

WEEKLY ECONOMIC INDICATORS

14 March 2025



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Central Bank of Sri Lanka

Highlights of the Week

Real Sector

During January 2025, tea production registered a year-on-year increase, supported by improved weather conditions and better fertiliser availability. According to the available provisional data, a decline was observed in rubber production in January 2025, while coconut production, which exhibited a downward trend throughout 2024, recorded a significant year-on-year decline in January 2025 as well.

IIP in January 2025 increased by 6.1 per cent to 95.2 compared to January 2024, mainly contributed by the increases reported in the manufacture of Other non-metallic mineral products (32.2 per cent), Coke and refined petroleum products (22.5 per cent) and Chemicals and chemical products (12.7 per cent).

Between 10th and 14th March, 2025, crude oil prices fluctuated around US dollars 70 per barrel, influenced by US tariffs and OPEC+'s decision to increase production. However, during the latter part of the period, prices followed a slight upward trend driven by a weaker dollar and tightening US supplies. Overall, during the period under review, Brent and WTI crude prices increased by US dollars 0.24 and US dollars 0.27 per barrel, respectively.

Monetary Sector

Weekly Average Weighted Prime Lending Rate (AWPR) for the week ending 14th March 2025 increased by 4 bps to 8.37 per cent compared to the previous week.

The Average Weighted Call Money Rate (AWCMR) decreased to 7.94 per cent on 14th March 2025 compared to the 7.98 per cent at the end of last week.

The reserve money increased compared to the previous week mainly due to increase in currency in circulation.

The total outstanding market liquidity was a surplus of Rs.188.61 bn by 14th March 2025, compared to a surplus of Rs. 166.80 bn by the end of last week.

By 14th March 2025, the All Share Price Index (ASPI) decreased by 1.58 per cent to 15,860.44 points and the S&P SL 20 Index decreased by 1.54 per cent to 4,734.43 points, compared to the index values of the last week.

Fiscal Sector

During the week, Treasury Bill yield rates showed a significant degree of stability across both the primary and secondary markets, whereas a slight increase in yield rates was recorded in the secondary market for T-Bonds.

The rupee value of T-Bills and T-Bonds held by foreign investors remained stable in comparison to the previous week.

In the reporting week, the auctions for T-Bills and T-Bonds experienced oversubscription rate of approximately 2 and 2.3 times.

A decrease of 20 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 14th March 2025, the Sri Lanka rupee depreciated against the US dollar by 1.0 per cent.

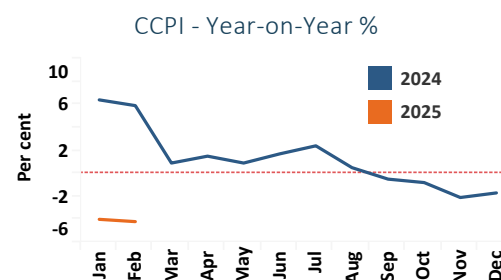
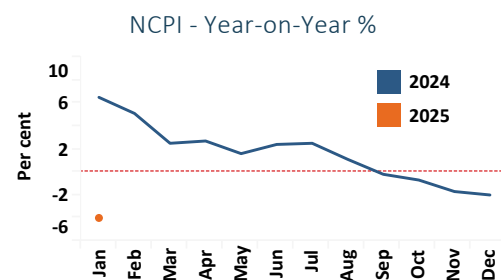
Earnings from tourism amounted to US dollars 367.6 mn in February 2025, compared to US dollars 400.7 mn in January 2025 and US dollars 345.7 mn in February 2024.

REAL SECTOR

1.1 Price Indices

NCPI (2021=100)	2024		2025
	January	December	January
National Consumer Price Index (NCPI) - Headline	215.0	204.6	206.4
Monthly Change %	3.0	1.1	0.9
Annual Average Change %	13.4	1.6	0.7
Year-on-Year Change %	6.5	(2.0)	(4.0)
National Consumer Price Index (NCPI) - Core	193.9	192.1	193.6
Annual Average Change %	12.3	2.5	2.3
Year-on-Year Change %	2.2	1.3	(0.2)

CCPI (2021=100)	2024		2025
	February	January	February
Colombo Consumer Price Index (CCPI) - Headline	200.6	192.6	192.2
Monthly Change %	0.0	0.5	(0.2)
Annual Average Change %	11.3	0.4	(0.5)
Year-on-Year Change %	5.9	(4.0)	(4.2)
Colombo Consumer Price Index (CCPI) - Core	177.2	178.4	178.5
Annual Average Change %	8.5	3.2	3.0
Year-on-Year Change %	2.8	1.2	0.7



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	234.60	250.00	235.00	235.00	258.00	260.00	241.00	240.00
Kekulu (Red)	181.00	218.00	215.00	215.00	206.00	230.00	220.00	220.00
Beans	280.00	333.33	242.00	387.50	330.00	383.33	292.00	437.50
Cabbage	440.00	293.33	280.00	262.50	514.00	343.33	330.00	312.50
Carrot	378.00	683.33	680.00	637.50	428.00	733.33	780.00	687.50
Tomato	330.00	156.67	186.00	167.50	380.00	206.67	236.00	217.50
Pumpkin	212.00	133.33	134.00	130.00	256.00	180.00	184.00	180.00
Snake Gourd	200.00	233.33	156.00	250.00	250.00	283.33	202.00	300.00
Brinjal	224.00	533.33	120.00	157.50	274.00	583.33	180.00	207.50
Green Chilli	310.00	1,400.00	730.00	825.00	360.00	1,500.00	830.00	925.00
Lime	190.00	100.00	104.00	127.50	242.00	150.00	154.00	185.00
Red Onion (Local)	279.00	n.a.	195.00	218.33	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Big Onion (Imported)	557.00	132.67	106.80	115.50	675.00	160.00	150.00	150.00
Potato (Local)	366.00	375.00	338.40	305.75	400.00	450.00	428.00	362.50
Dried Chilli (Imported)	810.00	658.33	600.00	600.00	1,000.00	900.00	700.00	700.00
Red Dhal	295.40	261.00	260.00	260.00	328.00	280.00	280.00	280.00
Egg White (Each)	46.20	30.67	28.80	29.50	46.70	31.17	29.30	30.00
Coconut (Each)	93.00	195.00	177.00	163.75	120.00	220.00	224.00	220.00

