to heightened fears of Middle East conflicts, declined later due to increased US crude oil inventories. At the end of the period, prices rose again due to a spike in US fuel demand ahead of Hurricane Milton. Overall, Brent and WTI prices increased by US dollars 1.23 and US dollars 1.36 per barrel, respectively, during this period.

Monetary Sector

Weekly Average Weighted Prime Lending Rate (AWPR) for the week ending 11th October 2024 increased by 12 bps to 9.25 per cent compared to the previous week.

The Average Weighted Call Money Rate (AWCMR) recorded as 8.50 per cent on 11th October 2024 compared to 8.64 per cent at the end of the last week.

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

The total outstanding market liquidity was a surplus of Rs. 81.834 bn by 11th October 2024, compared to a surplus of Rs.35.920 bn by the end of the last week.

By 11th October 2024, the All Share Price Index (ASPI) increased by 2.00 per cent to 12,294.03 points and the S&P SL 20 Index increased by 2.75 per cent to 3,640.65 points, compared to the index values of the last week.

Fiscal Sector

During the week, a decline in yield rates for Treasury Bills was observed in both the primary and secondary markets, while Treasury Bonds exhibited relative stability in the secondary market.

The rupee value of T-Bills and T-Bonds held by foreign investors increased by 15.7 per cent during the week.

During the reporting week, T-Bill auction was oversubscribed by approximately 3 times.

A decrease of approximately 27 per cent was observed in the total volume of secondary market transactions in T-Bills and T-Bonds in the reporting week compared to the week before.

External Sector

During the year up to 11th October 2024, the Sri Lanka rupee appreciated against the US dollar by 10.5 per cent.

Workers' remittances amounted to US dollars 555.6 mn in September 2024, compared to US dollars 577.5 mn in August 2024 and US dollars 482.4 mn in September 2023.

The net purchases by the CBSL from the domestic foreign exchange market amounted to US dollars 96 mn in September 2024.

The gross official reserves were provisionally estimated at US dollars 5,992 mn as at end September 2024.

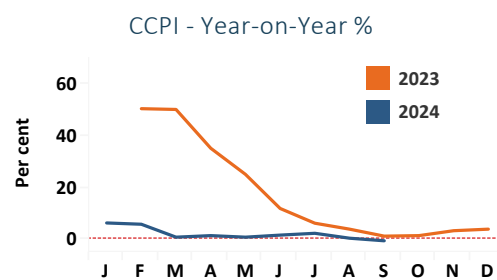
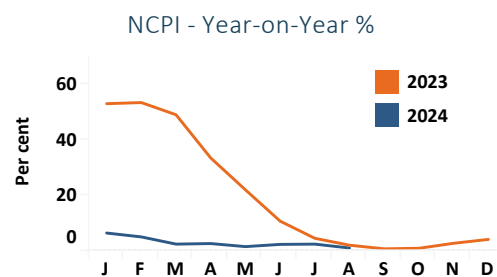
This includes proceeds from the People's Bank of China (PBoC) swap arrangement, which is subject to conditionalities on usability.

REAL SECTOR

1.1 Price Indices

NCPI (2021=100)	2023		2024	
	August	July	August	
National Consumer Price Index (NCPI) - Headline	201.9	206.9	204.1	
Monthly Change %	0.0	(0.6)	(1.4)	
Annual Average Change %	-	2.9	2.8	
Year-on-Year Change %	2.1	2.5	1.1	
National Consumer Price Index (NCPI) - Core	188.7	193.7	193.0	
Annual Average Change %	-	2.5	2.3	
Year-on-Year Change %	4.1	3.0	2.3	

CCPI (2021=100)	2023		2024	
	September	August	September	
Colombo Consumer Price Index (CCPI) - Headline	191.8	191.1	190.9	
Monthly Change %	0.9	(1.8)	(0.1)	
Annual Average Change %	-	2.5	2.4	
Year-on-Year Change %	1.3	0.5	(0.5)	
Colombo Consumer Price Index (CCPI) - Core	172.0	177.3	177.6	
Annual Average Change %	-	2.7	2.8	
Year-on-Year Change %	1.9	3.6	3.3	



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	221.50	233.00	229.60	228.00	235.00	245.00	245.00	245.00
Kekulu (Red)	174.50	205.00	203.00	203.00	190.00	210.00	210.00	210.00
Beans	375.00	162.50	230.00	320.00	425.00	212.50	280.00	370.00
Cabbage	57.50	180.00	166.00	120.00	105.00	230.00	216.00	176.00
Carrot	145.00	170.00	104.00	104.00	190.00	220.00	154.00	156.00
Tomato	125.00	157.50	236.00	232.00	155.00	207.50	286.00	282.00
Pumpkin	50.00	60.00	56.00	66.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	106.00
Snake Gourd	207.50	195.00	158.00	158.00	257.50	245.00	206.00	208.00
Brinjal	337.50	372.50	200.00	180.00	387.50	422.50	250.00	230.00
Green Chilli	350.00	165.00	142.00	216.00	400.00	215.00	192.00	266.00
Lime	1,200.00	212.50	350.00	450.00	1,400.00	262.50	400.00	500.00
Red Onion (Local)	326.00	317.50	310.40	320.00	350.00	335.00	400.00	400.00
Big Onion (Imported)	196.50	223.25	217.80	218.40	242.50	255.00	260.00	260.00
Potato (Local)	220.75	336.25	288.80	265.60	230.25	372.50	370.00	326.00
Dried Chilli (Imported)	1,033.00	705.00	713.80	723.40	1,150.00	830.00	830.00	830.00
Red Dhal	295.75	274.50	278.00	278.00	320.00	300.00	300.00	300.00
Egg White (Each)	47.00	37.25	29.80	40.60	47.50	37.75	30.30	41.10
Coconut (Each)	85.00	106.00	107.00	113.00	120.00	130.00	130.00	140.00

1.2.2 Marandagahamula Market

Item (Rs./kg)	Average Wholesale Price of Rice			
	Year Ago	Month Ago	Week Ago	This Week
Samba	213.25	228.75	226.00	227.00
Kekulu (White)	184.75	209.00	208.20	208.60
Kekulu (Red)	177.00	208.00	209.20	207.00
Nadu	193.25	219.00	217.80	218.80

