

Weekly Economic Indicators

23 October 2015



Statistics Department

Real Sector

Inflation, as measured by the change in the Colombo Consumers' Price Index (CCPI) (2006/07=100), which is compiled by the Department of Census and Statistics, declined to -0.3 per cent in September 2015, compared to -0.2 per cent recorded in the previous month, on a year-on-year basis. Annual average inflation declined to 0.7 per cent in September 2015 from 1.0 per cent in August 2015. CCPI decreased by 0.3 per cent from August to September 2015.

The GDP grew by 6.7 per cent in real terms during the second quarter of 2015, mainly attributable to 7.9 per cent, 2.0 per cent and 5.0 per cent growth in Services activities, Industry activities and Agriculture activities, respectively, in value added terms.

Tea production during the first seven months of 2015 declined by 2.1 per cent from 202.6 million kg to 198.4 million kg. Meanwhile, coconut production during the first seven months of 2015 increased by 5.9 per cent. However, production of rubber during the first seven months of 2015 declined considerably by 15.9 per cent.

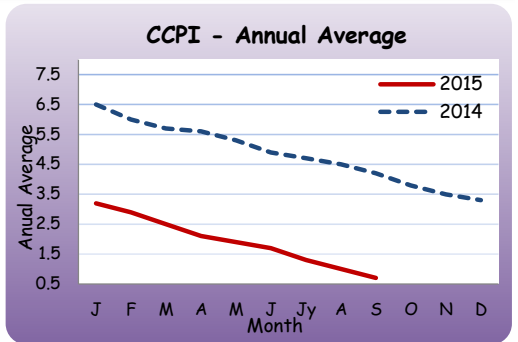
The FIPI increased by 6.7 per cent on a year-on-year basis in June 2015. This growth was mainly facilitated by increased production of beverages, tobacco, chemicals & chemical products and other non-metallic mineral products sectors. They have recorded a significant growth of 13.1, 17.6, 11.7 and 21.4 per cent respectively during this period. This was mainly attributed to increased domestic and international demand.

During the week crude oil spot prices followed a declining trend. Crude oil prices fell with a decline in gasoline futures while the expectation of moderate growth in China, the world's second largest energy consumer, continues amidst signs that Iranian oil will return to the market. Further, the American Petroleum Institute reported that industry data showed U.S. commercial crude stocks rose by 7.1 million barrels against expectations for a 3.9 million barrel increase. Investors were also eyeing the outcome of an oil experts meeting later on the day involving members of OPEC and non-OPEC producers. U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA) reported U.S. crude inventories rose by 8 million barrels, although significant drawdowns in gasoline and distillates prevented a steeper slide. Meanwhile EIA reported gasoline stocks fell by 1.5 million barrels and distillate stocks, including diesel, also fell by 2.6 million barrels, partly offsetting price slide and pushed Brent price magically up on U.S. economic data and gains in major stock markets.

REAL SECTOR

1.1 Price Indices

Item	September 2015	Month Ago	Year Ago
(2006 / 07 = 100)			
Colombo Consumers' Price Index (CCPI)	181.4	181.9	181.9
Annual Average Change %	0.7	1.0	4.2
Year - on - Year Change %	-0.3	-0.2	3.5
Core Inflation - (CCPI)	180.2	180.0	172.9
Annual Average Change %	2.8	2.8	3.2
Year - on - Year Change %	4.2	3.9	3.7

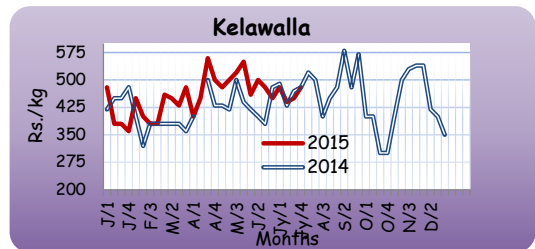
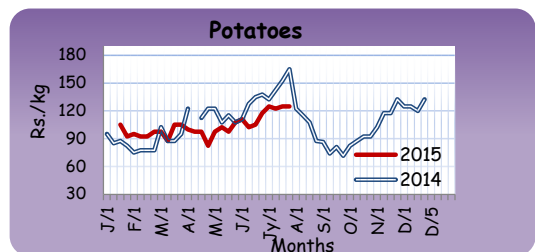
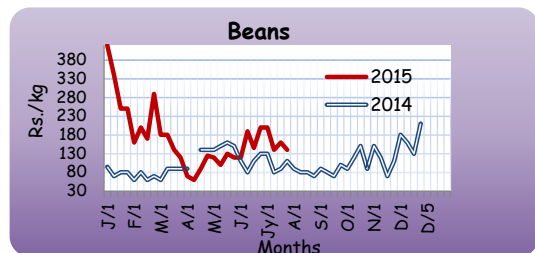
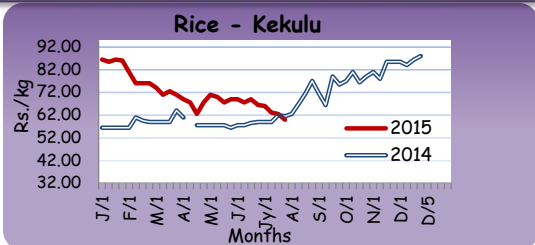


