

# Weekly Economic Indicators

27 November 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, increased to 1.7 per cent in October 2015, compared to -0.3 per cent recorded in the previous month, on a year-on-year basis. This increase was mainly due to the removal of the high base effect of downward administrative price revisions effected since September 2014. The recent price increase in several key items in the food category also contributed to the increase in year-on-year inflation in October. Annual average inflation remained unchanged at 0.7 per cent as recorded in September 2015. CCPI increased by 0.4 per cent from September to October 2015.

In the meantime, the Department of Census and Statistics (DCS) released a National Consumer Price Index (NCPI, 2013=100) on 23 November 2015 covering price movements in all provinces in the country. The movements of the NCPI are broadly in line with the movements in CCPI. Headline inflation as per the year-on-year change in NCPI was at 3.0 per cent for October 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 nine months of 2015 declined by 1.7 per cent from 255.6 million kg to 251.3 million kg. Meanwhile, coconut production during the first nine months of 2015 recorded an increase of 6.6 per cent. However, production of rubber during the first nine months of 2015 declined considerably by 13.4 per cent.

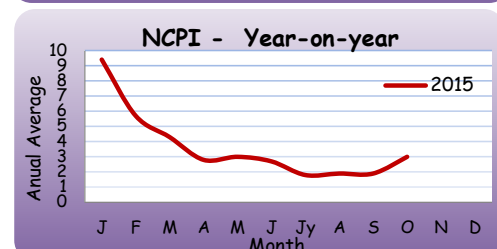
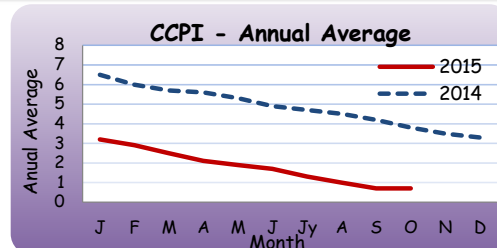
The FIPI increased by 9.0 per cent on a year-on-year basis in July 2015. This growth was mainly facilitated by increased production of beverages, tobacco, wearing apparel and other non-metallic mineral products sectors. They have recorded significant growths of 8.8, 28.5, 9.6 and 19.4 per cent respectively during this period. This was mainly attributed to increased domestic and international demand.

During the week crude oil spot prices showed mixed performance. At the beginning of the week Brent price rose as Saudi Arabia pledged to work towards oil price stability, while a strong dollar and an expected rise in U.S. crude stocks limited the WTI price. Saudi's cabinet said it was ready to cooperate with OPEC and non-OPEC countries to achieve market stability, days before OPEC meets on December 4 to review its year-long policy of not supporting prices. Prices further rose supported by a drop in the number of active U.S. oil drilling rigs for the 12th consecutive week. However, Brent crude oil price subsequently fell after U.S. Energy Information Administration reported crude stocks rose by 1 million barrels.

# REAL SECTOR

## 1.1 Price Indices

Item	October 2015	Month Ago	Year Ago
(2006 / 07 = 100)			
Colombo Consumers' Price Index (CCPI)	182.1	181.4	179.0
Annual Average Change %	0.7	0.7	3.8
Year - on - Year Change %	1.7	-0.3	1.6
Core Inflation - ( CCPI )	180.6	180.2	172.9
Annual Average Change %	2.9	2.8	3.3
Year - on - Year Change %	4.4	4.2	3.6
(2013 = 100)			
National Consumer Price Index (NCPI)	109.2	108.4	106.0
Monthly Change %	0.7	0.0	-0.4
Year - on - Year Change %	3.0	1.9	-

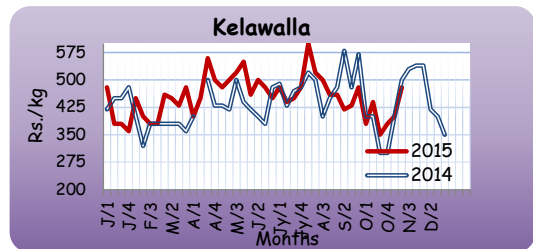
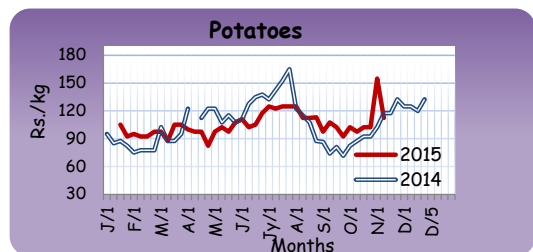
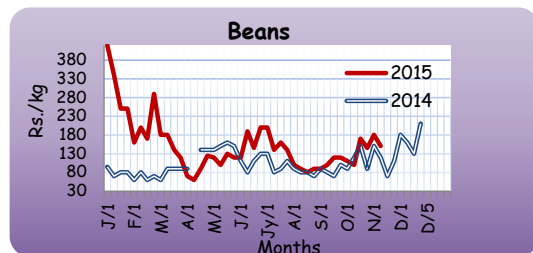
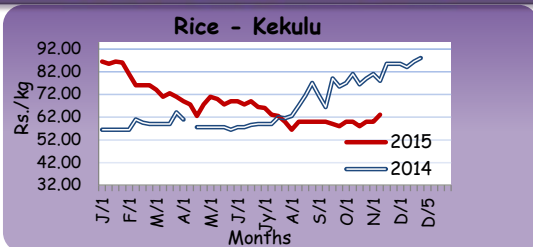


