

Weekly Economic Indicators

25 November 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 (DCS), increased to 5.0 per cent in October 2016 from 4.7 per cent in September 2016, on year-on-year basis. Both Food and Non-food categories contributed towards the year-on-year inflation in October 2016. The change in the NCPI measured on an annual average basis increased to 4.0 per cent in October 2016 from 3.8 per cent in September 2016. When the monthly change is considered, the NCPI increased from 113.5 index points in September 2016 to 114.7 index points in October 2016. This monthly increase was mainly due to the increase in prices of the items in the Food category. The NCPI Core inflation, which reflects the underlying inflation in the economy, remained unchanged at 5.7 per cent in October 2016 compared to September 2016, on both year-on-year and Annual Average basis.

Inflation, as measured by the change in the Colombo Consumers' Price Index (CCPI) (2006/07=100) based on compilation by the DCS, increased to 4.2 per cent in October 2016 from 3.9 per cent in September 2016, on year-on-year basis. Annual average inflation increased to 3.6 per cent in October 2016 from 3.4 per cent in September 2016. The monthly increase in CCPI was 0.6 per cent. Core CCPI remained unchanged at 4.2 per cent in October 2016, on year-on-year basis. Annual average core inflation decreased to 4.9 per cent in October 2016 from 5.0 per cent in September 2016.

The GDP grew by 3.9 per cent in real terms in the first half of 2016, mainly attributable to 4.9 per cent growth in Services activities and 5.2 per cent growth in Industry activities while Agriculture activities contracted by 2.5 per cent, in value added terms.

During the first nine months of 2016 production of tea declined due to unfavourable weather conditions and low demand from prime export destinations while production of rubber declined due to the slowdown of tapping activities. However, the coconut production has recorded an increase during the similar period.

The FIPI decreased by 6.6 per cent on year-on-year basis in July 2016. This decrease was mainly due to decreased production of food products, wearing apparel, beverages and rubber and plastic products sub-sectors. This was mainly attributed to decreased domestic and international demand.

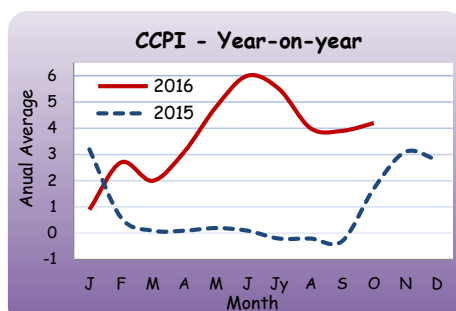
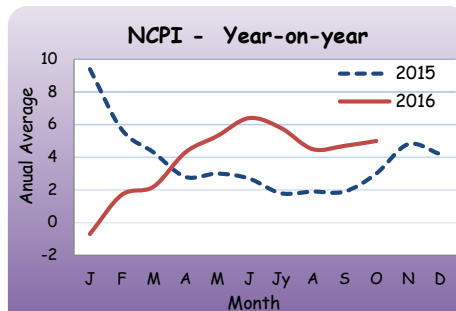
During the week crude oil spot prices largely followed an increasing trend. Price increases at the beginning of the week were supported by growing conviction that major oil producing countries would agree next week to limit output. However, WTI price then fell amid investor doubts that OPEC will agree to a production cut which is large enough to make a significant dent in the global glut of crude oil, as U.S. drilling rises. Towards the end of the week oil prices again rose ahead of next week's meeting of the OPEC to discuss implementation of its proposed cap on production while Russia's energy minister said they could revise down its 2017 oil production plans effectively cutting output by 200,000-300,000 barrels per day if a global output freeze comes into force.

