

Weekly Economic Indicators

13 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.

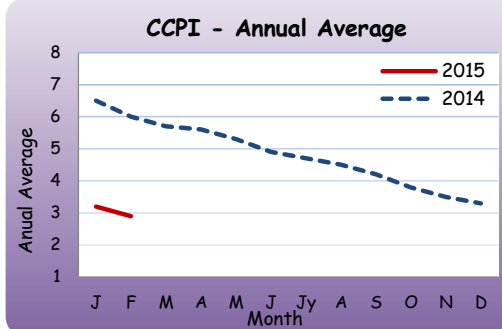
During the week crude oil spot prices showed mixed performance. At the beginning of the week, Brent crude oil price fell pressured by European Central Bank (ECB) bond-buying, while WTI crude oil price rose on a smaller-than-expected build in inventories at the Cushing oil hub. Prices then fell on stronger dollar and on expectations that government data would show another record high in U.S. crude stocks. Further, Saudi King said his kingdom will continue with oil and gas exploration despite the price drop. WTI prices further reduced after Energy Information Administration reported U.S. crude inventories rose by 4.5 million barrels to 448.9 million barrels, the highest level in at least 80 years, and Genscape estimated a stock build of 2.2 million barrels at the Cushing, Oklahoma. However, towards the end of the week Brent prices rose on slightly weak dollar and due to the reopening of the Houston Shipping Channel for oil imports and the possibility of higher U.S. oil stocks stemming from a tentative deal to end a U.S. refinery strike.

Highlights

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

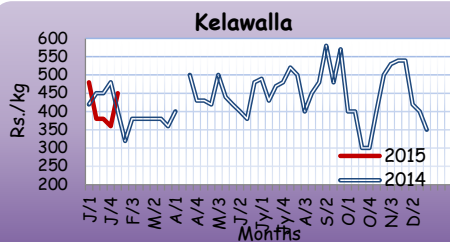
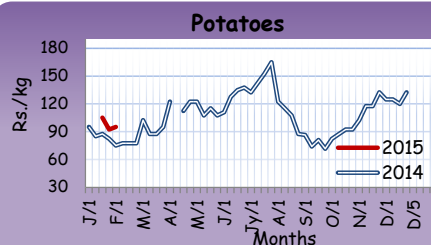
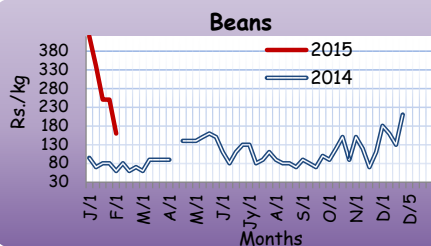
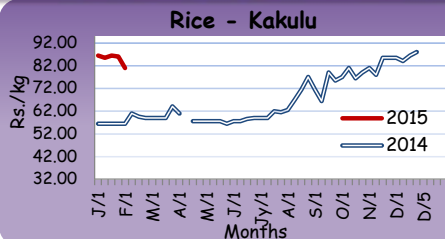