1.2 Pettah Market

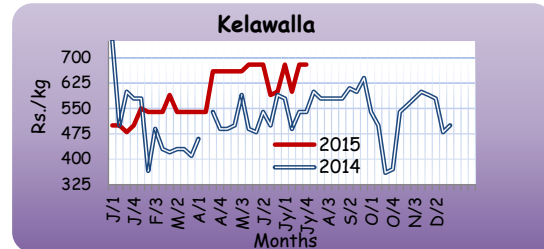
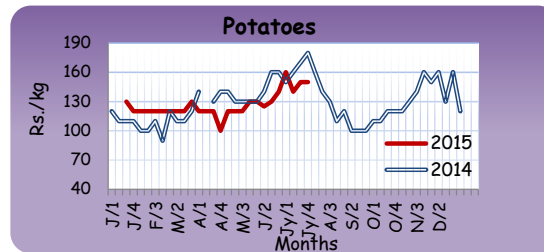
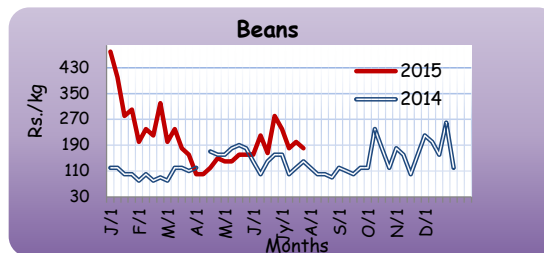
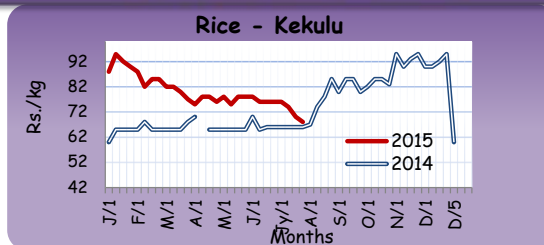
Item	Average Wholesale Prices				Average Retail Prices			
	Week Ending 23 rd Oct 2015	Week Ago	Month Ago	Year Ago Annual Avg	Week Ending 23 rd Oct 2015	Week Ago	Month Ago	Year Ago Annual Avg
	Rs / Kg				Rs / Kg			
Rice								
Samba	84.00	83.00	82.00	78.30	90.00	88.00	88.00	84.04
Kekulu (Red)	60.00	58.00	59.25	67.44	68.00	68.00	69.00	74.33
Vegetables								
Beans	145.00	170.00	107.50	113.17	165.00	200.00	142.50	140.96
Cabbage	40.00	50.00	45.00	61.65	60.00	80.00	77.50	90.96
Carrots	75.00	80.00	67.50	109.81	95.00	120.00	102.50	138.08
Tomatoes	75.00	90.00	42.50	90.77	95.00	120.00	75.00	122.31
Pumpkins	30.00	45.00	36.25	37.38	50.00	70.00	60.00	56.83
Snake Gourd	65.00	80.00	52.50	69.90	85.00	110.00	80.00	96.73
Brinjals	40.00	60.00	56.25	71.35	60.00	90.00	90.00	98.65
Ash-Plantains	50.00	70.00	65.00	73.65	70.00	90.00	90.00	95.96
Other Foods								
Red-Onions (Local)	125.00	120.00	76.88	79.55	140.00	140.00	106.25	109.59
Big-Onions (Local)	120.00	90.00	78.75	75.42	140.00	140.00	107.50	99.07
Potatoes (N'Eliya)	102.50	102.50	100.00	104.64	130.00	120.00	122.50	127.69
Dried Chilies (Imported)	295.00	290.00	266.25	193.24	330.00	340.00	315.00	230.38
Dhal (Indian)	165.00	160.00	166.75	140.94	180.00	180.00	183.75	159.23
Eggs (Red)	13.00	14.50	14.00	12.04	14.00	15.00	14.75	12.57
Coconut (Each)	42.50	37.00	36.88	38.63	48.00	50.00	50.00	50.10
Fish*								
Kelawalla	380.00	350.00	447.50	433.85	500.00	500.00	590.00	532.40
Balaya	230.00	240.00	275.00	295.00	280.00	300.00	335.00	349.04
Salaya	100.00	100.00	127.50	112.31	130.00	140.00	167.50	151.35
Paraw (Small)	360.00	250.00	537.50	435.58	420.00	300.00	582.50	487.88

* Prices collected from the Fisheries Trade Centre, Peliyagoda.

Pettah Market - Wholesale Prices



Pettah Market - Retail Prices



1.3 Dambulla Market

Item (Rs / Kg)	Week Ending 22 nd Oct 2015	
	Wholesale (Average)	Retail (Average)
Rice		
Samba	87.50	92.50
Kekulu (Red)	61.00	67.50
Vegetables		
Beans	99.00	155.00
Carrot	64.00	104.00
Tomatoes	59.00	94.00
Pumpkins	29.70	45.00
Snake Gourd	42.50	65.00
Ash-Plantains	50.50	74.00
Other Foods		
Red-Onions (Local)	103.50	130.00
Big-Onions (Local)	94.50	123.00
Potatoes (N'Eliya)	98.50	119.00
Dried Chilies(Imported)	281.60	320.00
Coconut (Each)	42.90	49.00

1.5 Maradaghamula Market

Average wholesale price of Rice

Item (Rs / Kg)	Week Ending 23 rd Oct	Week Ago	Month Ago	Year Ago
Samba	81.60	80.70	79.16	75.74
Sudu Kekulu	62.90	59.90	57.65	69.11
Raw Red	58.80	59.62	57.64	67.25
Nadu	63.40	62.20	58.97	70.82

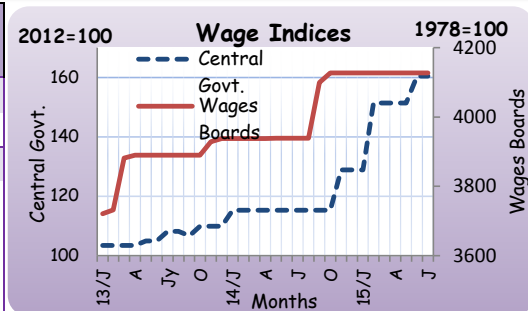
1.4 Narahenpita Economic Centre

Item (Rs / Kg)	Average Retail Prices	
	21 st Oct 2015	Week Ago
Rice		
Samba	85.00	85.00
Kekulu (Red)	69.33	68.67
Vegetables		
Beans	140.00	200.00
Cabbage	100.00	100.00
Carrots	120.00	120.00
Tomatoes	120.00	120.00
Pumpkins	70.00	80.00
Snake Gourd	120.00	120.00
Brinjals	90.00	80.00
Ash-Plantains	120.00	120.00
Other Foods		
Red-Onions (Imported)	n.a.	n.a.
Big-Onions (Imported)	n.a.	n.a.
Potatoes (Imported)	90.00	90.00
Dried Chilies (Imported)	300.00	310.00
Dhal (Indian)	180.00	180.00
Eggs (Red)(Each)	15.00	15.00
Coconut (Each)	60.00	60.00
Fish		
Kelawalla	680.00	680.00
Balaya	n.a.	n.a.
Salaya	150.00	150.00
Paraw (Small)	850.00	760.00

1.6 Wage rate Indices

Item	2015(a) Aug	2014 Aug	% Change
(2012 = 100)			
Central Government Employees	160.4	115.3	39.1
(1978 = 100)			
Workers in Wages Boards Trades	4,127.1	4,099.2	0.7
Agriculture	4,734.5	4,692.3	0.9
Industry & Commerce	3,459.1	3,459.1	0.0
Services	2,313.2	2,313.2	0.0

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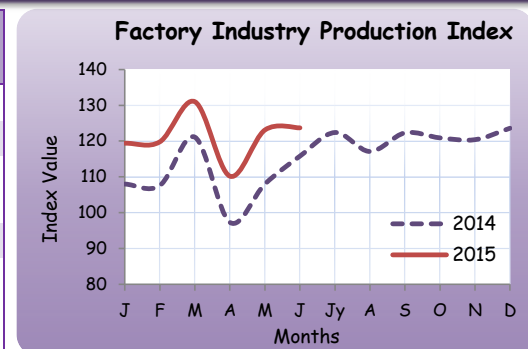


1.7 Factory Industry-Production (FIPI) (2010 = 100) (a)

Item	2015 (b) June	2014 June	% Change
Factory Industry- Production Index	123.7	115.8	6.7
Food products	103.0	102.3	0.7
Beverages	119.6	105.7	13.1
Tobacco products	101.8	86.6	17.6
Wearing apparel	166.6	161.2	3.3
Chemicals and chemical products	95.2	85.3	11.7
Rubber and plastic products	141.2	135.1	4.5
Other non-metallic mineral products	117.4	96.7	21.4

(a) Major 7 sub divisions of FIPI out of 17 sub divisions.

