

# Weekly Economic Indicators

26 February 2016



Statistics Department

# Real Sector

Inflation, as measured by the change in the National Consumer Price Index (NCPI) (2013=100), which is compiled by the Department of Census and Statistics, decreased to -0.7 per cent in January 2016 from 4.2 per cent in December 2015, on year-on-year basis mainly due to the higher base of the corresponding period in 2015. Annual average NCPI inflation decreased to 2.9 per cent in January 2016 from 3.8 per cent recorded in December 2015. The monthly change in NCPI in January 2016 was -1.1 per cent.

Inflation, as measured by the change in the Colombo Consumers' Price Index (CCPI) (2006/07=100), which is compiled by the Department of Census and Statistics, decreased to 0.9 per cent in January 2016 from 2.8 per cent in December 2015, on year-on-year basis. Annual average inflation declined to 0.7 per cent from 0.9 per cent recorded in December 2015. The monthly change in CCPI in January 2016 was -0.2 per cent.

The GDP grew by 4.8 per cent in real terms during the third quarter of 2015, mainly attributable to 3.4 per cent, 6.2 per cent and 6.9 per cent growth in Services activities, Industry activities and Agriculture activities, respectively, in value added terms.

Tea and rubber production during 2015 declined by 3.5 per cent and 10.2 per cent to 326.1 million kg and 88.6 million kg respectively. However, coconut production recorded an increase of 6.2 per cent to 3,047.0 million nuts during the year.

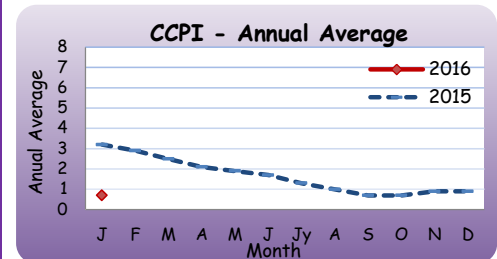
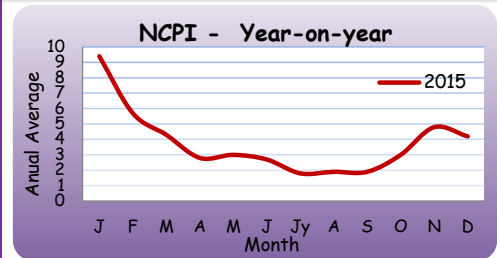
The FIPI increased by 4.2 per cent on a year-on-year basis in November 2015. This growth was mainly facilitated by increased production of other non-metallic mineral products, wearing apparel and beverages sectors. They have recorded significant growths of 10.2, 6.1 and 8.0 per cent respectively during 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 on the back of an expected drop in U.S. oil production. According to the International Energy Agency (IEA), production of shale oil is expected to drop by 600,000 barrels per day (bpd) this year and a further 200,000 bpd in 2017. However, subsequently prices fell after Saudi Arabia ruled out production cuts and data showed a further build in U.S. crude stockpiles. Saudi Arabia's oil minister said that a coordinated production cut by OPEC and non-OPEC exporters was not going to happen. Further, Iran made it clear that it has no interest in restraining its production. U.S. government data showed crude inventories reached all-time peak of above 507 million barrels although gasoline demand rose more than 5 per cent over the past four weeks. However, prices again rose after confirmation of a meeting of major producers and news of project delays and job cuts in the industry. Venezuela reaffirmed a mid-March meeting of oil producers that would include Saudi Arabia, Russia and Qatar to stabilise prices that have slumped 70 per cent.

# REAL SECTOR

## 1.1 Price Indices

Item	January 2016	Month Ago	Year Ago
<b>(2013 = 100)</b>			
National Consumer Price Index (NCPI)	112.0	113.2	112.8
Monthly Change %	-1.1	1.1	3.9
Year - on - Year Change %	-0.7	4.2	9.4
Annual Average Change %	2.9	3.8	-
Item	January 2016	Month Ago	Year Ago
<b>(2006 / 07 = 100)</b>			
Colombo Consumers' Price Index (CCPI)	184.9	185.2	183.2
Annual Average Change %	0.7	0.9	3.2
Year - on - Year Change %	0.9	2.8	3.2
Core Inflation - (CCPI)	181.5	180.7	173.6
Annual Average Change %	3.3	3.1	3.4
Year - on - Year Change %	4.6	4.5	2.1

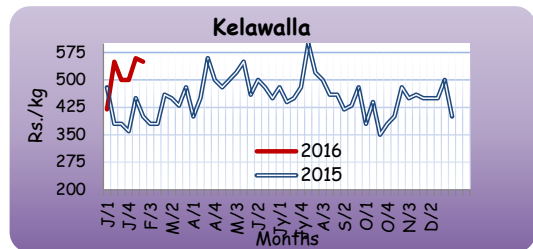
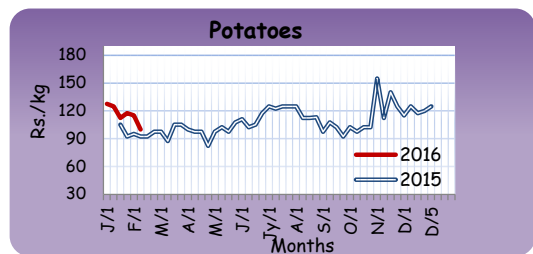
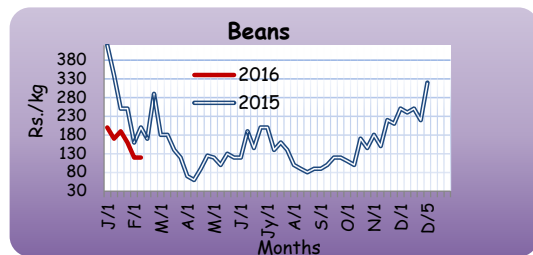
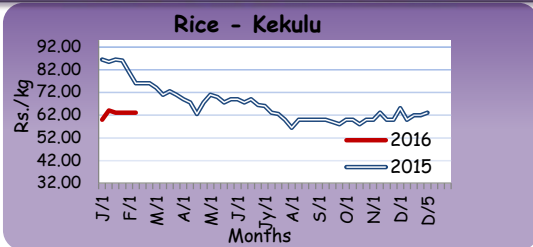