1.2 Pettah Market

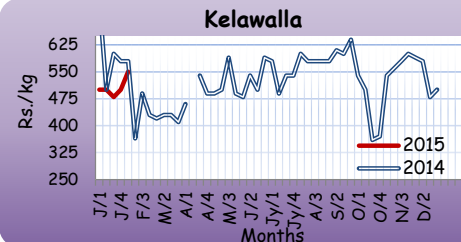
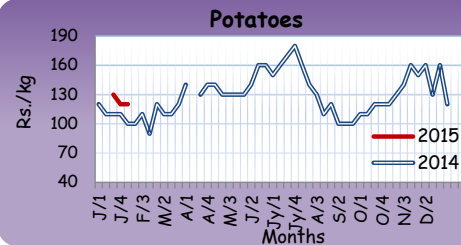
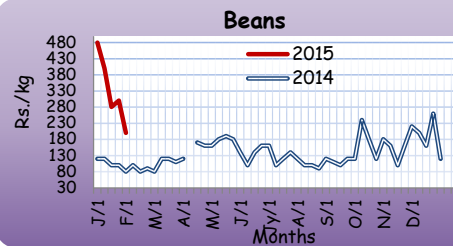
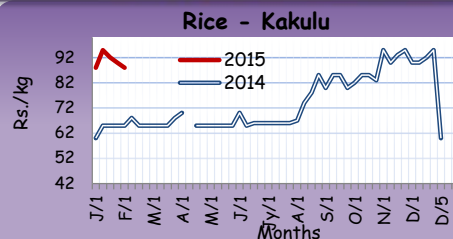
Item	Average Wholesale Prices				Average Retail Prices			
	Week Ending 12 th March 2015	Week Ago	Month Ago	Year Ago Annual Avg	Week Ending 12 th March 2015	Week Ago	Month Ago	Year Ago Annual Avg
	Rs / Kg				Rs / Kg			
Rice								
Samba	84.00	85.00	80.88	78.30	88.00	88.00	89.75	84.04
Kekulu (Red)	72.50	71.50	75.50	67.44	80.00	82.00	83.50	74.33
Vegetables								
Beans	140.00	180.00	210.00	113.17	180.00	240.00	245.00	140.96
Cabbage	55.00	70.00	107.50	61.65	100.00	100.00	145.00	90.96
Carrots	100.00	110.00	152.50	109.81	140.00	140.00	195.00	138.08
Tomatoes	60.00	70.00	190.00	90.77	100.00	120.00	230.00	122.31
Pumpkins	80.00	120.00	145.00	37.38	110.00	140.00	175.00	56.83
Snake Gourd	60.00	90.00	92.50	69.90	80.00	120.00	127.50	96.73
Brinjals	50.00	80.00	63.88	71.35	90.00	100.00	90.00	98.65
Ash-Plantains	90.00	120.00	132.50	73.65	100.00	140.00	162.50	95.96
Other Foods								
Red-Onions (Local)	62.50	77.50	72.50	79.55	110.00	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)	105.00	87.50	95.00	104.64	120.00	120.00	120.00	127.69
Dried Chilies (Imported)	210.00	210.00	225.25	193.24	260.00	270.00	265.00	230.38
Dhal (Indian)	150.00	150.00	152.25	140.94	165.00	170.00	168.75	159.23
Eggs (Red)	13.50	13.50	14.00	12.04	14.00	14.00	14.50	12.57
Coconut (Each)	47.50	47.00	45.00	38.63	60.00	60.00	53.75	50.10
Fish*								
Kelawalla	430.00	450.00	390.00	433.85	540.00	540.00	520.00	532.40
Balaya	240.00	320.00	290.00	295.00	350.00	370.00	345.00	349.04
Salaya	90.00	80.00	110.00	112.31	130.00	130.00	145.00	151.35
Paraw (Small)	460.00	400.00	375.00	435.58	520.00	460.00	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 12 th Mar 2015	
	Wholesale (Average)	Retail (Average)
Rice		
Samba	82.00	86.20
Kekulu (Red)	71.50	76.00
Vegetables		
Beans	112.50	165.00
Carrot	90.50	136.00
Tomatoes	43.00	89.00
Pumpkins	63.80	91.00
Snake Gourd	41.00	73.00
Ash-Plantains	76.00	106.00
Other Foods		
Red-Onions (Local)	67.00	89.50
Big-Onions (Local)	n.a.	n.a.
Potatoes (N'Eliya)	88.13	108.75
Dried Chilies(Imported)	218.50	265.00
Coconut (Each)	47.10	53.40

1.5 Maradaghamula Market

Average wholesale price of Rice				
Item (Rs / Kg)	Week Ending 13 th Mar	Week Ago	Month Ago	Year Ago
Samba	76.52	76.50	76.86	75.74
Sudu Kekulu	64.10	67.78	69.53	69.11
Raw Red	76.70	77.53	78.42	67.25
Nadu	66.70	68.00	69.62	70.82

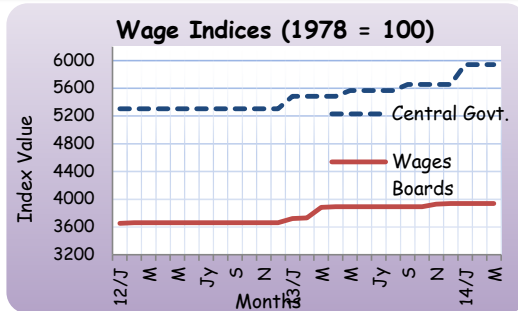
1.4 Narahenpita Economic Centre

Item (Rs / Kg)	Average Retail Prices	
	12 th Mar 2015	Week Ago
Rice		
Samba	85.00	90.00
Kekulu (Red)	78.67	80.00
Vegetables		
Beans	136.67	240.00
Cabbage	100.00	120.00
Carrots	140.00	140.00
Tomatoes	100.00	140.00
Pumpkins	140.00	160.00
Snake Gourd	120.00	120.00
Brinjals	100.00	93.33
Ash-Plantains	180.00	173.33
Other Foods		
Red-Onions (Imported)	120.00	120.00
Big-Onions (Imported)	90.00	80.00
Potatoes (Imported)	120.00	83.33
Dried Chilies (Imported)	250.00	246.67
Dhal (Indian)	160.00	166.67
Eggs (Red)(Each)	14.00	15.00
Coconut (Each)	53.33	53.33
Fish		
Kelawalla	840.00	776.67
Balaya	n.a.	450.00
Salaya	100.00	191.67
Paraw (Small)	840.00	760.00

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

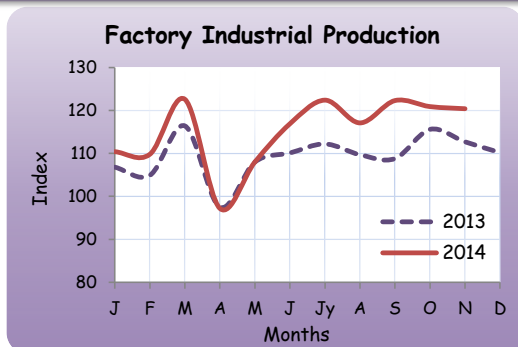


1.7 Factory Industry-Production (FIPI) (2010 = 100) (a)

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.

