

Weekly Economic Indicators

20 February 2015



Statistics Department

Real Sector & Inflation

Inflation, as measured by the change in the Colombo Consumers' Price Index (CCPI) (2006/07=100), which is computed by the Department of Census and Statistics, increased to 3.2 per cent in January 2015 from 2.1 per cent in December 2014 on a year-on-year basis, as a result of the increase in food prices. Annual average inflation declined marginally from 3.3 per cent recorded in December 2014 to 3.2 per cent in January 2015. Core inflation, which reflects the underlying inflation in the economy, declined slightly from 3.2 per cent in December 2014 to 3.1 per cent in January 2015 on a year-on-year basis. Annual average core inflation during January 2015 was 3.4 per cent, compared to 3.5 per cent recorded in December 2014.

The economy continued its growth momentum by recording a 7.7 per cent growth in real terms during the third quarter of 2014, supported by the 12.6 per cent growth of the Industry sector and 7.0 per cent growth of the Services sector, albeit the Agriculture Sector contracted by 2.0 percent.

During the year 2014, while the tea production recorded an increase of 0.9 per cent, the rubber production showed a decline of 20.4 per cent. Meanwhile, the coconut production recorded an increase of 12.1 per cent during January to November 2014.

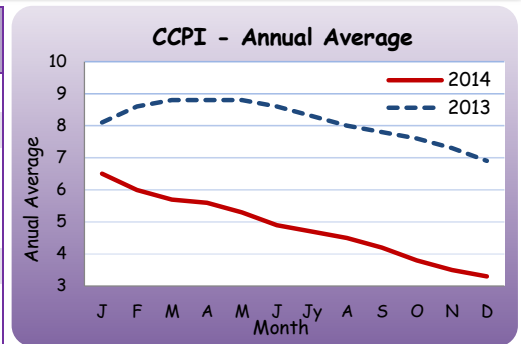
The FIPI increased by 6.9 per cent on a year-on-year basis in November 2014. This growth was mainly facilitated by increased production of wearing apparel as well as rubber and plastic products sectors. They have recorded a significant growth of 17.2 and 9.5 per cent respectively during this period. 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 prices rose after another drop in the U.S. oil rig count. The number of oil drilling rigs in the U.S. fell last week to its lowest since August 2011. Brent crude hit a 2015 high above \$61 a barrel. However, many traders and analysts believe that there is a global oversupply of nearly 2 million barrels per day of crude oil. However, prices then started to decline after data showed a surprisingly sharp build in U.S. crude inventories. Industry group, the American Petroleum Institute (API) showed that U.S. crude stocks rose by 14.3 million barrels last week, compared with analyst expectation of an increase of 3.2 million barrels. Further, data showed that crude imports from Japan, the world's fourth-biggest buyer, fell by 7.2 per cent last month. However, U.S. Energy Information Administration reported that U.S. crude stocks rose by 7.7 million barrels, far below the 14.3 million barrel increase reported by API.

REAL SECTOR & INFLATION

1.1 Price Indices

Item	Jan 2015	Month Ago	Year Ago
(2006 / 07 = 100)			
Colombo Consumers' Price Index (CCPI)	183.2	180.2	177.5
Annual Average Change %	3.2	3.3	6.5
Year - on - Year Change %	3.2	2.1	4.4
Core Inflation - (CCPI)	173.6	173.0	170.1
Annual Average Change %	3.4	3.5	4.1
Year - on - Year Change %	2.1	3.2	3.5

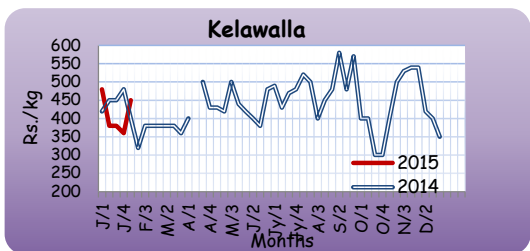
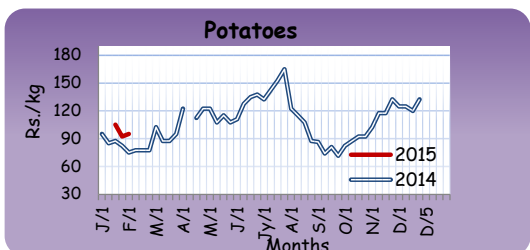
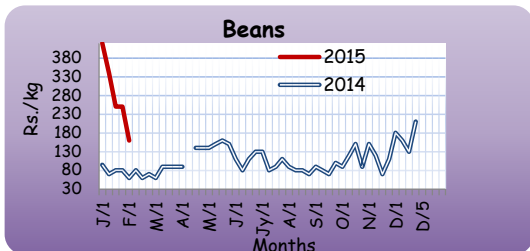
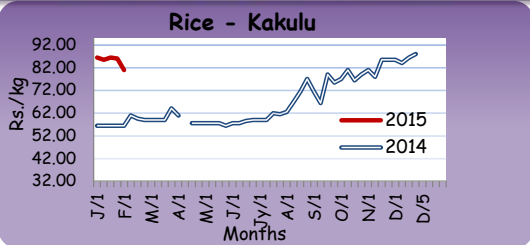