## 1.2 Pettah Market

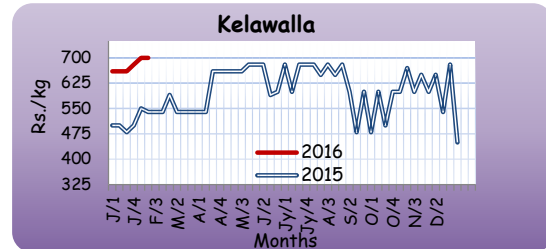
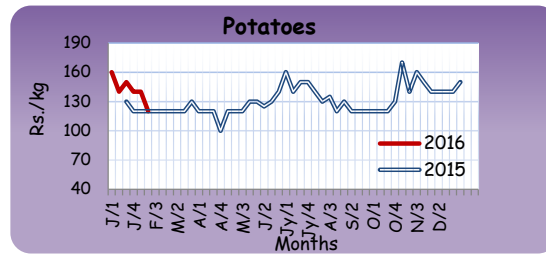
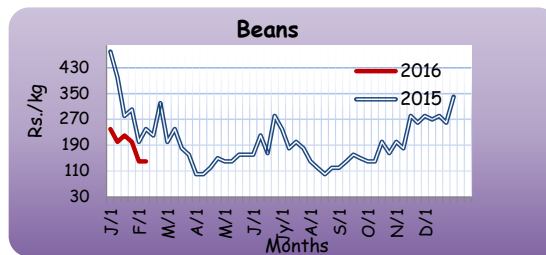
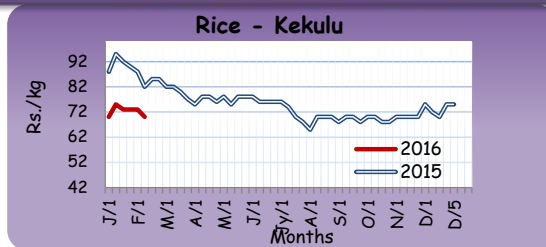
Item	Average Wholesale Prices				Average Retail Prices			
	Week Ending 25 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2016	Week Ago	Month Ago	Year Ago Annual Avg	Week Ending 25 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2016	Week Ago	Month Ago	Year Ago Annual Avg
	Rs / Kg				Rs / Kg			
<b>Rice</b>								
Samba	80.00	80.00	89.50	83.22	88.00	88.00	98.00	90.10
Kekulu (Red)	55.00	55.00	63.25	66.15	65.00	65.00	73.50	75.20
<b>Vegetables</b>								
Beans	120.00	90.00	160.00	160.49	150.00	120.00	190.00	196.86
Cabbage	60.00	80.00	107.50	79.31	100.00	120.00	150.00	117.94
Carrots	130.00	120.00	257.50	146.27	160.00	160.00	300.00	184.90
Tomatoes	37.50	50.00	50.00	89.80	60.00	80.00	77.50	126.18
Pumpkins	70.00	100.00	50.00	49.12	100.00	120.00	70.00	72.94
Snake Gourd	50.00	40.00	77.50	73.73	80.00	60.00	112.50	106.57
Brinjals	50.00	50.00	100.00	72.56	80.00	80.00	135.00	105.69
Ash-Plantains	60.00	80.00	75.00	81.08	80.00	100.00	105.00	110.59
<b>Other Foods</b>								
Red-Onions (Local)	50.00	67.50	88.33	105.28	80.00	100.00	130.00	135.34
Big-Onions (Local)	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	95.17	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	124.67
Potatoes (N'Eliya)	102.50	107.50	117.50	107.98	120.00	120.00	142.50	130.80
Dried Chilies (Imported)	320.00	320.00	193.75	248.90	380.00	360.00	352.50	291.08
Dhal (Indian)	150.00	160.00	166.50	161.98	165.00	169.00	170.50	177.43
Eggs (Red)	16.50	16.50	16.50	14.17	17.00	17.00	17.00	14.77
Coconut (Each)	35.50	33.50	36.13	41.00	45.00	45.00	50.00	53.18
<b>Fish*</b>								
Kelawalla	450.00	400.00	527.50	453.14	600.00	560.00	675.00	598.24
Balaya	320.00	320.00	330.00	295.00	420.00	420.00	410.00	361.20
Salaya	130.00	140.00	130.00	114.71	190.00	190.00	185.00	156.08
Paraw (Small)	550.00	580.00	567.50	484.69	620.00	650.00	650.00	547.96

\* 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 25 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2016	
	Wholesale (Average)	Retail (Average)
<b>Rice</b>		
Samba	88.75	93.25
Kekulu (Red)	54.75	60.00
<b>Vegetables</b>		
Beans	113.13	155.00
Carrot	113.75	156.25
Tomatoes	33.13	57.50
Pumpkins	49.38	67.50
Snake Gourd	33.13	65.00
Ash-Plantains	40.63	66.25
<b>Other Foods</b>		
Red-Onions (Local)	55.00	85.00
Big-Onions (Local)	n.a.	n.a.
Potatoes (N'Eliya)	85.00	106.25
Dried Chilies(Imported)	291.25	343.75
Coconut (Each)	32.38	46.25

### 1.5 Maradaghamula Market

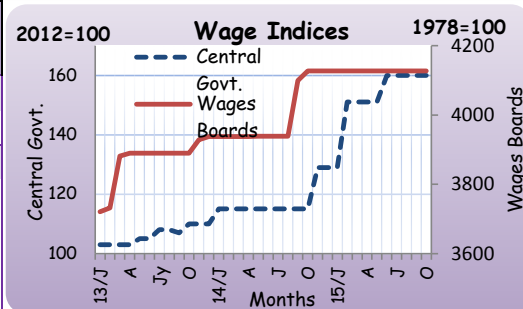
Average wholesale price of Rice				
Item (Rs / Kg)	Week Ending 26 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Week Ago	Month Ago	Year Ago
Samba	81.13	81.10	85.18	79.56
Sudu Kekulu	59.00	58.70	61.88	62.37
Raw Red	57.50	57.70	59.01	66.17
Nadu	61.63	60.60	64.78	64.24

### 1.4 Narahenpita Economic Centre

Item (Rs / Kg)	Average Retail Prices	
	26 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2016	Week Ago
<b>Rice</b>		
Samba	90.33	90.33
Kekulu (Red)	68.00	70.00
<b>Vegetables</b>		
Beans	120.00	123.33
Cabbage	176.67	156.67
Carrots	320.00	236.67
Tomatoes	60.00	56.67
Pumpkins	60.00	136.67
Snake Gourd	136.67	116.67
Brinjals	140.00	100.00
Ash-Plantains	136.67	136.67
<b>Other Foods</b>		
Red-Onions (Imported)	n.a.	n.a.
Big-Onions (Imported)	n.a.	n.a.
Potatoes (Imported)	70.00	70.00
Dried Chilies (Imported)	336.67	336.67
Dhal (Indian)	180.00	180.00
Eggs (Red)(Each)	17.50	17.50
Coconut (Each)	53.33	55.00
<b>Fish</b>		
Kelawalla	640.00	686.67
Balaya	456.67	n.a.
Salaya	140.00	123.33
Paraw (Small)	853.33	800.00

## 1.6 Wage rate Indices (a)

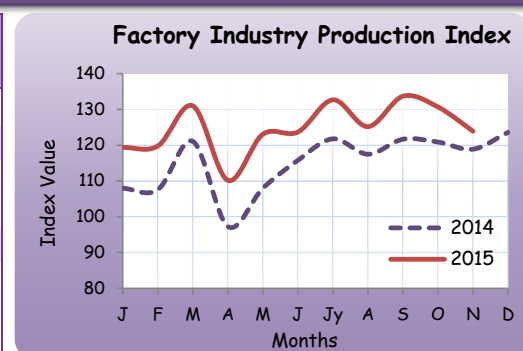
Item	2015 Dec	2014 Dec	% Change
<b>(2012 = 100)</b>			
Central Government Employees	160.4	128.8	24.5
<b>(1978 = 100)</b>			
Workers in Wages Boards Trades	4,127.1	4,127.0	0.0
Agriculture	4,734.5	4,734.3	0.0
Industry & Commerce	3,459.1	3,459.1	0.0
Services	2,313.2	2,313.2	0.0



(a) Central Government Employees' Real Wage Rate Index has been calculated by deflating the Nominal Wage Rate Index using the National Consumer Price Index (2013=100). Real Wage Rate Index of Employees in Wages Boards Trades has been calculated by deflating the Nominal Wage Rate Index using the Colombo Consumers' Price Index (2006/07=100).