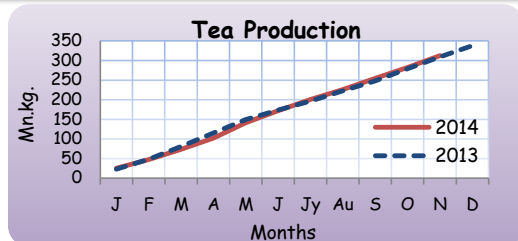
(b) Provisional



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

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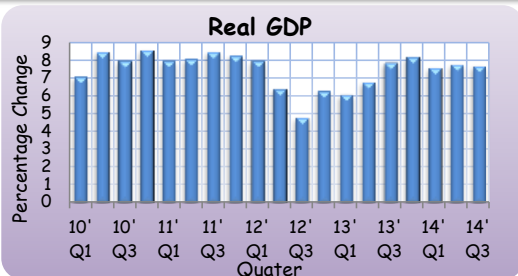


1.9 GDP by Industrial Origin at Constant (2002) Prices - Growth Rates

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



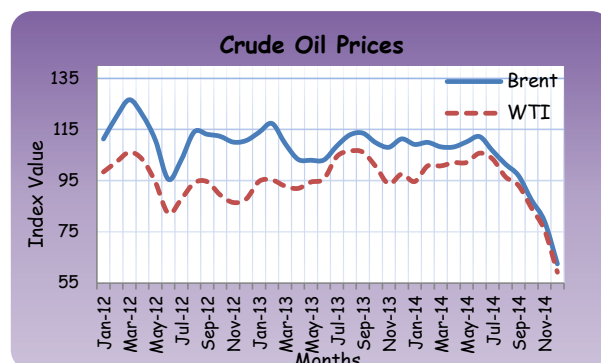
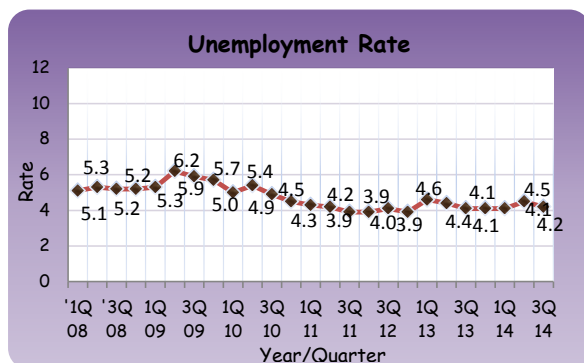
1.10 Employment (a)

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		
06 March	108.89	101.82		59.80	49.61	
09 March	-	-		59.32	49.95	
10 March	109.17	101.39		56.60	48.42	
11 March	109.25	100.29		57.11	48.06	
12 March	108.78	98.29		57.31	47.12	

Sources: Reuters

Energy Information Administration

Ceylon Petroleum Corporation

(*) CPC import prices are not directly comparable with spot prices of WTI and Brent as CPC 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 13 March 2015 increased by 30 bps to 6.87 per cent compared to the previous week.

Broad money (M2b) expanded by 13.4 per cent in December 2014. NFA of the banking system declined by Rs. 12.1 billion in December 2014 compared to November 2014. NCG from the banking system showed an increase of Rs. 10.8 billion in December 2014 compared to November 2014, where credit to public corporations also showed an increase of Rs. 14.6 billion during the month. Credit extended to the private sector increased by Rs. 76.5 in December 2014, compared to November 2014 .

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

The total outstanding market liquidity increased to Rs. 287.01 bn by end of the week, compared to Rs. 283.70 bn by the end of last week. Majority of the liquidity has been absorbed through the Long-term Repo Auctions.

By 13 March 2015, the All Share Price Index (ASPI) declined by 1.28 per cent to 7,091 points while the S&P SL 20 Index declined by 1.20 per cent to 4,048 points compared to the previous week.

Highlights

MONETARY SECTOR

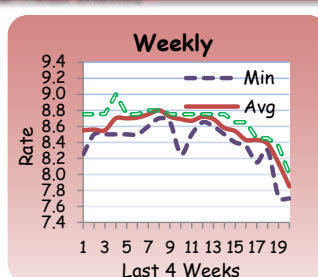
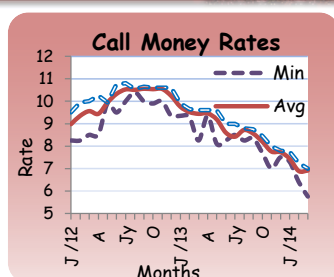
2.1 Interest Rates

Item	Week Ending 2015 Mar 13	Week Ago	Year Ago
Commercial Bank Average Weighted Prime Lending Rate (AWPR)	6.87	6.57	8.74
Treasury Bill Yield (Excluding 10% withholding tax)			
- 91 days	7.10	6.89	6.69
- 182 days	7.31	6.98	6.85
- 364 days	7.37	6.99	7.06
Standing Deposit Facility	6.50	6.50	6.50
Standing Lending Facility	8.00	8.00	8.00
Call Money Weekly Average (CMR)	6.70	6.78	6.91
Sri Lanka Inter Bank Offer Rate (SLIBOR)			
1 day	6.70	6.72	7.02
7 days	6.95	6.93	7.60
1 Month	7.21	7.13	8.03
3 Months	7.50	7.34	8.49
6 Months	7.84	7.68	8.92
12 Months	8.16	8.06	9.43
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	(03 Y & 02 Months) 12/03/2015	(08 Y & 05 months) 12/03/2015	(10 Y & 04 Months) 30/12/2014
Coupon rate	8.50	11.20	9.00
Weighted Average Yield (Excluding 10% withholding tax)	8.70	9.79	7.88