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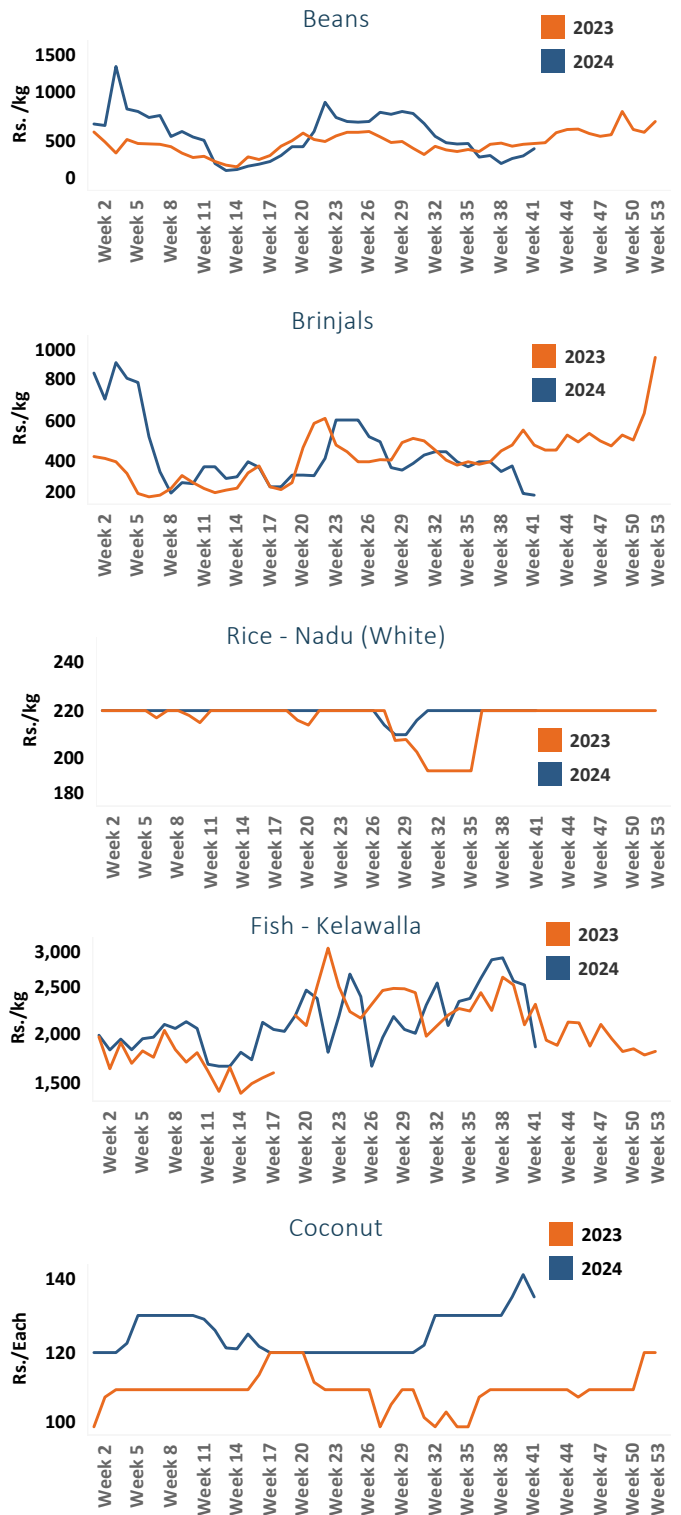
1.2.3 Dambulla Market

Item (Rs./kg)	Average Wholesale Prices	
	Week Ago	This Week
Samba	238.00	228.00
Kekulu (Red)	217.00	215.00
Beans	234.00	262.00
Cabbage	137.00	96.00
Carrot	93.00	78.00
Tomato	197.00	186.00
Pumpkin	54.80	74.80
Snake Gourd	137.00	144.00
Brinjal	128.00	89.00
Ash Plantain	153.00	145.00
Red Onion (Local)	224.00	260.00
Red Onion (Imported)	n.a.	n.a.
Big Onion (Imported)	235.60	219.00
Potatoes (Local)	193.00	177.00
Potatoes (Imported)	158.80	159.00
Dried Chillies (Imported)	673.80	694.00
Coconut (Each)	97.00	102.60

1.2.4 Narahenpita Economic Centre

Item (Rs./kg)	Average Retail Prices	
	Week Ago	This Week
Nadu (White)	220.00	220.00
Kekulu (Red)	210.00	210.00
Beans	356.00	428.00
Cabbage	326.00	284.00
Carrot	196.00	176.00
Tomato	320.00	312.00
Pumpkin	120.00	184.00
Snake Gourd	328.00	280.00
Brinjal	248.00	240.00
Green Chilli	324.00	384.00
Red Onion (Local)	n.a.	n.a.
Big Onion (Imported)	292.00	280.00
Potato (Local)	480.00	480.00
Potato (Imported)	220.00	220.00
Dried Chilli (Imported)	820.00	800.00
Red Dhal	300.00	300.00
Sugar White	260.00	260.00
Egg White (Each)	28.80	40.60
Coconut (Each)	141.00	135.00

Narahenpita Economic Centre - Retail Prices



1.2.5 Fish Markets

	Peliyagoda		Negombo		Narahenpita		Narahenpita	
	Avg. Wholesale Prices Week Ago	Avg. Wholesale Prices This Week	Avg. Wholesale Prices Week Ago	Avg. Wholesale Prices This Week	Avg. Retail Prices Week Ago	Avg. Retail Prices This Week	Avg. Retail Prices Week Ago	Avg. Retail Prices This Week
Kelawalla	1,120.00	1,000.00	1,210.00	1,150.00	1,700.00	1,690.00	2,520.00	1,880.00
Balaya	825.00	787.50	690.00	695.00	863.33	865.00	1,100.00	1,100.00
Salaya	300.00	290.00	246.00	258.00	384.00	392.00	416.00	432.00
Hurulla	687.50	560.00	603.33	556.67	776.67	730.00	1,070.00	820.00

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

Item	Annual		Quarterly	
	2022 ^{(a)(b)}	2023 ^(b)	2023 Q2 ^{(a)(b)}	2024 Q2 ^(b)
Agriculture	(4.2)	2.6	4.2	1.7
Industry	(16.0)	(9.2)	(11.7)	10.9
Services	(2.6)	(0.2)	(0.5)	2.5
Taxes less subsidies on products	(12.4)	2.8	6.9	2.8
GDP	(7.3)	(2.3)	(3.0)	4.7