1.2 Pettah Market

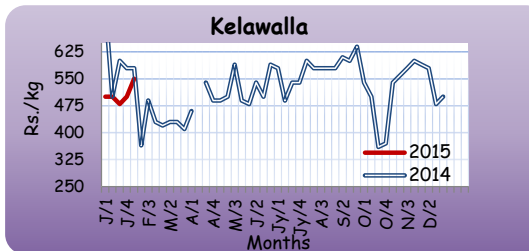
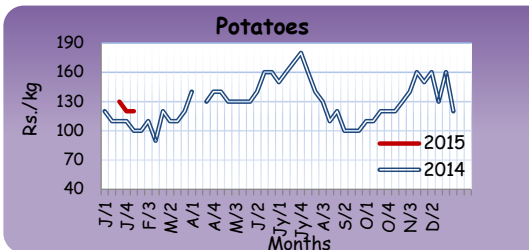
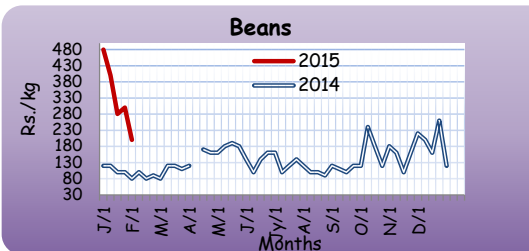
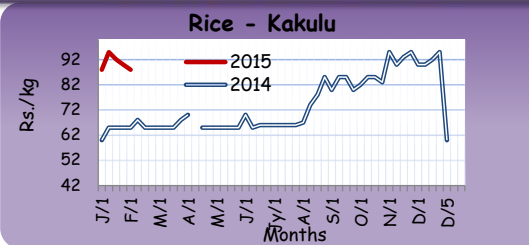
Item	Average Wholesale Prices				Average Retail Prices			
	Week Ending 19 th Feb 2015	Week Ago	Month Ago	Year Ago Annual Avg	Week Ending 19 th Feb 2015	Week Ago	Month Ago	Year Ago Annual Avg
	Rs / Kg				Rs / Kg			
Rice								
Samba	81.00	85.00	82.63	78.30	90.00	90.00	92.75	84.04
Kekulu (Red)	76.00	76.00	84.75	67.44	85.00	85.00	91.75	74.33
Vegetables								
Beans	290.00	170.00	250.00	113.17	320.00	220.00	295.00	140.96
Cabbage	90.00	80.00	145.00	61.65	120.00	120.00	205.00	90.96
Carrots	150.00	130.00	220.00	109.81	180.00	180.00	270.00	138.08
Tomatoes	120.00	260.00	153.75	90.77	160.00	300.00	202.50	122.31
Pumpkins	100.00	160.00	60.00	37.38	140.00	200.00	87.50	56.83
Snake Gourd	90.00	90.00	127.50	69.90	120.00	120.00	157.50	96.73
Brinjals	60.00	35.00	170.00	71.35	80.00	60.00	220.00	98.65
Ash-Plantains	120.00	120.00	132.50	73.65	150.00	140.00	167.50	95.96
Other Foods								
Red-Onions (Local)	62.50	n.a	85.00	79.55	100.00	n.a	110.00	109.59
Big-Onions (Local)	n.a	n.a	n.a	75.42	n.a	n.a	n.a	99.07
Potatoes (N'Eliya)	97.50	92.50	97.50	104.64	120.00	120.00	123.33	127.69
Dried Chilies (Imported)	233.00	225.00	217.25	193.24	260.00	260.00	257.50	230.38
Dhal (Indian)	153.00	152.00	144.25	140.94	170.00	170.00	162.50	159.23
Eggs (Red)	14.50	14.50	14.50	12.04	15.00	15.00	15.00	12.57
Coconut (Each)	45.50	44.50	46.50	38.63	55.00	55.00	60.00	50.10
Fish*								
Kelawalla	380.00	380.00	392.50	433.85	540.00	540.00	507.50	532.40
Balaya	280.00	300.00	292.50	295.00	340.00	360.00	347.50	349.04
Salaya	100.00	80.00	105.00	112.31	130.00	120.00	145.00	151.35
Paraw (Small)	320.00	430.00	452.50	435.58	380.00	480.00	505.00	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 19 th Feb 2015	
	Wholesale (Average)	Retail (Average)
Rice		
Samba	83.00	87.50
Kekulu (Red)	82.50	84.50
Vegetables		
Beans	246.00	296.00
Carrot	128.00	178.00
Tomatoes	229.00	277.00
Pumpkins	109.50	141.00
Snake Gourd	77.00	116.00
Ash-Plantains	90.50	119.00
Other Foods		
Red-Onions (Local)	58.50	87.00
Big-Onions (Local)	n.a.	n.a.
Potatoes (N'Eliya)	83.75	102.50
Dried Chilies(Imported)	233.30	265.00
Coconut (Each)	42.60	52.00

1.4 Narahenpita Economic Centre

Item (Rs / Kg)	Average Retail Prices	
	19 th Feb 2015	Week Ago
Rice		
Samba	90.00	90.00
Kekulu (Red)	82.00	80.00
Vegetables		
Beans	276.67	240.00
Cabbage	160.00	160.00
Carrots	180.00	180.00
Tomatoes	350.00	320.00
Pumpkins	140.00	140.00
Snake Gourd	153.33	140.00
Brinjals	80.00	80.00
Ash-Plantains	180.00	193.33
Other Foods		
Red-Onions (Imported)	160.00	160.00
Big-Onions (Imported)	80.00	80.00
Potatoes (Imported)	80.00	80.00
Dried Chilies (Imported)	243.33	246.67
Dhal (Indian)	163.33	163.33
Eggs (Red)(Each)	15.00	15.00
Coconut (Each)	51.67	51.67
Fish		
Kelawalla	780.00	786.67
Balaya	470.00	400.00
Salaya	183.33	193.33
Paraw (Small)	840.00	853.33

1.5 Maradagamula Market

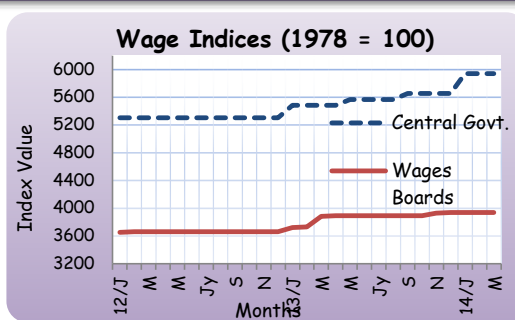
Average wholesale price of Rice

Item (Rs / Kg)	Week Ending 20 th Feb	Week Ago	Month Ago	Year Ago
Samba	77.25	76.92	82.07	75.74
Sudu Kekulu	70.63	70.10	73.47	69.11
Raw Red	77.38	78.50	84.76	67.25
Nadu	70.25	69.70	75.17	70.82

1.6 Wage rate Indices

Item	2014(a) Dec	2013 Dec	% Change
(1978 = 100)			
Central Government Employees (b)	6,653.0	5,653.3	17.7
Workers in Wages Boards Trades	4,127.0	3,938.1	4.8
Agriculture	4,734.3	4,449.0	6.4
Industry & Commerce	3,459.1	3,459.1	0.0
Services	2,313.2	2,313.2	0.0

(a) Provisional

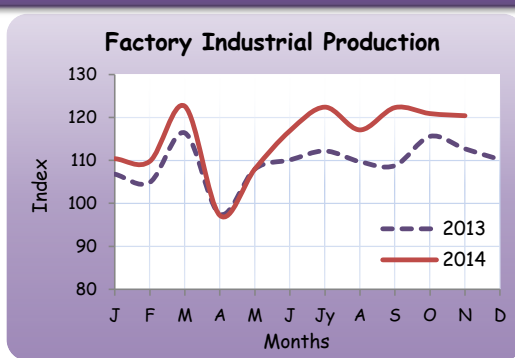


1.7 Factory Industry-Production (FIPI) (2010 = 100) (a)

Item	2014 (b) Nov	2013 Nov	% Change
Factory Industry- Production Index	120.4	112.7	6.9
Food products	107.2	102.6	4.5
Beverages	107.1	99.0	8.2
Tobacco products	84.2	103.0	-18.3
Wearing apparel	162.8	138.9	17.2
Chemicals and chemical products	85.8	84.3	1.8
Rubber and plastic products	134.1	122.5	9.5
Other non-metallic mineral products	104.9	100.8	4.1

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

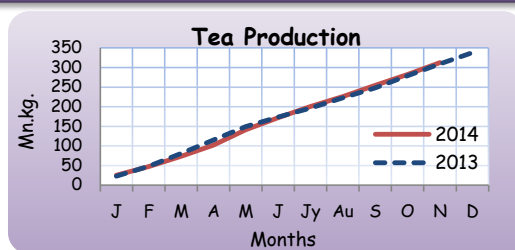
(b) Provisional



1.8 Agriculture Production

Item	Unit	2014*	2013	% Change
		Jan - Dec	Jan - Dec	
Tea	(Mn Kg)	312.6	309.8	0.9
Rubber	(Mn Kg)	92.8	116.6	-20.4
		Jan - Nov	Jan - Nov	
Coconuts	(Mn Nuts)	2,618.9	2,337.0	12.1