Bankwise- AWPR	Week ending 2015 Mar 13	Week Ago
Bank of Ceylon	6.91	6.82
People's Bank	6.50	8.74
Hatton National Bank	6.52	6.47
Commercial Bank of Ceylon	6.87	6.38
Sampath Bank	6.66	6.36
Seylan Bank	7.07	6.75
Union Bank of Colombo	6.90	6.30
Pan Asia Banking Corporation	7.35	7.35
Nations Trust Bank	6.13	6.08
DFCC Vardhana Bank	6.95	7.72
NDB Bank	7.68	6.75
Amana Bank	8.65	8.02
Cargills Bank	7.24	6.63

Bankwise- AWPR	Week ending 2015 Mar 13	Week Ago
HSBC	7.04	6.35
Standard Chartered Bank	6.06	6.06
Citi Bank	6.77	6.81
Deutsche Bank	7.89	7.02
Habib Bank	5.45	5.45
Indian Bank	7.95	7.95
Indian Overseas Bank	8.45	8.45
MCB Bank	8.45	7.74
State Bank of India	8.05	8.05
Public Bank	8.00	8.00
ICICI Bank	9.09	8.40
Axis Bank	-	-

Interest Rates - Call Money

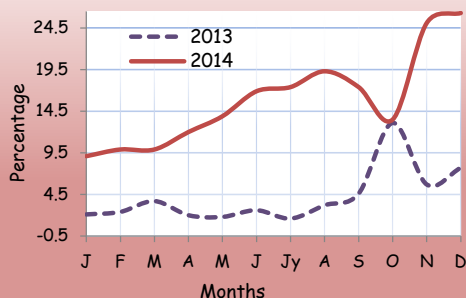


2.2 Money Supply

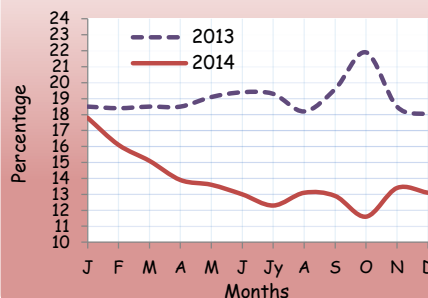
Item	Rs. Bn.			Annual Change (%)		
	2014 (a) December	Month Ago	Year Ago	2014 (a) December	Month Ago	Year Ago
M1	612.2	568.3	484.6	26.3	25.1	7.7
M2	3,460.6	3,398.5	3,058.8	13.1	13.4	18.0
M2b	3,875.9	3,794.8	3,417.9	13.4	12.8	16.7
Net Foreign Assets of the Banking System (b)	15.1	27.2	-76.3	119.8	142.8	-195.5
Monetary Authorities	688.0	728.1	529.1	30.0	51.7	33.5
Domestic Banking Units (DBUs)	-220.9	-247.2	-231.2	4.4	-25.3	-89.7
Foreign currency Banking Units (FCBUs)	-451.9	-453.6	-374.3	-20.7	-31.1	-24.6
Net Domestic Assets of the Banking System (b)	3,860.7	3,767.6	3,494.2	10.5	9.9	18.3
DBUs	3,266.1	3,178.4	2,996.5	9.0	7.8	17.9
FCBUs	594.6	589.2	497.7	19.5	23.0	20.4
Net Credit to Government	1,435.9	1,425.1	1,301.3	10.3	7.5	24.5
Monetary Authorities	149.7	154.6	114.0	31.3	21.0	-59.1
DBUs	1,078.1	1,062.2	995.7	8.3	5.7	57.0
FCBUs	208.1	208.3	191.7	8.6	8.3	44.8
Credit to Corporations	446.0	431.5	365.1	22.2	40.1	24.8
DBUs	192.1	185.7	164.7	16.7	49.1	80.4
FCBUs	253.9	245.8	200.4	26.7	34.0	-0.4
Credit to the Private Sector	2,758.2	2,681.7	2,534.3	8.8	6.5	7.5
DBUs	2,503.3	2,429.8	2,327.4	7.6	5.2	7.1
FCBUs	254.9	251.9	207.0	23.2	20.2	11.1
Reserve Money	577.9	551.8	488.6	18.3	16.9	0.9