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

Item	2015 (b) Nov	2014 Nov	% Change
<b>Factory Industry- Production Index</b>	<b>123.9</b>	<b>118.9</b>	<b>4.2</b>
Food products	112.8	107.2	5.2
Beverages	115.7	107.1	8.0
Tobacco products	69.6	84.2	-17.4
Wearing apparel	172.7	162.8	6.1
Chemicals and chemical products	87.1	85.8	1.5
Rubber and plastic products	137.2	134.1	2.3
Other non-metallic mineral products	115.6	104.9	10.2

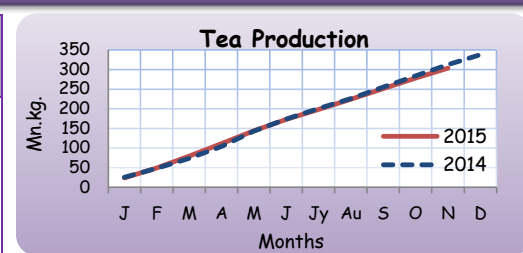


(a) Major 7 sub divisions of FIPI out of 17 sub divisions.

(b) Provisional

## 1.8 Agriculture Production

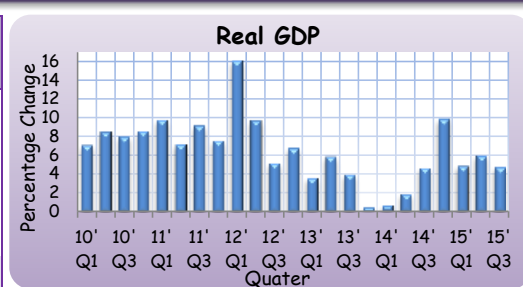
Item	Unit	2015(a) Jan - Dec	2014 Jan - Dec	% Change
Tea	(Mn Kg)	326.1	338.0	-3.5
Rubber	(Mn Kg)	88.6	98.6	-10.2
Coconuts	(Mn Nuts)	3,047.0	2,870.0	6.2



(a) Provisional

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

Item	2015(a) 3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter	2014(a) 3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter	2014(a) Annual
Agriculture	6.9	-2.0	-2.2
Industry	6.2	5.4	1.2
Services	3.4	4.2	6.5
<b>GDP</b>	<b>4.8</b>	<b>4.7</b>	<b>4.5</b>



(a)Provisional

Source: Department of Census and Statistics

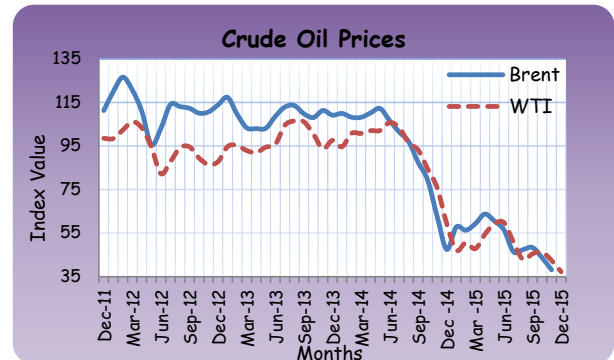
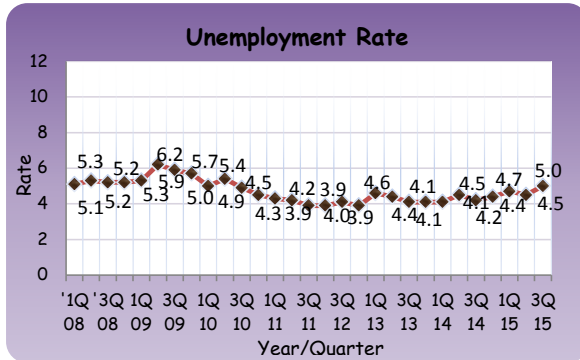
## 1.10 Employment (a)

Item	2015 (b) 3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter	2014 3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter	2014 Annual
Labour Force Participation rate	53.8	53.2	53.3
Unemployment rate	5.0	4.2	4.3
<b>Employed Persons by Sectors (c) (as a % of total employment)</b>			
Agriculture	27.4	29.0	28.5
Industry	27.2	26.6	26.5
Services	45.5	44.5	45.0

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

Source: Department of Census and Statistics

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



## 1.11 Average Crude Oil Prices

Month	2015			2016		
	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	47.46	47.11	55.47	31.10	31.96	
February	57.81	50.58	69.52			
March	56.30	47.82	-			
April	59.32	54.45	-			
May	63.76	59.26	63.09			
June	60.53	59.82	66.17			
July	56.48	50.90	60.49			
August	46.43	42.87	54.92			
September	47.41	45.48	48.65			
October	48.36	46.22	49.26			
November	43.68	42.44	45.46			
December	38.08	37.21	41.21			
	2015			2016		
19 February	55.78	51.12		31.51	29.59	
22 February	-	-		33.62	31.37	
23 February	59.78	49.56		31.93	31.84	
24 February	60.98	48.48		31.50	30.35	
25 February	60.42	50.25		32.93	31.40	

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 26 February 2016 increased by 2 bps to 8.37 per cent compared to the previous week.

Broad money (M2b) expanded by 17.2 per cent on a year-on-year basis in November 2015.

NFA of the banking system increased by Rs. 84.9 billion in November 2015.

NCG from the banking system showed a decline of Rs. 105.5 billion in November 2015.

Credit extended to the private sector increased by Rs. 91.4 billion in November 2015.

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

The total outstanding market liquidity increased to Rs. 50.50 bn by end of the week, compared to Rs. 21.21 bn by the end of last week.

By 26 February 2016, All Share Price Index (ASPI) declined by 0.75 per cent to 6,204 points while S&P SL 20 Index declined by 0.53 per cent to 3,248 points, compared to the previous week.

# MONETARY SECTOR

## 2.1 Interest Rates

Item	Week Ending 2016 Feb 26	Week Ago	Year Ago
Commercial Bank Average Weighted Prime Lending Rate (AWPR)	8.37	8.35	6.62
Treasury Bill Yield (Excluding 10% withholding tax)			
- 91 days	-	7.14	5.98
- 182 days	8.07	-	6.09
- 364 days	8.50	-	6.13
Standing Deposit Facility	6.50	6.00	6.50
Standing Lending Facility	8.00	7.50	8.00
Call Money Weekly Average (CMR)	7.51	6.94	6.01
Sri Lanka Inter Bank Offer Rate ( SLIBOR )			
1 day	7.50	6.95	6.02
7 days	7.80	7.22	6.28
1 Month	8.16	7.72	6.48
3 Months	8.38	7.96	6.62
6 Months	8.84	8.26	6.85
12 Months	9.25	8.93	7.18
Commercial Banks	Nov 2015	Month Ago	Year Ago
Saving Deposits -	0.50-8.50	0.50-8.00	0.75-8.00
One Year Fixed Deposits -	3.95-15.00	3.95-15.00	3.95-12.00
	Jan 2016	Month Ago	Year Ago
Commercial Bank Average Weighted Deposit Rate (AWDR)	6.26	6.20	5.94
Commercial Bank Average Weighted Fixed Deposit Rate (AWFDR)	7.66	7.57	7.02
	Dec 2016	Month Ago	Year Ago
Commercial Bank Average Weighted Lending Rate (AWLR)	11.00	10.96	11.91
NSB	Nov 2015	Month Ago	Year Ago
Saving Deposits -	5.00	5.00	5.00
One Year Fixed Deposits -	7.25	6.50	6.50
<b>Treasury Bonds Auction</b>		(14 Y & 3 Months) 5/2/2016	(24 Y & 11 Months) 5/2/2016
Coupon rate		11.00	12.00
Weighted Average Yield (Excluding 10% withholding tax)		11.66	12.15