1.2.2 Marandagahamula Market

Item (Rs./kg)	Average Wholesale Price of Rice			
	Year Ago	Month Ago	Week Ago	This Week
Samba	232.60	236.00	236.20	236.00
Kekulu (White)	192.00	216.00	213.40	213.50
Kekulu (Red)	170.00	223.33	218.80	219.00
Nadu	196.40	226.00	220.20	220.25

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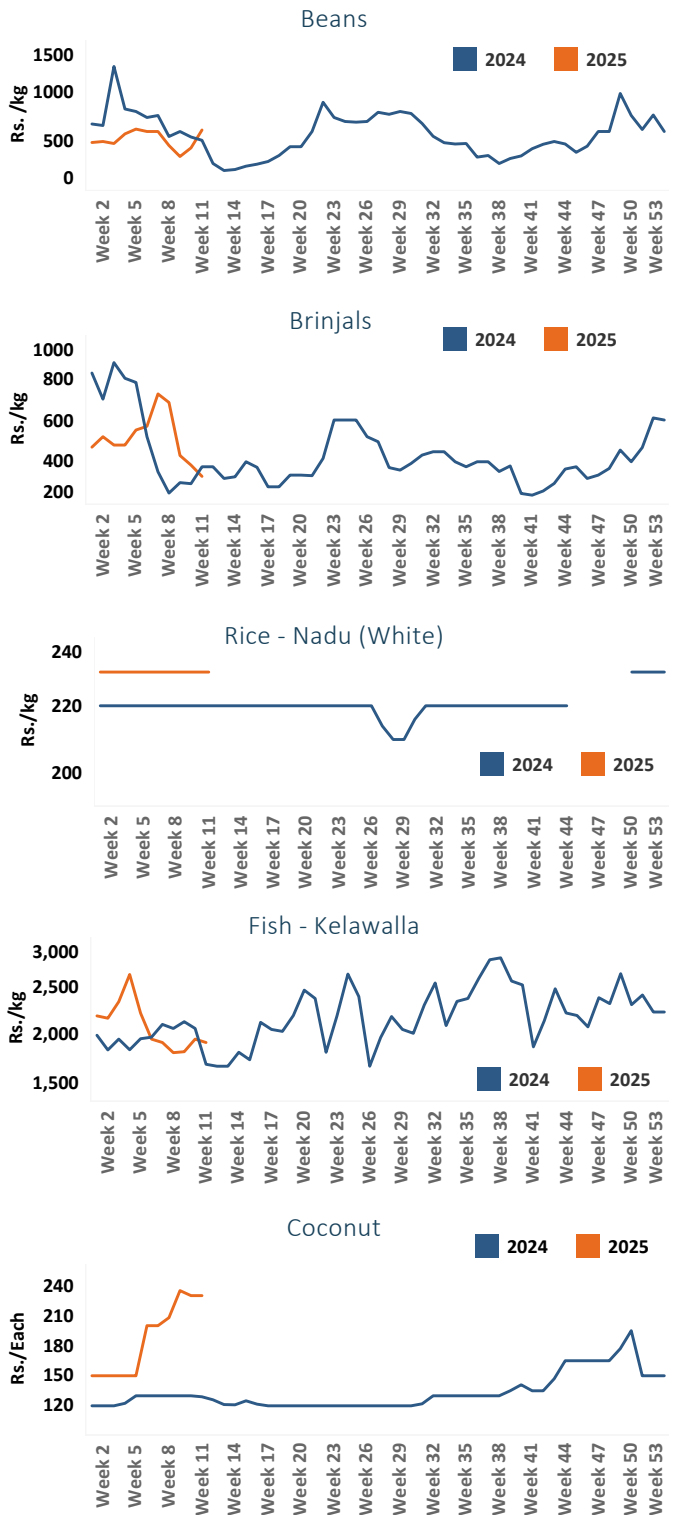
1.2.3 Dambulla Market

Item (Rs./kg)	Average Wholesale Prices	
	Week Ago	This Week
Samba	n.a.	230.00
Kekulu (Red)	219.60	220.00
Beans	241.00	362.50
Cabbage	250.00	238.75
Carrot	655.00	656.25
Tomato	163.00	193.75
Pumpkin	111.00	111.25
Snake Gourd	92.00	147.50
Brinjal	88.00	97.50
Ash Plantain	125.00	123.75
Red Onion (Local)	177.00	205.00
Red Onion (Imported)	280.00	279.50
Big Onion (Imported)	121.60	124.50
Potatoes (Local)	260.00	230.00
Potatoes (Imported)	148.60	154.00
Dried Chillies (Imported)	604.20	680.00
Coconut (Each)	144.00	172.00

1.2.4 Narahenpita Economic Centre

Item (Rs./kg)	Average Retail Prices	
	Week Ago	This Week
Nadu (White)	230.00	230.00
Kekulu (Red)	220.00	220.00
Beans	436.00	615.00
Cabbage	464.00	380.00
Carrot	960.00	955.00
Tomato	372.00	345.00
Pumpkin	240.00	240.00
Snake Gourd	304.00	430.00
Brinjal	384.00	330.00
Green Chilli	1,360.00	1,300.00
Red Onion (Local)	n.a.	n.a.
Big Onion (Imported)	200.00	200.00
Potato (Local)	420.00	400.00
Potato (Imported)	200.00	200.00
Dried Chilli (Imported)	850.00	850.00
Red Dhal	300.00	300.00
Sugar White	240.00	240.00
Egg White (Each)	30.00	30.00
Coconut (Each)	230.00	230.00

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	1,080.00	1,075.00	900.00	937.50	1,380.00	1,417.50	1,960.00	1,925.00
Balaya	850.00	800.00	520.00	800.00	720.00	1,020.00	1,128.00	1,180.00
Salaya	462.00	370.00	464.00	350.00	604.00	500.00	624.00	550.00
Hurulla	1,050.00	1,000.00	895.00	933.33	1,060.00	1,093.33	1,270.00	1,260.00

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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 Q3 ^{(a)(b)}	2024 Q3 ^(b)
Agriculture	(4.2)	2.6	4.2	3.0
Industry	(16.0)	(9.2)	(0.7)	10.8
Services	(2.6)	(0.2)	1.7	2.6
Taxes less subsidies on products	(12.4)	2.8	8.5	13.3
GDP	(7.3)	(2.3)	1.6	5.5

(a) Revised
(b) Provisional



Source: Department of Census and Statistics

1.4 Agricultural Production

Item	January 2024 ^(a)	January 2025 ^(a)	% Change
Tea (mn kg)	18.7	21.5	14.6
Rubber (mn kg)	8.5	4.5	(47.0)
Coconut (mn nuts)	248.0	167.8	(32.3)