(a) Provisional (b) In relation to M2b

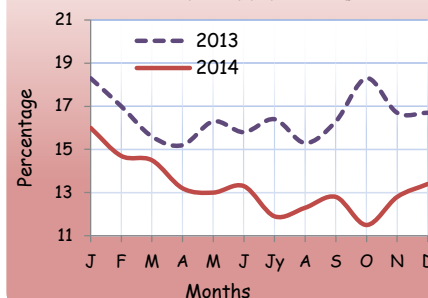
Money Supply - M₁



Money Supply - M₂



Money Supply - M_{2b}

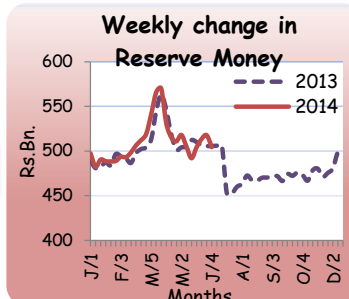


2.3 Weekly change in Reserve Money

Item	12 Mar 2015	Week Ago	Change
Reserve Money (Rs.Mn.)	595,363	593,567	1,796

2.4 Money Market Activity (Overnight)

Item	09.03.2015	10.03.2015	11.03.2015	12.03.2015	13.03.2015
Call Money Market					
Weighted Average Rate (% p.a.)	6.70	6.70	6.70	6.70	6.69
Gross Volume (Rs. Mn)	10,845	8,780	6,693	6,259	6,325
Repo Market					
Weighted Average Rate (% p.a.)	5.99	6.48	6.35	6.43	6.22
Gross Volume (Rs. Mn)	2,589	1,489	1,818	1,599	4,934



2.5 CBSL Security Portfolio

Item	09.03.2015	10.03.2015	11.03.2015	12.03.2015	13.03.2015
CBSL T-Bill Holding (Rs. Mn)	42,262	39,974	39,981	39,988	54,989

2.6 Open Market Operations

Item	09.03.2015	10.03.2015	11.03.2015	12.03.2015	13.03.2015
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)	72.84	68.92	73.97	82.71	96.38
Standing Lending Facility (Rs. bn)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Outstanding Market Liquidity (Rs. bn)	278.46	274.54	279.60	288.33	287.01

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

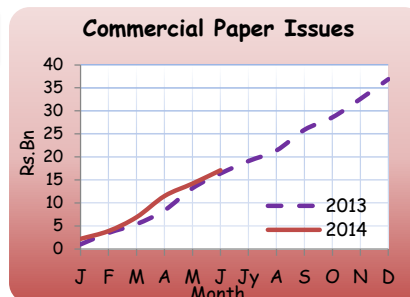
(a) Provisional * Issued by Licensed Commercial Banks

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

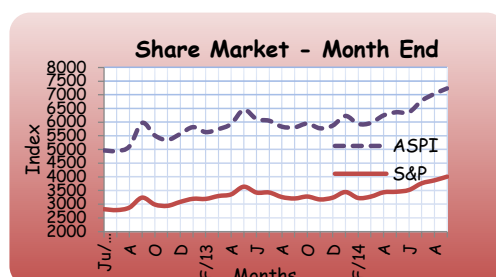
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(1) Based on the information provided by Licensed Commercial Banks and Licensed Specialised Banks



2.9 Share Market

Item	Week Ending 13 Mar 2015	Week Ago	Year Ago
All Share Price Index (1985 = 100) (ASPI)	7,091	7,184	5,914
S & P Sri Lanka 20 Index (S&P SL20)	4,048	4,097	3,222
Average Daily Turnover (Rs. Mn)	591	1,111	417
Market Capitalisation (Rs.Bn.)	3,006	3,045	2,470



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.

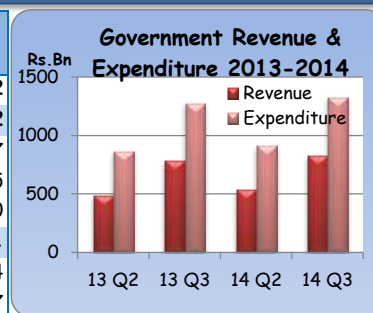
Highlights

FISCAL SECTOR

3.1 Government Finance (Rs.bn)

Item	2014 * Jan-Sep	2013 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

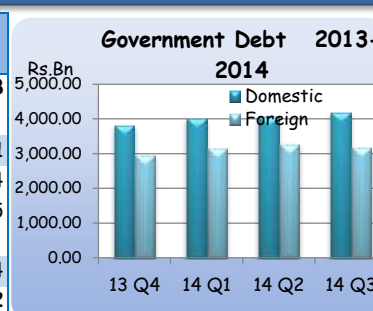
* Provisional **Revised



3.2 Government Debt (Rs.bn)

Item	2014* End Sep	2013 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

* Provisional

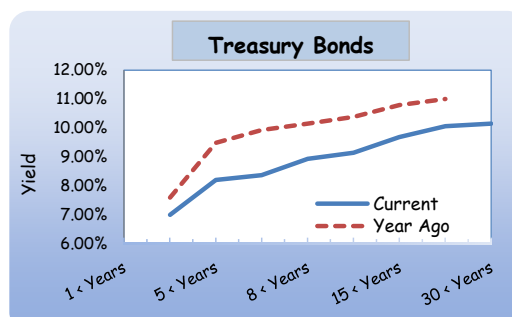
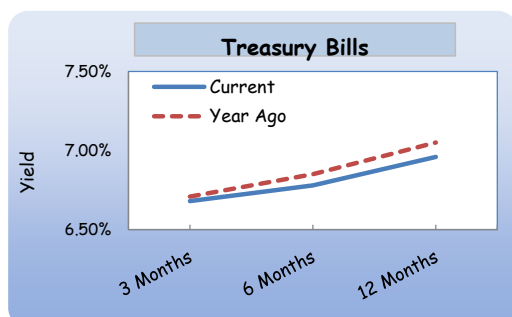