(a) Revised
(b) Provisional

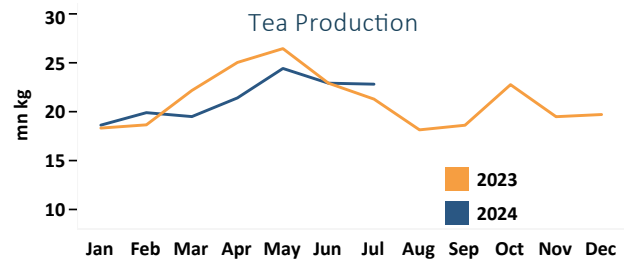


Source: Department of Census and Statistics

1.4 Agricultural Production

Item	July		% Change
	2023 ^(a)	2024 ^(a)	
Tea (mn kg)	21.4	22.9	7.1
Rubber (mn kg)	6.2	5.5	(10.5)
Coconut (mn nuts)	265.0	272.7	2.9

(a) Provisional

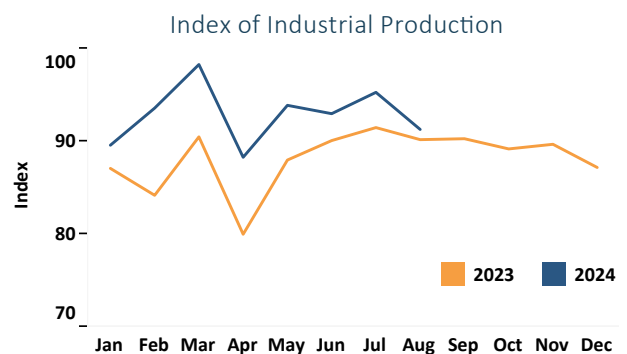


Sources: Sri Lanka Tea Board
Rubber Development Department
Coconut Development Authority

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

Item	August		% Change
	2023 ^(b)	2024 ^(c)	
Index of Industrial Production	90.2	91.3	1.2
Food products	94.6	97.0	2.5
Wearing apparel	70.1	95.9	36.8
Other non-metallic mineral products	107.5	107.7	0.2
Coke and refined petroleum products	113.8	17.0	(85.1)
Rubber and plastic products	82.5	92.4	12.0
Chemicals and chemical products	72.2	86.0	19.1
Beverages	129.7	128.4	(1.0)

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



Source: Department of Census and Statistics

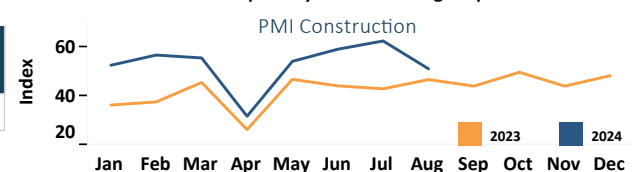
1.6 Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) ^(a)

PMI Manufacturing	2023		2024	
	Jul	Aug	Jul	Aug
Index	44.6	49.3	59.5	55.5

PMI Services	2023		2024	
	Jul	Aug	Jul	Aug
Business Activity Index	67.5	58.9	71.1	65.2

PMI Construction	2023		2024	
	Jul	Aug	Jul	Aug
Total Activity Index	43.2	47.0	62.9	51.4

(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	2023	2023 Q2	2024 Q2
Labour Force Participation rate	48.6	48.6	47.8
Unemployment rate	4.7	5.2	4.7

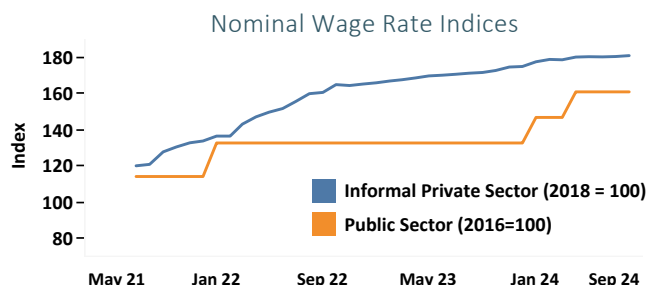
Employed Persons by Sectors (b) (as a % of Total Employment)

	2023	2023 Q1	2024 Q1
Agriculture	26.1	26.7	25.8
Industry	25.5	25.5	24.7
Services	48.4	47.8	49.5



1.8 Wage Rate Indices

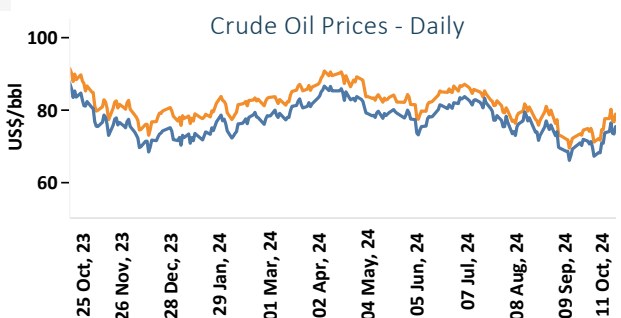
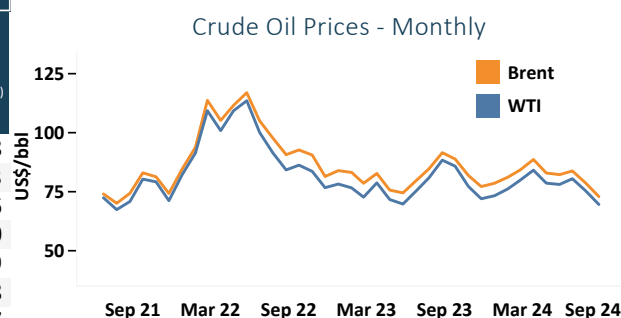
Item	2023 August	2024 August	Change %
Public Sector Employees' Wage Rate Index (2016 = 100) - Nominal	133.1	161.3	21.2
Informal Private Sector Employees' Wage Rate Index (2018 = 100) - Nominal	171.6	181.3	5.7
Agriculture	170.5	182.7	7.1
Industry	171.9	179.6	4.5
Services	172.4	184.1	6.8



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	82.76
April	83.09	79.10	90.49	88.99	84.47	86.00
May	76.05	72.05	86.90	83.28	78.97	88.49
June	74.85	70.13	90.90	82.58	78.42	92.88
July	79.90	75.52	81.29	84.14	80.85	87.57
August	85.09	81.28	81.53	79.03	75.71	-
September	91.89	88.72	-	73.27	69.93	-
October	89.19	86.16	88.98	-	-	-
November	82.22	77.58	99.98	-	-	-
December	77.53	72.36	97.62	-	-	-