Bankwise- AWPR	Week ending 2016 Feb 26	Week Ago
Bank of Ceylon	8.35	8.46
People's Bank	8.35	7.88
Hatton National Bank	8.69	8.89
Commercial Bank of Ceylon	8.73	8.84
Sampath Bank	9.60	8.93
Seylan Bank	8.68	8.42
Union Bank of Colombo	10.27	9.43
Pan Asia Banking Corporation	11.28	11.58
Nations Trust Bank	8.39	8.21
DFCC Bank	10.04	9.48
NDB Bank	9.70	9.70
Amana Bank	9.27	9.21
Cargills Bank	8.47	9.18

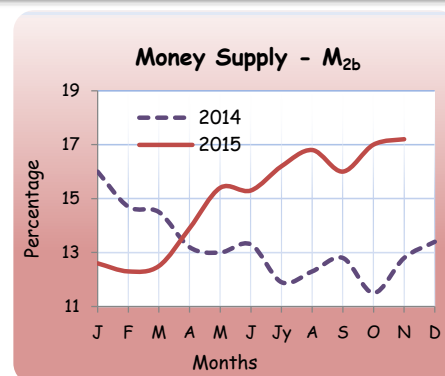
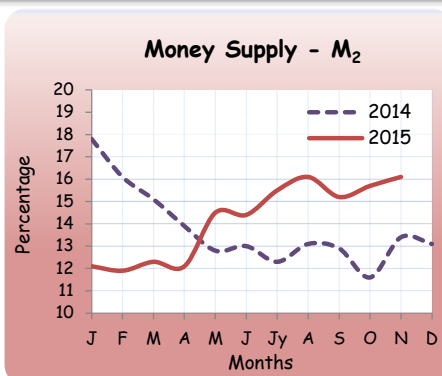
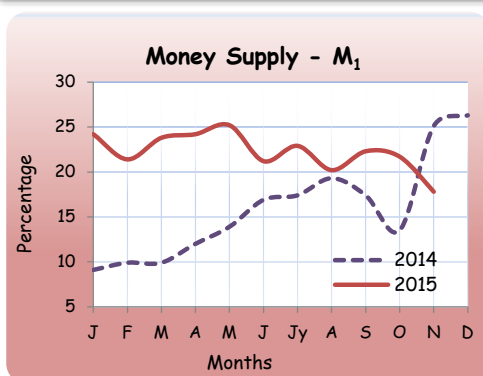
Bankwise- AWPR	Week ending 2016 Feb 26	Week Ago
HSBC	6.39	6.71
Standard Chartered Bank	8.46	7.81
Citi Bank	9.54	9.54
Deutsche Bank	7.95	7.75
Habib Bank	6.76	6.76
Indian Bank	9.26	9.26
Indian Overseas Bank	9.76	9.76
MCB Bank	8.98	7.76
State Bank of India	9.00	9.00
Public Bank	8.00	8.00
ICICI Bank	9.18	8.89
Axis Bank	9.51	9.51



## 2.2 Money Supply

Item	Rs. Bn.			Annual Change (%)		
	2015 (a) November	Month Ago	Year Ago	2015 (a) November	Month Ago	Year Ago
M1	669.4	665.1	568.3	17.8	21.7	25.1
M2	3,945.7	3,877.7	3,398.5	16.1	15.7	13.4
M2b	4,447.6	4,384.9	3,794.8	17.2	17.0	12.8
Net Foreign Assets of the Banking System (b)	-313.5	-398.4	27.2	-1,251.6	-526.8	142.8
Monetary Authorities	565.8	440.8	728.1	-22.3	-40.6	51.7
Domestic Banking Units (DBUs)	-310.6	-287.9	-247.2	-25.6	-17.4	-25.3
Offshore Banking Units (OBUs)	-568.7	-551.3	-453.6	-25.4	-36.6	-31.1
Net Domestic Assets of the Banking System (b)	4,761.1	4,783.3	3,767.6	26.4	30.9	9.9
Monetary Authorities and DBUs	4,017.5	4,045.5	3,178.4	26.4	30.2	7.8
OBUs	743.5	737.8	589.2	26.2	35.0	23.0
Net Credit to Government	1,704.8	1,810.2	1,425.1	19.6	29.2	7.5
Monetary Authorities	268.5	338.8	154.6	73.7	129.7	21.0
DBUs	1,067.6	1,108.8	1,062.2	0.5	6.0	5.7
OBUs	368.7	362.6	208.3	77.0	74.6	8.3
Credit to Public Corporations	524.0	530.8	431.5	21.4	31.4	40.1
DBUs	257.5	255.5	185.7	38.7	38.2	49.1
OBUs	266.5	275.3	245.8	8.4	25.6	34.0
Credit to the Private Sector	3,406.0	3,314.6	2,681.7	27.0	26.3	6.5
DBUs	3,140.5	3,056.7	2,429.8	29.3	28.7	5.2
OBUs	265.5	258.0	251.9	5.4	3.8	20.2
Reserve Money	651.1	644.4	551.8	18.0	17.7	16.9

(a) Provisional (b) In relation to M2b

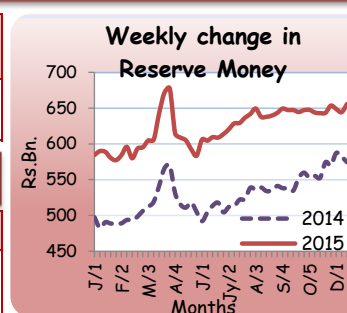


## 2.3 Weekly change in Reserve Money

Item	25 Feb 2016	Week Ago	Change
Reserve Money (Rs.Mn.)	737,532	743,881	-6,348

## 2.4 Money Market Activity (Overnight)

Item	22.02.2016	23.02.2016	24.02.2016	25.02.2016	26.02.2016
<b>Call Money Market</b>					
Weighted Average Rate (% p.a.)	0.00	7.49	7.51	7.51	7.51
Gross Volume (Rs. Mn)	0	15,001	13,610	14,015	15,333
<b>Repo Market</b>					
Weighted Average Rate (% p.a.)	0.00	7.18	7.09	7.06	7.00
Gross Volume (Rs. Mn)	0	23,902	25,766	23,432	31,181



## 2.5 CBSL Security Portfolio

Item	22.02.2016	23.02.2016	24.02.2016	25.02.2016	26.02.2016
CBSL T-Bill Holding (Rs. Mn)	0	184,358	184,373	184,340	199,592

## 2.6 Open Market Operations

Item	22.02.2016	23.02.2016	24.02.2016	25.02.2016	26.02.2016
<b>Short-Term Auction</b>					
Repo Amount Offered (Rs. bn)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Reverse Repo Amount Offered (Rs. bn)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Tenure (No. of Days)	0	0	0	0	0
Bids Received (Rs. bn)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Amount Accepted (Rs. bn)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Weighted Average Yield Rate (% p.a.)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Term Auction</b>					
Repo Amount Accepted (Rs. bn)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Reverse Repo Amount Accepted (Rs. bn)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Standing Facility</b>					
Standing Deposit Facility (Rs. bn)	0.00	36.98	33.90	33.22	50.50
Standing Lending Facility (Rs. bn)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Total Outstanding Market Liquidity (Rs. bn)</b>	0.00	36.98	33.90	33.22	50.50

