

Weekly Economic Indicators

06 March 2015



Statistics Department

Real Sector

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, decreased to 0.6 per cent, the lowest level recorded since February 2004 on a year-on-year basis. Annual average inflation also declined from 3.2 per cent recorded in January to 2.9 per cent in February 2015.

Core inflation, which reflects the underlying inflation in the economy, declined significantly from 2.1 per cent in January 2015 to 0.8 per cent in February 2015 on a year on year basis. Annual average core inflation during February 2015 was 3.2 per cent, compared to 3.4 per cent recorded in January 2015.

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, the tea and rubber production recorded a decrease of 0.6 per cent and 24.4 per cent respectively. Meanwhile, the coconut production showed an increase of 14.2 per cent in 2014.

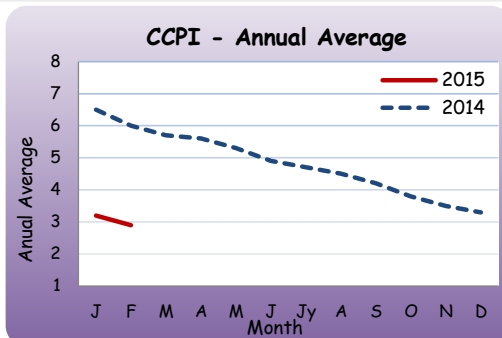
The FIPI increased by 6.9 per cent on a year-on-year basis in November 2014. This growth was mainly facilitated by increased production of wearing apparel as well as rubber and plastic products sectors. They have recorded a significant growth of 17.2 and 9.5 per cent respectively during this period. This was mainly attributed to increased domestic and international demand.

During the week crude oil spot prices showed mixed performance. Price declines at the beginning of the week were supported by speculation of a nuclear deal with Tehran which could lift Iran's sanctions and boost oil exports. Prices then increased on geopolitical tensions in the Middle East and a rise in Saudi oil prices. Saudi Arabia raised the official selling prices for its oil deliveries to Asia and the U.S., in the latest signal that OPEC's largest exporter is seeing signs of stronger demand. Later price declines were reported after government data showed U.S. commercial crude stockpiles hit a record high, rising twice as much as expected. However, crude oil prices again rose after Tehran's Ambassador said that no deal had been reached on the duration of any possible final agreement with world powers on the Iran's nuclear programme. Further, a deteriorating security situation led Libya's state oil company to declare a force majeure and halt production at 11 of its oilfields.

REAL SECTOR

1.1 Price Indices

Item	Feb 2015	Month Ago	Year Ago
(2006 / 07 = 100)			
Colombo Consumers' Price Index (CCPI)	178.9	183.2	177.8
Annual Average Change %	2.9	3.2	6.0
Year - on - Year Change %	0.6	3.2	4.2
Core Inflation - (CCPI)	172.0	173.6	170.6
Annual Average Change %	3.2	3.4	3.8
Year - on - Year Change %	0.8	2.1	3.1

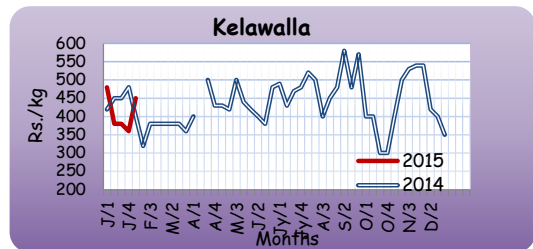
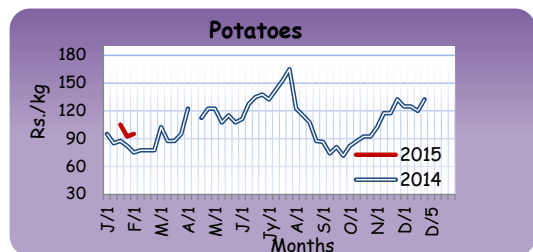
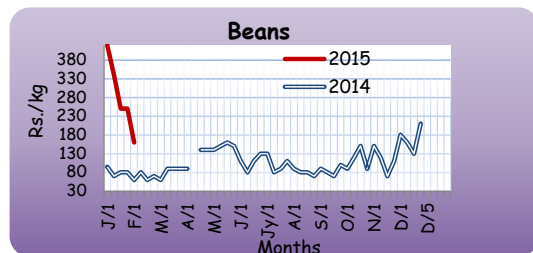
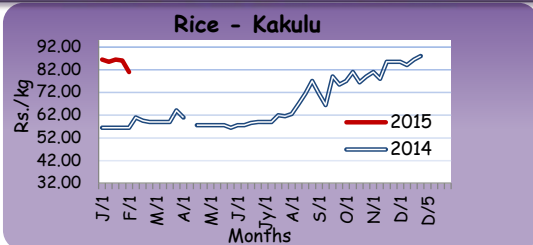