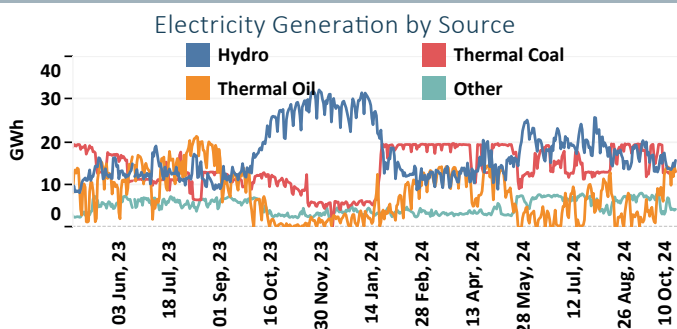
Date	2023		2024	
05-Oct	86.02	84.35	-	-
06-Oct	84.53	82.87	-	-
07-Oct	-	-	77.75	74.16
08-Oct	-	-	80.31	76.55
09-Oct	88.46	86.69	77.37	73.66
10-Oct	87.75	85.95	76.82	73.48
11-Oct	87.73	85.98	78.98	75.52



Sources: Bloomberg, Ceylon Petroleum Corporation

1.10 Daily Electricity Generation

	07-Oct-24	08-Oct-24	09-Oct-24	10-Oct-24
Peak Demand (MW)	2,416.40	2,469.80	2,528.30	2,379.80
Total Energy (GWh)	45.47	44.53	45.75	46.48
Hydro	14.06	15.15	14.33	15.76
Thermal Coal	13.03	13.00	12.98	13.14
Thermal Oil	13.76	11.91	14.29	13.14
Wind	1.38	1.20	0.99	1.21
Solar	2.98	3.07	3.05	3.06
Biomass	0.26	0.20	0.12	0.17



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, September 2023 and August 2024.

(d) Provisional

MONETARY SECTOR

2.1 Interest Rates (% p.a.)

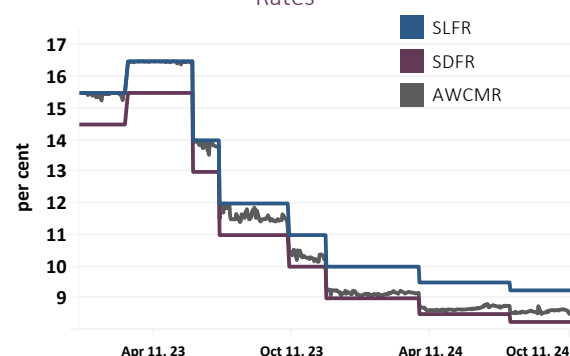
Policy Interest Rates	Year Ago	Week Ago	This Week
SDFR	10.00	8.25	8.25
SLFR	11.00	9.25	9.25

Call Money Market	Year Ago	Week Ago	This Week
Average Weighted Call Money Rate (AWCMR) (End of the Week)	10.43	8.63	8.50

Treasury Bill Yields (Primary Market)	Year Ago	Week Ago	This Week
91 Day	16.64	10.06	9.69
182 Day	14.96	10.37	9.95
364 Day	13.10	10.04	10.00

Licensed Commercial Banks	Year Ago	Week Ago	This Week
Average Weighted Prime Lending Rate (AWPR)	14.00	9.13	9.25

Policy Interest Rates and Overnight Money Market Rates



	August 2023	July 2024	August 2024
Savings Deposits	0.25 - 12.00	0.25 - 9.00	0.25 - 9.00
One Year Fixed Deposits	1.00 - 24.80	2.50 - 21.00	2.50 - 21.00

	September 2023	August 2024	September 2024
Average Weighted Deposit Rate (AWDR)	13.39	7.87	7.70
Average Weighted Fixed Deposit Rate (AWFDR)	17.24	9.67	9.46

	August 2023	July 2024	August 2024
Average Weighted New Deposit Rate (AWNDR)	11.46	7.32	7.07
Average Weighted New Fixed Deposit Rate (AWNDFDR)	11.81	7.39	7.15
Average Weighted Lending Rate (AWLR)	16.20	12.25	12.12
Average Weighted New Lending Rate (AWNLR)	17.89	11.52	11.23

National Savings Banks (NSB)	August 2023	July 2024	August 2024
Savings Deposits	3.00	3.00	3.00
One Year Fixed Deposits	9.00	7.75	7.75

Treasury Bond Auction	03 Years 05 Months 11-Oct-2024	08 Years 11-Oct-2024
Coupon Rate	10.75	9.00
Weighted Average Yield	11.79	12.36

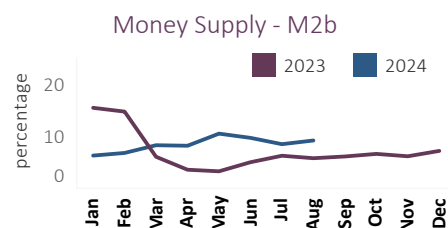
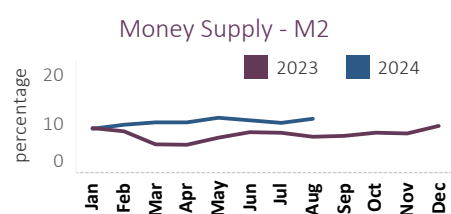
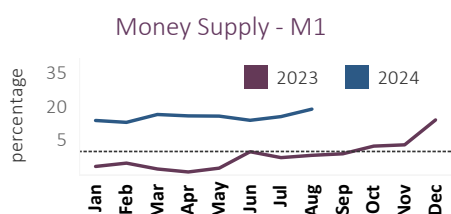
Bank wise Average Weighted Prime Lending Rate