(a) Provisional

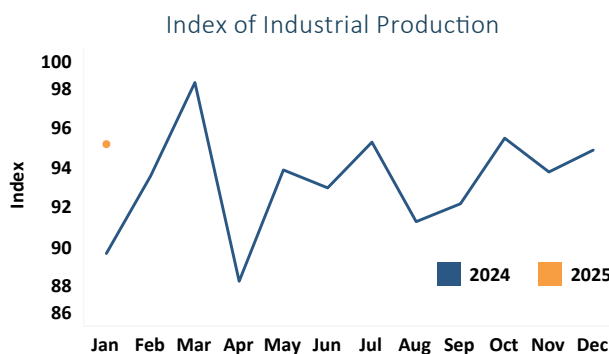


Sources: Sri Lanka Tea Board
Rubber Development Department
Coconut Development Authority

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

Item	January 2024 ^(b)	January 2025 ^(c)	% Change
Index of Industrial Production	89.7	95.2	6.1
Food products	96.4	97.7	1.4
Wearing apparel	92.5	94.0	1.6
Other non-metallic mineral products	84.3	111.4	32.2
Coke and refined petroleum products	92.1	112.8	22.5
Rubber and plastic products	90.3	81.1	(10.2)
Chemicals and chemical products	66.1	74.5	12.7
Beverages	119.6	108.2	(9.5)

(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		2025
	Dec	Jan	Dec	Jan
Index	52.7	55.6	57.2	59.0

PMI Services	2023	2024		2025
	Dec	Jan	Dec	Jan
Business Activity Index	71.0	60.1	71.1	58.5

PMI Construction	2023	2024		2025
	Dec	Jan	Dec	Jan
Total Activity Index	48.6	52.9	51.4	52.9

(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.

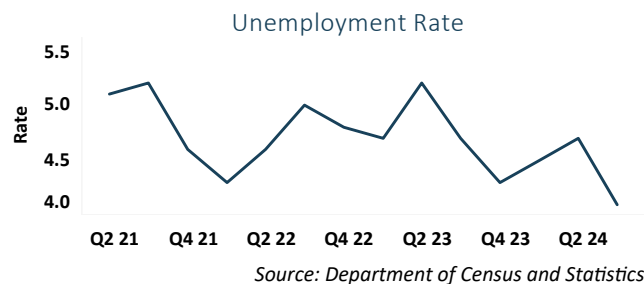


1.7 Employment (a)

Item	2023	2023 Q3	2024 Q3
Labour Force Participation rate	48.6	48.8	46.6
Unemployment rate	4.7	4.7	4.1

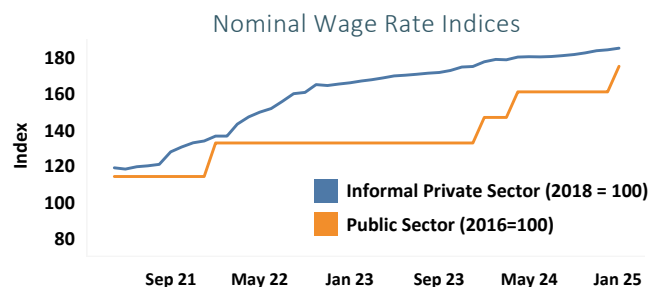
Employed Persons by Sectors (b) (as a % of Total Employment)

	2023	2023 Q2	2024 Q2
Agriculture	26.1	25.7	25.0
Industry	25.5	26.3	26.5
Services	48.4	48.1	48.5



1.8 Wage Rate Indices

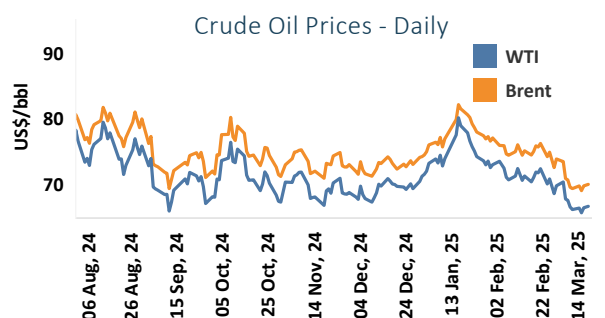
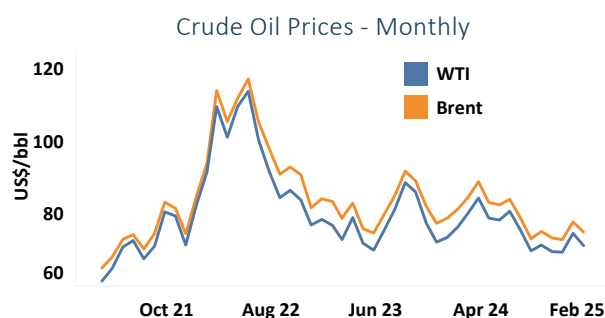
Item	2024	2025	Change %
	January	January	
Public Sector Employees' Wage Rate Index (2016 = 100) - Nominal	147.2	175.4	19.2
Informal Private Sector Employees' Wage Rate Index (2018 = 100) - Nominal	177.9	185.4	4.2
Agriculture	176.7	186.3	5.4
Industry	178.0	184.9	3.9
Services	179.1	185.7	3.7



1.9 Average Crude Oil Prices

Month	2024			2025		
	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	78.93	73.64	91.48	77.90	74.77	76.14
February	81.48	76.53	81.33	75.12	71.37	-
March	84.57	80.23	82.76	-	-	-
April	88.99	84.47	86.00	-	-	-
May	83.28	78.97	88.49	-	-	-
June	82.58	78.42	92.88	-	-	-
July	84.14	80.85	87.57	-	-	-
August	79.03	75.71	-	-	-	-
September	73.27	69.93	87.38	-	-	-
October	75.29	71.55	81.75	-	-	-
November	73.51	69.73	76.72	-	-	-
December	73.02	69.57	77.50	-	-	-

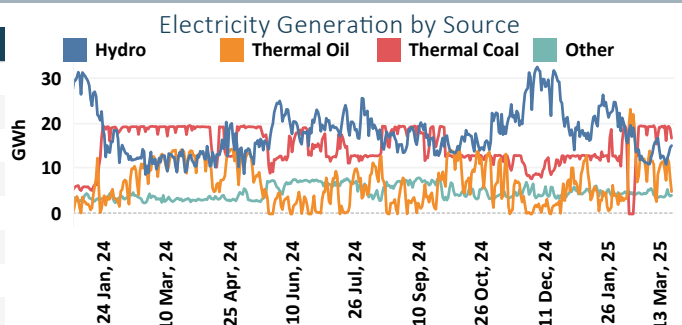
Date	2024		2025	
08-Mar	-	-	-	-
09-Mar	-	-	-	-
10-Mar	-	-	69.97	66.63
11-Mar	81.44	77.37	69.26	65.92
12-Mar	82.40	78.06	69.98	66.68
13-Mar	82.37	78.02	-	-
14-Mar	84.22	79.89	70.21	66.90