1.2 Pettah Market

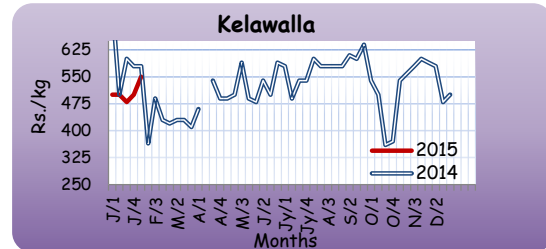
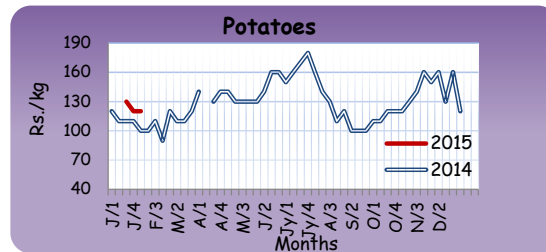
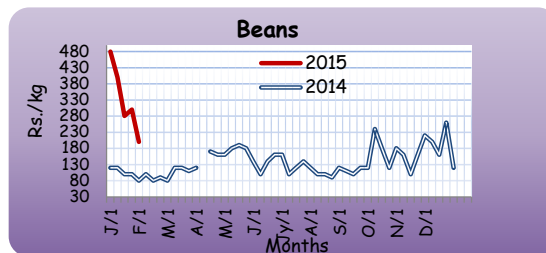
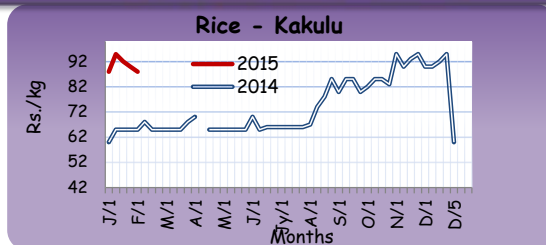
Item	Average Wholesale Prices				Average Retail Prices			
	Week Ending 04 th March 2015	Week Ago	Month Ago	Year Ago Annual Avg	Week Ending 04 th March 2015	Week Ago	Month Ago	Year Ago Annual Avg
	Rs / Kg				Rs / Kg			
Rice								
Samba	85.00	80.00	80.88	78.30	88.00	87.00	89.75	84.04
Kekulu (Red)	71.00	74.00	75.50	67.44	82.00	82.00	83.50	74.33
Vegetables								
Beans	180.00	180.00	210.00	113.17	240.00	200.00	245.00	140.96
Cabbage	70.00	110.00	107.50	61.65	100.00	140.00	145.00	90.96
Carrots	110.00	150.00	152.50	109.81	140.00	180.00	195.00	138.08
Tomatoes	70.00	140.00	190.00	90.77	120.00	180.00	230.00	122.31
Pumpkins	120.00	150.00	145.00	37.38	140.00	180.00	175.00	56.83
Snake Gourd	90.00	90.00	92.50	69.90	120.00	120.00	127.50	96.73
Brinjals	80.00	90.00	63.88	71.35	100.00	120.00	90.00	98.65
Ash-Plantains	120.00	130.00	132.50	73.65	140.00	160.00	162.50	95.96
Other Foods								
Red-Onions (Local)	77.50	65.00	72.50	79.55	100.00	100.00	106.67	109.59
Big-Onions (Local)	n.a	n.a	n.a.	75.42	n.a	n.a	n.a.	99.07
Potatoes (N'Eliya)	87.50	97.50	95.00	104.64	120.00	120.00	120.00	127.69
Dried Chilies (Imported)	210.00	225.00	225.25	193.24	270.00	280.00	265.00	230.38
Dhal (Indian)	150.00	152.00	152.25	140.94	170.00	170.00	168.75	159.23
Eggs (Red)	13.50	14.50	14.00	12.04	14.00	15.00	14.50	12.57
Coconut (Each)	47.00	45.50	45.00	38.63	60.00	55.00	53.75	50.10
Fish*								
Kelawalla	450.00	400.00	390.00	433.85	540.00	460.00	520.00	532.40
Balaya	320.00	230.00	290.00	295.00	370.00	280.00	345.00	349.04
Salaya	80.00	120.00	110.00	112.31	130.00	150.00	145.00	151.35
Paraw (Small)	400.00	300.00	375.00	435.58	460.00	340.00	425.00	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 04 th Mar 2015	
	Wholesale (Average)	Retail (Average)
Rice		
Samba	83.50	87.50
Kekulu (Red)	73.50	78.00
Vegetables		
Beans	152.50	198.75
Carrot	91.25	135.00
Tomatoes	55.63	110.00
Pumpkins	85.00	112.50
Snake Gourd	51.88	86.25
Ash-Plantains	85.00	116.25
Other Foods		
Red-Onions (Local)	73.13	95.00
Big-Onions (Local)	n.a.	n.a.
Potatoes (N'Eliya)	90.83	111.67
Dried Chilies(Imported)	221.88	263.75
Coconut (Each)	43.75	52.50

1.5 Maradagamula Market

Average wholesale price of Rice				
Item (Rs / Kg)	Week Ending 06 th Mar	Week Ago	Month Ago	Year Ago
Samba	76.50	76.50	76.86	75.74
Sudu Kekulu	67.78	67.70	69.53	69.11
Raw Red	77.53	77.52	78.42	67.25
Nadu	68.00	68.50	69.62	70.82

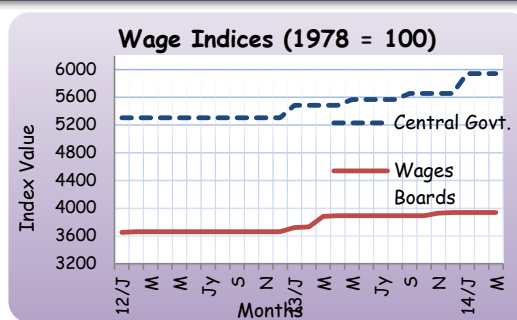
1.4 Narahenpita Economic Centre

Item (Rs / Kg)	Average Retail Prices	
	04 th Mar 2015	Week Ago
Rice		
Samba	90.00	90.00
Kekulu (Red)	80.00	78.33
Vegetables		
Beans	240.00	240.00
Cabbage	120.00	140.00
Carrots	140.00	160.00
Tomatoes	140.00	200.00
Pumpkins	160.00	173.33
Snake Gourd	120.00	153.33
Brinjals	93.33	80.00
Ash-Plantains	173.33	153.33
Other Foods		
Red-Onions (Imported)	120.00	140.00
Big-Onions (Imported)	80.00	80.00
Potatoes (Imported)	83.33	80.00
Dried Chilies (Imported)	246.67	243.33
Dhal (Indian)	166.67	163.33
Eggs (Red)(Each)	15.00	15.00
Coconut (Each)	53.33	51.67
Fish		
Kelawalla	776.67	790.00
Balaya	450.00	n.a.
Salaya	191.67	256.67
Paraw (Small)	760.00	680.00

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

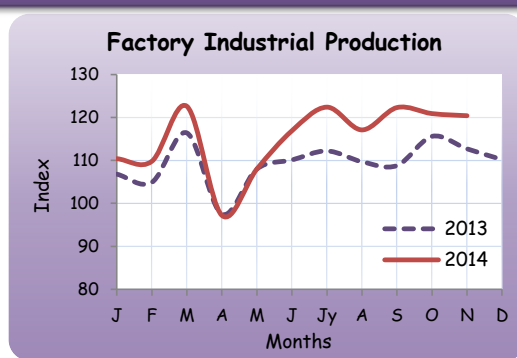


1.7 Factory Industry-Production (FIPI) (2010 = 100) (a)

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.