	Week Ago	This Week		Week Ago	This Week
Bank of Ceylon	9.48	9.46	Cargills Bank	10.56	11.07
People's Bank	9.53	9.10	HSBC	9.04	9.90
Hatton National Bank	8.91	9.42	Standard Chartered Bank	9.23	9.20
Commercial Bank of Ceylon	9.47	9.62	Citi Bank ^(a)	10.50	10.50
Sampath Bank	8.42	9.17	Deutsche Bank	8.78	8.91
Seylan Bank	10.13	10.30	Habib Bank ^(a)	10.53	10.53
Union Bank of Colombo	9.77	9.04	Indian Bank	10.19	10.31
Pan Asia Banking Corporation	10.39	10.06	Indian Overseas Bank ^(a)	9.60	9.60
Nations Trust Bank	9.19	9.12	MCB Bank	9.02	8.63
DFCC Bank	9.96	10.17	State Bank of India	10.57	9.89
NDB Bank ^(a)	10.48	10.48	Public Bank	10.32	8.63
Amana Bank	8.95	8.76	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 (%)		
	Aug 2023 ^(a)	Jul 2024	Aug 2024 ^(b)	Aug 2023 ^(a)	Jul 2024	Aug 2024 ^(b)
Reserve Money	1,407.3	1,455.1	1,485.7	1.5	5.9	5.6
M1	1,516.4	1,768.6	1,800.6	-1.2	15.5	18.7
M2	11,041.4	12,193.2	12,228.6	7.3	10.0	10.8
M2b	12,697.9	13,824.6	13,876.8	5.9	8.6	9.3
Net Foreign Assets of the Banking System ^(c)	-611.5	220.2	293.3	70.0	131.1	148.0
Monetary Authorities	-957.7	-201.2	-100.7	40.7	79.5	89.5
Commercial Banks	346.2	421.5	394.0	182.4	53.0	13.8
Domestic Banking Units (DBUs)	-290.2	-198.3	-236.0	51.4	44.2	18.7
Offshore Banking Units (OBUs)	636.4	619.8	630.0	260.4	-1.7	-1.0
Net Domestic Assets of the Banking System ^(c)	13,309.4	13,604.4	13,583.4	-5.1	1.3	2.1
Net Credit to the Government	8,465.3	8,152.6	8,058.8	21.1	-4.6	-4.8
Central Bank	3,054.7	1,806.0	1,754.9	-7.7	-43.7	-42.6
Commercial Banks	5,410.5	6,346.5	6,303.9	47.1	18.8	16.5
DBUs	5,141.0	6,187.4	6,145.8	60.0	23.2	19.5
OBUs	269.5	159.2	158.1	-42.2	-50.3	-41.3
Credit to Public Corporations	1,097.1	672.1	651.6	-35.5	-39.1	-40.6
DBUs	1,040.1	618.8	599.3	-34.1	-40.8	-42.4
OBUs	57.1	53.3	52.3	-53.0	-9.0	-8.3
Credit to the Private Sector	7,092.1	7,572.6	7,707.7	-6.9	6.9	8.7
DBUs	6,581.6	7,000.3	7,128.9	-4.4	6.9	8.3
OBUs	510.5	572.3	578.8	-29.8	6.8	13.4
Other Items (Net)	-3,345.2	-2,792.9	-2,834.7	-46.6	15.5	15.3



2.3 Reserve Money and Currency in Circulation

	03-Oct-2024	10-Oct-2024	04-Oct-2024	11-Oct-2024
Reserve Money (Rs. Mn)	1,520,296.95	1,499,797.50	1,321,864	1,316,962

	03-Oct-2024	10-Oct-2024	04-Oct-2024	11-Oct-2024
Currency in Circulation (Rs. Mn)	1,520,296.95	1,499,797.50	1,321,864	1,316,962

	03-Oct-2024	10-Oct-2024	04-Oct-2024	11-Oct-2024
Reserve Money (Rs. bn)	1,520,296.95	1,499,797.50	1,321,864	1,316,962

	03-Oct-2024	10-Oct-2024	04-Oct-2024	11-Oct-2024
Currency in Circulation (Rs. bn)	1,520,296.95	1,499,797.50	1,321,864	1,316,962

2.4 Money Market Activity (Overnight)

Call Money Market	07-Oct-2024	08-Oct-2024	09-Oct-2024	10-Oct-2024	11-Oct-2024
AWCMR	8.61	8.60	8.54	8.51	8.50
Gross Volume (Rs. bn)	3.65	11.10	1.80	5.70	8.75
Repo Market	07-Oct-2024	08-Oct-2024	09-Oct-2024	10-Oct-2024	11-Oct-2024
Weighted Average Rate (% p.a.)	8.82	8.80	8.69	8.76	8.73
Gross Volume (Rs. bn)	36.28	23.49	20.17	14.43	32.32

2.5 CBSL Securities Portfolio

	07-Oct-2024	08-Oct-2024	09-Oct-2024	10-Oct-2024	11-Oct-2024
CBSL Treasury Bill/Bond Holdings -Face Value (Rs. bn)	2,516	2,516	2,516	2,516	2,516
CBSL Treasury Bill/Bond Holdings -Book Value (Rs. bn)	1,397	1,398	1,398	1,397	1,396

(a) Revised

(b) Provisional

(c) In relation to M2b

2.6 Open Market

Item	07.10.2024	08.10.2024	09.10.2024	10.10.2024	11.10.2024
Short-Term Auction					
Repo Amount Offered (Rs. bn)					
Reverse Repo Amount Offered (Rs. bn)	25.00	30.00	75.00	25.00	20.00
Tenure (No. of Days)	1	1	7	1	3
Bids Received (Rs. bn)	18.78	17.55	60.00	22.72	15.53
Amount Accepted (Rs. bn)	18.78	17.55	60.00	22.72	15.53
Minimum Accepted Rate (% p.a.)	8.26	8.26	8.40	8.26	8.27
Maximum Accepted Rate (% p.a.)	8.65	8.64	8.85	8.62	8.62
Weighted Average Yield Rate (% p.a.)	8.41	8.39	8.65	8.39	8.36
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 Accepted Rate (% p.a.)					
Maximum Accepted 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)	167.591	152.780	154.933	167.193	156.334
Standing Lending Facility (Rs. bn)	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.100	0.000
Total Overnight Market Liquidity (Rs. bn)	148.811	75.230	132.213	151.568	141.834
Total Outstanding Market Liquidity (Rs. bn)^(a)	73.811	75.230	72.213	91.568	81.834

(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 2023	July 2024	August 2024 ^(b)
Total Number of Active Cards	1,917,085	1,922,668	1,928,378
Local (accepted only locally)	10,768	10,197	10,108
Global (accepted globally)	1,906,317	1,912,471	1,918,270
Outstanding balance (Rs.mn) - Credit Cards	151,373	149,695	150,637
Local (accepted only locally)	35,838	34,338	34,416
Global (accepted globally)	115,534	115,357	116,221