* Provisional



1.9 GDP by Industrial Origin at Constant (2002) Prices - Growth Rates

Item	2014* 3 rd Quarter	2013 3 rd Quarter	2013 Annual
Agriculture	-2.0	7.2	4.7
Industry	12.6	8.1	9.9
Services	7.0	7.9	6.4
GDP	7.7	7.9	7.3

* Provisional

Source: Department of Census and Statistics



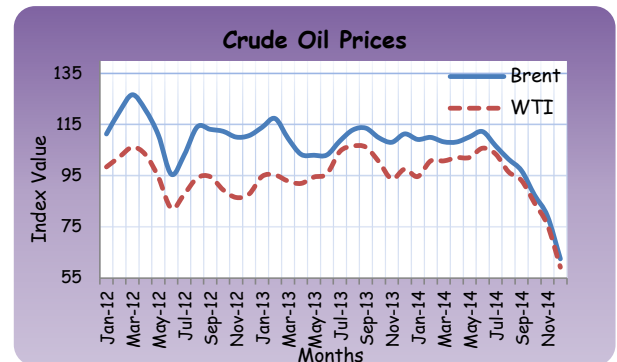
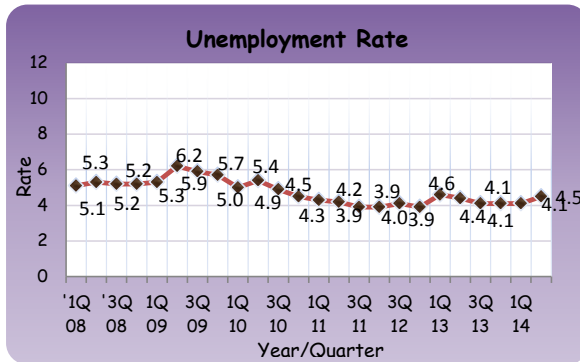
1.10 Employment (a)

Item	2014 2 nd Quarter	2013 2 nd Quarter	2013 Annual
Labour Force Participation rate	53.6	54.2	53.8
Unemployment rate	4.5	4.4	4.4
Employed Persons by Sectors % (b)			
Agriculture	28.2	31.5	29.7
Industry	26.0	26.2	26.2
Services	45.8	42.4	44.1

(a) The working age population aged 15 and above

Source: Department of Census and Statistics

(b) 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	
February	110.01	100.82	110.62			
March	108.28	100.82	111.17			
April	108.22	102.07	110.25			
May	110.22	102.18	109.80			
June	112.27	105.79	113.42			
July	106.73	103.54	110.30			
August	101.51	96.54	111.21			
September	97.02	93.19	100.08			
October	87.51	84.40	99.39			
November	79.28	75.79	76.82			
December	62.55	59.29	75.98			
	2014			2015		
13 February	109.93	100.27		59.93	52.66	
16 February	-	-		61.57	-	
17 February	110.00	100.89		60.78	53.56	
18 February	111.09	102.54		60.72	52.13	
19 February	111.32	103.46		55.78	51.12	

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 20 February 2015 increased by 32 bps to 6.62 per cent compared to the previous week.

Broad money (M2b) expanded by 12.8 per cent in November 2014. NFA of the banking system declined by Rs. 64.7 billion in November 2014 compared to October 2014. NCG from the banking system showed a significant increment of Rs. 23.7 billion in November 2014 compared to October 2014, where credit to public corporations also showed a rapid increase of Rs. 27.4 billion during the month. Credit extended to the private sector increased by Rs. 57.8 in November 2014, compared to October 2014 .

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

The total outstanding market liquidity decreased to Rs. 285.80 bn by end of the week, compared to Rs. 288.44 bn by the end of last week. Majority of the liquidity has been absorbed through the Short-term Repo auctions.

By 20 February 2015, the All Share Price Index (ASPI) declined by 0.28 per cent to 7,315 points while the S&P SL 20 Index increased by 0.48 per cent to 4,133 points compared to the previous week.

MONETARY SECTOR

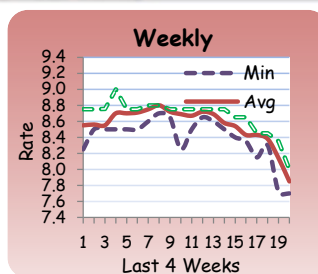
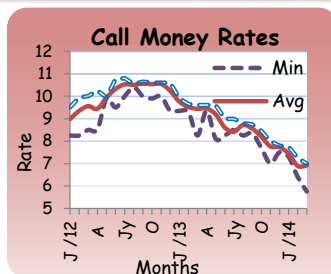
2.1 Interest Rates

Item	Week Ending 2015 Feb 20	Week Ago	Year Ago
Commercial Bank Average Weighted Prime Lending Rate (AWPR)	6.62	6.30	9.56
Treasury Bill Yield (Excluding 10% withholding tax)			
- 91 days	5.94	5.88	6.75
- 182 days	6.03	5.98	6.90
- 364 days	6.12	6.10	7.08
Standing Deposit Facility	6.50	6.50	6.50
Standing Lending Facility	8.00	8.00	8.00
Call Money Weekly Average (CMR)	6.03	6.42	6.98
Sri Lanka Inter Bank Offer Rate (SLIBOR)			
1 day	6.04	6.51	7.03
7 days	6.32	6.60	7.61
1 Month	6.52	6.73	8.04
3 Months	6.67	6.86	8.50
6 Months	6.93	7.13	8.95
12 Months	7.20	7.34	9.50
Commercial Banks	Oct 2014	Month Ago	Year Ago
Saving Deposits -	0.75-8.50	0.75-9.50	0.75-9.00
One Year Fixed Deposits -	3.95-12.00	4.15-12.00	6.00-16.00
	Jan 2015	Month Ago	Year Ago
Commercial Bank Average Weighted Deposit Rate (AWDR)	5.94	6.20	9.14
Commercial Bank Average Weighted Fixed Deposit Rate (AWFDR)	7.02	7.33	11.46
	Dec 2014	Month Ago	Year Ago
Commercial Bank Average Weighted Lending Rate (AWLR)	11.91	12.29	15.18
NSB	Oct 2014	Month Ago	Year Ago
Saving Deposits -	5.00	5.00	5.00
One Year Fixed Deposits -	6.50	6.50	10.00
Treasury Bonds Auction	(06 Y & 07 Months) 30/12/2014	(10 Y & 04 Months) 30/12/2014	(14 Y & 10 Months) 10/07/2014
Coupon rate	11.00	9.00	13.00
Weighted Average Yield (Excluding 10% withholding tax)	7.05	7.88	10.58

Bankwise- AWPR	Week ending 2015 Feb 20	Week Ago
Bank of Ceylon	6.72	6.84
People's Bank	8.74	8.74
Hatton National Bank	6.18	6.22
Commercial Bank of Ceylon	6.11	6.24
Sampath Bank	6.29	6.34
Seylan Bank	7.17	6.82
Union Bank of Colombo	6.65	7.51
Pan Asia Banking Corporation	7.35	7.35
Nations Trust Bank	6.04	6.08
DFCC Vardhana Bank	7.08	7.18
NDB Bank	6.89	6.56
Amana Bank	8.00	8.00
Cargills Bank	7.50	6.93