## 1.2 Pettah Market

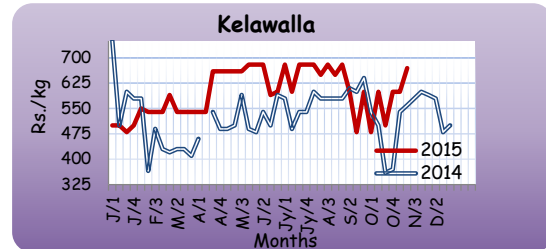
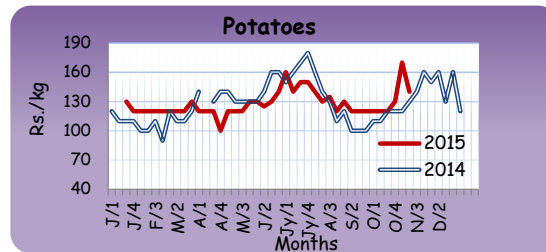
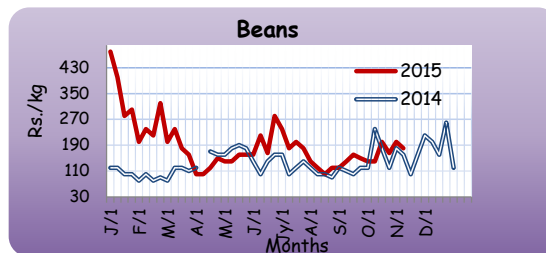
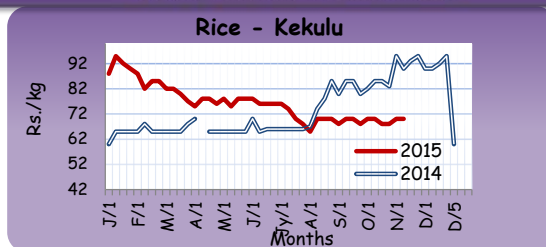
Item	Average Wholesale Prices				Average Retail Prices			
	Week Ending 26 <sup>th</sup> Nov 2015	Week Ago	Month Ago	Year Ago Annual Avg	Week Ending 26 <sup>th</sup> Nov 2015	Week Ago	Month Ago	Year Ago Annual Avg
	Rs / Kg				Rs / Kg			
<b>Rice</b>								
Samba	90.00	92.50	84.10	78.30	98.00	98.00	88.80	84.04
Kekulu (Red)	65.00	60.00	59.60	67.44	75.00	70.00	69.20	74.33
<b>Vegetables</b>								
Beans	250.00	210.00	141.00	113.17	280.00	260.00	169.00	140.96
Cabbage	160.00	150.00	50.00	61.65	240.00	180.00	78.00	90.96
Carrots	240.00	120.00	81.00	109.81	280.00	160.00	111.00	138.08
Tomatoes	120.00	110.00	75.00	90.77	160.00	160.00	109.00	122.31
Pumpkins	45.00	40.00	40.00	37.38	80.00	60.00	64.00	56.83
Snake Gourd	90.00	80.00	71.00	69.90	140.00	120.00	103.00	96.73
Brinjals	120.00	80.00	54.00	71.35	150.00	120.00	86.00	98.65
Ash-Plantains	80.00	60.00	66.00	73.65	120.00	100.00	92.00	95.96
<b>Other Foods</b>								
Red-Onions (Local)	135.00	155.00	118.00	79.55	160.00	200.00	142.00	109.59
Big-Onions (Local)	n.a.	n.a.	96.50	75.42	n.a.	n.a.	136.00	99.07
Potatoes (N'Eliya)	115.00	125.00	112.00	104.64	140.00	150.00	132.00	127.69
Dried Chilies (Imported)	315.00	315.00	294.00	193.24	360.00	355.00	344.00	230.38
Dhal (Indian)	168.00	175.00	162.00	140.94	180.00	190.00	184.00	159.23
Eggs (Red)	13.00	12.00	14.00	12.04	14.00	13.00	14.80	12.57
Coconut (Each)	42.50	43.00	39.30	38.63	55.00	55.00	50.20	50.10
<b>Fish*</b>								
Kelawalla	450.00	460.00	390.00	433.85	600.00	650.00	536.00	532.40
Balaya	300.00	280.00	244.00	295.00	360.00	350.00	298.00	349.04
Salaya	140.00	120.00	112.00	112.31	180.00	160.00	150.00	151.35
Paraw (Small)	530.00	500.00	424.00	435.58	590.00	550.00	474.00	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 26 <sup>th</sup> Nov 2015	
	Wholesale (Average)	Retail (Average)
<b>Rice</b>		
Samba	89.50	95.00
Kekulu (Red)	67.00	72.50
<b>Vegetables</b>		
Beans	191.25	238.75
Carrot	202.50	253.75
Tomatoes	100.63	145.00
Pumpkins	33.13	51.25
Snake Gourd	81.88	120.00
Ash-Plantains	59.38	87.50
<b>Other Foods</b>		
Red-Onions (Local)	108.13	148.75
Big-Onions (Local)	120.00	147.50
Potatoes (N'Eliya)	123.75	146.25
Dried Chilies(Imported)	305.00	350.00
Coconut (Each)	41.38	55.00

### 1.5 Maradaghamula Market

#### Average wholesale price of Rice

Item (Rs / Kg)	Week Ending 27 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Week Ago	Month Ago	Year Ago
Samba	85.00	85.30	80.69	75.74
Sudu Kekulu	64.38	64.70	60.33	69.11
Raw Red	60.25	60.52	58.96	67.25
Nadu	66.75	68.50	61.95	70.82

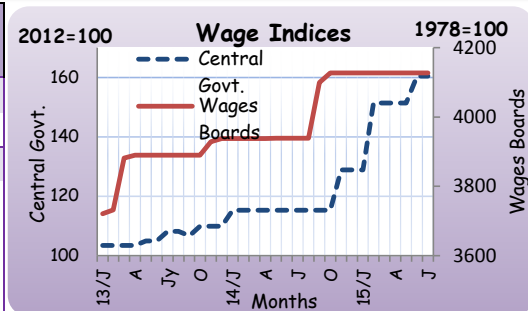
### 1.4 Narahenpita Economic Centre

Item (Rs / Kg)	Average Retail Prices	
	26 <sup>th</sup> Nov 2015	Week Ago
<b>Rice</b>		
Samba	90.00	80.00
Kekulu (Red)	70.00	60.00
<b>Vegetables</b>		
Beans	280.00	280.00
Cabbage	200.00	296.67
Carrots	276.67	143.33
Tomatoes	176.67	160.00
Pumpkins	100.00	81.67
Snake Gourd	143.33	116.67
Brinjals	160.00	120.00
Ash-Plantains	140.00	120.00
<b>Other Foods</b>		
Red-Onions (Imported)	n.a.	n.a.
Big-Onions (Imported)	n.a.	n.a.
Potatoes (Imported)	130.00	110.00
Dried Chilies (Imported)	340.00	326.67
Dhal (Indian)	180.00	213.33
Eggs (Red)(Each)	15.00	14.00
Coconut (Each)	56.67	51.67
<b>Fish</b>		
Kelawalla	680.00	686.67
Balaya	450.00	400.00
Salaya	200.00	196.67
Paraw (Small)	840.00	836.67

## 1.6 Wage rate Indices

Item	2015(a) Sep	2014 Sep	% Change
<b>(2012 = 100)</b>			
Central Government Employees	160.4	115.3	39.1
<b>(1978 = 100)</b>			
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