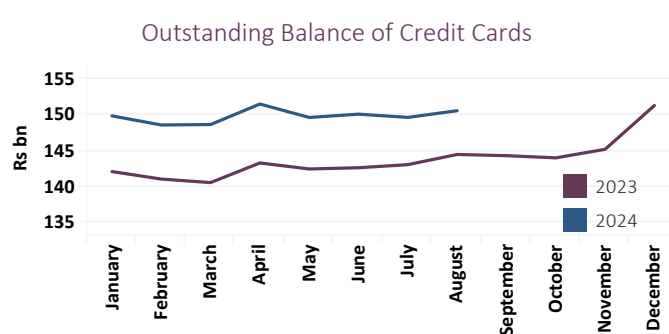
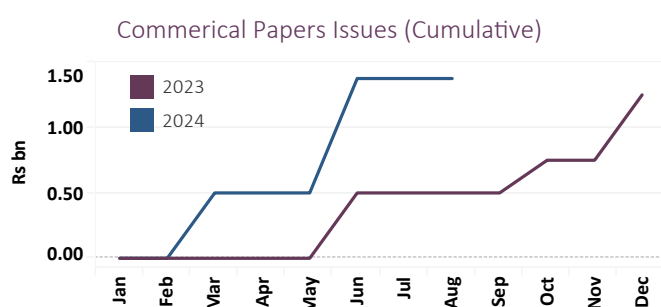
2.7.2 Commercial Paper Issues ^(c)

	December 2023	July 2024	August 2024 ^(b)
Total Issues - Cumulative ^(d) (Rs. bn)	1.3	1.4	1.4
Outstanding (as at end of the period) (Rs. bn)	0.7	0.9	0.9

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

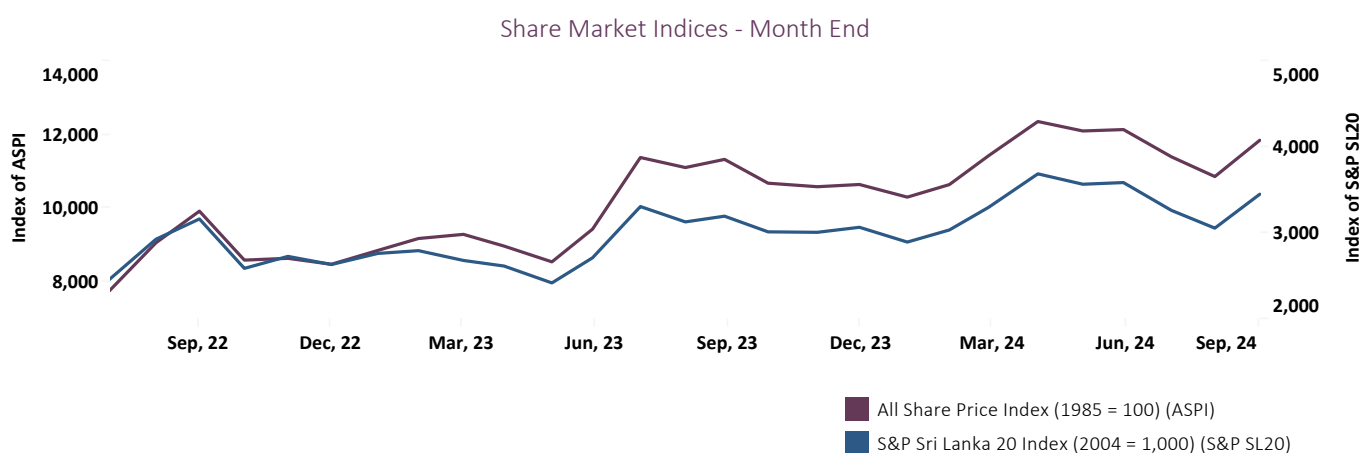
(c) Based on the information provided by LCBs and Licensed Specialised Banks (LSBs)

(d) Year-to-date total



2.8 Share Market

	11-Oct-2023	04-Oct-2024	11-Oct-2024
All Share Price Index (1985 = 100) (ASPI)	10,675.30	12,053.49	12,294.03
S&P Sri Lanka 20 Index (2004 = 1,000) (S&P SL20)	2,997.85	3,543.22	3,640.65
Daily Turnover (Rs. mn)	1,264.24	2,831.35	2,303.95
Market Capitalisation (Rs.bn)	4,316.38	4,414.45	4,495.65
Foreign Purchases (Rs. mn)	123.95	109.13	292.17
Foreign Sales (Rs. mn)	113.94	100.84	184.93
Net Foreign Purchases (Rs. mn)	10.00	8.29	107.23

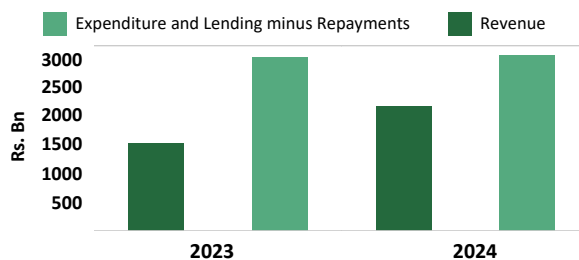


FISCAL SECTOR

3.1 Government Finance (Rs. Bn)

Item	2023	2024
	Jan. - Jul.	Jan. - Jul. (a)
Revenue and Grants	1,516.80	2,161.80
Revenue	1,512.83	2,155.95
Tax Revenue	1,376.87	1,976.68
Non Tax Revenue	135.96	179.26
Grants	3.97	5.86
Expenditure and Lending minus Repayments	2,987.67	3,034.44
Recurrent Expenditure	2,674.75	2,672.96
Capital and Lending minus Repayments	312.92	361.48
Primary Balance	(27.41)	519.37
Overall Budget Balance	(1,470.86)	(872.64)

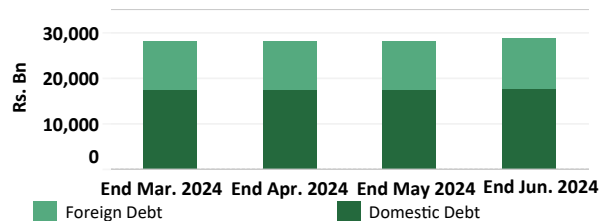
Government Fiscal Operations
January - July



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

Item	End (a)(c)	End June (a)(c)
	2023	2024
Total Domestic Debt ^(d)	17,051.85	17,555.21
of which; Treasury Bills	4,017.04	3,883.09
Treasury Bonds	12,002.34	12,767.06
Total Foreign Debt ^{(e)(f)}	11,644.09	11,008.23
Total Outstanding Government Debt	28,695.95	28,563.45

Central Government Debt
End Mar. 2024 - End Jun. 2024



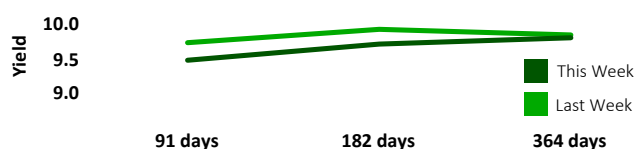
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3.3 Government Securities - Primary and Secondary Market Yield Rates