Bankwise- AWPR	Week ending 2015 Feb 20	Week Ago
HSBC	7.47	6.99
Standard Chartered Bank	6.12	5.91
Citi Bank	6.40	5.90
Deutsche Bank	8.04	6.97
Habib Bank	5.36	5.36
Indian Bank	7.85	7.85
Indian Overseas Bank	8.35	8.35
MCB Bank	6.36	6.82
State Bank of India	9.34	9.34
Public Bank	8.00	8.00
ICICI Bank	8.43	8.43
Axis Bank	-	-

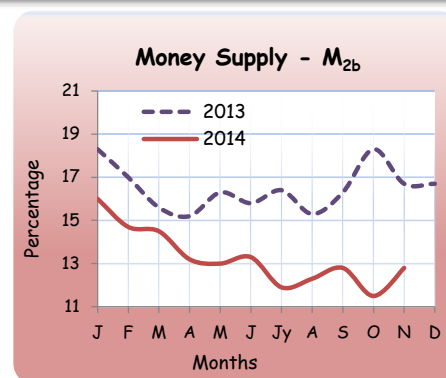
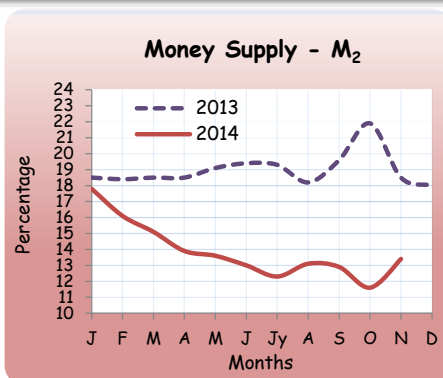
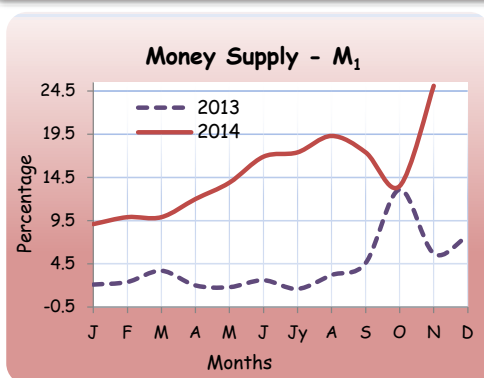
Interest Rates - Call Money



2.2 Money Supply

Item	Rs. Bn.			Annual Change (%)		
	2014 (a) November	Month Ago	Year Ago	2014 (a) November	Month Ago	Year Ago
M1	568.3	546.5	454.4	25.1	13.5	5.7
M2	3,398.5	3,351.3	2,997.7	13.4	11.6	18.5
M2b	3,794.8	3,747.6	3,363.1	12.8	11.5	16.7
Net Foreign Assets of the Banking System (b)	-44.0	20.7	-63.6	30.8	140.5	-154.0
Monetary Authorities	656.9	669.4	479.9	36.9	34.3	34.8
Domestic Banking Units (DBUs)	-247.2	-245.3	-197.4	-25.3	-25.7	-75.0
Foreign currency Banking Units (FCBUs)	-453.6	-403.5	-346.1	-31.1	-13.8	-29.1
Net Domestic Assets of the Banking System (b)	3,838.8	3,726.9	3,426.7	12.0	9.2	17.9
DBUs	3,249.6	3,180.4	2,947.5	10.2	8.5	17.2
FCBUs	589.2	546.5	479.2	23.0	13.1	22.9
Net Credit to Government	1,425.1	1,401.4	1,325.5	7.5	5.4	25.6
Monetary Authorities	154.6	147.5	127.8	21.0	15.2	-61.3
DBUs	1,062.2	1,046.3	1,005.4	5.7	3.4	70.6
FCBUs	208.3	207.6	192.4	8.3	10.0	41.8
Credit to Corporations	431.5	404.1	308.0	40.1	23.6	18.0
DBUs	185.7	184.9	124.5	49.1	50.1	72.1
FCBUs	245.8	219.2	183.5	34.0	7.6	-2.8
Credit to the Private Sector	2,681.7	2,623.9	2,519.0	6.5	5.1	7.3
DBUs	2,429.8	2,375.4	2,309.3	5.2	3.7	7.0
FCBUs	251.9	248.5	209.7	20.2	20.9	9.9
Reserve Money	551.8	547.7	472.0	16.9	17.3	-1.0

(a) Provisional (b) In relation to M2b

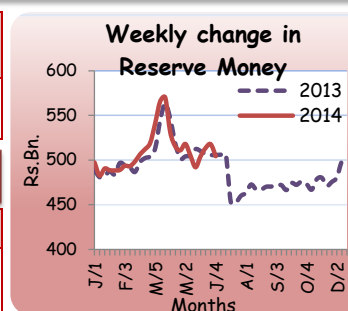


2.3 Weekly change in Reserve Money

Item	19 Feb 2015	Week Ago	Change
Reserve Money (Rs.Mn.)	595,921	584,214	11,707

2.4 Money Market Activity (Overnight)

Item	16.02.2015	17.02.2015	18.02.2015	19.02.2015	20.02.2015
Call Money Market					
Weighted Average Rate (% p.a.)	6.04	0.00	6.03	6.03	6.00
Gross Volume (Rs. Mn)	20,752	0	14,774	13,704	11,232
Repo Market					
Weighted Average Rate (% p.a.)	5.76	0.00	5.62	5.67	5.63
Gross Volume (Rs. Mn)	7,790	0	10,137	8,868	6,444



2.5 CBSL Security Portfolio

Item	16.02.2015	17.02.2015	18.02.2015	19.02.2015	20.02.2015
CBSL T-Bill Holding (Rs. Mn)	142	0	3,687	3,688	16,010

2.6 Open Market Operations

Item	16.02.2015	17.02.2015	18.02.2015	19.02.2015	20.02.2015
Short-Term Auction					
Repo Amount Offered (Rs. bn)	15.00	0.00	15.00	0.00	40.00
Reverse Repo Amount Offered (Rs. bn)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Tenure (No. of Days)	2	0	2	0	7
Bids Received (Rs. bn)	13.99	0.00	9.05	0.00	32.64
Amount Accepted (Rs. bn)	13.99	0.00	9.05	0.00	32.64
Weighted Average Yield Rate (% p.a.)	5.91	0.00	5.95	0.00	5.96
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)	24.10	0.00	25.78	16.99	21.13
Standing Lending Facility (Rs. bn)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Outstanding Market Liquidity (Rs. bn)	282.98	0.00	279.73	270.94	285.80

2.7 Credit Cards *

Item	2014 (a) End Sep	2014 End Aug	2013 End Dec
Total Number of Active Cards	997,309	987,003	951,625
Local (accepted only locally)	33,455	33,771	35,990
Global (accepted globally)	963,854	953,232	915,635
Outstanding balance (Rs. Mn.)	55,104	54,433	51,172
Local (accepted only locally)	1,232	1,242	1,260
Global (accepted globally)	53,872	53,191	49,913