3.3 Government Securities - Primary and Secondary Market Yield Rates as for the week ending - 11th March 2015

Security	Maturity	Primary Market*		Secondary Market			
		This Week	Last Week	This Week			Last Week Average
				Buying	Selling	Average	
Treasury Bills	3 Months	7.10%	6.89%	6.75%	6.60%	6.68%	6.47%
	6 Months	7.31%	6.98%	6.88%	6.69%	6.78%	6.60%
	12 Months	7.37%	6.99%	7.06%	6.85%	6.96%	6.75%
Treasury Bonds	2 < Years	-	7.00%	7.14%	6.84%	6.99%	6.77%
	5 < Years	-	7.40%	8.34%	8.07%	8.20%	7.76%
	6 < Years	-	-	8.49%	8.24%	8.36%	8.08%
	8 < Years	9.17%	-	9.07%	8.79%	8.93%	8.67%
	10 < Years	10.09%	-	9.30%	8.97%	9.14%	8.94%
	15 < Years	-	-	9.88%	9.48%	9.68%	9.82%
	20 < Years	11.20%	-	10.21%	9.90%	10.06%	10.43%
	30 < Years	-	11.73%	10.33%	9.98%	10.15%	10.99%

* Primary market transactions during the week ending 11/03/2015

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 - 11th March 2015)

Item	Volume in Rs Mn	
	This Week	Last Week
Outstanding Stock of Government Securities		
Treasury Bills	810,771.30	808,530.05
Treasury Bonds (a)	3,302,342.85	3,302,342.85
Total	4,113,114.15	4,110,872.90
Government Securities held by Foreigners	455,943.22	455,787.82
Sri Lanka Development Bonds (SLDB)	465,716.15	465,711.25

Outstanding stock of T-Bills increased with new issuances during the week.

Primary Market Activities	Volume in Rs Mn	
	This Week	Last Week
Treasury Bills		
Amount Offered	20,000.00	15,000.00
Total Bids Received	90,532.00	41,629.00
Total Bids Accepted	32,642.00	16,539.00
Treasury Bonds		
Amount Offered	30,000.00	1,000.00
Total Bids Received	125,842.00	20,708.00
Total Bids Accepted	51,837.00	10,058.00

Primary market participation for the auctions have 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)	37,028.06	38,071.62
Repo Transaction (Sales / Purchases)	161,042.12	240,776.01
Treasury Bonds		
Outright Transaction (Sales / Purchases)	34,600.98	71,175.52
Repo Transaction (Sales / Purchases)	558,788.97	631,909.47

Secondary market activities have decreased 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) - 13/03/2015

Remaining Maturity	Average Buying Price	Yield %	Average Selling Price	Yield %	Buying & Selling Spread
1-7 Days	99.87	6.61	99.88	6.35	0.01
1 Month	99.87	6.70	99.88	6.45	0.00
2 Month	99.87	6.76	99.87	6.57	0.00
3 Month	99.87	6.88	99.87	6.72	0.00
4 Month	99.87	6.91	99.87	6.74	0.00
5 Month	99.87	6.92	99.87	6.75	0.00
6 Month	99.87	7.00	99.87	6.80	0.00
7 Month	99.87	7.01	99.87	6.82	0.00
8 Month	99.87	7.02	99.87	6.82	0.00
9 Month	99.86	7.05	99.87	6.87	0.00
10 Month	99.86	7.08	99.87	6.89	0.00
11 Month	99.86	7.10	99.87	6.90	0.00
12 Month	99.86	7.22	99.87	7.02	0.00