Highlights

REAL SECTOR

1.1 Price Indices

Item	October 2016	Month Ago	Year Ago
(2013 = 100)			
National Consumer Price Index (NCPI)	114.7	113.5	109.2
Monthly Change %	1.1	0.2	0.7
Annual Average Change %	4.0	3.8	-
Year - on - Year Change %	5.0	4.7	3.0
Core Inflation - (NCPI)	118.2	117.7	111.8
Annual Average Change %	5.7	5.7	-
Year - on - Year Change %	5.7	5.7	4.8
Item	October 2016	Month Ago	Year Ago
(2006 / 07 = 100)			
Colombo Consumers' Price Index (CCPI)	189.7	188.5	182.1
Annual Average Change %	3.6	3.4	0.7
Year - on - Year Change %	4.2	3.9	1.7
Core Inflation - (CCPI)	188.2	187.7	180.6
Annual Average Change %	4.9	5.0	2.9
Year - on - Year Change %	4.2	4.2	4.5

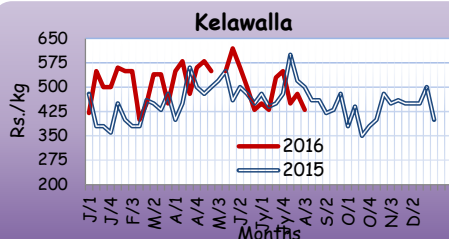
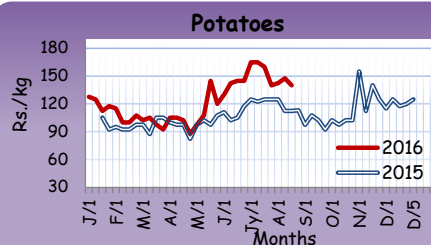
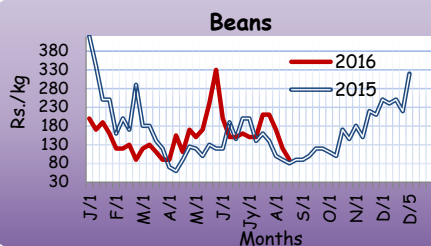
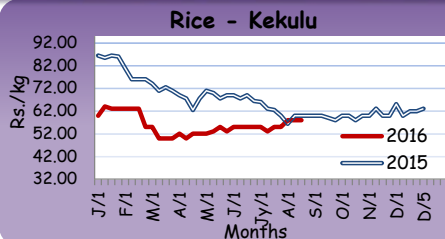