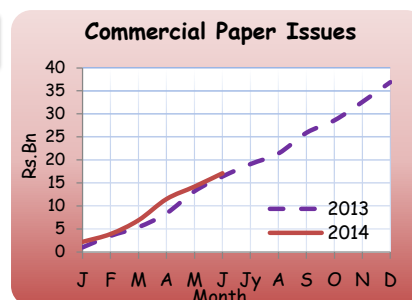
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2.8 Commercial Paper Issues (1)

Item (Rs. bn.)	2014 End Sep*	2014 End Aug	2013 End Dec
Total Issues - Cumulative	7.1	6.6	28.3
Outstanding (as at end of the period)	3.9	4.8	7.4

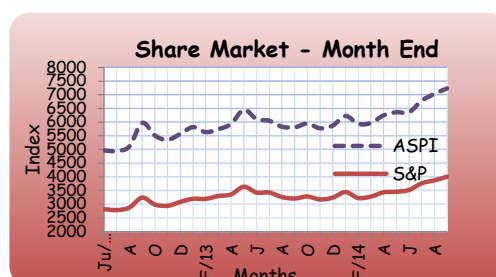
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(1) Based on the information provided by Licensed Commercial Banks and Licensed Specialised Banks



2.9 Share Market

Item	Week Ending 20 Feb 2015	Week Ago	Year Ago
All Share Price Index (1985 = 100) (ASPI)	7,315	7,336	5,956
S & P Sri Lanka 20 Index (S&P SL20)	4,133	4,113	3,258
Average Daily Turnover (Rs. Mn)	1,090	1,699	696
Market Capitalisation (Rs.Bn.)	3,100	3,109	2,487



Fiscal Sector

During the first nine months of 2014, total revenue as a percentage of estimated GDP marginally declined to 8.4 per cent from 9.1 per cent in the corresponding period of 2013. However, in nominal terms, total revenue increased by 5.6 per cent to Rs. 828.2 billion during the first nine months of the year from Rs. 784.2 billion recorded during the same period in 2013 reflecting increases in both tax revenue (by Rs. 41.5 billion) and non tax revenue (by Rs. 2.5 billion). However, average monthly revenue during this period was around Rs. 92 billion.

Total expenditure and net lending as a percentage of estimated GDP declined to 13.4 per cent during the first nine months of 2014 compared to 14.7 per cent recorded in the corresponding period in 2013 mainly due to decline in both recurrent expenditure and capital expenditure and net lending. In nominal terms, total expenditure and net lending increased by 3.7 per cent to Rs.1,326.7 billion during the first nine months of 2014 from Rs. 1,279.1 billion in the corresponding period of 2013.

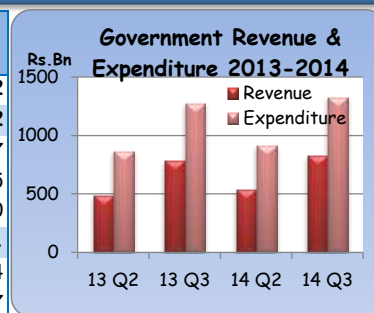
Total outstanding debt increased by Rs. 575.7 billion to Rs. 7,368.9 billion as at end September 2014 from Rs. 6,793.2 billion at end 2013. Foreign debt increased by Rs. 222.5 billion to Rs. 3,182.9 billion mainly due the issuance of International Sovereign Bond amounting to US dollars 1,000 million and US dollars 500 million in January and April 2014. Meanwhile, domestic debt increased by Rs. 353.2 billion to Rs. 4,186 billion.

The government made several changes to the Special Commodity Levy (SCL) during the month of September with a view to maintaining stable prices in the domestic market. Accordingly, SCL on the importation of rice was decreased from Rs. 5 per kg to Rs. 1 per kg for a period of three months while SCL on the importation of sugar was increased from Rs. 28 per kg to Rs. 33 per kg for a period of three months with effect from 05 September 2014. In addition, importation of fresh or chilled potatoes was suspended with effect from 06 September 2014.

FISCAL SECTOR

3.1 Government Finance (Rs.bn)

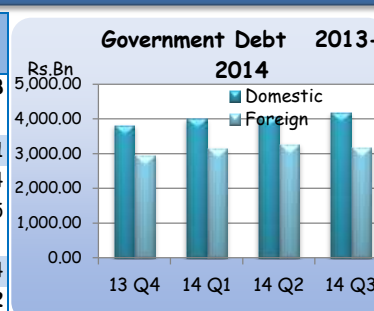
Item	2014 *	2013
	Jan-Sep	Jan-Sep
Revenue and Grants	836.9	787.2
Revenue	828.2	784.2
Tax	752.2	710.7
Non tax	76.0	73.5
Grants	8.7	3.0
Expenditure & Lending Minus Repayments	1,326.7	1,279.1
Current	962.1	920.4
Capital & Lending Minus Repayments	364.6	358.7



* Provisional **Revised

3.2 Government Debt (Rs.bn)

Item	2014*	2013
	End Sep	End Dec
Total domestic debt	4,186.0	3,832.8
of which		
Treasury bills	620.1	700.1
Treasury bonds	2,821.0	2,452.4
Rupee loans	55.5	55.5
Total foreign debt	3,182.9	2,960.4
Total outstanding govt. debt	7,368.9	6,793.2



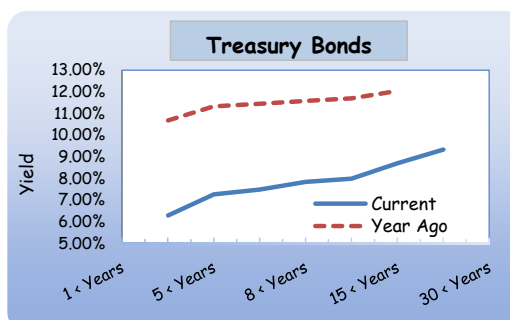
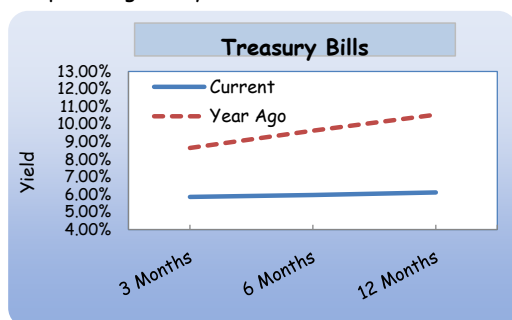
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3.3 Government Securities - Primary and Secondary Market Yield Rates as for the week ending - 18th February 2015

Security	Maturity	Primary Market*		Secondary Market			Last Week Average
		This Week	Last Week	This Week			
				Buying	Selling	Average	
Treasury Bills	3 Months	5.94%	5.88%	5.92%	5.79%	5.86%	5.79%
	6 Months	6.03%	5.98%	6.03%	5.91%	5.97%	5.91%
	12 Months	6.12%	6.10%	6.17%	6.07%	6.12%	6.08%
Treasury Bonds	2 < Years	6.98%	-	6.38%	6.21%	6.29%	6.29%
	5 < Years	-	-	7.33%	7.21%	7.27%	7.27%
	6 < Years	-	-	7.55%	7.43%	7.49%	7.49%
	8 < Years	-	-	7.90%	7.77%	7.84%	7.85%
	10 < Years	-	8.20%	8.06%	7.91%	7.99%	7.97%
	15 < Years	-	-	8.80%	8.60%	8.70%	8.70%
	20 < Years	-	-	9.42%	9.25%	9.33%	9.33%
30 < Years	-	9.45%	9.57%	9.40%	9.48%	9.48%	

* Primary market transactions during the week ending 18/02/2015

The secondary market yield rates of T-bonds broadly remained at levels whereas T-bills yield rates inched up marginally during the week compared against yield rates of last week.