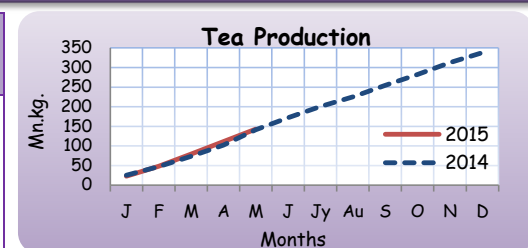
(b) Provisional



1.8 Agriculture Production

Item	Unit	2015(a) Jan - Jul	2014 Jan - Jul	% Change
Tea	(Mn Kg)	198.4	202.6	-2.1
Rubber	(Mn Kg)	57.0	67.8	-15.9
Coconuts	(Mn Nuts)	1,765.1	1,667.2	5.9

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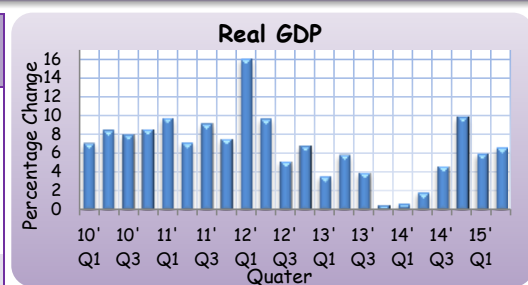


1.9 GDP by Industrial Origin at Constant (2010) Prices - Growth Rates in value added terms

Item	2015(a) 2 nd Quarter	2014(a) 2 nd Quarter	2014(a) Annual
Agriculture	5.0	-0.9	-2.2
Industry	2.0	-5.9	1.2
Services	7.9	5.5	6.5
GDP	6.7	1.9	4.5

(a)Provisional

Source: Department of Census and Statistics



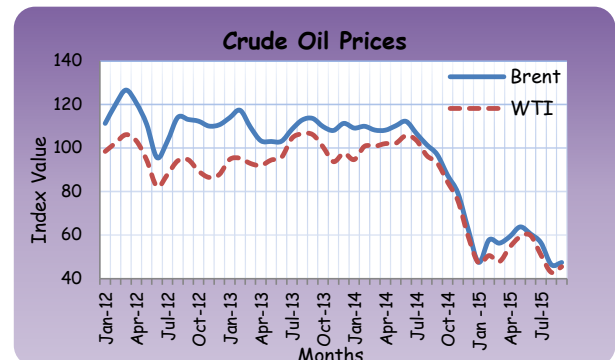
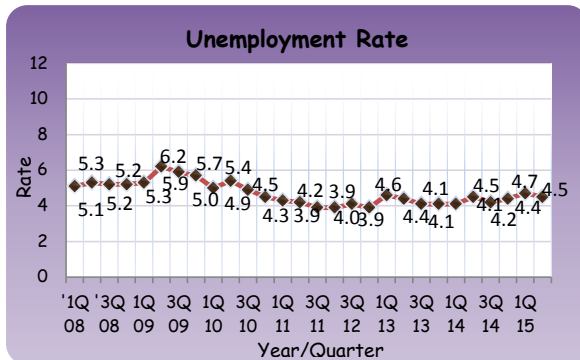
1.10 Employment (a)

Item	2015 (b) 2 nd Quarter	2014 2 nd Quarter	2014 Annual
Labour Force Participation rate	54.3	53.6	53.3
Unemployment rate	4.5	4.5	4.3
Employed Persons by Sectors (c) (as a % of total employment)			
Agriculture	28.4	28.2	28.5
Industry	25.7	26.0	26.5
Services	45.9	45.8	45.0

(a) The working age population aged 15 and above (b) Provisional

Source: Department of Census and Statistics

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



1.11 Average Crude Oil Prices

Month	2014			2015		
	Spot Prices (US \$/bbl)		CPC Import Prices (C&F) (US\$/bbl)(*)	Spot Prices (US \$/bbl)		CPC Import Prices (C&F) (US\$/bbl)(*)
	Brent (Benchmark price)	WTI (Benchmark price)		Brent (Benchmark price)	WTI (Benchmark price)	
January	109.21	94.71	113.84	47.46	47.11	55.47
February	110.01	100.82	110.62	57.81	50.58	69.52
March	108.28	100.82	111.17	56.30	47.82	-
April	108.22	102.07	110.25	59.32	54.45	-
May	110.22	102.18	109.80	63.76	59.26	63.09
June	112.27	105.79	113.42	60.53	59.82	66.21
July	106.73	103.54	110.30	56.48	50.90	60.49
August	101.51	96.54	111.21	46.43	42.87	54.92
September	97.02	93.19	100.08	47.41	45.48	48.65
October	87.51	84.40	99.39			
November	79.28	75.79	76.82			
December	62.55	59.29	75.98			
	2014			2015		
16 October	83.33	82.33		49.01	47.30	
19 October	-	-		47.21	45.91	
20 October	84.67	82.76		46.58	45.84	
21 October	85.52	83.25		46.37	45.22	
22 October	86.73	80.52		46.55	44.90	

Sources: Reuters

Energy Information Administration

Ceylon Petroleum Corporation

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

Monetary Sector

Weekly Average Weighted Prime Lending Rate (AWPR) for the week ending 23 October 2015 is at 7.17 per cent which remained the same as previous week.

Broad money (M2b) expanded by 16.8 per cent on a year-on-year basis in August 2015.

Net Foreign Assets (NFA) of the banking system declined by Rs. 37.6 billion in August 2015.

Net Credit to the Government (NCG) from the banking system showed a marginal increase of Rs. 57.4 million in August 2015.

Credit extended to the private sector increased by Rs. 64.7 in August 2015.

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

The total outstanding market liquidity increased to Rs. 68.83 bn by end of the week, compared to Rs. 60.66bn by the end of last week.

By 23 October 2015, All Share Price Index (ASPI) increased by 0.87 per cent to 7,081 points while S&P SL 20 Index increased by 1.28 per cent to 3,822 points, compared to the previous week.

MONETARY SECTOR

2.1 Interest Rates

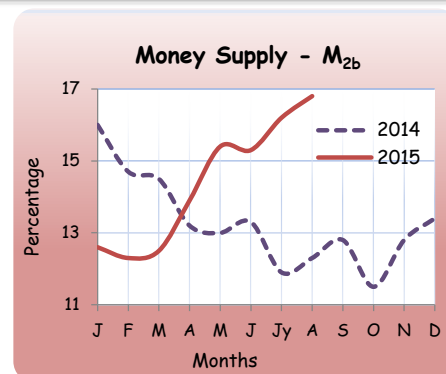
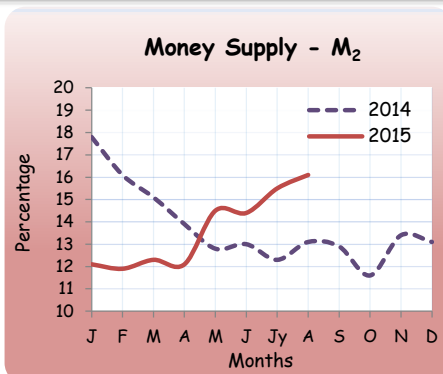
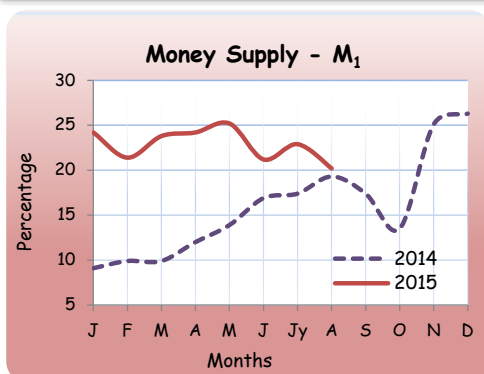
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Commercial Bank Average Weighted Prime Lending Rate (AWPR)	7.17	7.17	6.32	
Treasury Bill Yield (Excluding 10% withholding tax)				
- 91 days	6.71	6.73	-	
- 182 days	7.03	7.04	-	
- 364 days	7.10	7.10	6.00	
Standing Deposit Facility	6.00	6.00	6.50	
Standing Lending Facility	7.50	7.50	8.00	
Call Money Weekly Average (CMR)	6.35	6.36	6.00	
Sri Lanka Inter Bank Offer Rate (SLIBOR)				
1 day	6.35	6.35	6.01	
7 days	6.50	6.50	6.32	
1 Month	6.87	6.86	6.48	
3 Months	7.16	7.11	6.68	
6 Months	7.42	7.35	6.88	
12 Months	7.72	7.65	7.13	
Commercial Banks	Sep 2015	Month Ago	Year Ago	
Saving Deposits -	0.50-8.50	0.50-8.50	0.75-9.50	
One Year Fixed Deposits -	3.50-15.00	3.50-15.00	4.15-12.00	
Commercial Bank Average Weighted Deposit Rate (AWDR)	Sep 2015	Month Ago	Year Ago	
Commercial Bank Average Weighted Fixed Deposit Rate (AWFDR)	6.00	6.01	6.83	
	7.22	7.23	8.18	
Commercial Bank Average Weighted Lending Rate (AWLR)	Aug 2015	Month Ago	Year Ago	
NSB	11.08	11.17	13.29	
Saving Deposits -	Sep 2015	Month Ago	Year Ago	
One Year Fixed Deposits -	5.00	5.00	5.00	
	6.50	6.50	7.50	
Treasury Bonds Auction	(3 Y & 11 Months) 28/09/15	(5 Y & 10 Months) 28/09/15	(8 Y & 3 Months) 28/09/15	(12 Y & 11 Months) 28/09/15
Coupon rate	10.60	11.00	11.40	11.50
Weighted Average Yield (Excluding 10% withholding tax)	9.50	9.90	-	11.04