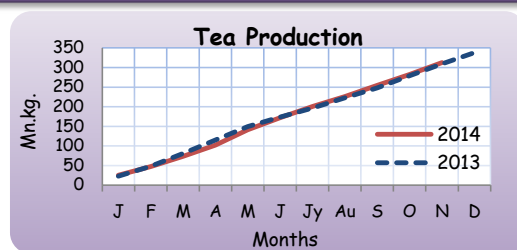
(b) Provisional



1.8 Agriculture Production

Item	Unit	2014* Jan - Dec	2013 Jan - Dec	% Change
Tea	(Mn Kg)	338.0	340.0	-0.6
Rubber	(Mn Kg)	98.6	130.4	-24.4
Coconuts	(Mn Nuts)	2,870.0	2,513.3	14.2

* 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



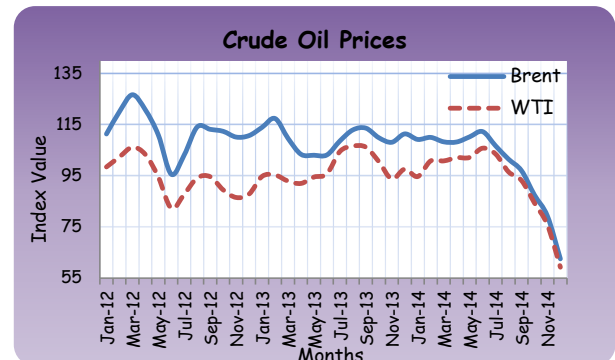
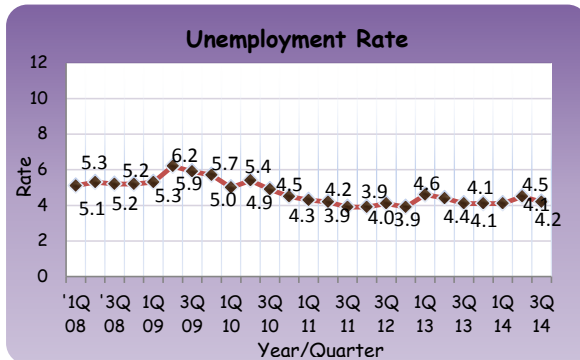
1.10 Employment (a)

Item	2014 3 rd Quarter	2013 3 rd Quarter	2013 Annual
Labour Force Participation rate	53.2	53.8	53.8
Unemployment rate	4.2	4.4	4.4
Employed Persons by Sectors % (b)			
Agriculture	28.9	28.7	29.7
Industry	25.7	26.4	26.2
Services	45.4	44.9	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	55.47
February	110.01	100.82	110.62	57.81	50.58	
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		
27 February	109.34	102.68		62.54	49.84	
02 March	-	-		61.40	49.59	
03 March	112.06	105.34		61.83	50.43	
04 March	109.97	103.64		59.83	51.53	
05 March	109.05	101.75		60.98	50.76	

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 06 March 2015 increased by 10 bps to 6.47 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 the previous month. 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 the previous month.

The total outstanding market liquidity increased to Rs. 283.68 bn by end of the week, compared to Rs. 286.97 bn by the end of last week. Majority of the liquidity has been absorbed through the Short-term Repo auctions and Long-term auctions.

By 06 March 2015, the All Share Price Index (ASPI) declined by 1.61 per cent to 7,184 points while the S&P SL 20 Index declined by 0.46 per cent to 4,097 points compared to the previous week.

MONETARY SECTOR

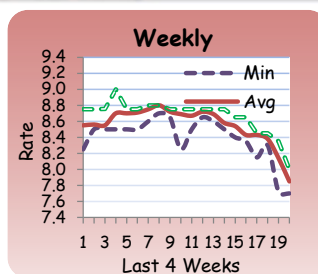
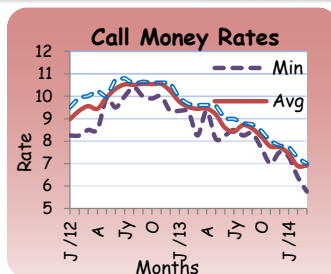
2.1 Interest Rates

Item	Week Ending 2015 Mar 06	Week Ago	Year Ago
Commercial Bank Average Weighted Prime Lending Rate (AWPR)	6.57	6.47	9.37
Treasury Bill Yield (Excluding 10% withholding tax)			
- 91 days	6.89	5.98	6.82
- 182 days	6.98	6.09	7.00
- 364 days	6.99	6.13	7.10
Standing Deposit Facility	6.50	6.50	6.50
Standing Lending Facility	8.00	8.00	8.00
Call Money Weekly Average (CMR)	6.78	6.04	6.89
Sri Lanka Inter Bank Offer Rate (SLIBOR)			
1 day	6.72	6.12	7.00
7 days	6.93	6.36	7.60
1 Month	7.13	6.56	7.98
3 Months	7.34	6.71	8.50
6 Months	7.68	6.94	8.91
12 Months	8.06	7.24	9.41
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
	Feb 2015	Month Ago	Year Ago
Commercial Bank Average Weighted Deposit Rate (AWDR)	5.90	5.94	8.83
Commercial Bank Average Weighted Fixed Deposit Rate (AWFDR)	6.95	7.02	10.99
	Jan 2015	Month Ago	Year Ago
Commercial Bank Average Weighted Lending Rate (AWLR)	11.68	11.91	14.83
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	(30 years) 27/02/2015	(06 Y & 07 Months) 30/12/2014	(10 Y & 04 Months) 30/12/2014
Coupon rate	12.50	11.00	9.00
Weighted Average Yield (Excluding 10% withholding tax)	11.73	7.05	7.88