3.4 Government Securities - Weekly Summary of Primary and Secondary Market Transactions (Week Ended - 18th February 2015)

Item	Volume in Rs Mn	
	This Week	Last Week
Outstanding Stock of Government Securities		
Treasury Bills	812,140.34	821,832.14
Treasury Bonds (a)	3,288,834.85	3,283,334.85
Total	4,100,975.19	4,105,166.99
Government Securities held by Foreigners	456,180.44	455,757.23
Sri Lanka Development Bonds (SLDB)	453,413.73	443,449.39

Outstanding stock of T-bonds and SLDBs increased with new issuances during the week.

Primary Market Activities	Volume in Rs Mn	
	This Week	Last Week
Treasury Bills		
Amount Offered	10,000.00	12,000.00
Total Bids Received	22,909.00	32,525.00
Total Bids Accepted	8,534.00	13,744.00
Treasury Bonds		
Amount Offered		
Total Bids Received	No auction held	No auction held
Total Bids Accepted		

The primary market issuances remained substantially oversubscribed continuing the market preference for short term government securities.

Secondary Market Activities	Volume in Rs Mn	
	This Week	Last Week
Treasury Bills		
Outright Transaction (Sales / Purchases)	21,785.37	32,834.64
Repo Transaction (Sales / Purchases)	211,087.05	270,322.85
Treasury Bonds		
Outright Transaction (Sales / Purchases)	18,424.89	45,713.35
Repo Transaction (Sales / Purchases)	577,713.99	656,287.37

Decreased activities are observed in secondary market transactions 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) - 20/02/2015

Remaining Maturity	Average Buying Price	Yield %	Average Selling Price	Yield %	Buying & Selling Spread
1-7 Days	99.89	5.77	99.89	5.61	0.00
1 Month	99.52	5.87	99.53	5.73	0.01
2 Month	99.02	5.93	99.05	5.80	0.02
3 Month	98.53	5.96	98.57	5.80	0.04
4 Month	98.03	6.00	98.08	5.85	0.05
5 Month	97.52	6.02	97.59	5.87	0.06
6 Month	97.00	6.09	97.05	5.98	0.05
7 Month	96.47	6.13	96.53	6.02	0.06
8 Month	95.96	6.15	96.03	6.04	0.07
9 Month	95.46	6.15	95.53	6.04	0.07
10 Month	94.91	6.19	95.00	6.08	0.08
11 Month	94.39	6.21	94.48	6.11	0.09
12 Month	93.86	6.22	93.96	6.12	0.10

3.6 Two way Quotes (Treasury Bonds)- 20/02/2015

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
11.75%2015A	6	15-Mar-15	23	100.35	5.97	100.37	5.65	0.02
06.20%2015B	4	15-Jun-15	115	99.99	6.15	100.12	5.74	0.13
06.50%2015A	5	15-Jul-15	145	100.13	6.13	100.24	5.84	0.11
11.00%2015A	6	1-Aug-15	162	102.07	6.22	102.25	5.82	0.18
11.00%2015B	6	1-Sep-15	193	102.54	6.00	102.62	5.86	0.07
12.50%2015A	2	20-Sep-15	212	103.58	6.08	103.65	5.95	0.07
08.50%2015A	3	1-Nov-15	254	101.54	6.18	101.65	6.01	0.11
07.25%2016A	6	1-Apr-16	406	100.86	6.43	101.08	6.22	0.22
08.00%2016B	4	1-Jun-16	467	101.90	6.42	102.08	6.27	0.18
06.40%2016A	6	1-Aug-16	528	99.86	6.50	100.07	6.34	0.22
08.00%2016A	5	1-Sep-16	559	102.11	6.53	102.18	6.48	0.07
06.40%2016B	6	1-Oct-16	589	99.68	6.61	99.80	6.53	0.13
08.00%2017A	5	1-Jan-17	681	102.26	6.68	102.42	6.59	0.16
05.80%2017A	6	15-Jan-17	695	98.12	6.87	98.27	6.78	0.14
08.25%2017A	3	1-Mar-17	740	102.44	6.93	102.63	6.83	0.19
08.75%2017A	4	15-May-17	815	103.34	7.10	103.53	7.00	0.19
08.00%2017B	5	15-Jun-17	846	101.98	7.05	102.11	6.99	0.13
05.80%2017B	6	15-Jul-17	876	97.24	7.07	97.44	6.98	0.20
08.50%2018A	15	1-Feb-18	1,077	103.49	7.16	103.77	7.06	0.28
08.50%2018C	5	1-Apr-18	1,136	103.38	7.26	103.55	7.20	0.17
08.50%2018D	5	1-Jun-18	1,197	103.79	7.18	103.94	7.13	0.15
08.50%2018B	15	15-Jul-18	1,241	103.85	7.20	104.05	7.13	0.20
07.50%2018A	15	15-Aug-18	1,272	100.62	7.29	100.82	7.23	0.20
08.00%2018A	6	15-Nov-18	1,364	102.56	7.20	102.71	7.16	0.15
05.65%2019A	8	15-Jan-19	1,425	94.56	7.28	94.81	7.20	0.25
08.50%2019A	10	1-May-19	1,531	104.37	7.27	104.71	7.17	0.34
10.60%2019A	6	1-Jul-19	1,592	111.97	7.34	112.33	7.25	0.36
10.60%2019B	5	15-Sep-19	1,668	112.60	7.30	112.93	7.22	0.33
08.00%2019A	8	1-Nov-19	1,715	102.59	7.33	102.99	7.23	0.40
08.00%2020A	8	1-Jun-20	1,928	102.35	7.45	102.78	7.35	0.44
06.20%2020A	10	1-Aug-20	1,989	94.15	7.53	94.58	7.43	0.43
09.00%2021A	8	1-May-21	2,262	106.18	7.72	106.76	7.61	0.58
11.00%2021A	7	1-Aug-21	2,354	116.92	7.63	117.39	7.54	0.46
08.00%2022A	10	1-Jan-22	2,507	101.74	7.67	102.18	7.58	0.44
11.20%2022A	9	1-Jul-22	2,688	118.49	7.84	118.99	7.76	0.50
10.00%2022A	8	1-Oct-22	2,780	112.10	7.86	112.59	7.78	0.49
09.00%2023A	10	1-Sep-23	3,115	106.79	7.89	107.34	7.81	0.54
11.20%2023A	9	1-Sep-23	3,115	120.35	7.88	120.93	7.79	0.58
07.00%2023A	20	1-Oct-23	3,145	91.43	8.42	93.85	8.00	2.42
11.40%2024A	10	1-Jan-24	3,237	119.58	8.24	120.39	8.12	0.80
06.00%2024A	10	1-Dec-24	3,572	85.53	8.18	86.60	8.00	1.06
09.00%2025A	12	1-May-25	3,723	104.21	8.38	105.26	8.23	1.05
09.00%2026A	13	1-Feb-26	3,999	103.15	8.55	104.31	8.39	1.16
05.35%2026A	15	1-Mar-26	4,027	75.96	8.80	77.59	8.53	1.63
09.00%2028B	15	1-May-28	4,819	100.36	8.95	102.44	8.68	2.08
09.00%2028A	15	1-Jul-28	4,880	99.60	9.05	100.56	8.93	0.96
13.00%2029A	15	1-Jan-29	5,064	129.76	9.16	131.18	9.01	1.42
13.00%2029B	15	1-May-29	5,184	129.91	9.18	132.40	8.93	2.50
08.00%2032A	20	1-Jan-32	6,159	86.00	9.70	86.87	9.58	0.86
09.00%2032A	20	1-Oct-32	6,433	96.99	9.35	98.08	9.22	1.10
09.00%2033A	20	1-Jun-33	6,676	96.68	9.38	97.79	9.25	1.11
13.25%2033A	20	1-Jul-33	6,706	133.18	9.42	134.66	9.28	1.48
09.00%2033B	20	1-Nov-33	6,829	96.06	9.45	97.21	9.32	1.15
13.25%2034A	20	1-Jan-34	6,890	132.75	9.49	134.24	9.35	1.49
09.00%2043A	30	1-Jun-43	10,328	94.91	9.52	96.18	9.39	1.27
13.50%2044A	30	1-Jan-44	10,542	136.60	9.70	139.84	9.45	3.24
13.50%2044B	30	1-Jun-44	10,694	136.43	9.72	139.68	9.47	3.25