(a) Provisional

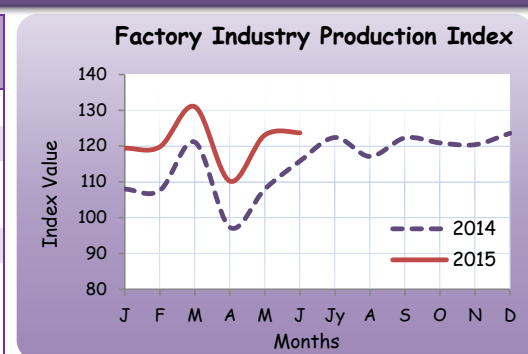


## 1.7 Factory Industry-Production (FIPI) ( 2010 = 100 ) (a)

Item	2015 (b) July	2014 July	% Change
<b>Factory Industry- Production Index</b>	<b>132.7</b>	<b>121.8</b>	<b>9.0</b>
Food products	110.9	110.5	0.4
Beverages	123.8	113.8	8.8
Tobacco products	106.5	82.9	28.5
Wearing apparel	187.1	170.7	9.6
Chemicals and chemical products	78.5	90.2	-13.0
Rubber and plastic products	146.2	138.6	5.5
Other non-metallic mineral products	129.1	108.2	19.4

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

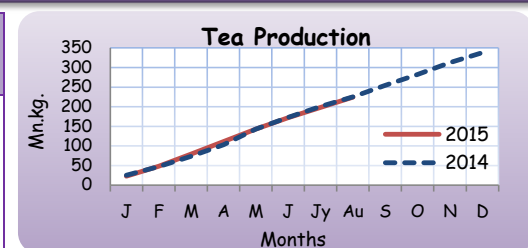
(b) Provisional



## 1.8 Agriculture Production

Item	Unit	2015(a) Jan - Sep	2014 Jan - Sep	% Change
Tea	(Mn Kg)	251.3	255.6	-1.7
Rubber	(Mn Kg)	69.8	80.6	-13.4
Coconuts	(Mn Nuts)	2,295.1	2,153.8	6.6

(a) Provisional

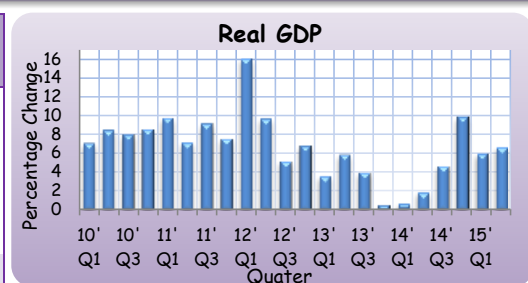


## 1.9 GDP by Industrial Origin at Constant (2010) Prices - Growth Rates in value added terms

Item	2015(a) 2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter	2014(a) 2 <sup>nd</sup> 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
<b>GDP</b>	<b>6.7</b>	<b>1.9</b>	<b>4.5</b>

(a)Provisional

Source: Department of Census and Statistics



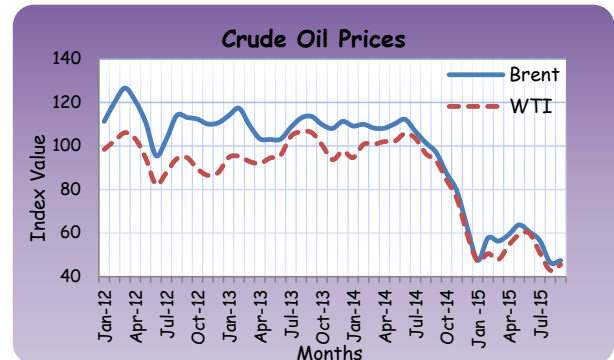
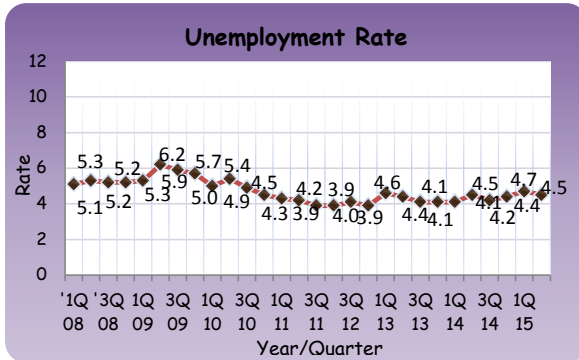
## 1.10 Employment (a)

Item	2015 (b) 2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter	2014 2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter	2014 Annual
Labour Force Participation rate	54.3	53.6	53.3
Unemployment rate	4.5	4.5	4.3
<b>Employed Persons by Sectors (c) (as a % of total employment)</b>			
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	48.36	46.22	49.26
November	79.28	75.79	76.82			
December	62.55	59.29	75.98			
	2014			2015		
20 November	77.86	75.63		41.94	39.39	
23 November	-	-		43.15	39.27	
24 November	79.87	75.74		43.83	40.89	
25 November	77.87	74.04		42.91	41.22	
26 November	77.64	73.70		42.90	-	

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 AWPR for the week ending 27 November 2015 increased by 13 bps to 7.41 per cent compared to the previous week.

Broad money (M2b) expanded by 16.0 per cent on a year-on-year basis in September 2015.

NFA of the banking system declined by Rs. 83.8 billion in September 2015.

NCG from the banking system showed a marginal increase of Rs. 42.8 billion in September 2015.

Credit extended to the private sector increased by Rs. 87.5 in September 2015.

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

The total outstanding market liquidity decreased to Rs. 141.72 bn by end of the week, compared to Rs. 145.86 bn by the end of last week.

By 27 November 2015, All Share Price Index (ASPI) declined by 0.80 per cent to 6,961 points while S&P SL 20 Index declined by 1.86 per cent to 3,704 points, compared to the previous week.