1.2 Pettah Market

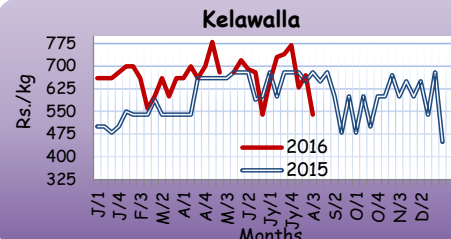
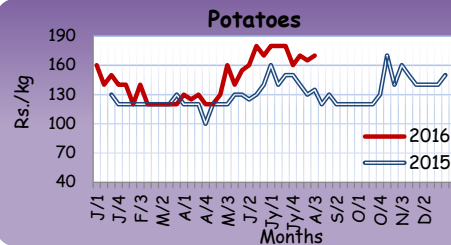
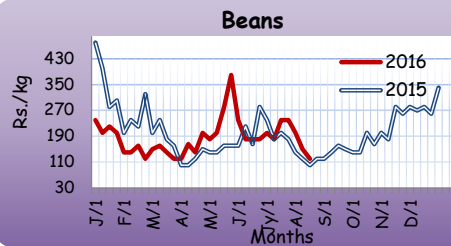
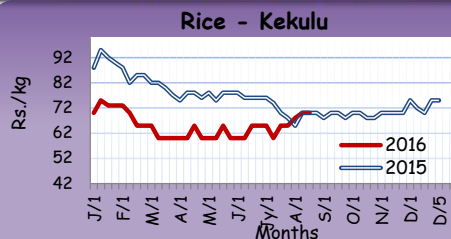
Item	Average Wholesale Prices				Average Retail Prices			
	Week Ending 24 th Nov 2016	Week Ago	Month Ago	Year Ago Annual Avg	Week Ending 24 th Nov 2016	Week Ago	Month Ago	Year Ago Annual Avg
	Rs / Kg				Rs / Kg			
Rice								
Samba	85.00	85.00	80.00	83.22	95.00	95.00	88.50	90.10
Kekulu (Red)	72.00	70.00	68.00	66.15	80.00	80.00	75.00	75.20
Vegetables								
Beans	180.00	180.00	146.25	160.49	200.00	200.00	190.00	196.86
Cabbage	25.00	30.00	38.13	79.31	50.00	50.00	77.50	117.94
Carrots	55.00	75.00	57.50	146.27	100.00	100.00	105.00	184.90
Tomatoes	27.50	32.50	46.25	89.80	60.00	60.00	70.00	126.18
Pumpkins	37.50	35.00	33.75	49.12	60.00	50.00	52.50	72.94
Snake Gourd	95.00	65.00	80.00	73.73	140.00	120.00	122.50	106.57
Brinjals	45.00	45.00	52.50	72.56	80.00	100.00	95.00	105.69
Ash-Plantains	55.00	45.00	52.50	81.08	100.00	80.00	85.00	110.59
Other Foods								
Red-Onions (Local)	115.00	95.00	87.50	105.28	140.00	140.00	120.00	135.34
Big-Onions (Local)	74.00	77.50	69.37	95.17	95.00	100.00	90.00	124.67
Potatoes (N'Eliya)	137.50	127.50	107.50	107.98	160.00	160.00	130.00	130.80
Dried Chilies (Imported)	240.00	250.00	286.25	248.90	320.00	350.00	352.50	291.08
Dhal (Indian)	158.00	160.00	160.00	161.98	169.00	169.00	169.00	177.43
Eggs	14.20	13.00	11.88	14.17	14.50	13.50	12.38	14.77
Coconut (Each)	44.00	43.50	39.88	41.00	55.00	55.00	55.00	53.18
Fish*								
Kelawalla	480.00	420.00	492.50	453.14	670.00	590.00	685.00	598.24
Balaya	200.00	260.00	340.00	295.00	300.00	360.00	440.00	361.20
Salaya	150.00	150.00	132.50	114.71	220.00	220.00	202.50	156.08
Paraw (Small)	460.00	350.00	480.00	484.69	560.00	450.00	575.00	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 24 th Nov 2016	
	Wholesale (Average)	Retail (Average)
Rice		
Samba	86.00	89.00
Kekulu (Red)	71.50	75.50
Vegetables		
Beans	151.00	192.00
Carrot	79.00	111.00
Tomatoes	27.50	48.00
Pumpkins	30.00	45.00
Snake Gourd	46.00	70.00
Ash-Plantains	48.50	72.50
Other Foods		
Red-Onions (Local)	74.50	114.00
Big-Onions (Local)	70.30	85.00
Potatoes (N'Eliya)	133.50	152.00
Dried Chilies(Imported)	258.00	332.00
Coconut (Each)	36.50	42.50

1.5 Maradagahamula Market

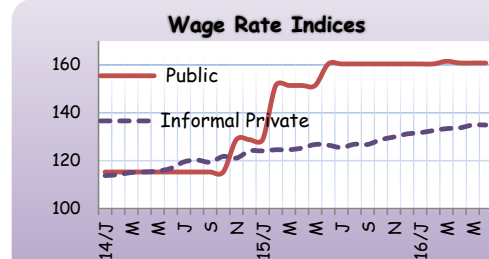
Average wholesale price of Rice				
Item (Rs / Kg)	Week Ending 25 th Nov	Week Ago	Month Ago	Year Ago
Samba	80.50	81.13	77.26	79.56
Sudu Kekulu	68.50	68.75	66.52	62.37
Raw Red	61.10	62.00	60.90	66.17
Nadu	74.90	74.25	70.26	64.24