3.6 Two way Quotes (Treasury Bonds)- 13/03/2015

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	2	100.03	6.74	100.03	6.58	0.00
06.20%2015B	4	15-Jun-15	94	99.81	6.83	99.84	6.73	0.03
06.50%2015A	5	15-Jul-15	124	99.81	7.01	99.88	6.78	0.08
11.00%2015A	6	1-Aug-15	141	101.51	6.93	101.60	6.70	0.09
11.00%2015B	6	1-Sep-15	172	101.79	7.03	101.90	6.78	0.12
12.50%2015A	2	20-Sep-15	191	102.54	7.42	102.63	7.25	0.09
08.50%2015A	3	1-Nov-15	233	100.86	7.07	101.03	6.80	0.17
07.25%2016A	6	1-Apr-16	385	100.07	7.17	100.27	6.97	0.20
08.00%2016B	4	1-Jun-16	446	100.63	7.44	100.84	7.25	0.22
06.40%2016A	6	1-Aug-16	507	98.54	7.52	98.84	7.29	0.30
08.00%2016A	5	1-Sep-16	538	100.44	7.67	100.68	7.50	0.24
06.40%2016B	6	1-Oct-16	568	97.81	7.93	97.91	7.85	0.11
08.00%2017A	5	1-Jan-17	660	100.30	7.81	100.66	7.59	0.36
05.80%2017A	6	15-Jan-17	674	96.29	8.00	96.48	7.88	0.19
08.25%2017A	3	1-Mar-17	719	100.56	7.93	101.07	7.65	0.51
08.75%2017A	4	15-May-17	794	101.54	7.96	101.97	7.74	0.43
08.00%2017B	5	15-Jun-17	825	100.07	7.96	100.49	7.75	0.42
05.80%2017B	6	15-Jul-17	855	95.65	7.86	96.14	7.63	0.49
08.50%2018A	15	1-Feb-18	1,056	101.43	7.93	101.96	7.73	0.53
08.50%2018C	5	1-Apr-18	1,115	100.74	8.22	101.27	8.02	0.53
08.50%2018D	5	1-Jun-18	1,176	99.86	8.54	100.12	8.45	0.26
08.50%2018B	15	15-Jul-18	1,220	100.77	8.23	101.20	8.08	0.43
07.50%2018A	15	15-Aug-18	1,251	97.55	8.33	98.26	8.09	0.71
08.00%2018A	6	15-Nov-18	1,343	98.38	8.52	98.64	8.43	0.26
05.65%2019A	8	15-Jan-19	1,404	91.88	8.15	92.24	8.03	0.36
08.50%2019A	10	1-May-19	1,510	100.43	8.37	101.23	8.14	0.80
10.60%2019A	6	1-Jul-19	1,571	107.18	8.56	108.18	8.29	1.00
10.60%2019B	5	15-Sep-19	1,647	107.33	8.60	109.77	7.98	2.45
08.00%2019A	8	1-Nov-19	1,694	98.61	8.36	99.68	8.08	1.07
08.00%2020A	8	1-Jun-20	1,907	95.69	9.05	96.89	8.75	1.20
06.20%2020A	10	1-Aug-20	1,968	90.11	8.53	91.14	8.27	1.03
09.00%2021A	8	1-May-21	2,241	101.74	8.63	103.08	8.34	1.34
11.00%2021A	7	1-Aug-21	2,333	110.59	8.80	111.46	8.63	0.88
08.00%2022A	10	1-Jan-22	2,486	96.70	8.65	98.05	8.38	1.35
11.20%2022A	9	1-Jul-22	2,667	111.78	8.96	113.10	8.73	1.32
10.00%2022A	8	1-Oct-22	2,759	103.55	9.33	104.42	9.17	0.88
09.00%2023A	10	1-Sep-23	3,094	99.99	9.00	101.07	8.82	1.08
11.20%2023A	9	1-Sep-23	3,094	112.05	9.13	113.15	8.95	1.10
07.00%2023A	20	1-Oct-23	3,124	85.89	9.44	87.20	9.19	1.31
11.40%2024A	10	1-Jan-24	3,216	111.41	9.46	113.41	9.14	2.00
06.00%2024A	10	1-Dec-24	3,551	76.25	9.85	77.03	9.70	0.78
09.00%2025A	12	1-May-25	3,702	93.90	9.97	94.67	9.84	0.77
09.00%2026A	13	1-Feb-26	3,978	92.97	10.08	94.70	9.80	1.73
05.35%2026A	15	1-Mar-26	4,006	69.44	10.00	71.29	9.65	1.84
09.00%2028B	15	1-May-28	4,798	94.49	9.75	96.51	9.47	2.02
09.00%2028A	15	1-Jul-28	4,859	90.56	10.32	93.63	9.87	3.07
13.00%2029A	15	1-Jan-29	5,043	118.59	10.43	122.88	9.92	4.29
13.00%2029B	15	1-May-29	5,163	115.10	10.88	119.24	10.37	4.14
08.00%2032A	20	1-Jan-32	6,138	78.16	10.85	82.32	10.22	4.17
09.00%2032A	20	1-Oct-32	6,412	88.62	10.43	89.90	10.25	1.29
09.00%2033A	20	1-Jun-33	6,655	85.64	10.82	90.37	10.17	4.73
13.25%2033A	20	1-Jul-33	6,685	121.89	10.53	124.05	10.30	2.16
09.00%2033B	20	1-Nov-33	6,808	87.27	10.58	89.11	10.33	1.84
13.25%2034A	20	1-Jan-34	6,869	118.36	10.93	120.20	10.73	1.84
09.00%2043A	30	1-Jun-43	10,307	81.59	11.15	83.60	10.88	2.01
13.50%2044A	30	1-Jan-44	10,521	119.60	11.20	122.43	10.93	2.82
13.50%2044B	30	1-Jun-44	10,673	118.89	11.28	121.69	11.00	2.80
12.50%2045A	30	1-Mar-45	10,946	104.03	12.00	111.27	11.19	7.24

External Sector

During the year so far (up to 13 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 (13.08 per cent), the pound sterling (3.21 per cent) and the Japanese yen (0.27 per cent) and depreciated against the Indian rupee (2.67 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.