Bankwise- AWPR	Week ending 2015 Oct 23	Week Ago	Bankwise- AWPR	Week ending 2015 Oct 23	Week Ago
Bank of Ceylon	7.53	7.55	HSBC	6.33	6.32
People's Bank	6.94	7.32	Standard Chartered Bank	7.14	7.27
Hatton National Bank	7.59	7.71	Citi Bank	7.05	7.24
Commercial Bank of Ceylon	7.27	7.24	Deutsche Bank	7.92	8.38
Sampath Bank	7.72	8.32	Habib Bank	5.82	5.82
Seylan Bank	7.41	7.27	Indian Bank	8.44	8.44
Union Bank of Colombo	7.63	7.18	Indian Overseas Bank	8.94	8.94
Pan Asia Banking Corporation	7.50	7.50	MCB Bank	7.22	7.29
Nations Trust Bank	7.10	6.77	State Bank of India	8.38	8.38
DFCC Bank	8.33	7.58	Public Bank	8.88	8.24
NDB Bank	8.25	8.25	ICICI Bank	8.10	7.87
Amana Bank	8.42	8.42	Axis Bank	-	-
Cargills Bank	7.51	7.52			

2.2 Money Supply

Item	Rs. Bn.			Annual Change (%)		
	2015 (a)	Month	Year	2015 (a)	Month	Year
	August	Ago	Ago	August	Ago	Ago
M1	650.0	642.1	540.7	20.2	22.9	19.3
M2	3,783.9	3,732.2	3,259.8	16.1	15.5	13.1
M2b	4,252.5	4,193.9	3,642.2	16.8	16.2	12.3
Net Foreign Assets of the Banking System (b)	-278.8	-241.2	212.7	-231.1	-219.4	198.2
Monetary Authorities	450.9	515.3	791.4	-43.0	-30.7	99.5
Domestic Banking Units (DBUs)	-239.6	-261.7	-237.4	-0.9	-21.8	-31.2
Offshore Banking Units (OBUs)	-490.2	-494.9	-341.3	-43.6	-51.5	21.1
Net Domestic Assets of the Banking System (b)	4,531.3	4,435.1	3,429.5	32.1	30.2	-0.9
Monetary Authorities and DBUs	3,876.8	3,777.2	2,952.0	31.3	28.2	1.7
OBUs	654.6	657.9	477.5	37.1	42.8	-14.4
Net Credit to Government	1,735.6	1,735.6	1,362.2	27.4	23.8	1.5
Monetary Authorities	244.5	218.6	145.7	67.9	54.6	-22.1
DBUs	1,183.6	1,210.6	1,019.2	16.1	14.6	5.7
OBUs	307.5	306.3	197.4	55.8	49.6	3.1
Credit to Public Corporations	482.5	475.8	337.9	42.8	45.6	-7.2
DBUs	222.2	218.4	166.9	33.2	34.2	28.2
OBUs	260.3	257.3	171.0	52.2	56.8	-26.9
Credit to the Private Sector	3,068.7	3,004.1	2,529.6	21.3	21.0	2.6
DBUs	2,833.6	2,766.5	2,286.2	23.9	21.9	1.6
OBUs	235.1	237.5	243.4	-3.4	12.1	13.9
Reserve Money	637.2	630.3	532.1	19.8	20.2	14.0

(a) Provisional (b) In relation to M2b

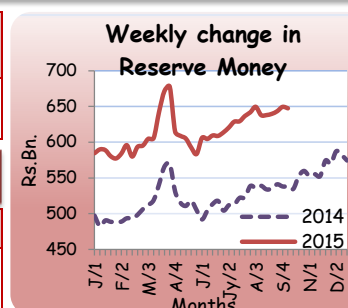


2.3 Weekly change in Reserve Money

Item	22 Oct 2015	Week Ago	Change
Reserve Money (Rs.Mn.)	643,975	647,724	-3,748

2.4 Money Market Activity (Overnight)

Item	19.10.2015	20.10.2015	21.10.2015	22.10.2015	23.10.2015
Call Money Market					
Weighted Average Rate (% p.a.)	6.35	6.36	6.35	6.35	6.35
Gross Volume (Rs. Mn)	22,482	22,330	21,605	21,293	17,925
Repo Market					
Weighted Average Rate (% p.a.)	6.29	6.29	6.28	6.27	6.25
Gross Volume (Rs. Mn)	11,598	11,561	10,263	11,130	8,753



2.5 CBSL Security Portfolio

Item	19.10.2015	20.10.2015	21.10.2015	22.10.2015	23.10.2015
CBSL T-Bill Holding (Rs. Mn)	168,421	168,459	168,503	168,569	174,064

2.6 Open Market Operations

Item	19.10.2015	20.10.2015	21.10.2015	22.10.2015	23.10.2015
Short-Term Auction					
Repo Amount Offered (Rs. bn)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Reverse Repo Amount Offered (Rs. bn)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Tenure (No. of Days)	0	0	0	0	0
Bids Received (Rs. bn)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Amount Accepted (Rs. bn)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Weighted Average Yield Rate (% p.a.)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Term Auction					
Repo Amount Accepted (Rs. bn)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Reverse Repo Amount Accepted (Rs. bn)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Standing Facility					
Standing Deposit Facility (Rs. bn)	63.37	69.73	66.74	65.05	68.83
Standing Lending Facility (Rs. bn)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Outstanding Market Liquidity (Rs. bn)	63.37	69.73	66.74	65.05	68.83