1.4 Narahenpita Economic Centre

Item (Rs / Kg)	Average Retail Prices	
	24 th Nov 2016	Week Ago
Rice		
Samba	90.00	89.67
Kekulu (Red)	75.00	74.67
Vegetables		
Beans	246.67	236.67
Cabbage	80.00	136.67
Carrots	120.00	116.67
Tomatoes	80.00	76.67
Pumpkins	70.00	56.67
Snake Gourd	130.00	116.67
Brinjals	100.00	96.67
Ash-Plantains	126.67	136.67
Other Foods		
Red-Onions (Imported)	140.00	136.67
Big-Onions (Imported)	n.a.	n.a.
Potatoes (Imported)	90.00	100.00
Dried Chilies (Imported)	333.33	336.67
Dhal (Indian)	175.00	174.67
Eggs (Red)(Each)	15.50	11.67
Coconut (Each)	51.67	48.33
Fish		
Kelawalla	853.33	686.67
Balaya	446.67	416.67
Salaya	196.67	156.67
Paraw (Small)	846.67	676.67

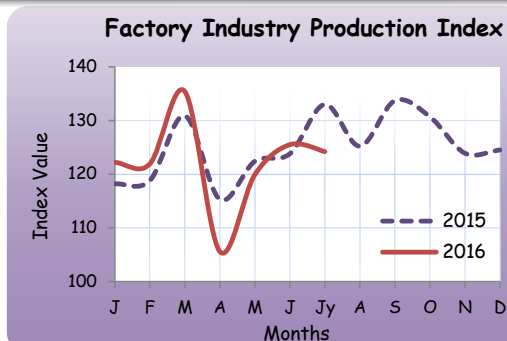
1.6 Wage rate Indices

Item	2016 September	2015 September	% Change
Public Sector Employees (2012 = 100)	160.8	160.4	0.2
Informal Private Sector Employees (2012 = 100)	140.7	126.8	10.9
Agriculture	140.1	128.8	8.8
Industry	145.9	128.9	13.2
Services	135.8	124.0	9.5



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

Item	2016 (b) July	2015 July	% Change
Factory Industry- Production Index	124.2	133.0	-6.6
Food products	102.8	112.4	-8.5
Beverages	102.0	123.8	-17.6
Tobacco products	107.0	106.5	0.4
Wearing apparel	164.5	187.1	-12.1
Chemicals and chemical products	85.3	78.5	8.7
Rubber and plastic products	152.4	146.2	4.2
Other non-metallic mineral products	132.5	129.1	2.6



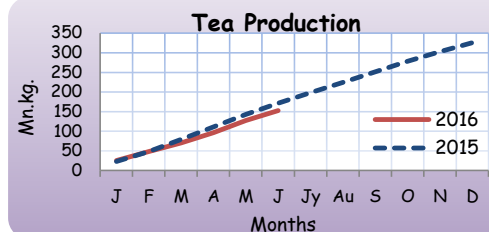
(a) Major 7 sub divisions of FIPI out of 17 sub divisions.

(b) Provisional

1.8 Agriculture Production

Item	Unit	2016(a) Jan-Sep	2015 Jan-Sep	% Change
Tea	(Mn Kg)	216.7	251.3	-13.8
Rubber	(Mn Kg)	63.9	69.8	-8.5
Coconuts	(Mn Nuts)	2,364.7	2,295.1	3.0

(a) Provisional

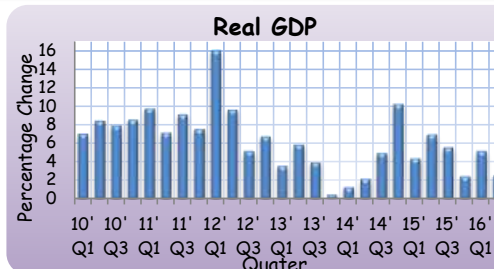


1.9 GDP by Industrial Origin at Constant (2010) Prices - Growth Rates in value added terms

Item	2016(a) 2 nd Quarter	2015(a) 2 nd Quarter	2015(a) Annual
Agriculture	-5.6	10.4	5.5
Industry	2.2	3.9	3.0
Services	4.9	6.9	5.3
GDP	2.6	7.0	4.8