## 2.7 Credit Cards (a)

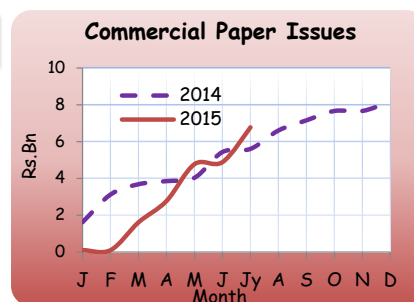
Item	2015 (b) End Nov	2015 End Oct	2014 End Dec
<b>Total Number of Active Cards</b>	1,136,408	1,122,969	1,032,833
Local (accepted only locally)	30,999	31,123	32,874
Global (accepted globally)	1,105,409	1,091,846	999,959
<b>Outstanding balance (Rs. Mn.)</b>	60,466	59,285	57,621
Local (accepted only locally)	1,206	1,194	1,234
Global (accepted globally)	59,259	58,091	56,387

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

## 2.8 Commercial Paper Issues (a)

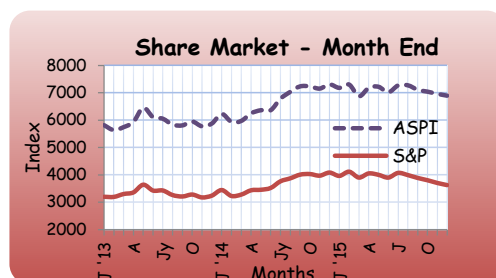
Item (Rs. bn.)	2015 End Nov(b)	2015 End Oct	2014 End Dec
Total Issues - Cumulative	7.9	6.9	8.2
Outstanding (as at end of the period)	5.8	5.9	3.5

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



## 2.9 Share Market

Item	Week Ending 26 Feb 2016	Week Ago	Year Ago
All Share Price Index (1985 = 100) (ASPI)	6,204	6,251	7,317
S & P Sri Lanka 20 Index (S&P SL20)	3,248	3,265	4,122
Average Daily Turnover (Rs. Mn)	588	674	1,148
Market Capitalisation (Rs.Bn.)	2,651	2,671	3,101



## *Fiscal Sector*

During the first nine months of 2015, government revenue as a percentage of estimated GDP increased by 8.5 per cent from 8.0 per cent in the corresponding period in 2014. In nominal terms, total revenue increased by 15.8 per cent to Rs. 958.9 billion during the first nine months of the year from Rs. 828.2 billion recorded during the same period in 2014.

Total expenditure and net lending during the first nine months of 2015 is estimated to be increased by 13.5 per cent of estimated GDP from 12.9 per cent during the same period in 2014 mainly due to combine outcome of increase in recurrent expenditure and decline in capital expenditure and net lending. The recurrent expenditure increased significantly by 10.7 per cent of estimated GDP from 9.3 per cent of GDP recorded in the same period in 2014. Capital expenditure and net lending as a percentage of GDP declined by 2.8 per cent during the first nine months of 2015 from 3.5 per cent in the corresponding period in 2014.

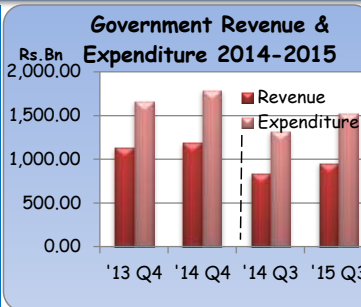
Total outstanding debt increased by Rs. 875.1 billion to Rs. 8266.0 billion as at end September 2015 from Rs. 7,390.9 billion at end 2014. Foreign debt increased by Rs. 152.8 billion to Rs. 3,265.9 billion and domestic debt increased by Rs. 722.3 billion to Rs. 5,000.1 billion.

SCL on potatoes and sugar was increased while SCL on other commodities such as peas, chickpeas, margarine, beet sugar, kurakkkan seeds etc. was extended for a period of six months.

# FISCAL SECTOR

## 3.1 Government Finance (Rs.bn)

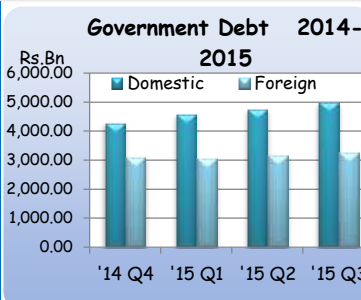
Item	2015 (a) Jan-Sep	2014 Jan- Sep
<b>Revenue and Grants</b>	<b>959.6</b>	<b>836.9</b>
<b>Revenue</b>	<b>958.9</b>	<b>828.2</b>
Tax	888.2	752.2
Non tax	70.7	76.0
<b>Grants</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>8.7</b>
<b>Expenditure &amp; Lending Minus Repayments</b>	<b>1,532.5</b>	<b>1,326.7</b>
Current	1,213.1	962.1
Capital & Lending Minus Repayments	319.5	364.6



(a) Provisional

## 3.2 Outstanding Central Government Debt (Rs.bn)

Item	End Sep 2015 (a)	End 2014
<b>Total domestic debt</b>	<b>5,000.1</b>	<b>4,277.8</b>
of which		
Treasury bills	837.5	694.8
Treasury bonds	3,180.4	2,844.1
Rupee loans	24.1	55.5
<b>Total foreign debt</b>	<b>3,265.9</b>	<b>3,113.1</b>
<b>Total outstanding govt. debt</b>	<b>8,266.0</b>	<b>7,390.9</b>



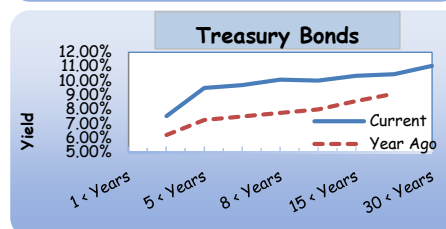
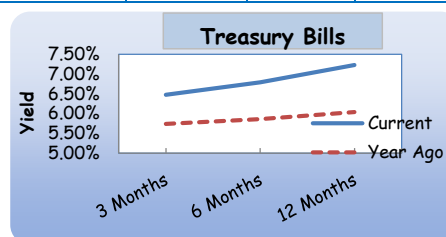
(a)Provisional

## 3.3 Government Securities - Primary and Secondary Market Yield Rates as for the week ending - 24<sup>th</sup> February 2016

Security	Maturity	Primary Market(a)		Secondary Market			Last Week Average
		This Week	Last Week	This Week			
				Buying	Selling	Average	
Treasury Bills	3 Months	-	7.14%	7.25%	7.01%	7.13%	6.89%
	6 Months	8.07%	-	7.67%	7.47%	7.57%	7.35%
	12 Months	8.50%	-	8.12%	7.89%	8.01%	7.77%
Treasury Bonds	< 2 Years	-	-	8.47%	8.08%	8.28%	7.96%
	< 5 Years	-	-	10.60%	10.30%	10.45%	10.02%
	< 6Years	-	-	10.78%	10.51%	10.64%	10.24%
	< 8Years	-	-	11.05%	10.78%	10.92%	10.52%
	< 10Years	-	-	11.28%	11.04%	11.16%	10.81%
	< 15 Years	-	-	11.50%	11.37%	11.43%	11.09%
	< 20 Years	-	-	11.68%	11.53%	11.60%	11.27%
< 30 Years	-	-	12.00%	11.79%	11.89%	11.67%	

(a) Primary market transactions during the week ending 24/02/2016

Security	Maturity Date	Coupon Rate	Secondary Market	
			This Week	Last Week
International Sovereign Bonds	4-Oct-20	6.250%	7.98%	7.98%
	27-Jul-21	6.250%	8.23%	8.20%
	25-Jul-22	5.875%	8.49%	8.49%
	14-Jan-19	6.000%	7.49%	7.48%
	11-Apr-19	5.125%	7.65%	7.62%
	3-Jun-25	6.125%	8.66%	8.64%
	3-Nov-25	6.850%	8.79%	8.79%



The secondary market yield rates of T-bills and T-bonds moved upward across all maturities compared against yield rates of the previous week.