2.7 Credit Cards (a)

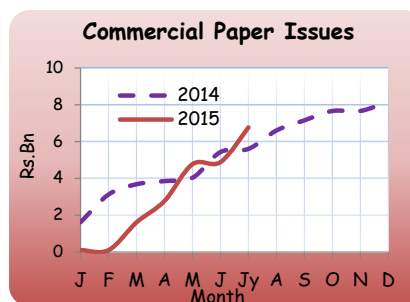
Item	2015 (b) End July	2015 End June	2014 End Dec
Total Number of Active Cards	1,046,030	1,083,977	1,032,833
Local (accepted only locally)	31,600	31,803	32,874
Global (accepted globally)	1,014,430	1,052,174	999,959
Outstanding balance (Rs. Mn.)	55,452	57,396	57,621
Local (accepted only locally)	1,177	1,212	1,234
Global (accepted globally)	54,275	56,184	56,387

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

2.8 Commercial Paper Issues (a)

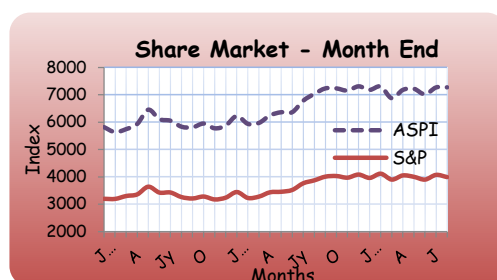
Item (Rs. bn.)	2015 End July(b)	2015 End June	2014 End Dec
Total Issues - Cumulative	6.8	4.9	8.2
Outstanding (as at end of the period)	7.6	6.0	3.5

(a) Based on the information provided by Licensed Commercial Banks and Licensed Specialised Banks (b) provisional



2.9 Share Market

Item	Week Ending 23 Oct 2015	Week Ago	Year Ago
All Share Price Index (1985 = 100) (ASPI)	7,081	7,021	7,190
S & P Sri Lanka 20 Index (S&P SL20)	3,822	3,774	3,992
Average Daily Turnover (Rs. Mn)	1,018	844	1,269
Market Capitalisation (Rs.Bn.)	3,007	2,978	3,057



Fiscal Sector

During the first half of 2015, government revenue as a percentage of estimated GDP increased marginally to 5.4 per cent from 5.2 per cent in the corresponding period in 2014. In nominal terms, total revenue increased by 12.9 per cent to Rs. 605.7 billion during the first half of the year from Rs. 536.4 billion recorded during the same period in 2014. The total revenue collection during this period was only 40.3 per cent of the annual estimate of Rs. 1,504.7 billion in comparison to 37.3 per cent in the corresponding period of 2014. Average monthly revenue during this period was around Rs. 100.9 billion compared to the estimate of Rs. 125.4 billion in the Interim Budget for 2015.

Total expenditure and net lending during the first half of 2015 declined to 8.9 per cent of estimated GDP from 9.0 per cent during the same period in 2014. The recurrent expenditure increased significantly to 6.8 per cent of estimated GDP from 6.1 per cent of GDP recorded in the same period in 2014. Capital expenditure and net lending as a percentage of GDP declined to 2.1 per cent during the first half of 2015 from 2.7 per cent in the corresponding period in 2014.

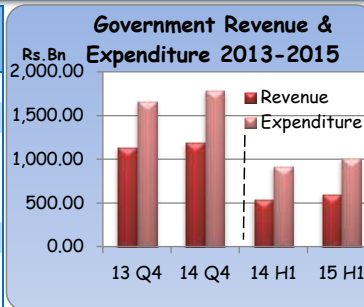
Total outstanding debt increased by Rs. 546.6 billion to Rs. 7,937.5 billion as at end June 2015 from Rs. 7,390.9 billion at end 2014. Foreign debt increased only by Rs. 68.6 billion to Rs. 3,181.8 billion and domestic debt increased by Rs. 477.9 billion to Rs. 4,755.7 billion.

Special Commodity Levy (SCL) was revised from time to time during the year, providing necessary protection for domestic agricultural producers while reducing volatility in commodity prices in the domestic market. Accordingly, SCL on several essential goods was revised during the months of June 2015. SCL on potatoes was reduced to Rs. 30 per kg from Rs. 50 per kg while SCL on B'Onions was reduced to Rs. 10 per kg from Rs. 30 per kg with effect from 6 June 2015. Meanwhile, SCL on Masoor dhal was reduced to Rs. 0.25 per kg from Rs. 5 per kg and SCL on crude oil for cooking purposes increased to Rs. 105 per kg from Rs. 90 per kg.

FISCAL SECTOR

3.1 Government Finance (Rs.bn)

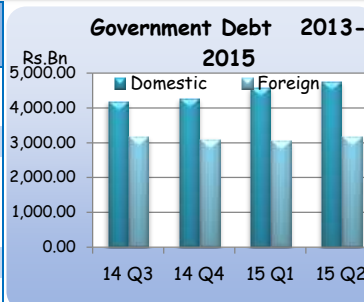
Item	2015 (a)	2014
	First Half	First Half
Revenue and Grants	605.8	543.6
Revenue	605.7	536.4
Tax	557.6	484.4
Non tax	48.1	52.0
Grants	0.2	7.2
Expenditure & Lending Minus Repayments	1,007.5	921.3
Current	769.3	643.1
Capital & Lending Minus Repayments	238.2	278.2



(a) Provisional

3.2 Outstanding Central Government Debt (Rs.bn)

Item	End June	End
	2015 (a)	2014
Total domestic debt	4,755.7	4,277.8
of which		
Treasury bills	757.3	694.8
Treasury bonds	3,104.4	2,844.1
Rupee loans	28.2	55.5
Total foreign debt	3,181.8	3,113.1
Total outstanding govt. debt	7,937.5	7,390.9



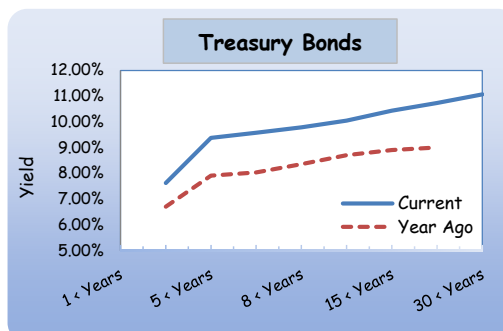
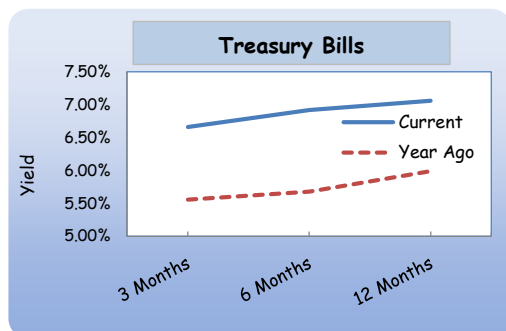
(a) Provisional

3.3 Government Securities - Primary and Secondary Market Yield Rates as for the week ending - 21st October 2015

Security	Maturity	Primary Market(a)		Secondary Market			Last Week Average
		This Week	Last Week	This Week			
				Buying	Selling	Average	
Treasury Bills	3 Months	6.71%	6.73%	6.73%	6.59%	6.66%	6.77%
	6 Months	7.03%	7.04%	6.99%	6.85%	6.92%	6.99%
	12 Months	7.10%	7.10%	7.13%	7.00%	7.06%	7.12%
Treasury Bonds	2 < Years	-	-	7.71%	7.56%	7.63%	7.75%
	5 < Years	-	-	9.44%	9.32%	9.38%	9.53%
	6 < Years	-	-	9.64%	9.52%	9.58%	9.75%
	8 < Years	-	-	9.86%	9.73%	9.79%	10.02%
	10 < Years	-	-	10.14%	9.95%	10.05%	10.31%
	15 < Years	-	-	10.53%	10.34%	10.44%	10.67%
	20 < Years	-	-	10.83%	10.63%	10.73%	10.87%
30 < Years	-	-	11.27%	10.87%	11.07%	11.22%	

(a) Primary market transactions during the week ending 21/10/2015

The secondary market yield rates of T-bills and T-bonds adjusted downward during the week compared against yield rates of the previous week.