Bankwise- AWPR	Week ending 2015 Mar 06	Week Ago
Bank of Ceylon	6.82	6.98
People's Bank	8.74	8.74
Hatton National Bank	6.47	6.59
Commercial Bank of Ceylon	6.38	6.21
Sampath Bank	6.36	6.17
Seylan Bank	6.75	7.34
Union Bank of Colombo	6.30	6.34
Pan Asia Banking Corporation	7.35	7.35
Nations Trust Bank	6.08	6.01
DFCC Vardhana Bank	7.72	7.08
NDB Bank	6.75	6.56
Amana Bank	8.02	8.00
Cargills Bank	6.63	6.46

Bankwise- AWPR	Week ending 2015 Mar 06	Week Ago
HSBC	6.35	7.19
Standard Chartered Bank	6.06	6.12
Citi Bank	6.81	6.06
Deutsche Bank	7.02	6.45
Habib Bank	5.45	5.36
Indian Bank	7.95	7.85
Indian Overseas Bank	8.45	8.35
MCB Bank	7.74	7.07
State Bank of India	8.05	9.34
Public Bank	8.00	8.00
ICICI Bank	8.40	8.40
Axis Bank	-	-

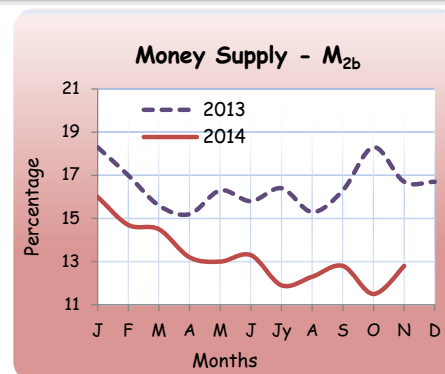
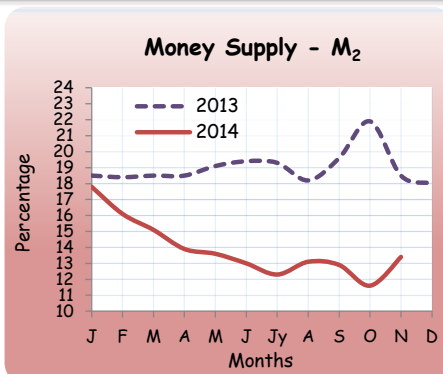
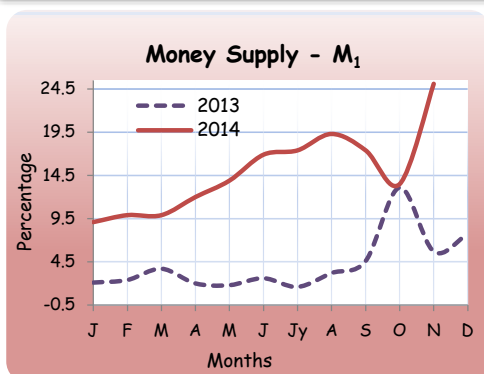
Interest Rates - Call Money



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

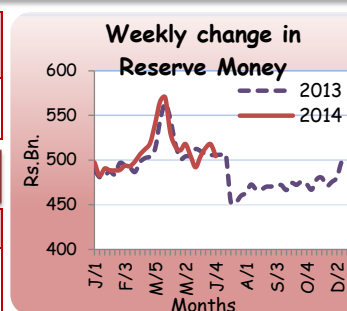


2.3 Weekly change in Reserve Money

Item	05 Mar 2015	Week Ago	Change
Reserve Money (Rs.Mn.)	593,567	579,922	13,645

2.4 Money Market Activity (Overnight)

Item	02.03.2015	03.03.2015	04.03.2015	05.03.2015	06.03.2015
Call Money Market					
Weighted Average Rate (% p.a.)	7.00	6.70	6.70	0.00	6.70
Gross Volume (Rs. Mn)	15,160	12,502	8,332	0	9,715
Repo Market					
Weighted Average Rate (% p.a.)	6.70	6.58	6.54	0.00	6.24
Gross Volume (Rs. Mn)	3,707	4,412	8,531	0	2,481



2.5 CBSL Security Portfolio

Item	02.03.2015	03.03.2015	04.03.2015	05.03.2015	06.03.2015
CBSL T-Bill Holding (Rs. Mn)	11,124	11,127	11,129	-	42,232

2.6 Open Market Operations

Item	02.03.2015	03.03.2015	04.03.2015	05.03.2015	06.03.2015
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)	24.46	26.77	17.64	0.00	78.08
Standing Lending Facility (Rs. bn)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Outstanding Market Liquidity (Rs. bn)	280.11	282.41	273.28	0.00	283.68

2.7 Credit Cards *

Item	2014 (a) End Oct	2014 End Sep	2013 End Dec
Total Number of Active Cards	1,008,022	997,309	951,625
Local (accepted only locally)	33,267	33,455	35,990
Global (accepted globally)	974,755	963,854	915,635
Outstanding balance (Rs. Mn.)	55,133	55,104	51,172
Local (accepted only locally)	1,249	1,232	1,260
Global (accepted globally)	53,883	53,872	49,913

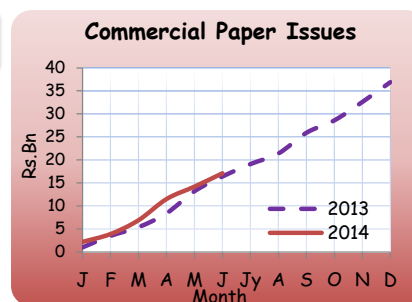
(a) Provisional * Issued by Licensed Commercial Banks

2.8 Commercial Paper Issues (1)

Item (Rs. bn.)	2014 End Oct*	2014 End Sep	2013 End Dec
Total Issues - Cumulative	7.7	7.1	28.3
Outstanding (as at end of the period)	4.2	3.9	7.4

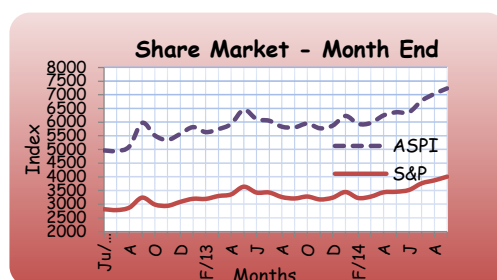
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(1) Based on the information provided by Licensed Commercial Banks and Licensed Specialised Banks



2.9 Share Market

Item	Week Ending 06 Mar 2015	Week Ago	Year Ago
All Share Price Index (1985 = 100) (ASPI)	7,184	7,301	5,962
S & P Sri Lanka 20 Index (S&P SL20)	4,097	4,116	3,234
Average Daily Turnover (Rs. Mn)	1,111	1,114	2,480
Market Capitalisation (Rs.Bn.)	3,045	3,095	2,490



Fiscal Sector

During the first nine months of 2014, total revenue as a percentage of estimated GDP declined marginally to 8.4 per cent from 9.1 per cent in the corresponding period of 2013. However total revenue in nominal terms 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.