### 3.4 Government Securities - Weekly Summary of Primary and Secondary Market Transactions (Week Ended - 24<sup>th</sup> February 2016 )

Item	Volume in Rs Mn	
	This Week	Last Week
Outstanding Stock of Government Securities		
Treasury Bills	685,011.69	685,219.66
Treasury Bonds (a)	3,685,805.96	3,685,805.96
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,370,817.65</b>	<b>4,371,025.62</b>
T-bills and T-bonds held by Foreigners	268,833.80	271,330.06
Sri Lanka Development Bonds (SLDB)	665,519.77	665,547.98

The outstanding stock of T-bonds remained same while the outstanding stock of T-bills slightly decreased during the week with lower issuances over maturities.

Primary Market Activities	Volume in Rs Mn	
	This Week	Last Week
<b>Treasury Bills</b>		
Amount Offered	22,000.00	23,000.00
Total Bids Received	34,643.00	47,260.00
Total Bids Accepted	9,238.00	5,000.00
<b>Treasury Bonds</b>		
Amount Offered		
Total Bids Received	No auction held	No auction held
Total Bids Accepted		

T-bill auction for the reporting week was oversubscribed by 1.6 times.

Secondary Market Activities	Volume in Rs Mn	
	This Week	Last Week
<b>Treasury Bills</b>		
Outright Transaction (Sales / Purchases)	20,393.94	20,744.59
Repo Transaction (Sales / Purchases)	131,303.01	125,896.39
<b>Treasury Bonds</b>		
Outright Transaction (Sales / Purchases)	67,896.94	146,675.68
Repo Transaction (Sales / Purchases)	704,486.95	858,097.10

A significant drop in secondary market transactions of T-bonds was reported 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) - 26/02/2016

Remaining Maturity	Average Buying Price	Yield %	Average Selling Price	Yield %	Buying & Selling Spread
1-7 Days	99.87	6.80	99.88	6.50	0.01
1 Month	99.42	7.04	99.44	6.78	0.02
2 Month	98.82	7.18	98.86	6.93	0.04
3 Month	98.18	7.40	98.25	7.13	0.07
4 Month	97.52	7.58	97.60	7.33	0.08
5 Month	96.83	7.74	96.92	7.51	0.10
6 Month	96.11	7.90	96.21	7.71	0.09
7 Month	95.39	8.03	95.48	7.87	0.09
8 Month	94.70	8.09	94.80	7.93	0.10
9 Month	93.97	8.17	94.09	8.01	0.12
10 Month	93.26	8.23	93.39	8.06	0.14
11 Month	92.53	8.29	92.69	8.10	0.16
12 Month	91.78	8.35	91.99	8.14	0.21

### 3.6 Two way Quotes (Treasury Bonds)- 26/02/2016

Treasury Bond By Series	Maturity Period (Years)	Maturity Date (DD/MM/YY)	Days to Maturity	Average Buying Price	Yield %	Average Selling Price	Yield %	Buying & Selling Spread
07.25%2016A	6	1-Apr-16	35	99.96	7.41	100.00	7.08	0.03
08.00%2016B	4	1-Jun-16	96	100.08	7.56	100.15	7.29	0.07
06.40%2016A	6	1-Aug-16	157	99.35	7.92	99.47	7.65	0.11
08.00%2016A	5	1-Sep-16	188	99.98	8.04	100.14	7.70	0.17
06.40%2016B	6	1-Oct-16	218	99.01	8.13	99.21	7.76	0.21
08.00%2017A	5	1-Jan-17	310	99.65	8.42	99.93	8.07	0.28
05.80%2017A	6	15-Jan-17	324	97.89	8.31	98.15	8.00	0.25
08.25%2017A	3	1-Mar-17	369	99.74	8.52	100.04	8.20	0.30
08.75%2017A	4	15-May-17	444	100.00	8.73	100.40	8.38	0.40
08.00%2017B	5	15-Jun-17	475	99.11	8.72	99.56	8.35	0.45
05.80%2017B	6	15-Jul-17	505	96.38	8.62	96.74	8.33	0.36
08.50%2018A	15	1-Feb-18	706	98.36	9.44	99.35	8.87	0.99
08.50%2018C	5	1-Apr-18	765	97.58	9.80	98.32	9.39	0.74
08.50%2018D	5	1-Jun-18	826	97.30	9.85	97.94	9.52	0.64
08.50%2018B	15	15-Jul-18	870	97.38	9.75	97.88	9.51	0.50
07.50%2018A	15	15-Aug-18	901	94.86	9.89	95.45	9.61	0.58
08.75%2018A	4	15-Oct-18	962	97.50	9.84	98.26	9.50	0.77
08.00%2018A	6	15-Nov-18	993	95.40	9.97	96.07	9.67	0.67
05.65%2019A	8	15-Jan-19	1,054	89.38	9.97	89.99	9.71	0.61
08.50%2019A	10	1-May-19	1,160	96.05	9.97	96.72	9.72	0.67
10.60%2019A	5	1-Jul-19	1,221	101.16	10.17	102.01	9.87	0.86
10.60%2019B	5	15-Sep-19	1,297	100.97	10.26	101.76	10.00	0.79
08.00%2019A	8	1-Nov-19	1,344	93.21	10.25	93.95	10.00	0.73
09.25%2020A	5	1-May-20	1,526	95.80	10.51	96.81	10.20	1.01
08.00%2020A	8	1-Jun-20	1,557	92.00	10.36	92.72	10.14	0.72
06.20%2020A	10	1-Aug-20	1,618	84.88	10.56	85.68	10.30	0.80
09.50%2020A	5	15-Dec-20	1,754	95.99	10.58	96.69	10.38	0.70
09.00%2021A	8	1-May-21	1,891	92.24	11.00	93.35	10.70	1.12
11.00%2021A	7	1-Aug-21	1,983	100.06	10.98	101.40	10.65	1.34
09.45%2021A	7	15-Oct-21	2,058	94.04	10.89	94.82	10.69	0.77
08.00%2022A	10	1-Jan-22	2,136	87.74	10.88	88.52	10.69	0.78
11.20%2022A	9	1-Jul-22	2,317	100.96	10.98	102.02	10.75	1.05
10.00%2022A	8	1-Oct-22	2,409	94.78	11.13	95.77	10.91	0.99
09.00%2023A	10	1-Sep-23	2,744	89.03	11.20	89.56	11.08	0.53
11.20%2023A	9	1-Sep-23	2,744	99.79	11.24	100.82	11.03	1.04
07.00%2023A	20	1-Oct-23	2,774	79.35	11.09	79.96	10.95	0.61
11.40%2024A	10	1-Jan-24	2,866	100.03	11.39	101.10	11.18	1.07
06.00%2024A	10	1-Dec-24	3,201	71.50	11.18	71.91	11.09	0.41
10.25%2025A	10	15-Mar-25	3,305	93.91	11.34	94.72	11.19	0.81
09.00%2025A	12	1-May-25	3,352	87.48	11.21	87.94	11.13	0.46
11.00%2025A	10	1-Aug-25	3,444	97.03	11.52	98.39	11.28	1.36
09.00%2026A	13	1-Feb-26	3,628	86.33	11.33	87.16	11.17	0.83
05.35%2026A	15	1-Mar-26	3,656	64.71	11.33	65.40	11.18	0.68
11.00%2026A	11	1-Jun-26	3,748	96.63	11.56	97.85	11.35	1.22
09.00%2028B	15	1-May-28	4,448	84.43	11.39	84.97	11.30	0.54
09.00%2028A	15	1-Jul-28	4,509	84.22	11.41	84.82	11.31	0.60
11.50%2028A	13	1-Sep-28	4,571	99.17	11.63	100.47	11.43	1.30
13.00%2029A	15	1-Jan-29	4,693	110.16	11.46	110.84	11.37	0.68
13.00%2029B	15	1-May-29	4,813	110.22	11.47	110.88	11.38	0.66
11.00%2030A	15	15-May-30	5,192	94.19	11.85	95.22	11.69	1.04
08.00%2032A	20	1-Jan-32	5,788	74.33	11.57	75.02	11.45	0.68
09.00%2032A	20	1-Oct-32	6,062	81.02	11.60	81.76	11.48	0.74
09.00%2033A	20	1-Jun-33	6,305	80.55	11.63	81.46	11.49	0.91
13.25%2033A	20	1-Jul-33	6,335	111.72	11.66	112.90	11.51	1.18
09.00%2033B	20	1-Nov-33	6,458	80.09	11.68	81.02	11.53	0.93
13.25%2034A	20	1-Jan-34	6,519	111.35	11.71	112.41	11.58	1.06
11.50%2035A	20	15-Mar-35	6,957	96.93	11.91	98.58	11.69	1.65
12.00%2041A	25	1-Jan-41	9,076	99.65	12.04	101.19	11.85	1.54
09.00%2043A	30	1-Jun-43	9,957	76.54	11.92	77.66	11.74	1.11
13.50%2044A	30	1-Jan-44	10,171	112.11	11.98	113.89	11.79	1.78
13.50%2044B	30	1-Jun-44	10,323	111.76	12.03	113.65	11.82	1.89
12.50%2045A	30	1-Mar-45	10,596	100.38	12.45	103.94	12.01	3.55