(a)Provisional

Source: Department of Census and Statistics



1.10 Employment (a)(b)

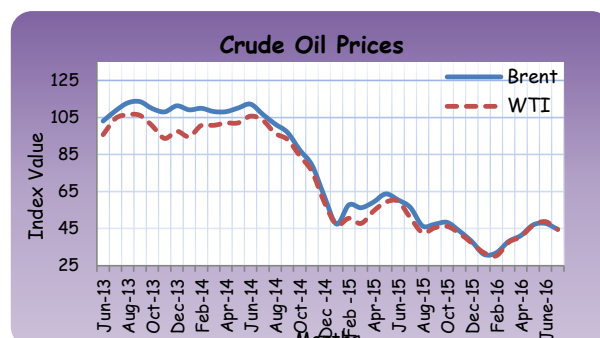
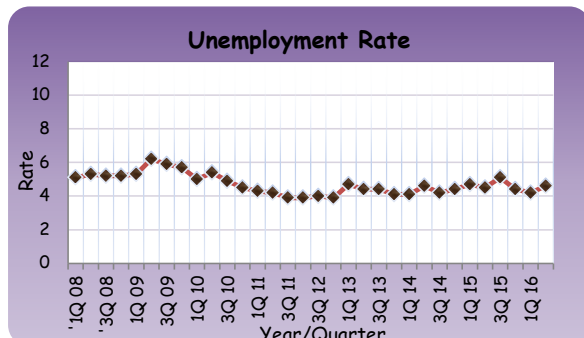
Item	2015 (c)(d) 2 nd Quarter	2016 (c) 2 nd Quarter	2015 Annual
Labour Force Participation rate	54.2	53.3	53.8
Unemployment rate	4.5	4.6	4.7
Employed Persons by Sectors (e) (as a % of total employment)			
Agriculture	28.9	25.1	28.7
Industry	25.5	27.1	25.8
Services	45.6	47.8	45.6

(a) The working age population aged 15 and above

Source: Department of Census and Statistics

(b) In July 2016, the Department of Census and Statistics published a re-weighted and revised labour force data series for 2011 onwards

(c) Provisional (d) Revised (e) 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	31.87
February	57.81	50.58	69.52	31.93	30.32	35.36
March	56.30	47.82	-	38.06	37.55	36.85
April	59.32	54.45	-	41.25	40.75	44.05
May	63.76	59.26	63.09	47.00	46.69	48.84
June	60.53	59.82	66.17	47.82	48.76	50.95
July	56.48	50.90	60.49	44.54	44.65	46.10
August	46.43	42.87	54.92	45.50	44.72	46.71
September	47.41	45.48	48.65	46.80	45.20	46.99
October	48.36	46.22	49.26	49.01	49.78	52.70
November	43.68	42.44	45.46			
December	38.08	37.21	41.21			
	2015			2016		
18 November	41.10	40.75		43.56	45.69	
21 November	-	-		45.11	47.48	
22 November	-	-		45.25	48.07	
23 November	43.15	39.27		45.69	46.72	
24 November	43.83	40.89		46.69	-	

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 25 November 2016 declined by 76 bps to 11.62 per cent compared to the previous week.

Broad money (M2b) expanded by 17.3 per cent on year-on-year basis in August 2016.

Net Credit to the Government from the banking system showed a decline of Rs. 94.1 billion in August 2016.

Public Corporations recorded a net repayment of Rs. 30.6 billion in August 2016.

Credit extended to the private sector increased by Rs. 45.0 billion in August 2016.

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 a position of Rs. 3.02 bn by end of the week, compared to a short position of Rs. 47.71 bn by the end of last week.

By 25 November 2016, All Share Price Index (ASPI) declined by 1.17 per cent to 6,252 points while S&P SL 20 Index declined by 1.09 per cent to 3,477 points, compared to the previous week.