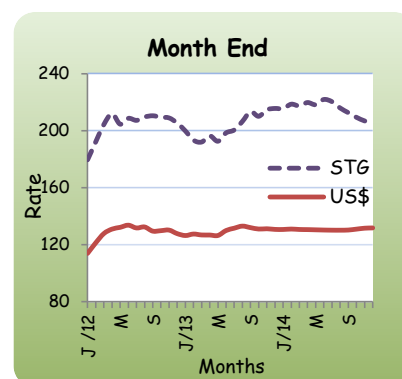
India, UK, China, Germany and Maldives were the top five sources of tourist arrivals upto December 2014, accounting for 46.1 per cent of total tourist arrivals during the year upto December 2014.

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 - 13 Mar 2015			Average Rate	
	Buying Rate	Selling Rate	Average Rate	Week Ago	Year Ago
US\$	131.86	134.67	133.27	133.24	130.58
STG	195.45	201.05	198.25	203.08	217.06
Yen	1.08	1.12	1.10	1.11	1.27
Euro	139.01	143.67	141.34	146.86	181.46
INR(1)			2.12	2.13	2.13
SDR (As at 12 Mar 2015)			182.92	184.99	202.87
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 13 Mar 2015	Week Ago	Year Ago
Average Daily Interbank Volume (US\$ Mn.) (spot, tom and cash transactions among commercial banks)	16.87	17.65	38.99
Forward Transactions			
Forward Rates (US\$) ⁽²⁾			
1 Month	133.79	133.67	131.12
3 Months	134.70	135.02	132.14
Average Daily Interbank Forward Volume (US\$ mn)	25.76	29.78	28.58
Outstanding Forward Volume (US\$ mn) (As at 12 Mar 2015)	1,135.51	1,148.99	970.72

*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

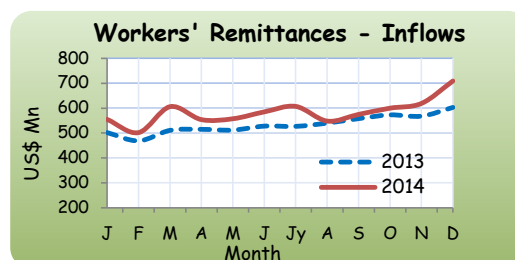
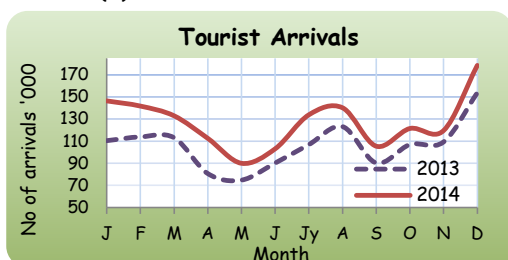
(1) Central Bank indicative rate (2) Weekly average based on actual transactions.

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

(a) Provisional

(b) Revised



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

Official Reserve Assets (USD Mn)	
(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)		-0.05	-0.05		
inflows related to reverse repos (+)					
other accounts payable (-)		-0.05	-0.05		

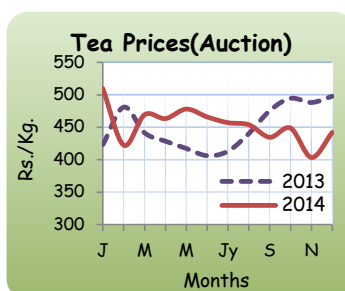
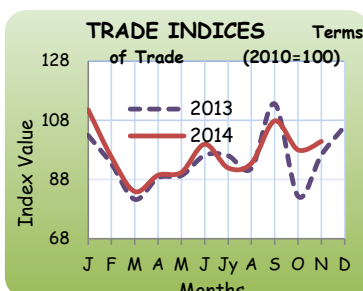
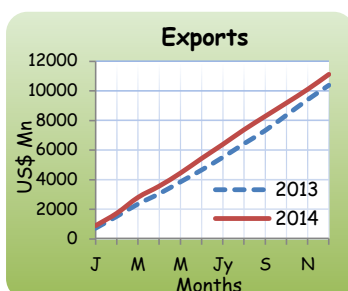
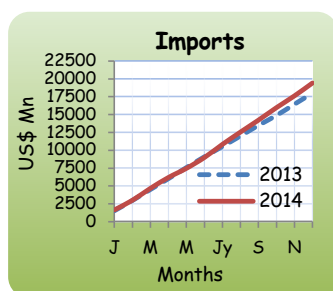
(a) Provisional

(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

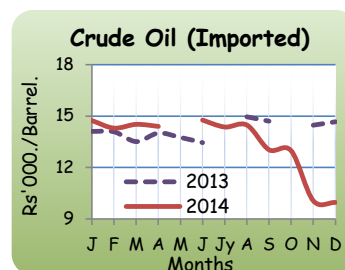
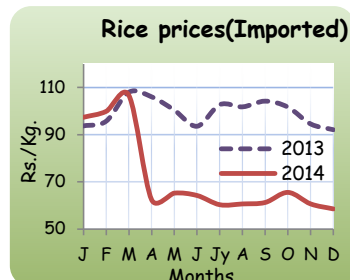


4.6 Trade Indices (2010= 100)

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