# MONETARY SECTOR

## 2.1 Interest Rates

Item	Week Ending 2015 Nov 27	Week Ago	Year Ago
Commercial Bank Average Weighted Prime Lending Rate (AWPR)	7.41	7.28	6.53
Treasury Bill Yield (Excluding 10% withholding tax)			
- 91 days	-	-	-
- 182 days	6.40	6.50	-
- 364 days	6.92	6.93	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)	6.31	6.30	6.00
Sri Lanka Inter Bank Offer Rate ( SLIBOR )			
1 day	6.33	6.33	6.02
7 days	6.49	6.49	6.23
1 Month	6.89	6.88	6.43
3 Months	7.16	7.18	6.64
6 Months	7.42	7.45	6.89
12 Months	7.81	7.78	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
	Oct 2015	Month Ago	Year Ago
Commercial Bank Average Weighted Deposit Rate (AWDR)	6.05	6.00	6.72
Commercial Bank Average Weighted Fixed Deposit Rate (AWFDR)	7.33	7.22	8.09
	Sep 2015	Month Ago	Year Ago
Commercial Bank Average Weighted Lending Rate (AWLR)	11.03	11.08	12.98
NSB	Oct 2015	Month Ago	Year Ago
Saving Deposits -	5.00	5.00	5.00
One Year Fixed Deposits -	6.50	6.50	6.50
<b>Treasury Bonds Auction</b>	(4 Y & 5 Months) 27/11/2015	(10 Y & 6 Months ) 27/11/2015	(19 Y & 3 Months) 27/11/2015
Coupon rate	9.25	11.00	11.50
Weighted Average Yield (Excluding 10% withholding tax)	8.91	9.35	10.50

Bankwise- AWPR	Week ending 2015 Nov 27	Week Ago
Bank of Ceylon	7.97	7.79
People's Bank	7.18	6.80
Hatton National Bank	7.77	7.83
Commercial Bank of Ceylon	7.46	7.50
Sampath Bank	7.85	8.22
Seylan Bank	7.58	7.45
Union Bank of Colombo	7.91	7.82
Pan Asia Banking Corporation	7.50	7.50
Nations Trust Bank	7.33	7.05
DFCC Bank	8.35	8.35
NDB Bank	7.90	7.77
Amana Bank	8.49	8.40
Cargills Bank	7.50	7.56

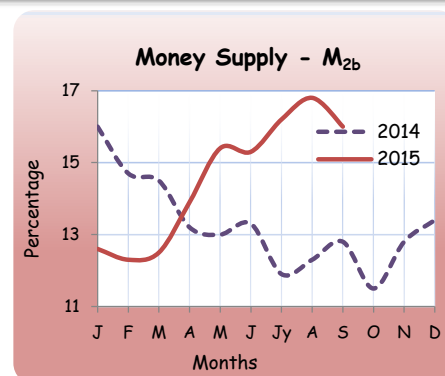
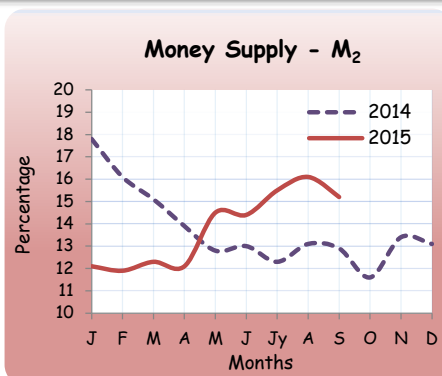
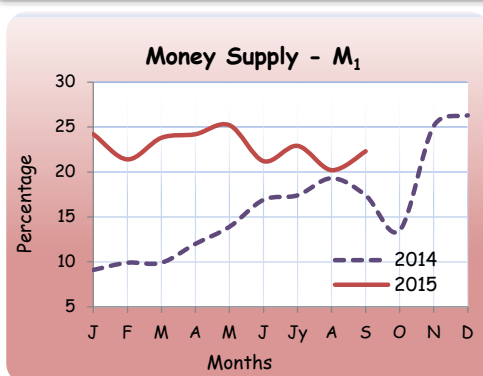
Bankwise- AWPR	Week ending 2015 Nov 27	Week Ago
HSBC	6.29	6.30
Standard Chartered Bank	7.37	7.16
Citi Bank	8.01	7.54
Deutsche Bank	7.60	7.95
Habib Bank	6.18	6.18
Indian Bank	8.68	8.68
Indian Overseas Bank	9.18	9.18
MCB Bank	7.66	7.66
State Bank of India	8.44	8.44
Public Bank	8.33	8.55
ICICI Bank	7.43	8.46
Axis Bank	9.01	8.97



## 2.2 Money Supply

Item	Rs. Bn.			Annual Change (%)		
	2015 (a) September	Month Ago	Year Ago	2015 (a) September	Month Ago	Year Ago
M1	660.4	650.0	540.0	22.3	20.2	17.4
M2	3,821.8	3,783.9	3,316.8	15.2	16.1	12.9
M2b	4,305.0	4,252.5	3,709.6	16.0	16.8	12.8
Net Foreign Assets of the Banking System (b)	-362.7	-278.8	149.5	-342.5	-231.1	270.1
Monetary Authorities	431.1	450.9	768.9	-43.9	-43.0	60.4
Domestic Banking Units (DBUs)	-259.4	-239.6	-248.9	-4.2	-0.9	-31.6
Offshore Banking Units (OBUs)	-534.3	-490.2	-370.5	-44.2	-43.6	2.1
Net Domestic Assets of the Banking System (b)	4,667.7	4,531.3	3,560.1	31.1	32.1	5.4
Monetary Authorities and DBUs	3,965.5	3,876.8	3,054.4	29.8	31.3	6.0
OBUs	702.1	654.6	505.7	38.8	37.1	2.0
Net Credit to Government	1,778.4	1,735.6	1,388.7	28.1	27.4	7.5
Monetary Authorities	323.5	244.5	138.5	133.5	67.9	3.2
DBUs	1,128.5	1,183.6	1,052.4	7.2	16.1	8.7
OBUs	326.5	307.5	197.8	65.1	55.8	4.0
Credit to Public Corporations	525.3	482.5	363.9	44.4	42.8	7.2
DBUs	240.1	222.2	176.6	35.9	33.2	42.7
OBUs	285.3	260.3	187.3	52.3	52.2	-13.1
Credit to the Private Sector	3,156.3	3,068.7	2,581.9	22.2	21.3	4.6
DBUs	2,913.6	2,833.6	2,339.5	24.5	23.9	3.0
OBUs	242.7	235.1	242.4	0.1	-3.4	22.2
Reserve Money	640.5	637.2	536.9	19.3	19.8	15.3