Highlights

MONETARY SECTOR

2.1 Interest Rates

Item	Week Ending 2016 Nov 25	Week Ago	Year Ago
Policy Interest Rates			
Standing Deposit Facility Rate	7.00	7.00	6.00
Standing Lending Facility Rate	8.50	8.50	7.50
Average Weighted Call Money Rate (AWCMR)(Weekly Average)	8.44	8.44	6.30
Sri Lanka Inter Bank Offered Rate (SLIBOR)			
1 day	8.45	8.45	6.33
7 days	9.59	9.54	6.49
1 Month	10.55	10.54	6.87
3 Months	11.03	11.00	7.18
6 Months	11.51	11.51	7.45
12 Months	12.00	12.00	7.78
Treasury Bill Yields (Excluding 10% withholding tax)			
91 days	8.60	8.60	-
182 days	9.71	9.65	6.40
364 days	10.25	10.20	6.92
Licensed Commercial Banks			
Average Weighted Prime Lending Rate (AWPR)	11.62	12.38	7.28
	Sep 2016	Month Ago	Year Ago
Saving Deposits	0.50-12.25	0.50-9.00	0.50-8.00
One Year Fixed Deposits	4.50-15.00	4.50-15.00	3.50-15.00
	Oct 2016	Month Ago	Year Ago
Average Weighted Deposit Rate (AWDR)	7.79	7.56	6.05
Average Weighted Fixed Deposit Rate (AWFDR)	9.95	9.67	7.33
	Sep 2016	Month Ago	Year Ago
Average Weighted Lending Rate (AWLR)	12.88	12.54	11.00
National Savings Bank (NSB)	Sep 2016	Month Ago	Year Ago
Saving Deposits	4.25	4.25	5.00
One Year Fixed Deposits	11.00	10.00	6.50
Treasury Bonds Auction	(4 Y & 05 Months) 29/09/2016	(7 Y & 10 Months) 29/09/2016	(9 y & 10 Months) 29/09/2016
Coupon rate	10.75	11.00	11.50
Weighted Average Yield (Excluding 10% withholding tax)	10.61	10.96	11.06

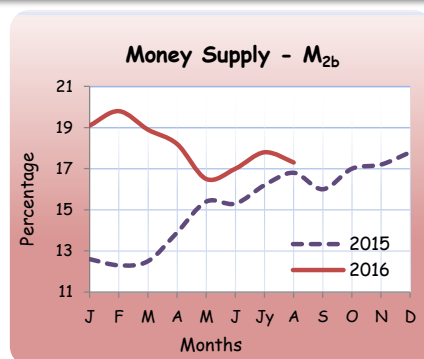
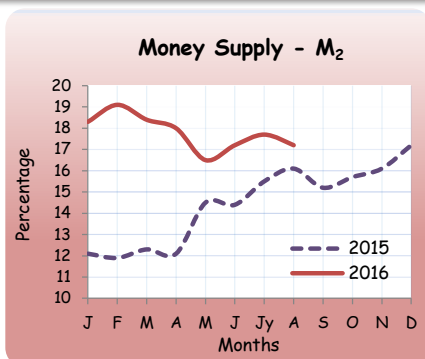
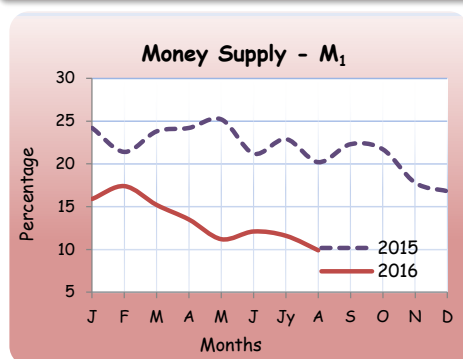
Bankwise- AWPR	Week ending 2016 Nov 25	Week Ago
Bank of Ceylon	12.32	12.33
People's Bank	12.18	12.18
Hatton National Bank	13.04	13.35
Commercial Bank of Ceylon	12.65	12.33
Sampath Bank	13.32	13.11
Seylan Bank	13.21	13.71
Union Bank of Colombo	14.06	14.66
Pan Asia Banking Corporation	14.58	16.17
Nations Trust Bank	12.83	12.36
DFCC Bank	13.01	13.68
NDB Bank	14.50	14.50
Amana Bank	12.31	12.31
Cargills Bank	13.38	12.76