## External Sector

During the year up to 26 February 2016 the rupee appreciated against the US dollar (0.11 per cent). Given the cross currency exchange rate movements, the Sri Lanka rupee appreciated against the pound sterling (6.12 per cent), Indian rupee (3.55 per cent) and depreciated against Japanese yen (6.17 per cent), euro (1.03 per cent) during this period.

On a cumulative basis, earnings from exports declined by 4.4 per cent to US dollars 9,679 million during the first eleven months of 2015, reflecting a significant decline in earnings from tea, rubber products and sea food exports .

During the first eleven months of 2015, expenditure on imports decreased by 2.1 per cent to US dollars 17,244 million, mainly led by a 16.5 per cent drop in expenditure on intermediate goods imports.

Less decline in exports unit value index compared to the reduction in import unit value index resulted to increase the terms of trade in November 2015 by 10.9 per cent compared to the corresponding month of previous year.

The export unit value index declined by 4.9 per cent in November 2015 mainly due to a 54.0 per cent decline recorded in prices of petroleum products exports.

The import unit value index, in November 2015, declined by 14.3 per cent, year-on-year, reflecting declines in unit prices of all major categories.

India, China, UK, Germany and France were the top five sources of tourist arrivals in January 2016, accounting for 48 per cent of total tourist arrivals upto the month of January 2016

The average price of tea increased to US dollars 2.90 per kg in November 2015 from US dollars 2.73 per kg (in the Colombo auction) in October 2015.

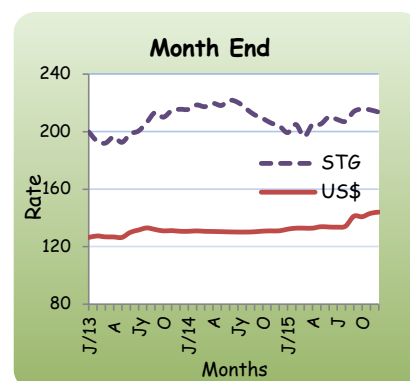
Further, the import prices of sugar, wheat and crude oil prices declined compared to the corresponding month of 2014.

Highlights

# EXTERNAL SECTOR

## 4.1 Exchange Rates

Item (Rs Per Unit)(a)	Week Ending - 26 Feb 2016			Average Rate	
	Buying Rate	Selling Rate	Average Rate	Week Ago	Year Ago
US\$	142.52	146.54	144.53	144.23	133.19
STG	198.51	205.59	202.05	206.48	207.01
Yen	1.26	1.31	1.28	1.28	1.12
Euro	156.47	162.70	159.59	160.32	151.34
INR <sup>(1)</sup>			2.09	2.10	2.15
SDR (As at 25 Feb 2016)			199.89	200.77	187.88
<b>Central Bank purchases and sales(b) (US\$ Mn. )</b>			<b>January 2016</b>	<b>Month Ago</b>	<b>Year Ago</b>
Purchases			0.00	0.00	0.00
Sales			303.50	272.00	173.81



	Week Ending 26 Feb 2016	Week Ago	Year Ago
Average Daily Interbank Volume (US\$ Mn.) (spot, tom and cash transactions among commercial banks)	14.88	41.89	31.38
<b>Forward Transactions</b>			
Forward Rates (US\$) <sup>(2)</sup>			
1 Month	144.66	144.62	133.54
3 Months	0.00	145.96	0.00
Average Daily Interbank Forward Volume (US\$ mn)	36.39	40.56	33.01
Outstanding Forward Volume (US\$ mn) (As at 25 Feb 2016)	1,577.25	1,628.30	1,148.99

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

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

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

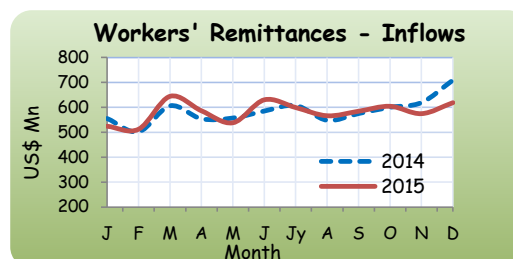
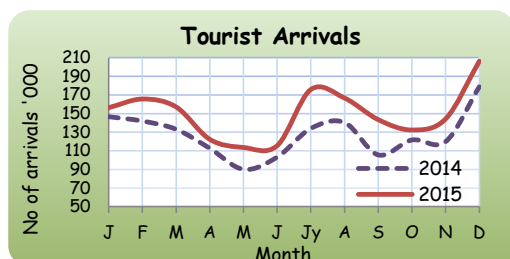
## 4.2 Tourism & Workers' Remittances