(a) Provisional (b) In relation to M2b

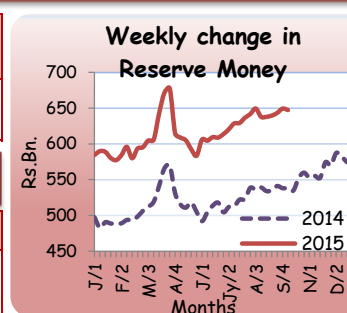


## 2.3 Weekly change in Reserve Money

Item	19 Nov 2015	Week Ago	Change
Reserve Money (Rs.Mn.)	644,412	648,744	-4,332

## 2.4 Money Market Activity (Overnight)

Item	23.11.2015	24.11.2015	25.11.2015	26.11.2015	27.11.2015
<b>Call Money Market</b>					
Weighted Average Rate (% p.a.)	6.30	6.31	0.00	6.31	6.31
Gross Volume (Rs. Mn)	10,218	11,445	0	10,330	8,970
<b>Repo Market</b>					
Weighted Average Rate (% p.a.)	5.95	5.90	0.00	5.82	5.00
Gross Volume (Rs. Mn)	11,434	4,712	0	4,674	4,849



## 2.5 CBSL Security Portfolio

Item	23.11.2015	24.11.2015	25.11.2015	26.11.2015	27.11.2015
CBSL T-Bill Holding (Rs. Mn)	118,413	118,449	0	118,496	115,754

## 2.6 Open Market Operations

Item	23.11.2015	24.11.2015	25.11.2015	26.11.2015	27.11.2015
<b>Short-Term Auction</b>					
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
<b>Term Auction</b>					
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
<b>Standing Facility</b>					
Standing Deposit Facility (Rs. bn)	145.97	149.56	0.00	149.25	141.72
Standing Lending Facility (Rs. bn)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Total Outstanding Market Liquidity (Rs. bn)</b>	<b>145.97</b>	<b>149.56</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>149.25</b>	<b>141.72</b>

## 2.7 Credit Cards (a)

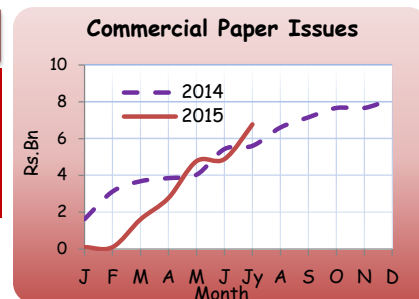
Item	2015 (b) End August	2015 End July	2014 End Dec
<b>Total Number of Active Cards</b>	1,105,193	1,046,030	1,032,833
Local (accepted only locally)	31,459	31,600	32,874
Global (accepted globally)	1,073,734	1,014,430	999,959
<b>Outstanding balance (Rs. Mn.)</b>	58,661	55,452	57,621
Local (accepted only locally)	1,198	1,177	1,234
Global (accepted globally)	57,463	54,275	56,387

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

## 2.8 Commercial Paper Issues (a)

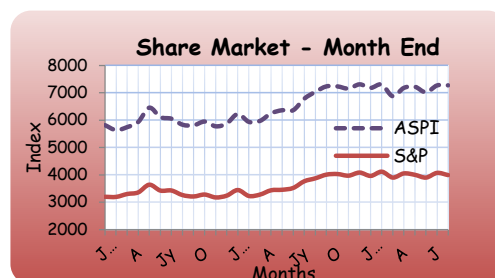
Item (Rs. bn.)	2015 End Aug(b)	2015 End July	2014 End Dec
Total Issues - Cumulative	6.9	6.8	8.2
Outstanding (as at end of the period)	7.4	7.6	3.5

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



## 2.9 Share Market

Item	Week Ending 27 Nov 2015	Week Ago	Year Ago
All Share Price Index (1985 = 100) (ASPI)	6,961	7,017	7,116
S & P Sri Lanka 20 Index (S&P SL20)	3,704	3,774	3,977
Average Daily Turnover (Rs. Mn)	691	737	1,591
Market Capitalisation (Rs.Bn.)	2,966	2,980	3,023



## 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.

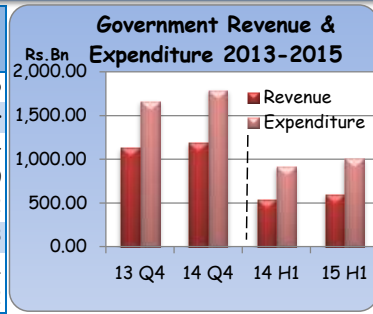
Total outstanding debt increased by Rs. 546.6 billion to Rs. 7,937.5 billion as at end June 2015 from Rs. 7,390.9 billion at end 2014. Foreign debt increased only by Rs. 68.6 billion to Rs. 3,181.8 billion and domestic debt increased by Rs. 477.9 billion to Rs. 4,755.7 billion.

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)

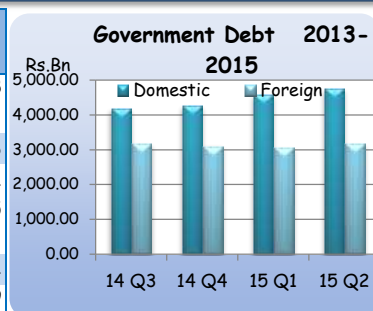
Item	2015 (a)	2014
	First Half	First Half
<b>Revenue and Grants</b>	<b>605.8</b>	<b>543.6</b>
<b>Revenue</b>	<b>605.7</b>	<b>536.4</b>
Tax	557.6	484.4
Non tax	48.1	52.0
<b>Grants</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>7.2</b>
<b>Expenditure &amp; Lending Minus Repayments</b>	<b>1,007.5</b>	<b>921.3</b>
Current	769.3	643.1
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
<b>Total domestic debt</b>	<b>4,755.7</b>	<b>4,277.8</b>
of which		
Treasury bills	757.3	694.8
Treasury bonds	3,104.4	2,844.1
Rupee loans	28.2	55.5
<b>Total foreign debt</b>	<b>3,181.8</b>	<b>3,113.1</b>
<b>Total outstanding govt. debt</b>	<b>7,937.5</b>	<b>7,390.9</b>



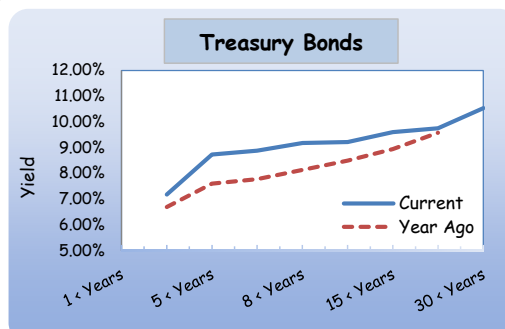
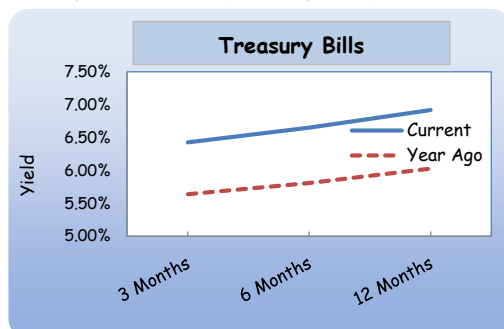
(a) Provisional