3.4 Government Securities - Weekly Summary of Primary and Secondary Market Transactions (Week Ended - 21st October 2015)

Item	Volume in Rs Mn	
	This Week	Last Week
Outstanding Stock of Government Securities		
Treasury Bills	799,127.54	844,870.91
Treasury Bonds (a)	3,518,112.80	3,518,112.80
Total	4,317,240.34	4,362,983.71
Government Securities held by Foreigners	309,471.24	309,077.52
Sri Lanka Development Bonds (SLDB)	654,202.52	605,481.11

Outstanding stock of SLDBs increased during the week due to new issuances.

Primary Market Activities	Volume in Rs Mn	
	This Week	Last Week
Treasury Bills		
Amount Offered	25,000.00	25,000.00
Total Bids Received	78,894.00	64,083.00
Total Bids Accepted	33,321.00	23,980.00
Treasury Bonds		
Amount Offered		
Total Bids Received	No auction held	No auction held
Total Bids Accepted		

T-bill auction was substantially oversubscribed during the week as the preference for government securities continued.

Secondary Market Activities	Volume in Rs Mn	
	This Week	Last Week
Treasury Bills		
Outright Transaction (Sales / Purchases)	20,408.46	15,645.47
Repo Transaction (Sales / Purchases)	142,027.06	154,365.51
Treasury Bonds		
Outright Transaction (Sales / Purchases)	91,135.81	105,550.23
Repo Transaction (Sales / Purchases)	715,020.73	738,866.95

Secondary market T-bill outright transactions increased during the week.

a) Excludes Treasury bonds amounting to Rs.4,397 million issued to CWE in November 2003, Rs. 78,441 million issued to settle dues to CPC in January 2012, Rs. 13,125 million issued to capitalize Sri Lankan Airlines in March 2013.

3.5 Two way Quotes (Treasury Bills) - 23/10/2015

Remaining Maturity	Average Buying Price	Yield %	Average Selling Price	Yield %	Buying & Selling Spread
1-7 Days	99.88	6.40	99.88	6.23	0.00
1 Month	99.87	6.52	99.88	6.35	0.00
2 Month	99.87	6.64	99.88	6.48	0.00
3 Month	99.87	6.73	99.87	6.60	0.00
4 Month	99.87	6.82	99.87	6.67	0.00
5 Month	99.87	6.92	99.87	6.76	0.00
6 Month	99.87	7.01	99.87	6.86	0.00
7 Month	99.87	7.02	99.87	6.88	0.00
8 Month	99.87	7.04	99.87	6.91	0.00
9 Month	99.86	7.07	99.87	6.94	0.00
10 Month	99.86	7.09	99.87	6.96	0.00
11 Month	99.86	7.11	99.87	6.98	0.00
12 Month	99.86	7.13	99.87	7.01	0.00

3.6 Two way Quotes (Treasury Bonds)- 23/10/2015

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
08.50%2015A	3	1-Nov-15	9	100.03	6.85	100.04	6.72	0.00
07.25%2016A	6	1-Apr-16	161	100.02	7.17	100.09	7.01	0.07
08.00%2016B	4	1-Jun-16	222	100.34	7.40	100.40	7.29	0.06
06.40%2016A	6	1-Aug-16	283	99.13	7.56	99.23	7.43	0.10
08.00%2016A	5	1-Sep-16	314	100.45	7.43	100.57	7.29	0.11
06.40%2016B	6	1-Oct-16	344	98.92	7.60	99.01	7.51	0.08
08.00%2017A	5	1-Jan-17	436	100.21	7.80	100.39	7.63	0.18
05.80%2017A	6	15-Jan-17	450	97.69	7.80	97.88	7.63	0.19
08.25%2017A	3	1-Mar-17	495	100.27	8.02	100.51	7.83	0.24
08.75%2017A	4	15-May-17	570	101.15	7.95	101.35	7.81	0.20
08.00%2017B	5	15-Jun-17	601	99.77	8.14	100.06	7.95	0.29
05.80%2017B	6	15-Jul-17	631	96.22	8.18	96.47	8.02	0.26
08.50%2018A	15	1-Feb-18	832	99.73	8.62	100.14	8.42	0.41
08.50%2018C	5	1-Apr-18	891	99.36	8.79	99.61	8.68	0.25
08.50%2018D	5	1-Jun-18	952	99.23	8.83	99.54	8.70	0.31
08.50%2018B	15	15-Jul-18	996	98.90	8.96	99.21	8.82	0.32
07.50%2018A	15	15-Aug-18	1,027	96.47	8.94	96.78	8.81	0.31
08.75%2018A	4	15-Oct-18	1,088	99.29	9.03	99.61	8.90	0.32
08.00%2018A	6	15-Nov-18	1,119	97.49	8.95	97.85	8.81	0.36
05.65%2019A	8	15-Jan-19	1,180	90.52	9.10	90.80	8.99	0.28
08.50%2019A	10	1-May-19	1,286	97.60	9.31	97.94	9.20	0.34
10.60%2019A	5	1-Jul-19	1,347	104.04	9.27	104.39	9.16	0.36
10.60%2019B	5	15-Sep-19	1,423	103.94	9.37	104.35	9.24	0.41
08.00%2019A	8	1-Nov-19	1,470	95.12	9.49	95.54	9.35	0.42
09.25%2020A	5	1-May-20	1,652	99.37	9.42	99.73	9.32	0.36
08.00%2020A	8	1-Jun-20	1,683	94.60	9.47	95.12	9.32	0.51
06.20%2020A	10	1-Aug-20	1,744	87.56	9.50	88.04	9.36	0.48
09.00%2021A	8	1-May-21	2,017	97.38	9.62	97.77	9.53	0.39
09.45%2021A	7	15-Oct-21	2,184	98.94	9.69	99.38	9.59	0.44
11.00%2021A	7	1-Aug-21	2,109	105.92	9.63	106.45	9.52	0.53
08.00%2022A	10	1-Jan-22	2,262	91.97	9.75	92.64	9.60	0.67
11.20%2022A	9	1-Jul-22	2,443	106.64	9.82	107.26	9.69	0.62
10.00%2022A	8	1-Oct-22	2,535	100.81	9.83	101.52	9.69	0.72
09.00%2023A	10	1-Sep-23	2,870	95.21	9.89	95.78	9.78	0.57
11.20%2023A	9	1-Sep-23	2,870	107.01	9.89	107.73	9.76	0.72
07.00%2023A	20	1-Oct-23	2,900	83.48	10.07	84.08	9.95	0.60
11.40%2024A	10	1-Jan-24	2,992	108.05	9.94	108.95	9.78	0.91
06.00%2024A	10	1-Dec-24	3,327	75.70	10.15	76.42	10.00	0.72
10.25%2025A	10	15-Mar-25	3,431	101.18	10.05	102.43	9.85	1.25
09.00%2025A	12	1-May-25	3,478	92.29	10.29	93.11	10.15	0.81
11.00%2025A	10	1-Aug-25	3,570	105.40	10.11	106.60	9.93	1.20
09.00%2026A	13	1-Feb-26	3,754	91.48	10.36	92.52	10.19	1.04
05.35%2026A	15	1-Mar-26	3,782	69.47	10.19	70.22	10.04	0.75
11.00%2026A	11	1-Jun-26	3,874	104.21	10.33	105.20	10.18	0.99
09.00%2028B	15	1-May-28	4,574	89.20	10.58	90.15	10.43	0.96
09.00%2028A	15	1-Jul-28	4,635	89.27	10.55	90.29	10.39	1.03
11.50%2028A	13	1-Sep-28	4,697	106.36	10.58	108.34	10.31	1.98
13.00%2029A	15	1-Jan-29	4,819	116.41	10.65	117.52	10.51	1.11
13.00%2029B	15	1-May-29	4,939	115.75	10.76	117.03	10.60	1.29
11.00%2030A	15	15-May-30	5,318	102.69	10.63	103.98	10.46	1.28
08.00%2032A	20	1-Jan-32	5,914	79.15	10.74	80.22	10.57	1.07
09.00%2032A	20	1-Oct-32	6,188	85.11	10.95	86.56	10.74	1.45
09.00%2033A	20	1-Jun-33	6,431	85.77	10.82	86.91	10.66	1.14
13.25%2033A	20	1-Jul-33	6,461	118.43	10.88	120.17	10.68	1.75
09.00%2033B	20	1-Nov-33	6,584	85.02	10.92	86.37	10.72	1.35
13.25%2034A	20	1-Jan-34	6,645	117.73	10.97	119.84	10.74	2.11
11.50%2035A	20	15-Mar-35	7,083	103.68	11.03	105.75	10.78	2.08
09.00%2043A	30	1-Jun-43	10,083	82.02	11.10	84.05	10.82	2.03
13.50%2044A	30	1-Jan-44	10,297	118.79	11.28	122.74	10.89	3.95
13.50%2044B	30	1-Jun-44	10,449	119.10	11.25	122.78	10.89	3.69
12.50%2045A	30	1-Mar-45	10,722	106.62	11.69	111.98	11.11	5.36