Item		2015 Jan (a)	2016(b) Jan (c)	% Change
Tourist Arrivals	Number	156,246	194,280	24.3
Earnings from Tourism(d)	US\$ Mn.	248.7	309.30	24.3
	Rs.bn.	32.7	44.5	36.1
Workers' Remittances (Inflows)		2015 Jan (a)	2016 Jan (b)	% Change
	US\$ Mn.	523.5	563.4	7.6
	Rs. bn.	68.9	81.1	17.8

(a) Revised (b) Provisional (c) May be revised based on Sri Lanka Tourism Development Authority survey results on average

stay period and average spending per day estimates for 2016 (d) revised based on Sri Lanka Tourism Development Authority survey

results on average stay period and average spending per day estimates for 2015





#### 4.4 International Reserves & Foreign Currency Liquidity as at 31<sup>st</sup> January 2016 <sup>(a)</sup>

Official Reserve Assets (USD mn)					
<b>Official Reserve Assets</b>				<b>6,294.32</b>	
(1) Foreign currency reserves				5,423.01	
(a) Securities				2,422.45	
(b) Total currency and deposits with				3,000.56	
(i) other national central banks, BIS				896.41	
(ii) banks headquartered inside the reporting country of which located abroad				1.32	
(iii) banks headquartered outside the reporting country				2,102.83	
(2) Reserve position in the IMF				66.06	
(3) SDRs				6.71	
(4) Gold				797.57	
(5) Other reserve assets				0.97	
Predetermined Short-Term Net Drains on Foreign Currency Assets <sup>(b)</sup>					
Item	Total	Maturity breakdown (residual maturity)			
		Up to 1 month	More than 1 and up to 3 months	More than 3 months and up to 1 year	
1. Foreign currency loans, securities, and deposits					
outflows (-)	Principal	-3,640.67	-132.18	-882.12	-2,626.37
	Interest	-925.20	-34.18	-141.65	-749.37
inflows (+)	Principal				
	Interest				
2. Aggregate short and long positions in forwards and futures in foreign currencies vis-à-vis the domestic currency (including the forward leg of currency swaps)					
(a) Short positions (-) <sup>(c)</sup>					
		-3,224.49	-324.38	-2024.68	-875.43
(b) Long positions (+)					
3. Other (specify)					
inflows related to reverse repos (+)		-4.85	-4.85		
other accounts payable (-)		-4.85	-4.85		

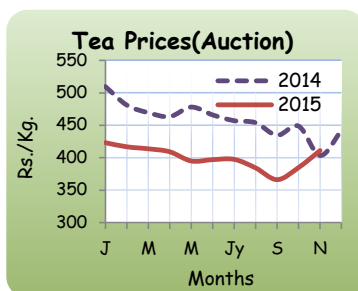
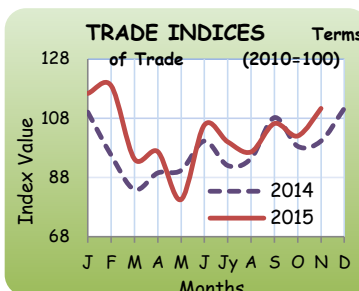
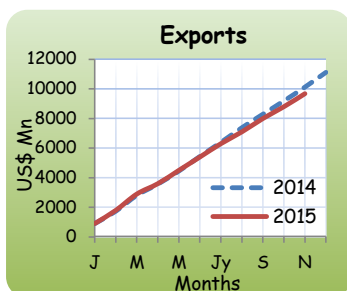
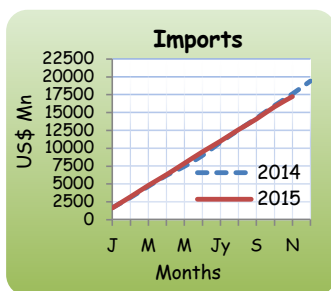
(a) Provisional

(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-Nov 2015	Jan-Nov 2014	% Change	Jan-Nov 2015	Jan-Nov 2014	% Change
<b>Exports</b>	<b>9.7</b>	<b>10.1</b>	<b>-4.4</b>	<b>1,307.3</b>	<b>1,321.5</b>	<b>-1.1</b>
Agricultural	2.3	2.5	-10.0	309.6	332.1	-6.8
Industrial	7.3	7.5	-2.2	991.6	980.2	1.2
Food, Beverages and Tobacco	0.2	0.3	-8.8	32.6	34.5	-5.5
Textiles and Apparel	4.4	4.5	-1.2	598.4	584.6	2.4
Petroleum Products	0.3	0.3	9.6	46.1	40.9	12.6
Leather, Rubber etc	0.8	0.9	-12.2	111.9	123.1	-9.2
Other	1.5	1.5	-0.5	202.6	197.0	2.9
Mineral	0.0	0.1	-52.2	3.7	7.4	-50.8
Other	0.0	0.0	35.9	2.5	1.8	41.6
<b>Imports</b>	<b>17.2</b>	<b>17.6</b>	<b>-2.1</b>	<b>2,330.4</b>	<b>2,299.7</b>	<b>1.3</b>
Consumer Goods	4.3	3.4	26.2	585.3	447.7	30.7
Intermediate Goods	8.7	10.5	-16.5	1,180.4	1,365.3	-13.5
Investment Goods	4.2	3.7	12.0	562.7	484.9	16.0
Other	0.0	0.0	13.6	2.0	1.7	17.2
<b>Trade Balance</b>	<b>-7.6</b>	<b>-7.5</b>	<b>-1.0</b>	<b>-1,023.1</b>	<b>-978.2</b>	<b>-4.6</b>

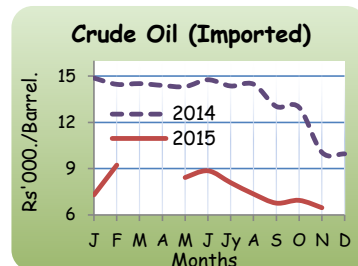
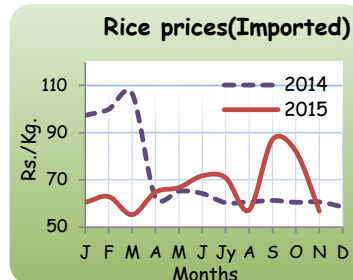


## 4.6 Trade Indices (2010= 100 ) (a)

Item	2015 Nov (b)	Month Ago	Year Ago
<b>Total Exports</b>			
Value	116.2	117.9	128.2
Quantity	112.3	130.3	117.8
Unit Value	103.5	90.5	108.8
<b>Total Imports</b>			
Value	131.1	146.6	147.4
Quantity	141.0	165.3	135.9
Unit Value	93.0	88.7	108.5
<b>Terms of Trade</b>	111.3	102.0	100.3

(a) In US\$ Terms

(b) Provisional



## 4.7 International Commodity Prices

Item	November 2015	November 2014	% Change	November 2015	November 2014	% Change
<b>Colombo Auction Price</b>	US\$ / Kg			Rs / Kg		
Tea Prices	2.90	3.08	-6.1	411.19	403.56	1.9
<b>Imports (C I F)</b>	US\$ / MT			Rs / MT		
Rice	399.83	463.21	-13.7	56,786.15	60,652.00	-6.4
White Sugar	396.06	497.04	-20.3	56,250.87	65,081.85	-13.6
Wheat	220.94	313.16	-29.4	31,379.33	41,004.96	-23.5
	US\$ / Barrel			Rs / Barrel		
Crude Oil	45.46	76.82	-40.8	6,456.26	10,058.98	-35.8