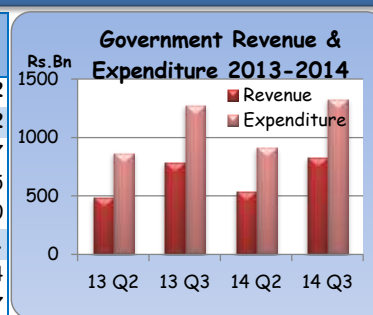
Total outstanding debt increased by Rs. 575.7 billion to Rs. 7,368.9 billion as at end September 2014 from Rs. 6,793.2 billion at end 2013. Foreign debt increased by Rs. 222.5 billion to Rs. 3,182.9 billion mainly due the issuance of International Sovereign Bond amounting to US dollars 1,000 million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

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)

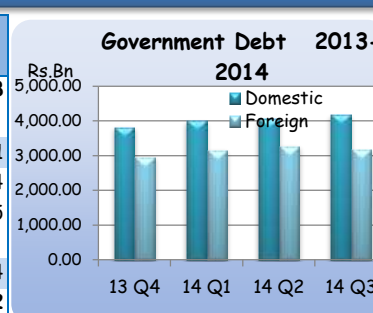
Item	2014 *	2013
	Jan-Sep	Jan-Sep
Revenue and Grants	836.9	787.2
Revenue	828.2	784.2
Tax	752.2	710.7
Non tax	76.0	73.5
Grants	8.7	3.0
Expenditure & Lending Minus Repayments	1,326.7	1,279.1
Current	962.1	920.4
Capital & Lending Minus Repayments	364.6	358.7



* 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



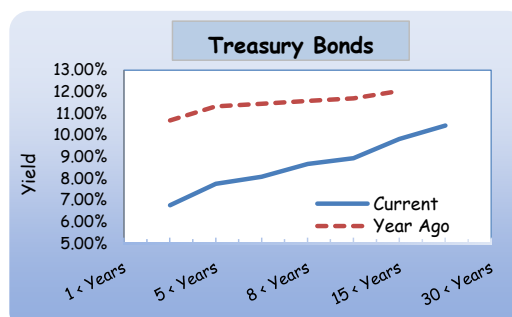
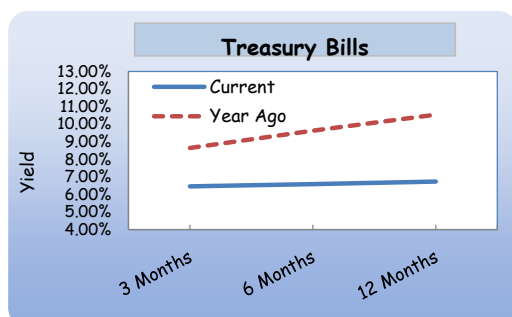
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3.3 Government Securities - Primary and Secondary Market Yield Rates as for the week ending - 04th March 2015

Security	Maturity	Primary Market*		Secondary Market			Last Week Average
		This Week	Last Week	This Week			
				Buying	Selling	Average	
Treasury Bills	3 Months	6.89%	5.98%	6.60%	6.34%	6.47%	5.90%
	6 Months	6.98%	6.09%	6.71%	6.49%	6.60%	6.02%
	12 Months	6.99%	6.13%	6.87%	6.62%	6.75%	6.15%
Treasury Bonds	2 < Years	7.00%	7.00%	6.92%	6.61%	6.77%	6.29%
	5 < Years	7.40%	7.39%	7.89%	7.62%	7.76%	7.36%
	6 < Years	-	-	8.21%	7.95%	8.08%	7.56%
	8 < Years	-	-	8.87%	8.48%	8.67%	7.95%
	10 < Years	-	-	9.16%	8.71%	8.94%	8.07%
	15 < Years	-	-	10.01%	9.64%	9.82%	8.91%
	20 < Years	-	-	10.65%	10.21%	10.43%	9.80%
30 < Years	11.73%	-	11.36%	10.63%	10.99%	10.03%	

* Primary market transactions during the week ending 04/03/2015

The secondary market yield rates of T-bonds and T-bills increased 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 - 04th March 2015)

Item	Volume in Rs Mn	
	This Week	Last Week
Outstanding Stock of Government Securities		
Treasury Bills	808,530.05	816,176.05
Treasury Bonds (a)	3,302,342.85	3,288,884.85
Total	4,110,872.90	4,105,060.90
Government Securities held by Foreigners	455,787.82	453,422.51
Sri Lanka Development Bonds (SLDB)	465,711.25	464,384.01

Outstanding stock of SLDBs increased with new issuances during the week.

Primary Market Activities	Volume in Rs Mn	
	This Week	Last Week
Treasury Bills		
Amount Offered	15,000.00	12,000.00
Total Bids Received	41,629.00	36,914.00
Total Bids Accepted	16,539.00	11,089.00
Treasury Bonds		
Amount Offered	1,000.00	
Total Bids Received	20,708.00	No auction held
Total Bids Accepted	10,058.00	

Primary market participation for the auction has substantially increased during the week, illustrating the improved investor preference for government securities.