External Sector

During the year so far (up to 23 October 2015) the rupee depreciated against the US dollar (7.10 per cent). Given the cross currency exchange rate movements, the Sri Lanka rupee appreciated against the euro (1.75 per cent) and depreciated against the pound sterling (6.12 per cent), Japanese yen (6.07 per cent) and the Indian rupee (5.12 per cent) during this period.

On cumulative basis, exports earnings recorded a decline of 3.4 per cent, year-on-year, to US dollars 7,147 million during the first eight months of 2015. The decline was driven by 9.8 per cent reduction recorded in agricultural exports due to a significant drop in tea and sea food exports.

On a cumulative basis, expenditure on imports during the first eight months of 2015, increased by US dollars 4 million to US dollars 12,559 million compared to the corresponding period of the previous year. Substantial increase in demand for imported goods, especially vehicles offset the gain from lower international commodity prices specially fuel.

The reduction in import price index year-on-year, over the decline in export price index resulted in an improvement of 2.4% in the terms of trade in August 2015.

The export unit value index declined by 12.1 per cent in August 2015 mainly due to a 48.8 per cent unit value decline recorded in petroleum products exports.

The import unit value index, declined by 14.1 per cent, year-on-year, in August 2015 mainly due to a substantial price reduction recorded in intermediate goods, particularly, Fuel, Plastic and articles thereof, Fertilizers, Textile and textile articles and wheat and maize.

India, China, UK, Germany and France were the top five sources of tourist arrivals in September 2015, accounting for 50 per cent of total tourist arrivals upto the month of September 2015.

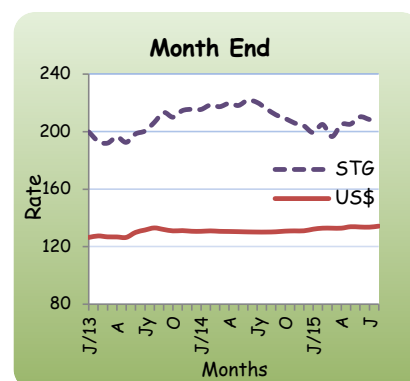
The average price of tea further declined to US dollars 2.87 per kg in August 2015 from US dollars 3.00 per kg (in the Colombo auction) in July 2015 and from US dollars 3.49 per kg in August 2014.

Further, the import prices of sugar, wheat and crude oil declined compared to the corresponding month of 2014.

EXTERNAL SECTOR

4.1 Exchange Rates

Item (Rs Per Unit)(a)	Week Ending - 23 Oct 2015			Average Rate	
	Buying Rate	Selling Rate	Average Rate	Week Ago	Year Ago
US\$	138.59	143.14	140.87	140.82	130.75
STG	212.61	221.25	216.93	217.70	209.79
Yen	1.14	1.19	1.17	1.18	1.22
Euro	152.84	159.77	156.31	160.01	165.13
INR ⁽¹⁾			2.18	2.17	2.14
SDR (As at 22 Oct 2015)			199.04	199.48	194.30
Central Bank purchases and sales(b) (US\$ Mn.)			September 2015	Month Ago	Year Ago
Purchases			0.00	0.00	96.60
Sales			523.80	447.25	173.90



	Week Ending 23 Oct 2015	Week Ago	Year Ago
Average Daily Interbank Volume (US\$ Mn.) (spot, tom and cash transactions among commercial banks)	33.71	47.57	21.14
Forward Transactions			
Forward Rates (US\$) ⁽²⁾			
1 Month	141.59	141.10	131.16
3 Months	142.70	142.53	131.94
Average Daily Interbank Forward Volume (US\$ mn)	20.75	41.15	20.28
Outstanding Forward Volume (US\$ mn) (As at 22 Oct 2015)	1,461.54	1,495.60	1,183.89

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

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

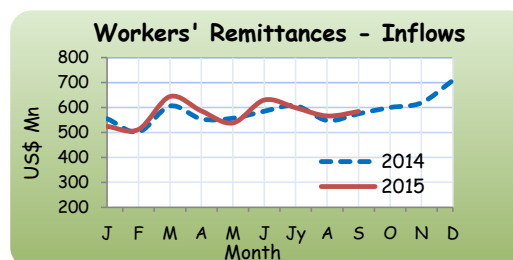
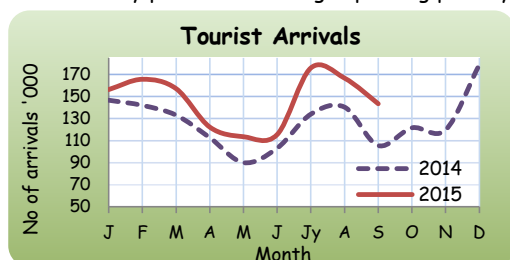
(1) Central Bank indicative rate (2) Weekly average based on actual transactions.