## 3.3 Government Securities - Primary and Secondary Market Yield Rates as for the week ending - 24<sup>th</sup> November 2015

Security	Maturity	Primary Market(a)		Secondary Market			Last Week Average
		This Week	Last Week	This Week			
				Buying	Selling	Average	
Treasury Bills	3 Months	-	-	6.39%	6.24%	6.31%	6.43%
	6 Months	6.40%	6.50%	6.59%	6.45%	6.52%	6.65%
	12 Months	6.92%	6.93%	6.92%	6.79%	6.85%	6.92%
Treasury Bonds	2 < Years	-	-	7.22%	7.03%	7.13%	7.18%
	5 < Years	-	-	8.95%	8.82%	8.89%	8.73%
	6 < Years	-	-	9.03%	8.93%	8.98%	8.88%
	8 < Years	-	-	9.29%	9.19%	9.24%	9.18%
	10 < Years	-	-	9.34%	9.22%	9.28%	9.21%
	15 < Years	-	-	9.62%	9.47%	9.54%	9.60%
	20 < Years	-	-	9.85%	9.73%	9.79%	9.75%
30 < Years	-	-	10.70%	10.33%	10.51%	10.53%	

(a) Primary market transactions during the week ending 24/11/2015

The secondary market yield rates of T-bills adjusted downward while T-bond yield rates adjusted upward across medium term maturities 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 - 24<sup>th</sup> November 2015 )

Item	Volume in Rs Mn	
	This Week	Last Week
Outstanding Stock of Government Securities		
Treasury Bills	692,264.45	692,428.27
Treasury Bonds (a)	3,503,842.96	3,503,842.96
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,196,107.41</b>	<b>4,196,271.23</b>
Government Securities held by Foreigners	304,032.44	303,869.06
Sri Lanka Development Bonds (SLDB)	661,796.45	660,254.55

Outstanding stock of T-bills and T-bonds held by Foreigners slightly increased during the week .

Primary Market Activities	Volume in Rs Mn	
	This Week	Last Week
<b>Treasury Bills</b>		
Amount Offered	25,000.00	15,000.00
Total Bids Received	91,850.00	83,302.00
Total Bids Accepted	30,866.00	12,429.00
<b>Treasury Bonds</b>		
Amount Offered		
Total Bids Received	No auction held	No auction held
Total Bids Accepted		

Weekly 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
<b>Treasury Bills</b>		
Outright Transaction (Sales / Purchases)	19,094.08	15,168.65
Repo Transaction (Sales / Purchases)	132,473.80	164,629.17
<b>Treasury Bonds</b>		
Outright Transaction (Sales / Purchases)	80,443.16	113,582.13
Repo Transaction (Sales / Purchases)	630,619.41	731,289.14

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) - 27/11/2015

Remaining Maturity	Average Buying Price	Yield %	Average Selling Price	Yield %	Buying & Selling Spread
1-7 Days	99.88	6.16	99.88	6.01	0.00
1 Month	99.49	6.20	99.50	6.07	0.01
2 Month	98.96	6.30	98.99	6.15	0.02
3 Month	98.42	6.39	98.46	6.25	0.04
4 Month	97.89	6.45	97.93	6.31	0.04
5 Month	97.33	6.51	97.39	6.37	0.06
6 Month	96.76	6.58	96.83	6.44	0.07
7 Month	96.20	6.62	96.27	6.51	0.07
8 Month	95.61	6.70	95.69	6.58	0.08
9 Month	95.01	6.76	95.10	6.64	0.09
10 Month	94.41	6.82	94.51	6.70	0.09
11 Month	93.81	6.87	93.92	6.74	0.11
12 Month	93.18	6.94	93.30	6.81	0.12