Secondary Market Activities	Volume in Rs Mn	
	This Week	Last Week
Treasury Bills		
Outright Transaction (Sales / Purchases)	38,071.62	25,708.09
Repo Transaction (Sales / Purchases)	240,776.01	241,915.80
Treasury Bonds		
Outright Transaction (Sales / Purchases)	71,175.52	24,574.70
Repo Transaction (Sales / Purchases)	631,909.47	679,757.58

Increased activities are observed in the secondary market outright 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) - 06/03/2015

Remaining Maturity	Average Buying Price	Yield %	Average Selling Price	Yield %	Buying & Selling Spread
1-7 Days	99.88	6.29	99.88	6.08	0.00
1 Month	99.48	6.38	99.49	6.16	0.02
2 Month	98.94	6.45	98.97	6.26	0.03
3 Month	98.40	6.50	98.43	6.36	0.03
4 Month	97.85	6.54	97.90	6.39	0.05
5 Month	97.30	6.56	97.36	6.43	0.06
6 Month	96.75	6.60	96.81	6.46	0.07
7 Month	96.18	6.64	96.27	6.49	0.09
8 Month	95.62	6.66	95.72	6.52	0.10
9 Month	95.04	6.70	95.17	6.53	0.13
10 Month	94.48	6.71	94.61	6.55	0.13
11 Month	93.90	6.75	94.08	6.55	0.18
12 Month	93.25	6.86	93.48	6.63	0.23

3.6 Two way Quotes (Treasury Bonds)- 06/03/2015

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	9	100.13	6.28	100.14	5.93	0.01
06.20%2015B	4	15-Jun-15	101	99.96	6.26	100.06	5.89	0.10
06.50%2015A	5	15-Jul-15	131	99.96	6.55	100.09	6.19	0.13
11.00%2015A	6	1-Aug-15	148	101.82	6.38	101.96	6.02	0.15
11.00%2015B	6	1-Sep-15	179	102.15	6.44	102.23	6.26	0.09
12.50%2015A	2	20-Sep-15	198	103.14	6.47	103.24	6.28	0.10
08.50%2015A	3	1-Nov-15	240	101.05	6.81	101.27	6.47	0.21
07.25%2016A	6	1-Apr-16	392	100.29	6.96	100.55	6.70	0.26
08.00%2016B	4	1-Jun-16	453	101.02	7.11	101.27	6.90	0.25
06.40%2016A	6	1-Aug-16	514	98.98	7.17	99.36	6.88	0.38
08.00%2016A	5	1-Sep-16	545	101.08	7.22	101.56	6.88	0.48
06.40%2016B	6	1-Oct-16	575	98.49	7.43	99.07	7.03	0.58
08.00%2017A	5	1-Jan-17	667	101.04	7.37	101.65	7.01	0.60
05.80%2017A	6	15-Jan-17	681	96.92	7.60	97.43	7.30	0.51
08.25%2017A	3	1-Mar-17	726	101.48	7.43	101.96	7.18	0.47
08.75%2017A	4	15-May-17	801	102.16	7.65	102.90	7.29	0.73
08.00%2017B	5	15-Jun-17	832	101.09	7.46	101.60	7.22	0.51
05.80%2017B	6	15-Jul-17	862	96.49	7.44	96.98	7.21	0.49
08.50%2018A	15	1-Feb-18	1,063	102.59	7.49	103.35	7.20	0.76
08.50%2018C	5	1-Apr-18	1,122	101.82	7.82	102.63	7.52	0.81
08.50%2018D	5	1-Jun-18	1,183	101.90	7.82	102.51	7.60	0.61
08.50%2018B	15	15-Jul-18	1,227	102.62	7.60	103.10	7.44	0.48
07.50%2018A	15	15-Aug-18	1,258	98.76	7.92	99.54	7.65	0.78
08.00%2018A	6	15-Nov-18	1,350	99.88	8.03	100.77	7.75	0.90
05.65%2019A	8	15-Jan-19	1,411	92.78	7.85	93.53	7.61	0.75
08.50%2019A	10	1-May-19	1,517	102.43	7.80	103.35	7.54	0.93
10.60%2019A	6	1-Jul-19	1,578	109.30	8.01	110.57	7.68	1.27
10.60%2019B	5	15-Sep-19	1,654	109.96	7.94	111.30	7.60	1.35
08.00%2019A	8	1-Nov-19	1,701	100.27	7.93	101.63	7.58	1.35
08.00%2020A	8	1-Jun-20	1,914	98.86	8.27	100.05	7.98	1.19
06.20%2020A	10	1-Aug-20	1,975	92.02	8.05	92.87	7.84	0.85
09.00%2021A	8	1-May-21	2,248	103.77	8.20	105.12	7.93	1.35
11.00%2021A	7	1-Aug-21	2,340	113.25	8.29	114.71	8.02	1.46
08.00%2022A	10	1-Jan-22	2,493	98.64	8.26	100.12	7.97	1.48
11.20%2022A	9	1-Jul-22	2,674	115.52	8.32	117.18	8.05	1.66
10.00%2022A	8	1-Oct-22	2,766	106.80	8.75	108.89	8.39	2.09
09.00%2023A	10	1-Sep-23	3,101	102.07	8.65	103.96	8.34	1.88
11.20%2023A	9	1-Sep-23	3,101	113.10	8.96	116.34	8.46	3.24
07.00%2023A	20	1-Oct-23	3,131	88.93	8.87	91.35	8.44	2.42
11.40%2024A	10	1-Jan-24	3,223	115.17	8.88	118.24	8.43	3.07
06.00%2024A	10	1-Dec-24	3,558	77.00	9.70	79.05	9.32	2.05
09.00%2025A	12	1-May-25	3,709	94.70	9.83	97.08	9.45	2.38
09.00%2026A	13	1-Feb-26	3,985	93.43	10.00	95.34	9.70	1.90
05.35%2026A	15	1-Mar-26	4,013	70.70	9.76	72.32	9.46	1.62
09.00%2028B	15	1-May-28	4,805	93.52	9.89	95.64	9.59	2.11
09.00%2028A	15	1-Jul-28	4,866	93.38	9.90	95.46	9.61	2.09
13.00%2029A	15	1-Jan-29	5,050	122.40	9.97	125.96	9.57	3.56
13.00%2029B	15	1-May-29	5,170	121.45	10.11	125.99	9.60	4.54
08.00%2032A	20	1-Jan-32	6,145	80.31	10.52	83.79	10.01	3.48
09.00%2032A	20	1-Oct-32	6,419	87.35	10.60	91.15	10.08	3.80
09.00%2033A	20	1-Jun-33	6,662	88.54	10.41	91.47	10.03	2.93
13.25%2033A	20	1-Jul-33	6,692	119.65	10.77	122.93	10.42	3.28
09.00%2033B	20	1-Nov-33	6,815	85.18	10.87	88.17	10.45	2.99
13.25%2034A	20	1-Jan-34	6,876	117.69	11.00	122.50	10.48	4.81
09.00%2043A	30	1-Jun-43	10,314	81.00	11.23	85.69	10.60	4.70
13.50%2044A	30	1-Jan-44	10,528	117.62	11.40	125.56	10.63	7.93
13.50%2044B	30	1-Jun-44	10,680	117.33	11.43	125.25	10.67	7.92
12.50%2045A	30	1-Mar-45	10,953	102.11	12.23	110.07	11.32	7.95