Sources: Bloomberg, Ceylon Petroleum Corporation

1.10 Daily Electricity Generation

	10-Mar-25	11-Mar-25	12-Mar-25	13-Mar-25
Peak Demand (MW)	2,593.10	2,425.30	2,651.20	2,409.40
Total Energy (GWh)	49.95	48.99	45.88	41.44
Hydro	12.51	13.49	14.81	15.26
Thermal Coal	19.43	19.56	19.02	16.91
Thermal Oil	12.42	11.54	7.96	4.98
Wind	2.30	1.37	0.48	0.59
Solar	3.18	2.93	3.49	3.58
Biomass	0.12	0.10	0.11	0.13



Source: Ceylon Electricity Board

(a) The household population aged 15 and above

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

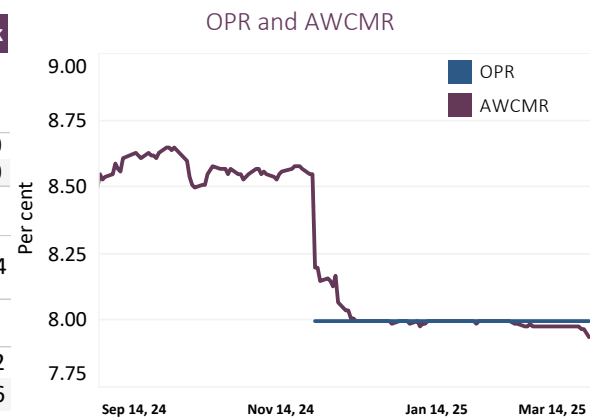
(c) CPC import prices are not directly comparable with futures prices of WTI and Brent, as CPC's import prices include freight charges and the price is weighted for average prices of different types of crude oil. Also, a part of the imports of CPC is on a term contract basis. Crude oil was not imported in the months of February, September 2023 and August 2024.

(d) Provisional

MONETARY SECTOR

2.1 Interest Rates (% p.a.)

Policy Interest Rate	Year Ago	Week Ago	This Week
Overnight Policy Rate (OPR) ^(a)	-	8.00	8.00
Standing Facility Rates^(a)			
Standing Deposit Facility Rate (SDFR)	9.00	7.50	7.50
Standing Lending Facility Rate (SLFR)	10.00	8.50	8.50
Call Money Market			
Average Weighted Call Money Rate (AWCMR) (End of the Week)	9.18	7.98	7.94
Treasury Bill Yields (Primary Market)			
91 Day	10.10	7.53	7.52
182 Day	10.21	7.86	7.86
364 Day	10.24	8.34	8.34
Licensed Commercial Banks			
Average Weighted Prime Lending Rate (AWPR)	11.35	8.33	8.37



	January 2024	December 2024	January 2025
Savings Deposits	0.25 - 12.00	0.25 - 9.00	0.25 - 9.00
One Year Fixed Deposits	2.00 - 22.00	2.50 - 18.39	2.50 - 18.39
January 2024 December 2024 January 2025			
Average Weighted Deposit Rate (AWDR)	11.15	7.53	7.31
Average Weighted Fixed Deposit Rate (AWFDR)	14.28	9.27	8.97
January 2024 December 2024 January 2025			
Average Weighted New Deposit Rate (AWNDR)	10.86	6.52	6.26
Average Weighted New Fixed Deposit Rate (AWNFR)	11.12	6.57	6.62
January 2024 December 2024 January 2025			
Average Weighted Lending Rate (AWLR)	13.88	11.93	12.07
Average Weighted New Lending Rate (AWNLR)	13.91	10.77	10.69

National Savings Bank (NSB)	January 2024	December 2024	January 2025
Savings Deposits	3.00	3.00	3.00
One Year Fixed Deposits	8.00	7.00	7.00

Note: Commencing from January 2025, monthly deposit interest rates (AWDR, AWFDR, AWNDR, AWFNDR) for a given month will be published with a one-month lag, aligning with the standard practice for releasing monthly lending interest rates.

Treasury Bond Auction	04 Years 09 Months 12-Mar-2025	07 Years 09 Months 12-Mar-2025	09 Years 06 Months 12-Mar-2025
Coupon Rate	11.00	11.50	10.25
Weighted Average Yield	10.72	11.40	11.50

Bank wise Average Weighted Prime Lending Rate

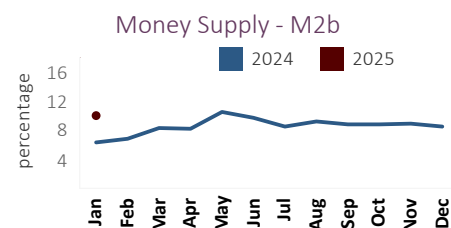
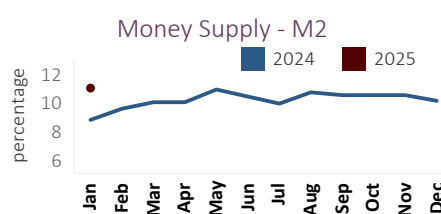
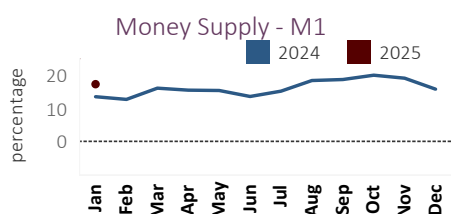
	Week Ago	This Week		Week Ago	This Week
Bank of Ceylon	8.75	8.72	Cargills Bank	9.12	10.11
People's Bank	8.25	9.60	HSBC	8.05	9.95
Hatton National Bank	8.08	8.26	Standard Chartered Bank	8.25	8.30
Commercial Bank of Ceylon	8.61	8.61	Citi Bank ^(b)	8.25	8.25
Sampath Bank	8.29	8.52	Deutsche Bank	8.21	8.07
Seylan Bank	9.26	9.38	Habib Bank	9.20	8.95
Union Bank of Colombo	10.10	7.97	Indian Bank	9.45	9.45
Pan Asia Banking Corporation	8.53	9.95	Indian Overseas Bank	9.42	8.95
Nations Trust Bank	7.86	7.91	MCB Bank ^(b)	8.96	8.96
DFCC Bank	9.94	9.84	State Bank of India	9.52	9.40
NDB Bank	8.00	7.94	Public Bank	8.61	7.86
Amana Bank	7.75	8.81	Bank of China	-	-

(a) With effect from 27 November 2024, the OPR is defined as the policy interest rate of the Central Bank. SDFR and SLFR are linked to the OPR with a margin of ± 50 basis points.