### 3.6 Two way Quotes (Treasury Bonds)- 27/11/2015

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
07.25%2016A	6	1-Apr-16	126	100.18	6.63	100.24	6.48	0.05
08.00%2016B	4	1-Jun-16	187	100.63	6.73	100.69	6.61	0.06
06.40%2016A	6	1-Aug-16	248	99.67	6.88	99.77	6.73	0.10
08.00%2016A	5	1-Sep-16	279	100.78	6.91	100.89	6.76	0.11
06.40%2016B	6	1-Oct-16	309	99.54	6.96	99.63	6.84	0.09
08.00%2017A	5	1-Jan-17	401	100.87	7.15	101.02	7.01	0.15
05.80%2017A	6	15-Jan-17	415	98.56	7.14	98.66	7.04	0.10
08.25%2017A	3	1-Mar-17	460	101.10	7.30	101.26	7.17	0.15
08.75%2017A	4	15-May-17	535	101.84	7.40	102.06	7.24	0.22
08.00%2017B	5	15-Jun-17	566	100.78	7.45	100.98	7.31	0.20
05.80%2017B	6	15-Jul-17	596	97.35	7.55	97.63	7.36	0.28
08.50%2018A	15	1-Feb-18	797	101.28	7.84	101.62	7.67	0.34
08.50%2018C	5	1-Apr-18	856	101.05	7.99	101.37	7.84	0.32
08.50%2018D	5	1-Jun-18	917	100.74	8.17	101.10	8.01	0.36
08.50%2018B	15	15-Jul-18	961	100.76	8.17	101.07	8.04	0.30
07.50%2018A	15	15-Aug-18	992	98.22	8.24	98.57	8.09	0.35
08.75%2018A	4	15-Oct-18	1,053	101.22	8.26	101.51	8.15	0.29
08.00%2018A	6	15-Nov-18	1,084	99.20	8.31	99.50	8.19	0.30
05.65%2019A	8	15-Jan-19	1,145	92.57	8.39	92.87	8.28	0.31
08.50%2019A	10	1-May-19	1,251	99.96	8.51	100.27	8.40	0.31
10.60%2019A	5	1-Jul-19	1,312	105.60	8.74	105.96	8.63	0.35
10.60%2019B	5	15-Sep-19	1,388	105.82	8.76	106.29	8.62	0.47
08.00%2019A	8	1-Nov-19	1,435	97.80	8.67	98.13	8.57	0.32
09.25%2020A	5	1-May-20	1,617	101.18	8.92	101.60	8.80	0.43
08.00%2020A	8	1-Jun-20	1,648	96.99	8.82	97.42	8.70	0.43
06.20%2020A	10	1-Aug-20	1,709	89.75	8.92	90.22	8.79	0.46
09.00%2021A	8	1-May-21	1,982	99.91	9.02	100.39	8.90	0.48
09.45%2021A	7	15-Oct-21	2,149	102.39	8.92	102.76	8.84	0.37
11.00%2021A	7	1-Aug-21	2,074	108.46	9.06	108.96	8.95	0.49
08.00%2022A	10	1-Jan-22	2,227	95.25	9.03	95.72	8.92	0.47
11.20%2022A	9	1-Jul-22	2,408	109.61	9.22	110.15	9.11	0.55
10.00%2022A	8	1-Oct-22	2,500	103.73	9.25	104.18	9.16	0.45
09.00%2023A	10	1-Sep-23	2,835	98.45	9.28	99.01	9.18	0.55
11.20%2023A	9	1-Sep-23	2,835	110.79	9.22	111.26	9.14	0.47
07.00%2023A	20	1-Oct-23	2,865	87.55	9.27	88.07	9.16	0.52
11.40%2024A	10	1-Jan-24	2,957	111.25	9.38	112.08	9.24	0.83
06.00%2024A	10	1-Dec-24	3,292	80.83	9.17	81.30	9.08	0.47
10.25%2025A	10	15-Mar-25	3,396	105.81	9.30	106.45	9.20	0.64
09.00%2025A	12	1-May-25	3,443	98.59	9.22	99.26	9.12	0.66
11.00%2025A	10	1-Aug-25	3,535	109.90	9.41	110.76	9.29	0.86
09.00%2026A	13	1-Feb-26	3,719	97.75	9.34	98.41	9.24	0.66
05.35%2026A	15	1-Mar-26	3,747	73.97	9.35	74.59	9.23	0.62
11.00%2026A	11	1-Jun-26	3,839	111.10	9.32	111.75	9.23	0.65
09.00%2028B	15	1-May-28	4,539	96.52	9.48	97.53	9.34	1.01
09.00%2028A	15	1-Jul-28	4,600	96.25	9.51	97.07	9.40	0.82
11.50%2028A	13	1-Sep-28	4,662	112.69	9.74	113.97	9.58	1.28
13.00%2029A	15	1-Jan-29	4,784	124.39	9.67	125.68	9.52	1.29
13.00%2029B	15	1-May-29	4,904	124.37	9.71	125.71	9.56	1.34
11.00%2030A	15	15-May-30	5,283	110.40	9.65	111.50	9.52	1.11
08.00%2032A	20	1-Jan-32	5,879	86.47	9.67	87.07	9.59	0.60
09.00%2032A	20	1-Oct-32	6,153	93.02	9.86	94.17	9.71	1.15
09.00%2033A	20	1-Jun-33	6,396	93.68	9.76	94.38	9.67	0.70
13.25%2033A	20	1-Jul-33	6,426	128.65	9.80	129.52	9.71	0.86
09.00%2033B	20	1-Nov-33	6,549	92.94	9.84	93.80	9.74	0.86
13.25%2034A	20	1-Jan-34	6,610	127.76	9.92	129.02	9.79	1.26
11.50%2035A	20	15-Mar-35	7,048	113.34	9.93	114.86	9.77	1.52
09.00%2043A	30	1-Jun-43	10,048	89.00	10.20	90.02	10.08	1.02
13.50%2044A	30	1-Jan-44	10,262	127.14	10.48	130.91	10.15	3.77
13.50%2044B	30	1-Jun-44	10,414	127.29	10.48	131.03	10.15	3.74
12.50%2045A	30	1-Mar-45	10,687	110.39	11.27	115.39	10.76	5.00

## External Sector

During the year so far (up to 27 November 2015) the rupee depreciated against the US dollar (8.40 per cent). Given the cross currency exchange rate movements, the Sri Lanka rupee appreciated against the euro (5.01 per cent) and depreciated against the pound sterling (5.55 per cent), Japanese yen (5.91 per cent) and the Indian rupee (3.81 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 October 2015, accounting for 51 per cent of total tourist arrivals of first ten months of 2015.

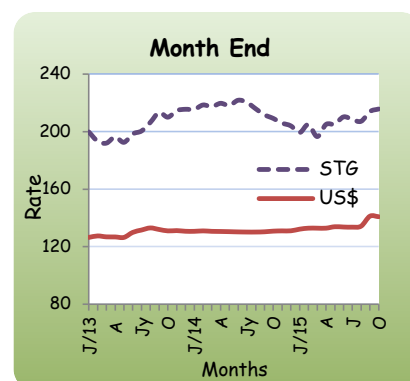
The average price of tea further declined to US dollars 2.87 per kg in August 2015 from US dollars 3.00 per kg (in the Colombo auction) in July 2015 and from US dollars 3.49 per kg in August 2014.

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 - 27 Nov 2015			Average Rate	
	Buying Rate	Selling Rate	Average Rate	Week Ago	Year Ago
US\$	140.90	145.23	143.07	142.32	131.71
STG	211.84	220.00	215.92	217.41	207.88
Yen	1.14	1.19	1.17	1.16	1.12
Euro	148.41	154.88	151.65	152.41	164.54
INR <sup>(1)</sup>			2.15	2.15	2.12
SDR (As at 26 Nov 2015)			196.36	196.47	191.45
<b>Central Bank purchases and sales(b) (US\$ Mn. )</b>			<b>October 2015</b>	<b>Month Ago</b>	<b>Year Ago</b>
Purchases			27.60	0.00	1.50
Sales			305.55	523.80	200.15



	Week Ending 27 Nov 2015	Week Ago	Year Ago
Average Daily Interbank Volume (US\$ Mn.) (spot, tom and cash transactions among commercial banks)	29.21	52.23	30.10
<b>Forward Transactions</b>			
Forward Rates (US\$) <sup>(2)</sup>			
1 Month	143.24	142.57	131.66
3 Months	143.91	143.40	132.55
Average Daily Interbank Forward Volume (US\$ mn)	34.55	28.40	34.83
Outstanding Forward Volume (US\$ mn) (As at 26 Nov 2015)	1,466.17	1,432.37	1,301.55