Bankwise- AWPR	Week ending 2016 Nov 25	Week Ago
HSBC	9.44	9.43
Standard Chartered Bank	11.16	11.72
Citi Bank	9.11	11.05
Deutsche Bank	9.62	9.67
Habib Bank	10.79	10.79
Indian Bank	13.75	13.75
Indian Overseas Bank	14.25	14.25
MCB Bank	12.54	13.16
State Bank of India	13.16	13.16
Public Bank	10.25	10.25
ICICI Bank	12.83	12.83
Axis Bank	12.83	12.84

2.2 Money Supply

Item	Rs. Bn.			Annual Change (%)		
	2016 (a) August	Month Ago	Year Ago	2016 (a) August	Month Ago	Year Ago
Reserve Money	785.7	774.5	637.2	23.3	22.9	19.8
M ₁	714.2	716.6	650.0	9.9	11.6	20.2
M ₂	4,434.8	4,394.7	3,783.9	17.2	17.7	16.1
M _{2b}	4,988.6	4,940.4	4,252.5	17.3	17.8	16.8
Net Foreign Assets of the Banking System (b)	-281.5	-437.6	-278.8	-1.0	-81.4	-231.1
Monetary Authorities	499.0	416.8	450.9	10.7	-19.1	-43.0
Commercial Banks	-780.5	-854.4	-729.7	-7.0	-12.9	-26.1
Domestic Banking Units (DBUs)	-268.9	-287.0	-239.6	-12.2	-9.7	-0.9
Offshore Banking Units (OBUs)	-511.6	-567.5	-490.2	-4.4	-14.7	-43.6
Net Domestic Assets of the Banking System (b)	5,270.1	5,378.0	4,531.3	16.3	21.3	32.1
Net Credit to the Government	1,937.9	2,032.0	1,735.6	11.7	17.1	27.4
Monetary Authorities	396.5	456.1	244.5	62.2	108.6	67.9
Commercial Banks	1,541.4	1,575.9	1,491.1	3.4	3.9	22.6
DBUs	1,208.4	1,185.2	1,183.6	2.1	-2.1	16.1
OBUs	333.0	390.8	307.5	8.3	27.6	55.8
Credit to Public Corporations	441.5	472.1	482.5	-8.5	-0.8	42.8
DBUs	266.6	266.5	222.2	20.0	22.0	33.2
OBUs	174.9	205.6	260.3	-32.8	-20.1	52.2
Credit to the Private Sector	3,905.9	3,860.9	3,068.7	27.3	28.5	21.3
DBUs	3,616.6	3,576.1	2,833.6	27.6	29.3	23.9
OBUs	289.3	284.8	235.1	23.0	19.9	-3.4
Other Items (Net)	-1,015.2	-987.0	-755.5	-34.4	-26.5	5.6

(a) Provisional (b) In relation to M_{2b}

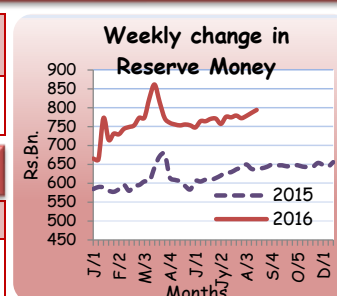


2.3 Weekly change in Reserve Money

Item	24 Nov 2016	Week Ago	Change
Reserve Money (Rs.Mn.)	809,684	814,748	-5,064

2.4 Money Market Activity (Overnight)

Item	21.11.2016	22.11.2016	23.11.2016	24.11.2016	25.11.2016
Call Money Market					
Weighted Average Rate (% p.a.)	8.44	8.44	8.44	8.44	8.44
Gross Volume (Rs. Mn)	10,280	10,680	9,440	11,060	13,580
Repo Market					
Weighted Average Rate (% p.a.)	8.62	8.63	8.63	8.66	8.61
Gross Volume (Rs. Mn)	32,204	37,024	34,024	24,224	41,035