(b) 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 2024	Dec 2024 ^(a)	Jan 2025 ^(b)	Jan 2024	Dec 2024 ^(a)	Jan 2025 ^(b)
	Reserve Money	1,488.6	1,539.3	1,567.0	(6.4)	15.8
M1	1,606.6	1,925.6	1,889.3	13.8	16.1	17.6
M2	11,449.6	12,660.6	12,725.5	8.9	10.2	11.1
M2b	13,114.9	14,321.7	14,439.1	6.4	8.6	10.1
Net Foreign Assets of the Banking System ^(c)	(400.0)	572.9	747.4	74.6	225.6	286.9
Monetary Authorities	(745.1)	222.1	266.6	51.6	126.5	135.8
Commercial Banks	345.1	350.8	480.8	1,143.0	(8.0)	39.3
Domestic Banking Units (DBUs)	(302.1)	(234.3)	(180.0)	36.7	10.8	40.4
Offshore Banking Units (OBUs)	647.2	585.1	660.7	45.8	(9.1)	2.1
Net Domestic Assets of the Banking System ^(c)	13,514.9	13,748.8	13,691.7	(2.7)	0.8	1.3
Net Credit to the Government	8,335.1	8,270.1	8,308.4	9.5	(0.2)	(0.3)
Central Bank	2,284.6	1,773.6	1,728.7	(33.0)	(25.4)	(24.3)
Commercial Banks	6,050.5	6,496.5	6,579.7	44.0	9.9	8.7
DBUs	5,850.5	6,437.5	6,518.9	53.7	13.2	11.4
OBUs	200.0	59.0	60.8	(49.3)	(73.1)	(69.6)
Credit to Public Corporations	747.0	656.7	648.0	(57.3)	(14.7)	(13.3)
DBUs	691.1	605.1	595.7	(59.1)	(15.1)	(13.8)
OBUs	56.0	51.6	52.2	(7.4)	(10.2)	(6.7)
Credit to the Private Sector	7,314.2	8,156.0	8,151.4	0.0	10.7	11.4
DBUs	6,769.0	7,560.2	7,556.0	1.5	10.6	11.6
OBUs	545.2	595.9	595.5	(15.5)	12.1	9.2
Other Items (Net)	(2,881.5)	(3,334.0)	(3,416.1)	(3.6)	(20.1)	(18.6)



2.3 Reserve Money and Currency in Circulation

	06-Mar-2025	12-Mar-2025	07-Mar-2025	14-Mar-2025
Reserve Money (Rs. Mn)	1,625,778.94	1,626,828.54	1,400,132	1,418,163

	10-Mar-2025	11-Mar-2025	12-Mar-2025	14-Mar-2025
Reserve Money (Rs. bn)	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500

	10-Mar-2025	11-Mar-2025	12-Mar-2025	14-Mar-2025
Currency in Circulation (Rs. Mn)	1,400,132	1,418,163	1,400,132	1,418,163

	10-Mar-2025	11-Mar-2025	12-Mar-2025	14-Mar-2025
Currency in Circulation (Rs. bn)	1,200	1,200	1,200	1,200

2.4 Money Market Activity (Overnight)

Call Money Market	10-Mar-2025	11-Mar-2025	12-Mar-2025	14-Mar-2025
AWCMR	7.98	7.97	7.97	7.94
Gross Volume (Rs. bn)	12.35	7.35	13.43	5.20

Repo Market	10-Mar-2025	11-Mar-2025	12-Mar-2025	14-Mar-2025
Weighted Average Rate (% p.a.)	7.99	7.99	7.96	7.97
Gross Volume (Rs. bn)	28.60	27.19	15.00	36.10

2.5 CBSL Securities Portfolio

	10-Mar-2025	11-Mar-2025	12-Mar-2025	14-Mar-2025
CBSL Treasury Bill/Bond Holdings -Face Value (Rs. bn)	2,512	2,512	2,512	2,512
CBSL Treasury Bill/Bond Holdings -Book Value (Rs. bn)	1,498	1,497	1,497	1,484

(a) Revised
(b) Provisional
(c) In relation to M2b

2.6 Open Market Operations

Item	10.03.2025	11.03.2025	12.03.2025	14.03.2025
Short-Term Auction				
Repo Amount Offered (Rs. bn)				
Reverse Repo Amount Offered (Rs. bn)				
Tenure (No. of Days)				
Bids Received (Rs. bn)				
Amount Accepted (Rs. bn)				
Minimum Accepted Rate (% p.a.)				
Maximum Accepted Rate (% p.a.)				
Weighted Average Yield Rate (% p.a.)				
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)	190.87	181.38	189.50	190.84
Standing Lending Facility (Rs. bn)	0.00	0.00	0.00	2.23
Total Overnight Market Liquidity (Rs. bn)	190.87	181.38	189.50	188.61
Total Outstanding Market Liquidity (Rs. bn)^(a)	190.87	181.38	189.50	188.61

(a) Total Outstanding Market Liquidity represents overnight liquidity adjusted for outstanding amounts of term repo/reverse repo transactions of the Central Bank with market participant

2.7 Credit Cards and Commercial Paper Issues

2.7.1 Credit Cards^(a)

	December 2023	December 2024 ^{(c)(d)}	January 2025 ^(b)
Total Number of Active Cards	1,917,085	2,008,456	2,018,996
Local (accepted only locally)	10,768	9,772	9,670
Global (accepted globally)	1,906,317	1,998,684	2,009,326
Outstanding balance (Rs.mn) - Credit Cards	151,373	157,957	155,262
Local (accepted only locally)	35,838	34,847	34,427
Global (accepted globally)	115,534	123,110	120,836