(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

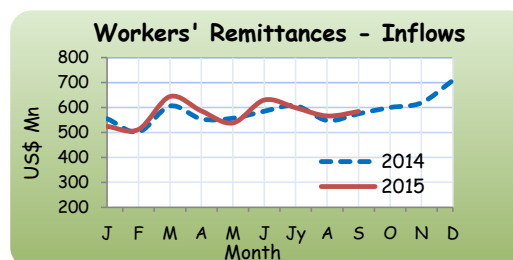
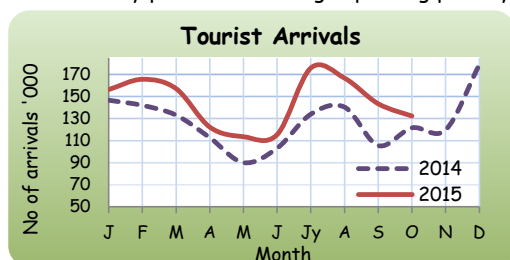
(1) Central Bank indicative rate (2) Weekly average based on actual transactions.

## 4.2 Tourism & Workers' Remittances

Item		2014	2015	2014	2015(b)	% Change
		Oct (a)	Oct (b)(c)	Jan-Oct (a)	Jan-Oct (c)	
Tourist Arrivals	Number	121,576	132,280	1,228,754	1,448,119	17.9
Earnings from Tourism	US\$ Mn.	193.5	210.6	1,956.1	2,305.30	17.9
	Rs.bn.	25.3	29.7	255.3	309.8	21.4
Workers' Remittances (Inflows)	US\$ Mn.	2014	2015	2014	2015	% Change
		Oct	Oct (b)	Jan-Oct	Jan-Oct(a)	
	Rs. bn.	600.1	605.1	5,689.7	5,787.3	1.7
		78.4	85.3	742.4	778.6	4.9

(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 International Reserves & Foreign Currency Liquidity as at 31<sup>st</sup> October 2015 <sup>(a)</sup>

Official Reserve Assets (USD mn)					
<b>Official Reserve Assets</b>					<b>6,480.68</b>
(1) Foreign currency reserves					5,587.22
(a) Securities					2,621.32
(b) Total currency and deposits with					2,965.89
(i) other national central banks, BIS					1,067.48
(ii) banks headquartered inside the reporting country of which located abroad					1.41
(iii) banks headquartered outside the reporting country					1,897.01
(2) Reserve position in the IMF					66.85
(3) SDRs					9.06
(4) Gold					816.6
(5) Other reserve assets					0.96
Predetermined Short-Term Net Drains on Foreign Currency Assets <sup>(b)</sup>					
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	-3,629.43	-323.39	-602.99	-2,703.04
	Interest	-1,128.46	-17.46	-237.89	-873.11
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 (-) <sup>(c)</sup>					
		-3,175.49	-170.00	-225.00	-2,780.49
(b) Long positions (+)					
3. Other (specify)					
inflows related to reverse repos (+)		-4.17	-4.17		
other accounts payable (-)		-4.17	-4.17		

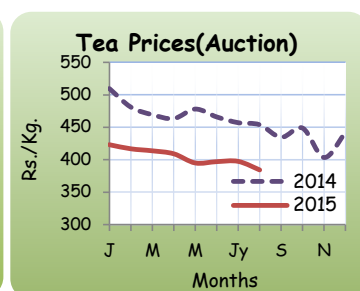
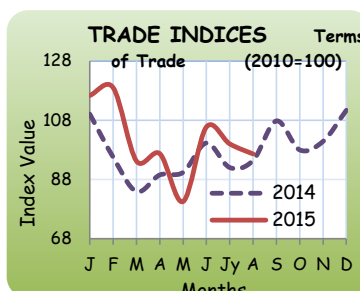
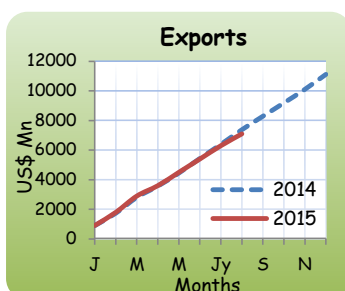
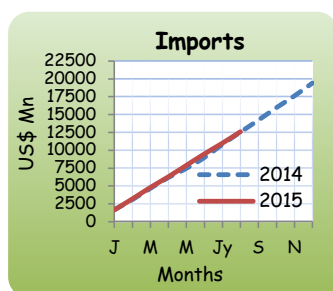
(a) Provisional

(b) This mainly includes only the predetermined outflows

(c) 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

## 4.5 External Trade

Item	US\$ Bn			Rs Bn		
	Jan-Aug 2015	Jan-Aug 2014	% Change	Jan-Aug 2015	Jan-Aug 2014	% Change
<b>Exports</b>	<b>7.1</b>	<b>7.4</b>	<b>-3.4</b>	<b>951.4</b>	<b>965.5</b>	<b>-1.5</b>
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
<b>Imports</b>	<b>12.6</b>	<b>12.6</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>1,671.8</b>	<b>1,638.2</b>	<b>2.0</b>
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
<b>Trade Balance</b>	<b>-5.4</b>	<b>-5.2</b>	<b>5.0</b>	<b>-720.4</b>	<b>-672.8</b>	<b>7.1</b>

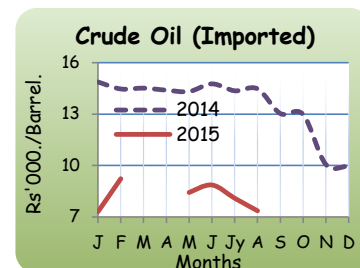
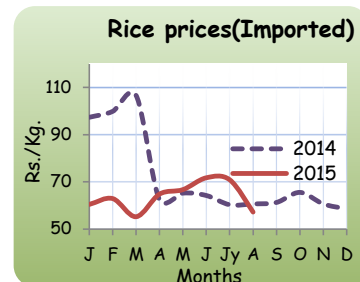


## 4.6 Trade Indices (2010= 100 ) (a)

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

(a) In US\$ Terms

(b) Provisional



## 4.7 International Commodity Prices

Item	August 2015	August 2014	% Change	August 2015	August 2014	% Change
<b>Colombo Auction Price</b>	US\$ / Kg			Rs / Kg		
Tea Prices	2.87	3.49	-17.7	384.35	453.95	-15.3
<b>Imports (C I F)</b>	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