External Sector

During the year so far (up to 06 March 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 (8.76 per cent) and the pound sterling (0.72 per cent) and depreciated against the Japanese yen (0.87 per cent) and the Indian rupee (3.02 per cent) during this period.

Exports increased by 7.0 per cent to US dollars 11,118 million in 2014 compared to 6.4 per cent growth recorded in the previous year reflecting significant improvements in Textiles and Garments, Coconut Products and Tea exports.

Major export destinations during 2014 continued to be USA, UK, Italy, India and Germany accounting for around 50 per cent of total exports. However, exports to both traditional and emerging markets increased in 2014.

Expenditure on imports which contracted in 2012 and 2013 increased moderately in 2014 mainly due to the substantial increase in import expenditure during the last quarter of 2014. Expenditure on imports in 2014 increased by 7.8 per cent to US dollars 19,415 million, from US dollars 18,003 million in 2013 reflecting increases in expenditure on consumer and intermediate goods imports. The relative share of investment goods to total imports decreased by 2.2 per cent to 21.4 per cent in 2014, increasing the share of intermediate and consumer goods. During 2014, the main import origins were India, China, UAE, Singapore and Japan accounting for about 59 per cent of total imports.

An increase in export prices and reduction in import prices resulted in a significant improvement in the terms of trade in 2014. The export price index increased marginally by 1.8 per cent year-on-year to 105.4 index points, while the import price index declined by 1.5 per cent to 108.1 index points.

Accordingly, the terms of trade improved by 3.4 per cent to 97.5 index points in 2014 from 94.3 index points in 2013.

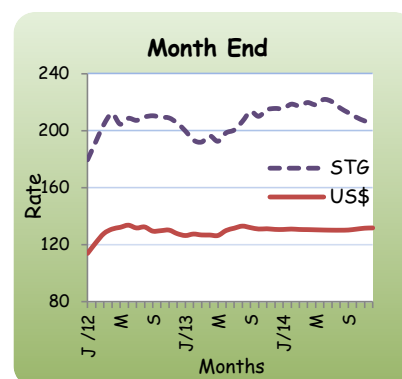
India, UK, China, Germany and Maldives were the top five sources of tourist arrivals upto December 2014, accounting for 46.1 per cent of total tourist arrivals during the year upto December 2014.

The average price of tea increased to US dollars 3.37 per kg (in the Colombo auction) in December 2014 from US dollars 3.08 per kg in November 2014 but recorded a decline compared to December 2013.

EXTERNAL SECTOR

4.1 Exchange Rates

Item (Rs Per Unit)*	Week Ending - 06 Mar 2015			Average Rate	
	Buying Rate	Selling Rate	Average Rate	Week Ago	Year Ago
US\$	131.85	134.63	133.24	133.19	130.61
STG	200.24	205.92	203.08	205.47	218.33
Yen	1.09	1.13	1.11	1.12	1.28
Euro	144.46	149.25	146.86	149.18	179.22
INR(1)			2.13	2.15	2.11
SDR (As at 04 Mar 2015)			186.34	187.04	201.77
Central Bank purchases and sales** (US\$ Mn.)			January 2015	Month Ago	Year Ago
Purchases			0.00	4.00	73.75
Sales			173.81	195.10	50.45



	Week Ending 06 Mar 2015	Week Ago	Year Ago
Average Daily Interbank Volume (US\$ Mn.) (spot, tom and cash transactions among commercial banks)	17.65	31.68	40.33
Forward Transactions			
Forward Rates (US\$) ⁽²⁾			
1 Month	133.67	133.55	131.20
3 Months	135.02	134.68	132.64
Average Daily Interbank Forward Volume (US\$ mn)	29.78	37.49	16.05
Outstanding Forward Volume (US\$ mn) (As at 04 Mar 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

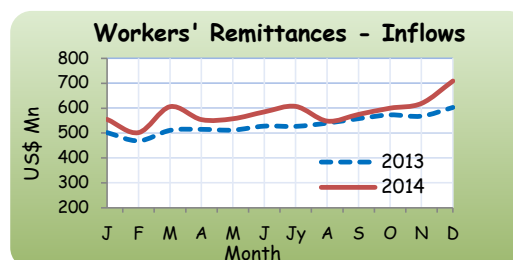
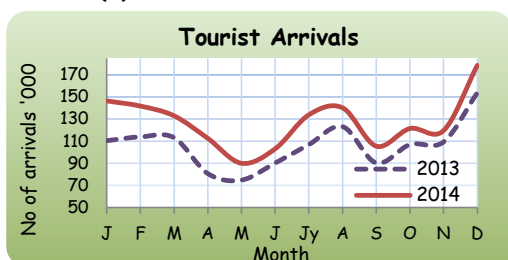
(1) Central Bank indicative rate (2) Weekly average based on actual transactions.