2.7.2 Commercial Paper Issues^(e)

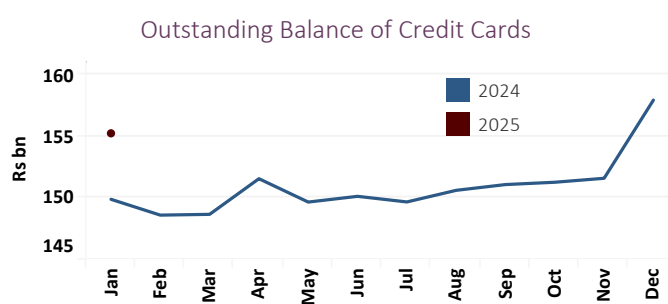
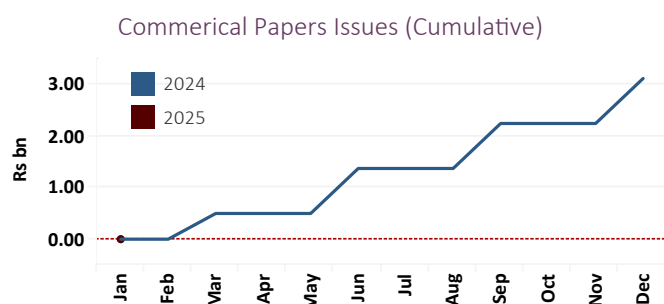
	December 2023	December 2024	January 2025 ^(b)
Total Issues - Cumulative ^(f) (Rs. bn)	1.3	3.1	0.0
Outstanding (as at end of the period) (Rs. bn)	0.7	0.9	0.9

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

(c) Revised (d) A few banks have made year-end adjustments in calculating the number of active cards

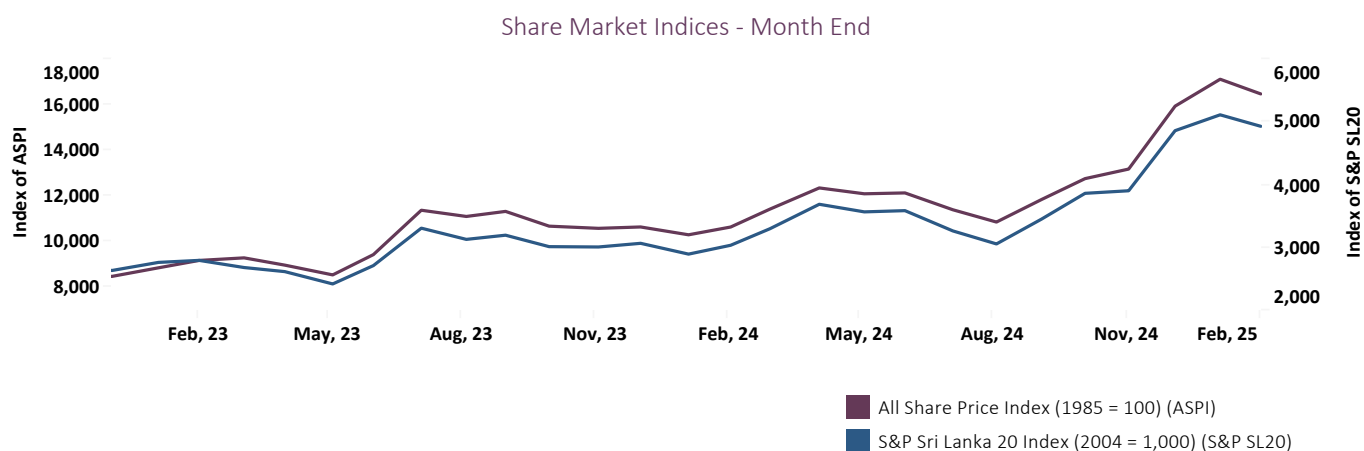
(e) Based on the information provided by LCBs and Licensed Specialised Banks (LSBs)

(f) Year-to-date total



2.8 Share Market

	14-Mar-2024	07-Mar-2025	14-Mar-2025
All Share Price Index (1985 = 100) (ASPI)	11,317.92	16,115.47	15,860.44
S&P Sri Lanka 20 Index (2004 = 1,000) (S&P SL20)	3,230.49	4,808.33	4,734.43
Daily Turnover (Rs. mn)	1,924.72	2,181.43	1,083.23
Market Capitalisation (Rs.bn)	4,496.59	5,688.20	5,597.23
Foreign Purchases (Rs. mn)	90.20	108.76	110.11
Foreign Sales (Rs. mn)	64.21	518.37	19.25
Net Foreign Purchases (Rs. mn)	26.00	(409.61)	90.86

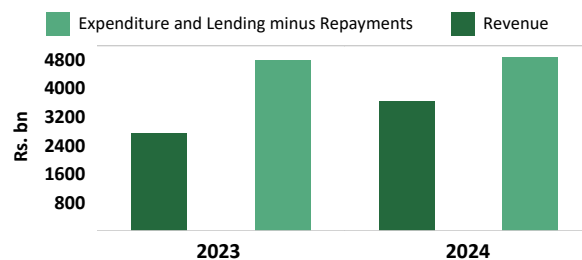


FISCAL SECTOR

3.1 Government Finance (Rs. Bn)

Item	2023	2024
	Jan. - Nov.	Jan. - Nov. ^(a)
Revenue and Grants	2,771.36	3,664.64
Revenue	2,757.98	3,650.90
Tax Revenue	2,511.98	3,370.46
Non Tax Revenue	246.01	280.45
Grants	13.38	13.74
Expenditure and Lending minus Repayments	4,791.66	4,881.94
Recurrent Expenditure	4,292.75	4,276.03
Capital and Lending minus Repayments	498.91	605.91
Primary Balance	331.42	927.85
Overall Budget Balance	(2,020.30)	(1,217.30)

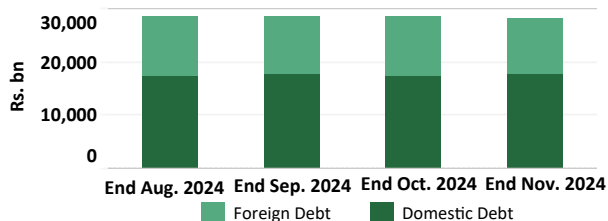
Government Fiscal Operations
January - November



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

Item	End 2023	2024 ^{(a)(c)}	
	End 2023 ^{(a)(c)}	End Oct.	End Nov.
Total Domestic Debt ^(d)	17,051.85	17,497.73	17,571.96
of which; Treasury Bills	4,017.04	4,036.93	4,028.34
Treasury Bonds	12,002.34	13,297.63	13,454.53
Total Foreign Debt ^{(e)(f)}	11,644.09	10,789.37	10,668.26
Total Outstanding Government Debt	28,695.95	28,287.10	28,240.22