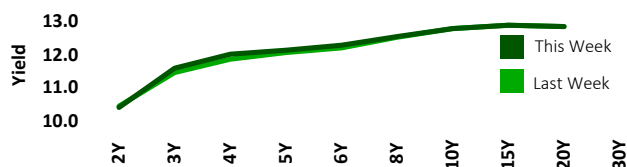
3.3.1 Treasury Bills and Treasury Bonds for the week ending - 10 October 2024

Security	Maturity	Primary Market ^(g) %			Secondary Market ^(h) %		
		Last Week	This Week	Buying	This Week		Last Week
					Selling	Average	
Treasury Bills	91 Day	10.06	9.69	9.62	9.34	9.48	9.73
	182 Day	10.37	9.95	9.85	9.58	9.71	9.92
	364 Day	10.04	10.00	9.91	9.69	9.80	9.84
	< 2 Years	-	-	10.60	10.20	10.40	10.44
	< 3 Years	-	-	11.72	11.44	11.58	11.45
	< 4 Years	-	-	12.13	11.86	12.00	11.85
	< 5 Years	-	-	12.25	12.00	12.12	12.05
	< 6 Years	-	-	12.39	12.16	12.27	12.19
	< 8 Years	-	-	12.70	12.37	12.53	12.51
Treasury Bonds	< 10 Years	-	-	12.95	12.59	12.77	12.77
	< 15 Years	-	-	13.02	12.71	12.87	12.87
	< 20 Years	-	-	12.94	12.71	12.83	12.83
	< 30 Years	-	-	-	-	-	-

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 have been classified under foreign debt and resident holdings of outstanding ISBs of the Sri Lankan Government have been classified under domestic debt. Further, debt statistics are presented on net basis (net of deposits)

(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 certain overdue interest payments of affected debt which deemed to be capitalized as per the Interim Policy.

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

(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 10 October 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	-	-
	18-July-26	6.825	43.47	40.27
	11-May-27	6.200	32.47	29.99
	18-Apr-28	6.750	26.61	24.60
	14-Mar-29	7.850	23.00	21.44
	28-Mar-30	7.550	20.32	18.99

3.4 Government Securities - Weekly Summary of Primary and Secondary Market Transactions (Week ending 10 October 2024)

Item	Volume in Rs. Mn	
	Last Week	This Week
Outstanding Stock of Government Securities		
Treasury Bills	3,934,777	3,956,183
Treasury Bonds ^(a)	13,237,013	13,237,014
of which T-Bills and T-Bonds held by Foreigners	43,794	50,647
Total	17,171,790	17,193,197

Primary Market Activities ^(b)	Volume in Rs. Mn	
	Last Week	This Week
Treasury Bills		
Phase I, Price based Competitive Bidding Auction		
Amount Offered	142,500	85,000
Total Bids Received	338,870	243,021
Amount Accepted	142,500	85,000
Phase II, Non-competitive Allocation		
Amount Raised	14,250	8,500
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)	225,259	180,185
Repo Transaction (Sales/Purchases)	853,868	563,136
Treasury Bonds		
Outright Transaction (Sales/Purchases)	456,496	310,974
Repo Transaction (Sales/Purchases)	1,188,798	939,223

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

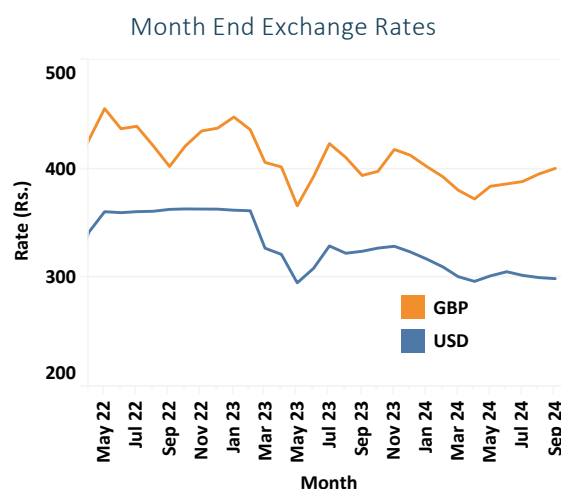
(b) Limited to T-Bill and T-Bond issuances under regular issuance process.

EXTERNAL SECTOR

4.1 Exchange Rate

Item (Rs Per Unit) ^(a)	11-Oct-24			Average Rate	
	Buying Rate	Selling Rate	Average Rate	Week Ago	Year Ago
USD	288.46	297.46	292.96	294.00	323.41
GBP	375.26	389.95	382.61	386.01	398.11
Yen	1.93	2.01	1.97	2.01	2.18
EURO	313.82	327.03	320.42	324.26	343.36
INR ^(b)			3.49	3.52	3.89
SDR as at 10-October-24			392.03	396.58	425.25

Central Bank Purchases and Sales (USD mn) ^(c)	2023	2024	2024
	September	August	September
Purchases	83.0	148.5	108.5
Sales	-	-	12.5



Item	Year Ago	Week Ago	11-Oct-24
Average Daily Interbank Volume (USD mn) (spot, tom and cash transactions among commercial banks)	27.17	78.30	48.41

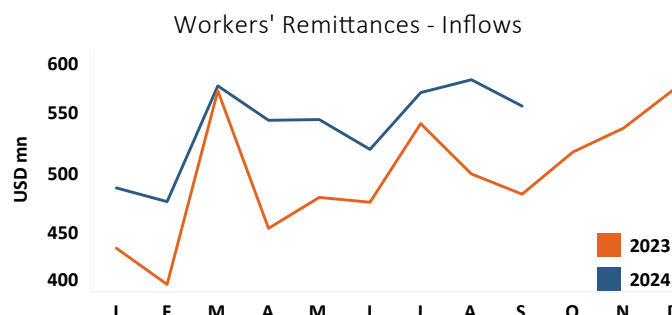
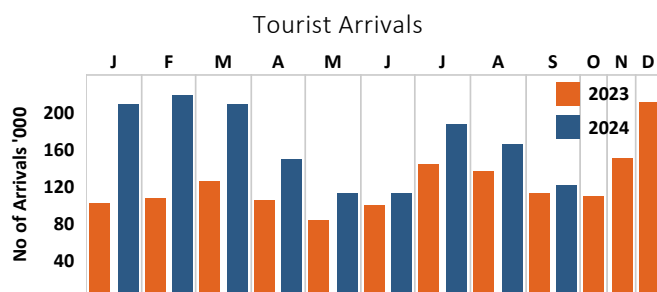
Forward Transactions