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)	US\$ Mn. Rs. bn.	2014 Jan (b)	2015 Jan	2013 Jan-Dec(b)	2014 Jan-Dec	% Change
		555.5 72.6	523.5 68.9	6,407.0 827.7	7,017.8 916.3	9.5 10.7

(a) Provisional

(b) Revised



4.3 Official Reserve Assets as at 28th February 2015^(a)

Official Reserve Assets (USD Mn)	7,428.90
(1) Foreign currency reserves	6,484.90
(2) Reserve position in the IMF	67.40
(3) SDRs	8.90
(4) Gold	866.00
(5) Other reserve assets	1.70

(a) Provisional

4.4 International Reserves & Foreign Currency Liquidity as at 31st January 2015 ^(a)

Official Reserve Assets (USD mn)					
Official Reserve Asset		7,252.43			
(1) Foreign currency reserves		6,272.15			
(a) Securities		2,963.62			
(b) Total currency and deposits with		3,308.53			
(i) other national central banks, BIS		1,252.86			
(ii) banks headquartered inside the reporting country of which located abroad		1.01			
(iii) banks headquartered outside the reporting country of which located in the reporting country		2,054.66			
(2) Reserve position in the IMF		67.47			
(3) SDRs		8.91			
(4) Gold		902.96			
(5) Other reserve assets		0.94			
Predetermined Short-Term Net Drains on Foreign Currency Assets ^(b)					
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	-2,813.13	-81.75	-818.00	-1,913.39
	Interest	-983.19	-26.87	-166.56	-789.77
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 (-) ^(c)		-2,111.17	-381.49	-704.75	-1,024.93
(b) Long positions (+)					
3. Other (specify)					
inflows related to reverse repos (+)		-0.05	-0.05		
other accounts payable (-)		-0.05	-0.05		

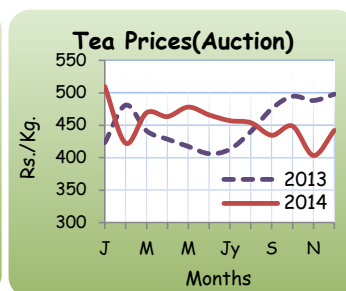
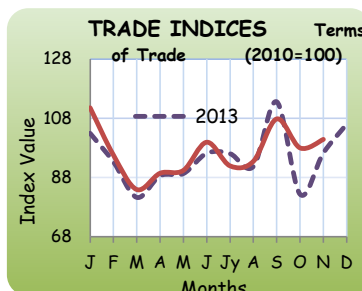
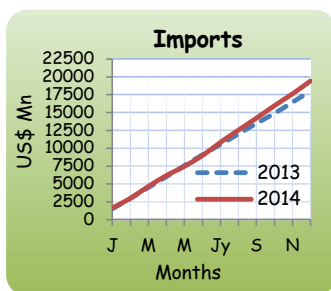
(a) Provisional

(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-Dec 2014	Jan-Dec 2013	% Change	Jan-Dec 2014	Jan-Dec 2013	% Change
Exports	11.12	10.39	7.0	1,451.55	1,344.05	8.0
Agricultural	2.79	2.58	8.2	364.76	333.94	9.2
Industrial	8.25	7.75	6.5	1,077.10	1,001.81	7.5
Food, Beverages and Tobacco	0.29	0.24	23.0	37.77	30.43	24.1
Textiles and Apparel	4.93	4.51	9.4	643.69	583.05	10.4
Petroleum Products	0.34	0.43	-21.0	44.13	55.13	-19.9
Leather, Rubber etc	1.03	0.96	6.6	134.30	124.75	7.7
Other	1.66	1.61	3.1	217.21	208.46	4.2
Mineral	0.06	0.05	15.3	7.76	6.73	15.4
Other	0.01	0.01	20.7	1.92	1.58	22.0
Imports	19.42	18.00	7.9	2,535.16	2,323.13	9.1
Consumer Goods	3.85	3.18	21.1	503.02	411.00	22.4
Intermediate Goods	11.40	10.55	8.0	1,488.09	1,361.74	9.3
Investment Goods	4.15	4.25	-2.4	542.17	548.60	-1.2
Other	0.01	0.01	4.1	1.88	1.79	5.3
Trade Balance	-8.30	-7.61	9.1	-1,083.61	-979.07	10.7

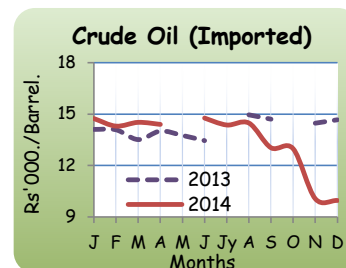
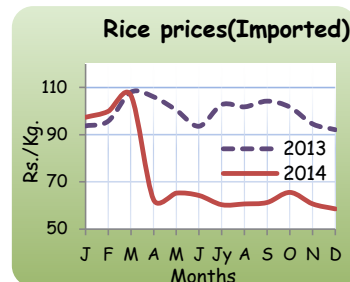


4.6 Trade Indices (2010= 100)

Item	2014** Nov	Month Ago	Year Ago
Total Exports			
Value	128.19	125.05	143.61
Quantity	117.22	119.18	121.17
Unit Value	109.37	104.93	118.52
Total Imports			
Value	147.39	156.64	140.48
Quantity	135.89	146.23	114.04
Unit Value	108.46	107.12	123.18
Terms of Trade	100.84	97.96	96.22

* In US\$ Terms

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4.7 International Commodity Prices

Item	Dec 2014	Dec 2013	% Change	Dec 2014	Dec 2013	% Change
Colombo Auction Price	US\$ / Kg			Rs / Kg		
Tea Prices	3.37	3.81	-11.30	442.16	497.97	-11.20
Imports (C I F)	US\$ / MT			Rs / MT		
Rice	446.74	704.00	-36.50	58,532.13	92,102.85	-36.40
White Sugar	481.48	480.75	0.20	63,083.79	62,895.08	0.30
Wheat	300.95	310.85	-3.20	39,431.33	40,668.40	-3.00
	US\$ / Barrel			Rs / Barrel		
Crude Oil	75.98	112.13	-32.20	9,955.38	14,670.19	-32.10