Central Government Debt
End Aug. 2024 - End Nov. 2024



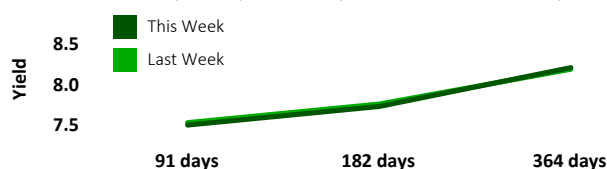
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3.3 Government Securities - Primary and Secondary Market Yield Rates for the week ending - 12 March 2025

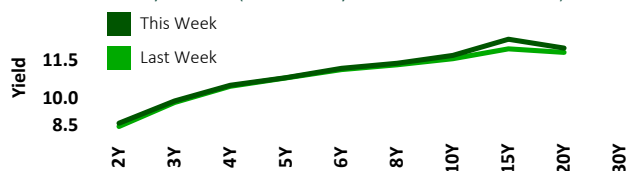
3.3.1 Treasury Bills and Treasury Bonds

Security	Maturity	Primary Market %		Secondary Market %			
		Last Week	This Week	This Week		Last Week	
				Buying	Selling	Average	Average
Treasury Bills	91 Day	7.53	7.52	7.58	7.44	7.51	7.54
	182 Day	7.86	7.86	7.83	7.65	7.74	7.77
	364 Day	8.34	8.34	8.29	8.15	8.22	8.20
	< 2 Years	-	-	9.06	8.91	8.99	8.86
	< 3 Years	-	-	9.94	9.80	9.87	9.81
	< 4 Years	-	-	10.57	10.41	10.49	10.45
	< 5 Years	-	10.72	10.86	10.72	10.79	10.78
	< 6 Years	-	-	11.27	11.04	11.16	11.11
Treasury Bonds	< 8 Years	-	11.40	11.48	11.24	11.36	11.30
	< 10 Years	-	11.50	11.81	11.52	11.67	11.54
	< 15 Years	-	-	12.58	12.04	12.31	11.93
	< 20 Years	-	-	12.14	11.79	11.96	11.79
	< 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, Planning and Economic Development. 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, Planning and Economic Development.

(g) Primary market transactions during the week ending 12 March 2025 (h) Average of the secondary market quotes

3.3.2 International Sovereign Bonds

Security	Maturity Date	Description	Secondary Market	
			Last Week	This Week
International Sovereign Bonds	15-Apr-28	4.00% PDI Bonds due 2028	7.94	6.25
	15-Jan-30	Step-Up Macro-Linked Bonds due 2030	5.90	5.76
	15-Mar-33	Step-Up Macro-Linked Bonds due 2033	7.35	7.17
	15-Jun-35	Step-Up Governance-Linked Bonds due 2035	10.17	10.19
	15-May-36	Step-Up Macro-Linked Bonds due 2036	7.80	7.87
	15-Feb-38	Step-Up Macro-Linked Bonds due 2038	8.02	8.09
	15-Jun-38	USD Step-Up Bonds due 2038	6.36	6.38

3.4 Government Securities - Weekly Summary of Primary and Secondary Market Transactions (Week ending 12 March 2025)

Item	Volume in Rs. Mn	
	Last Week	This Week
Outstanding Stock of Government Securities		
Treasury Bills	4,144,134	4,128,581
Treasury Bonds	14,473,816	14,473,816
of which T-Bills and T-Bonds held by Foreigners	78,939	79,269
Total	18,617,950	18,602,397

Primary Market Activities ^(a)	Volume in Rs. Mn	
	Last Week	This Week
Treasury Bills		
Phase I, Price based Competitive Bidding Auction		
Amount Offered	167,000	165,500
Total Bids Received	318,011	329,080
Amount Accepted	167,000	165,500
Phase II, Non-competitive Allocation		
Amount Raised	13	16,550
Treasury Bonds		
Phases I, II and III		
Amount Offered	-	210,000
Total Bids Received	-	481,468
Amount Accepted	-	210,000
Direct Issuance Window		
Amount Raised	-	21,000

Secondary Market Activities	Volume in Rs. Mn	
	Last Week	This Week
Treasury Bills		
Outright Transaction (Sales/Purchases)	115,163	182,894
Repo Transaction (Sales/Purchases)	612,451	399,169
Treasury Bonds		
Outright Transaction (Sales/Purchases)	376,509	257,465
Repo Transaction (Sales/Purchases)	1,116,997	930,984

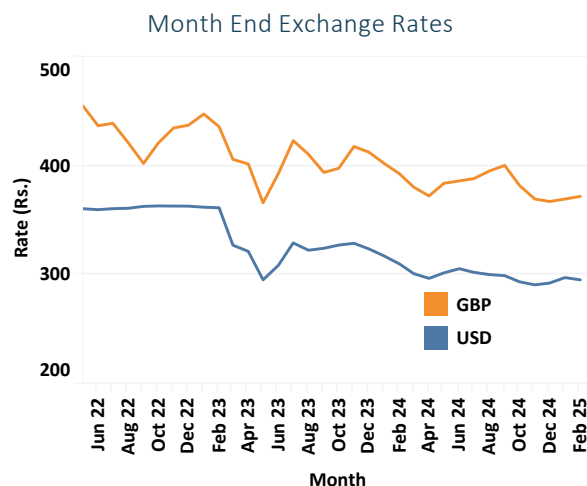
(a) Limited to T-Bill and T-Bond issuances under regular issuance process.

EXTERNAL SECTOR

4.1 Exchange Rate

Item (Rs Per Unit) ^(a)	14-Mar-25			Average Rate	
	Buying Rate	Selling Rate	Average Rate	Week Ago	Year Ago
USD	291.26	299.80	295.53	295.57	305.83
GBP	375.36	389.48	382.42	380.88	391.28
Yen	1.95	2.03	1.99	2.00	2.07
EURO	313.84	326.65	320.25	319.17	334.67
INR ^(b)			3.40	3.40	3.70
SDR as at 12-Mar-25			393.73	392.26	409.78

Central Bank Purchases and Sales (USD mn) ^(c)	2024	2025	2025
	February	January	February
Purchases	248.5	47.3	78.3
Sales	9.0	35.0	8.0



Item	Year Ago	Week Ago	14-Mar-25
Average Daily Interbank Volume (USD mn) (spot, tom and cash transactions among commercial banks)	75.50	56.75	60.64