Forward Rates (Rs per USD) ^(d)				
1 Month		326.37	298.00	294.17
3 Month		-	297.69	295.28
Average Daily Interbank Forward Volume (USD mn)		24.22	23.10	17.34
Outstanding Forward Volume (USD mn) as at 10-October-24		579.31	524.26	486.78

4.2 Tourism & Workers' Remittances

		2023	2024	2023	2024	Y-o-Y %
		September	September ^(e)	Jan. - Sep.	Jan. - Sep. ^(e)	Change
Tourist Arrivals	Number	111,938	122,140	1,016,256	1,484,808	46.1
Earnings from Tourism	USD mn	152.2	181.0 ^(f)	1,456.7	2,348.0 ^(f)	61.2
	Rs. bn	49.1	54.5 ^(f)	478.7	719.9 ^(f)	50.4

		2023	2024	2023	2024	Y-o-Y %
		September	September ^(e)	Jan - Sep.	Jan. - Sep. ^(e)	Change
Workers' Remittances (Inflows)	USD mn	482.4	555.6	4,345.1	4,843.8	11.5
	Rs bn	155.7	167.3	1,420.2	1,477.3	4.0



(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 September 2024^(a)(USD Mn)

Official Reserve Assets ^(b)	5,992
Foreign Currency Reserves	5,947
Reserve position in the IMF	4
SDRs	0.2
Gold	40
Other Reserve Assets	1

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

Official Reserve Assets ^(b)	5,959
Foreign Currency Reserves	5,916
(a) Securities	2,139
(b) Total currency and deposits with	3,777
(i) other national central banks, BIS and IMF	2,125
(ii) banks headquartered inside the reporting country of which located abroad	0.1
(iii) banks headquartered outside the reporting country	1,652
Reserve position in the IMF	4
SDRs	0.2
Gold	38
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)	(1,424)	(83)	(272)	(1,070)
outflows (-) Principal	(824)	(59)	(156)	(608)
outflows (-) Interest	(600)	(24)	(115)	(461)
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)	(3,629)	(278)	(507)	(2,844)
Short positions (-) ^(e)	(3,629)	(278)	(507)	(2,844)
Long positions (+)				
3. Other	(5)	(5)		
inflows related to reverse repos (+)				
outflows related to repos (-)				
other accounts payable (-)	(5)	(5)		

(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. - Aug. (USD mn) ^(b)			Jan. - Aug. (Rs. mn) ^(b)		
	2023	2024	% Change	2023	2024	% Change
Exports	8,010.1	8,499.1	6.1	2,629,157.6	2,598,470.1	(1.2)
Agricultural	1,702.9	1,804.0	5.9	557,825.3	551,312.5	(1.2)
Industrial	6,273.6	6,658.6	6.1	2,060,228.4	2,036,026.1	(1.2)
Food, Beverages & Tobacco	354.4	427.7	20.7	115,987.8	130,669.1	12.7
Textiles and Garments	3,325.7	3,364.8	1.2	1,093,032.5	1,028,758.5	(5.9)
Petroleum Products	325.7	702.5	115.7	107,385.3	214,887.3	100.1
Leather, Rubber Products, etc.	635.8	704.3	10.8	208,830.0	215,428.6	3.2
Other	1,632.0	1,459.3	(10.6)	534,992.8	446,282.7	(16.6)
Mineral	15.7	18.8	19.8	5,225.5	5,717.4	9.4
Unclassified	17.9	17.7	(1.1)	5,878.4	5,414.0	(7.9)
Imports	10,974.1	12,072.5	10.0	3,591,902.2	3,691,516.2	2.8
Consumer Goods	2,028.3	2,176.3	7.3	662,340.3	665,678.8	0.5
Intermediate Goods	7,185.5	7,750.0	7.9	2,354,183.8	2,369,452.8	0.6
Investment Goods	1,747.9	2,140.3	22.4	571,437.0	654,578.5	14.5
Unclassified	12.4	5.9	(52.5)	3,941.0	1,806.1	(54.2)
Trade Balance	(2,964.0)	(3,573.4)		(962,744.7)	(1,093,046.1)	

4.6 Trade Indices (2010 = 100) ^{(a) (c)}

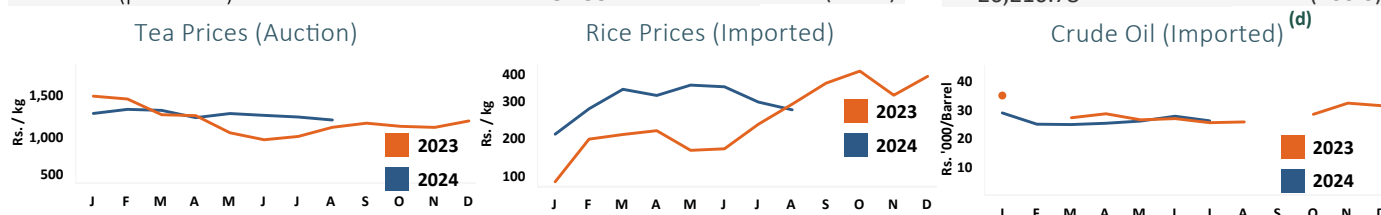
Item	Year	Month	2024
	Ago	Ago	August
Total Exports			
Value	155.7	157.3	170.4
Quantity	201.8	192.5	221.9
Unit Value	77.1	81.7	76.8
Total Imports			
Value	127.6	155.2	148.0
Quantity	129.0	169.6	154.7
Unit Value	98.9	91.5	95.7
Terms of Trade	78.0	89.3	80.3



4.7 Commodity Prices

	USD		% Change	LKR		% Change
	August 2023	August 2024		August 2023	August 2024	
Colombo Tea Auctions						
Tea Prices (per kg)	3.49	4.02	15.2	1,122.04	1,207.37	7.6

Imports (CIF)	USD		% Change	LKR		% Change
	August 2023	August 2024		August 2023	August 2024	
Rice (per MT)	917.93	931.17	1.4	295,185.69	279,973.36	(5.2)
Sugar (per MT)	757.73	639.55	(15.6)	243,669.03	192,290.94	(21.1)
Wheat (per MT)	478.78	296.50	(38.1)	153,964.12	89,147.42	(42.1)
Crude Oil (per barrel)	81.53	-	(100.0)	26,216.78	-	(100.0)



(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 and August 2024.