4.2 Tourism & Workers' Remittances

Item		2014	2015	2014	2015(b)	% Change
		Sep (a)	Sep (b)(c)	Jan-Sep (a)	Jan-Sep (c)	
Tourist Arrivals	Number	105,535	143,374	1,107,178	1,315,839	18.8
Earnings from Tourism	US\$ Mn.	168.0	228.2	1,762.5	2,094.70	18.8
	Rs.bn.	21.9	31.7	230.0	280.1	21.8
Workers' Remittances (Inflows)	US\$ Mn.	2014	2015	2014	2015 Jan-	% Change
		Sep	Sep (b)	Jan-Sep	Sep(a)	
		575.0	584.2	5,089.7	5,182.2	1.8
	Rs. bn.	74.9	81.1	664.0	693.4	4.4

(a) Revised

(b) Provisional (c) May be revised based on Sri Lanka Tourism Development Authority survey results on average stay period and average spending per day estimates for 2015



4.4 Official Reserve Assets as at 30st September 2015^(a)

Official Reserve Assets (USD Mn)	6,797.7
(1) Foreign currency reserves	5,922.1
(2) Reserve position in the IMF	67.2
(3) SDRs	9.1
(4) Gold	798.3
(5) Other reserve assets	1.0

(a) Provisional

4.3 International Reserves & Foreign Currency Liquidity as at 31st August 2015 ^(a)

Official Reserve Assets (USD mn)	
Official Reserve Assets^(b)	6,457.72
(1) Foreign currency reserves	5,572.66
(a) Securities	2,789.53
(b) Total currency and deposits with	2,783.13
(i) other national central banks, BIS	2,408.11
(ii) banks headquartered inside the reporting country of which located abroad	1.03
(iii) banks headquartered outside the reporting country	373.99
(2) Reserve position in the IMF	67.18
(3) SDRs	9.10
(4) Gold	807.76
(5) Other reserve assets	1.02

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

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				
outflows (-) Principal	-3,359.10	-417.20	-243.41	-2,698.49
Interest	-1,097.65	-70.19	-122.14	-905.32
inflows (+) Principal				
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)				
(a) Short positions (-) ^(d)	-3,389.58	-571.58	-539.00	-2,279.00
(b) Long positions (+)				
3. Other (specify)	-0.94	-0.94		
inflows related to reverse repos (+)				
other accounts payable (-)	-0.94	-0.94		

(a) Provisional

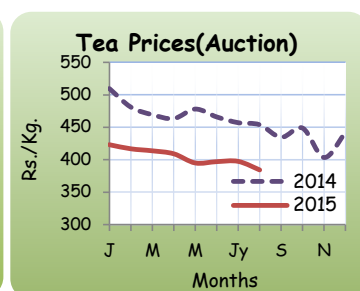
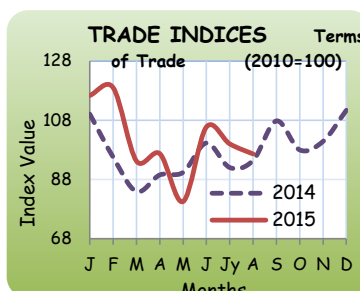
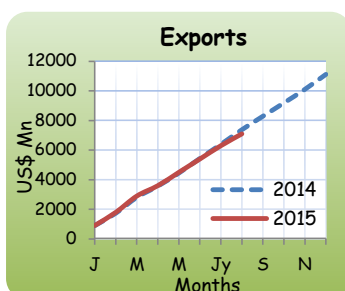
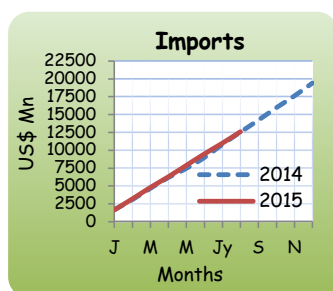
(b) By end August 2015, the total foreign assets were equivalent to 5.1 months of imports and gross official reserves were equivalent to 4.0 months of imports

(c) This mainly includes only the predetermined outflows

(d) A major share of SWAP outstanding will be rolled over. This mainly includes SWAP arrangements with state banks which mobilised long-term foreign finance from international bond issuances

4.4 External Trade

Item	US\$ Bn			Rs Bn		
	Jan-Aug 2015	Jan-Aug 2014	% Change	Jan-Aug 2015	Jan-Aug 2014	% Change
Exports	7.1	7.4	-3.4	951.4	965.5	-1.5
Agricultural	1.7	1.8	-9.8	222.1	241.2	-7.9
Industrial	5.4	5.5	-0.8	725.0	716.6	1.2
Food, Beverages and Tobacco	0.2	0.2	-10.5	23.2	25.4	-8.6
Textiles and Apparel	3.2	3.3	-1.1	428.5	424.9	0.9
Petroleum Products	0.3	0.2	21.7	38.5	31.0	24.0
Leather, Rubber etc	0.6	0.7	-10.5	82.5	90.3	-8.6
Other	1.1	1.1	3.0	152.2	144.9	5.0
Mineral	0.0	0.1	-55.4	3.0	6.6	-54.5
Other	0.0	0.0	13.8	1.4	1.2	16.1
Imports	12.6	12.6	0.0	1,671.8	1,638.2	2.0
Consumer Goods	3.1	2.3	37.3	418.4	298.6	40.1
Intermediate Goods	6.4	7.7	-17.3	851.6	1,009.9	-15.7
Investment Goods	3.0	2.5	19.4	400.3	328.7	21.8
Other	0.0	0.0	34.3	1.5	1.1	36.9
Trade Balance	-5.4	-5.2	5.0	-720.4	-672.8	7.1

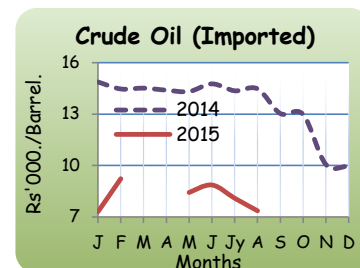
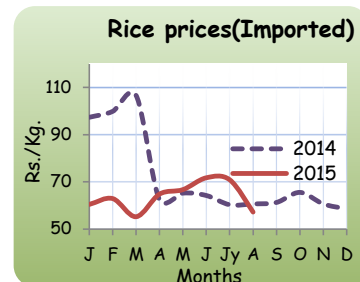


4.5 Trade Indices (2010= 100) (a)

Item	2015 Aug (b)	Month Ago	Year Ago
Total Exports			
Value	111.2	129.7	138.2
Quantity	118.3	134.5	129.3
Unit Value	94.0	96.4	106.9
Total Imports			
Value	136.3	137.3	154.3
Quantity	140.2	142.3	136.3
Unit Value	97.2	96.5	113.2
Terms of Trade	96.6	100.0	94.4

(a) In US\$ Terms

(b) Provisional



4.6 International Commodity Prices

Item	August 2015	August 2014	% Change	August 2015	August 2014	% Change
Colombo Auction Price	US\$ / Kg			Rs / Kg		
Tea Prices	2.87	3.49	-17.7	384.35	453.95	-15.3
Imports (C I F)	US\$ / MT			Rs / MT		
Rice	427.23	465.87	-8.3	57,199.30	60,650.69	-5.7
White Sugar	367.15	499.71	-26.5	49,154.83	65,056.08	-24.4
Wheat	267.22	313.51	-14.8	35,776.45	40,815.06	-12.3
	US\$ / Barrel			Rs / Barrel		
Crude Oil	54.92	111.21	-50.6	7,352.65	14,477.72	-49.2