Forward Transactions

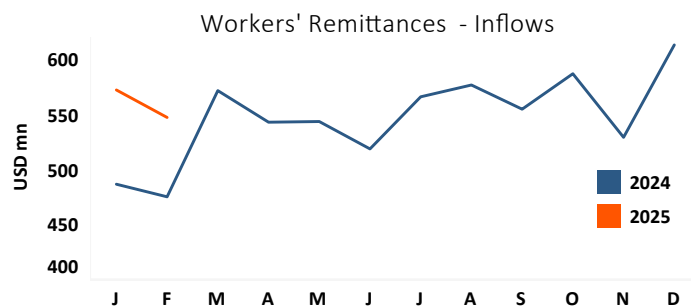
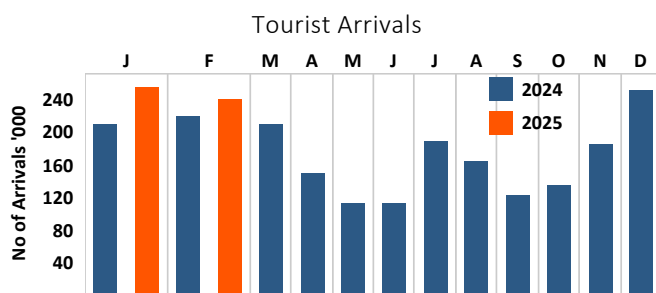
Forward Rates (Rs per USD) ^(d)

1 Month	307.52	295.85	296.07
3 Month	309.04	296.99	297.06
Average Daily Interbank Forward Volume (USD mn)	22.89	25.32	19.04
Outstanding Forward Volume (USD mn) as at 12-Mar-25	620.15	742.48	706.69

4.2 Tourism & Workers' Remittances

		2024	2025 ^(e)	2024	2025 ^(e)	Y-o-Y %
		February	February	Jan. - Feb.	Jan. - Feb.	Change
Tourist Arrivals	Number	218,350	240,217	426,603	492,978	15.6
Earnings from Tourism	USD mn	345.7	367.6 ^(f)	687.5	768.2 ^(f)	11.7
	Rs. bn	108.1	109.1 ^(f)	217.8	227.8 ^(f)	4.6

		2024	2025 ^(e)	2024	2025 ^(e)	Y-o-Y %
		February	February	Jan. - Feb.	Jan. - Feb.	Change
Workers' Remittances (Inflows)	USD mn	476.2	548.1	963.7	1,121.1	16.3
	Rs bn	148.8	162.7	305.4	332.4	8.8



(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 2025.

4.3 Official Reserve Assets as at end February 2025^(a)(USD Mn)

Official Reserve Assets ^(b)	6,095
Foreign Currency Reserves	6,031
Reserve position in the IMF	4
SDRs	16
Gold	43
Other Reserve Assets	1

4.4 International Reserves & Foreign Currency Liquidity as at end January 2025^(a)(USD Mn)

Official Reserve Assets ^(b)	6,065
Foreign Currency Reserves	5,986
(a) Securities	2,108
(b) Total currency and deposits with	3,878
(i) other national central banks, BIS and IMF	1,715
(ii) banks headquartered inside the reporting country of which located abroad	0.1
(iii) banks headquartered outside the reporting country	2,163
Reserve position in the IMF	4
SDRs	32
Gold	42
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)	(1,974)	(150)	(500)	(1,323)
outflows (-) Principal	(1,128)	(33)	(402)	(693)
outflows (-) Interest	(846)	(118)	(99)	(630)
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)	(3,583)	(257)	(536)	(2,789)
Short positions (-) ^(e)	(3,583)	(257)	(536)	(2,789)
Long positions (+)				
3. Other	(1)	(1)		
inflows related to reverse repos (+)				
outflows related to repos (-)				
other accounts payable (-)	(1)	(1)		

(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) These net drains include the outflows related to the restructuring terms agreed with the ISB holders in December 2024.

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

4.5 External Trade ^(a)

Item	January (USD mn)			January (Rs. mn)		
	2024	2025 ^(b)	% Change	2024	2025 ^(b)	% Change
Exports	970.7	1,052.8	8.5	311,768.0	311,815.0	0.0
Agricultural	195.5	221.7	13.4	62,785.8	65,667.3	4.6
Industrial	771.5	828.3	7.4	247,777.3	245,331.1	(1.0)
Food, Beverages & Tobacco	44.0	55.9	27.1	14,127.7	16,553.1	17.2
Textiles and Garments	381.2	461.3	21.0	122,414.6	136,640.4	11.6
Petroleum Products	85.9	73.5	(14.4)	27,579.5	21,771.7	(21.1)
Leather, Rubber Products, etc.	84.3	75.9	(10.0)	27,074.5	22,473.0	(17.0)
Other	176.2	161.7	(8.2)	56,580.9	47,892.9	(15.4)
Mineral	1.5	1.1	(26.2)	464.2	317.1	(31.7)
Unclassified	2.3	1.7	(26.8)	740.8	499.6	(32.6)
Imports	1,511.8	1,785.5	18.1	485,541.8	528,836.3	8.9
Consumer Goods	281.3	380.2	35.1	90,357.3	112,613.9	24.6
Intermediate Goods	980.5	1,061.4	8.3	314,894.3	314,376.7	(0.2)
Investment Goods	249.4	340.1	36.4	80,109.7	100,740.7	25.8
Unclassified	0.6	3.7	566.1	180.6	1,105.0	512.0
Trade Balance	(541.1)	(732.7)		(173,773.8)	(217,021.2)	

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

Item	Year Ago	Month Ago	2025 January
Total Exports			
Value	135.1	153.3	146.5
Quantity	194.0	196.8	196.1
Unit Value	69.6	77.9	74.7
Total Imports			
Value	135.3	172.2	159.8
Quantity	169.5	183.1	192.2
Unit Value	79.8	94.1	83.1
Terms of Trade	87.2	82.8	89.9



4.7 Commodity Prices

	USD			LKR		
	January 2024	January 2025	% Change	January 2024	January 2025	% Change
Colombo Tea Auctions						
Tea Prices (per kg)	4.00	4.08	2.0	1,284.03	1,207.64	(5.9)
Imports (CIF)						
Rice (per MT)	668.34	520.28	(22.2)	214,650.31	154,097.32	(28.2)
Sugar (per MT)	756.41	613.83	(18.8)	242,937.60	181,804.95	(25.2)
Wheat (per MT)	335.93	283.33	(15.7)	107,891.11	83,916.95	(22.2)
Crude Oil (per barrel)	91.48	76.14	(16.8)	29,380.61	22,551.05	(23.2)



(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.