External Sector

During the year so far (up to 20 February 2015) the rupee depreciated against the US dollar (1.39 per cent). Given the cross currency exchange rate movements, the Sri Lanka rupee appreciated against the euro (5.51 per cent) and depreciated against the pound sterling (0.05 per cent), the Japanese yen (1.75 per cent) and the Indian rupee (3.27 per cent) during this period.

Earnings from exports declined by 10.7 per cent, year-on-year, in November 2014 to US dollars 921 million, mainly due to the substantial growth in export earnings recorded in November 2013. The largest contribution to the decline in exports in November 2014 was from the industrial exports followed by agricultural exports. However, on a cumulative basis export earnings increased by 7.5 per cent to US dollars 10,108 million during the first eleven months of 2014. Major export destinations during January to November 2014 continued to be USA, UK, Italy, India and Germany accounting for around 50 per cent of total exports.

Expenditure on imports increased moderately by 4.8 per cent to US dollars 1,645 million in November 2014, while on a cumulative basis, imports grew by 7.1 per cent to US dollars 17,618 million during the first eleven months of 2014. The increase in import expenditure in November 2014 was mainly led by imports of consumer goods with significant increase in imports of personal vehicles such as motor cycles and motor cars as well as rice imports. During the first eleven months of 2014, the main import origins were India, China, UAE, Singapore and Japan accounting for about 59 per cent of total imports.

The significant increase in export prices over the decline in import prices resulted to improve the terms of trade in October 2014. Export price index increased by 18.7 per cent year-on-year to 104.9 index points, reflecting a significant price increase in industrial export category despite the decline in export prices of all other sub categories.

Accordingly, the terms of trade index improved significantly by 19.0 per cent to 98.0 index points in October 2014 from to 82.3 index points in October 2013.

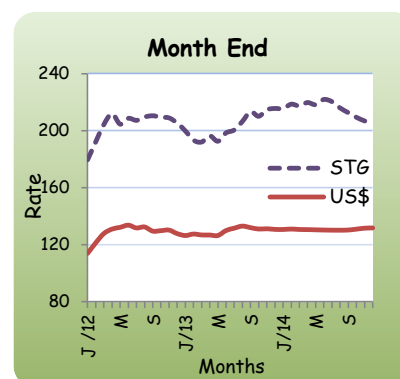
India, UK, China, Germany and Maldives were the top five sources of tourist arrivals upto December 2014, accounting for 46.1 per cent of total tourist arrivals during the year upto December 2014.

The average price of tea declined to US dollars 3.08 per kg (in the Colombo auction) in November 2014 from US dollars 3.44 per kg in October 2014 and US dollars 3.72 in November 2013.

EXTERNAL SECTOR

4.1 Exchange Rates

Item (Rs Per Unit)*	Week Ending - 20 Feb 2015			Average Rate	
	Buying Rate	Selling Rate	Average Rate	Week Ago	Year Ago
US\$	131.77	134.55	133.16	133.06	130.84
STG	202.60	208.33	205.47	204.73	218.13
Yen	1.10	1.14	1.12	1.12	1.28
Euro	148.89	153.81	151.35	151.62	179.74
INR(1)			2.14	2.14	2.10
SDR (As at 19 Feb 2015)			187.95	187.98	201.89
Central Bank purchases and sales** (US\$ Mn.)			December 2014	Month Ago	Year Ago
Purchases			4.00	30.00	239.20
Sales			195.10	79.85	11.45



	Week Ending 20 Feb 2015	Week Ago	Year Ago
Average Daily Interbank Volume (US\$ Mn.) (spot, tom and cash transactions among commercial banks)	28.64	18.50	27.81
Forward Transactions			
Forward Rates (US\$) ⁽²⁾			
1 Month	133.49	133.36	131.40
3 Months	134.54	134.57	132.38
Average Daily Interbank Forward Volume (US\$ mn)	23.39	20.76	45.88
Outstanding Forward Volume (US\$ mn) (As at 19 Feb 2015)	1,148.99	1,163.28	957.31

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

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

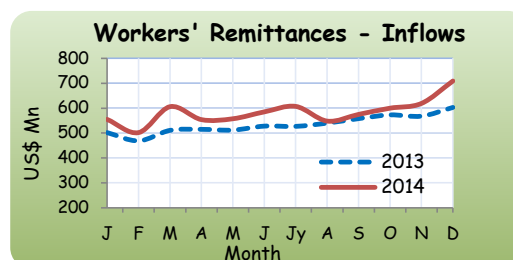
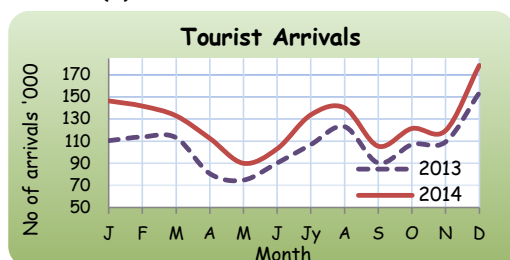
(1) Central Bank indicative rate (2) Weekly average based on actual transactions.

4.2 Tourism & Workers' Remittances(a)

Item(a)		2013 Dec (b)	2014 Dec	2013 Jan-Dec (b)	2014 Jan-Dec	% Change
Tourist Arrivals	Number	153,918	178,672	1,274,593	1,527,153	19.8
Earnings from Tourism	US\$ Mn.	207.2	258.1	1,715.5	2,206.40	28.6
	Rs.bn.	27.1	33.8	221.7	288.1	30.0
Workers' Remittances (Inflows)		2013 Dec (b)	2014 Dec	2013 Jan-Dec(b)	2014 Jan-Dec	% Change
	US\$ Mn.	602.8	708.8	6,407.0	7,017.8	9.5
	Rs. bn.	78.9	92.9	827.7	916.3	10.7

(a) Provisional

(b) Revised



4.3 Official Reserve Assets as at 31st January 2015 ^(a)

Official Reserve Assets (USD Mn)	7,261.00
(1) Foreign currency reserves	6,280.50
(2) Reserve position in the IMF	67.5
(3) SDRs	8.9
(4) Gold	902.9
(5) Other reserve assets	1.2

(a) Provisional

4.4 International Reserves & Foreign Currency Liquidity as at 31st December 2014 ^(a)

Official Reserve Assets (USD mn)				
Official Reserve Assets^(b)				8,208.41
(1) Foreign currency reserves				7,236.25
(a) Securities				3,442.16
(b) Total currency and deposits with				3,794.09
(i) other national central banks, BIS				1,738.17
(ii) banks headquartered inside the reporting country of which located abroad				1.05
(iii) banks headquartered outside the reporting country of which located in the reporting country				2,054.87
(2) Reserve position in the IMF				69.33
(3) SDRs				9.16
(4) Gold				892.71
(5) Other reserve assets				0.96
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	-3,454.40	-1370.52	-608.88	-1,475.01
Interest	-1,010.37	-287.22	-76.13	-647.02
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)	-2,195.87	-334.01	-367.18	-1,494.68
(b) Long positions (+)				
3. Other (specify)	-0.04	-0.04		
inflows related to reverse repos (+)				
other accounts payable (-)	-0.04	-0.04		

(a) Provisional

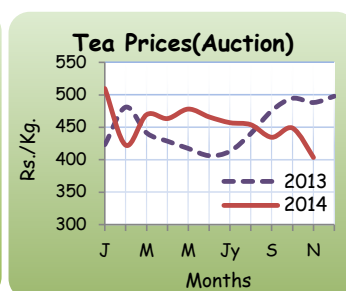
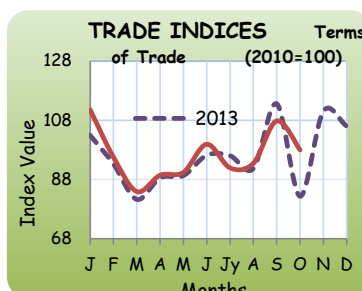
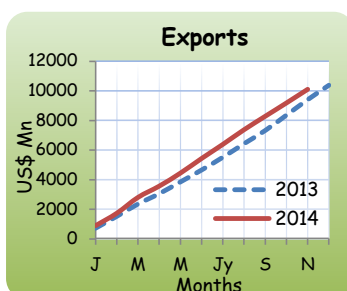
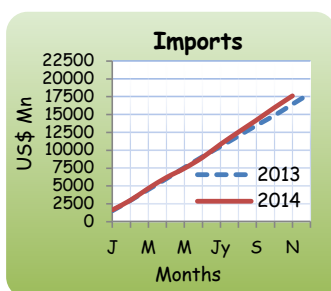
(b) By end December 2014, the total foreign assets were equivalent to 6.1 months of imports and gross official reserves were equivalent to 5.1 months of imports

(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

4.5 External Trade

Item	US\$ Bn			Rs Bn		
	Jan-Nov 2014	Jan-Nov 2013	% Change	Jan-Nov 2014	Jan-Nov 2013	% Change
Exports	10.11	9.41	7.5	1,319.25	1,214.84	8.6
Agricultural	2.54	2.34	8.8	332.09	302.26	9.9
Industrial	7.49	7.01	6.9	977.94	904.63	8.1
Food, Beverages and Tobacco	0.26	0.21	23.5	34.52	27.66	24.8
Textiles and Apparel	4.48	4.05	10.5	584.59	523.66	11.6
Petroleum Products	0.31	0.40	-20.9	40.95	51.05	-19.8
Leather, Rubber etc	0.94	0.86	9.5	123.15	111.26	10.7
Other	1.49	1.48	0.8	194.74	191.00	2.0
Mineral	0.06	0.05	14.4	7.45	6.50	14.5
Other	0.01	0.01	20.9	1.77	1.44	22.3
Imports	17.62	16.45	7.1	2,299.44	2,120.20	8.5
Consumer Goods	3.43	2.88	19.1	447.71	371.46	20.5
Intermediate Goods	10.46	9.62	8.8	1,365.12	1,239.24	10.2
Investment Goods	3.72	3.94	-5.8	484.91	507.93	-4.5
Other	0.01	0.01	6.8	1.70	1.57	8.1
Trade Balance	-7.51	-7.05	6.6	-980.19	-905.36	8.3

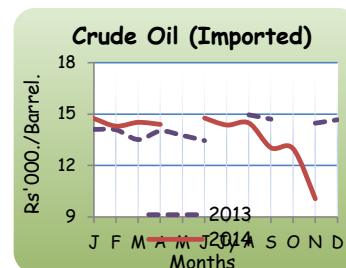
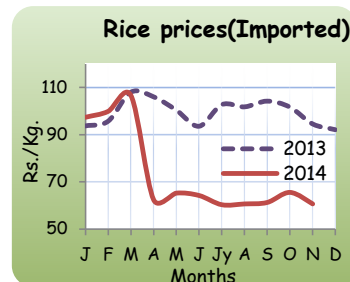


4.6 Trade Indices (2010= 100)

Item	2014** Oct	Month Ago	Year Ago
Total Exports			
Value	125.05	125.72	144.93
Quantity	119.18	118.58	163.96
Unit Value	104.93	106.02	88.39
Total Imports			
Value	156.64	149.23	124.73
Quantity	146.23	151.68	116.14
Unit Value	107.12	98.38	107.40
Terms of Trade	97.96	107.76	82.30

* In US\$ Terms

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4.7 International Commodity Prices

Item	Nov 2014	Nov 2013	% Change	Nov 2014	Nov 2013	% Change
Colombo Auction Price	US\$ / Kg			Rs / Kg		
Tea Prices	3.08	3.72	-17.20	403.56	488.24	-17.30
Imports (C I F)	US\$ / MT			Rs / MT		
Rice	463.21	721.23	-35.80	60,652.00	94,540.55	-35.80
White Sugar	497.04	493.96	0.60	65,081.85	64,749.98	0.50
Wheat	313.16	312.78	0.10	41,004.96	40,999.55	0.00
	US\$ / Barrel			Rs / Barrel		
Crude Oil	76.82	110.39	-30.40	10,058.98	14,470.60	-30.50