2.5 CBSL Security Portfolio

Item	21.11.2016	22.11.2016	23.11.2016	24.11.2016	25.11.2016
CBSL Treasury Bill Holdings - Face Value (Rs.mn)	190,420	194,420	196,620	197,270	222,228
CBSL Treasury Bill Holdings - Book Value (Rs.mn)	187,426	191,431	193,646	194,335	218,672

2.6 Open Market Operations

Item	21.11.2016	22.11.2016	23.11.2016	24.11.2016	25.11.2016
Short-Term Auction					
Repo Amount Offered (Rs. bn)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5.00
Reverse Repo Amount Offered (Rs. bn)	20.00	10.00	5.00	3.00	0.00
Tenure (No. of Days)	1	1	1	1	1
Bids Received (Rs. bn)	40.08	40.13	13.82	11.64	0.20
Amount Accepted (Rs. bn)	20.00	10.00	5.00	3.00	0.00
Weighted Average Yield Rate (% p.a.)	8.50	8.50	8.50	8.50	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)	3.15	3.63	4.36	10.83	18.21
Standing Lending Facility (Rs. bn)	28.17	32.88	32.12	31.67	15.19
Total Outstanding Market Liquidity (Rs. bn)	-45.02	-39.25	-32.76	-23.83	3.02

2.7 Credit Cards (a)

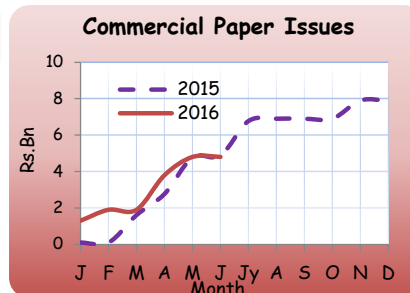
Item	2016 (b) End Aug	2016 End July	2015 End Dec
Total Number of Active Cards	1,253,876	1,226,820	1,142,231
Local (accepted only locally)	35,880	36,177	30,902
Global (accepted globally)	1,217,996	1,190,643	1,111,329
Outstanding balance (Rs. Mn.)	67,664	65,870	63,010
Local (accepted only locally)	813	804	1,226
Global (accepted globally)	66,851	65,066	61,784

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

2.8 Commercial Paper Issues (a)

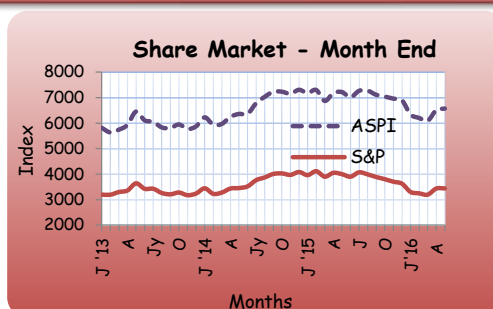
Item (Rs. bn.)	2016 End Aug(b)	2016 End July	2015 End Dec
Total Issues - Cumulative	5.1	4.9	7.9
Outstanding (as at end of the period)	4.0	4.5	4.5

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



2.9 Share Market

Item	Week Ending 25 Nov 2016	Week Ago	Year Ago
All Share Price Index (1985 = 100) (ASPI)	6,252	6,326	7,010
S & P Sri Lanka 20 Index (S&P SL20)	3,477	3,515	3,736
Average Daily Turnover (Rs. Mn)	391	376	678
Market Capitalisation (Rs.Bn.)	2,664	2,696	2,977



Fiscal Sector

For the period of first nine months of 2016, government revenue as a percentage of estimated GDP increased to 9.6 per cent from 8.5 per cent in the corresponding period in 2015. In nominal terms, total revenue increased by 23.0 per cent to Rs. 1,179.3 billion during this period from Rs. 958.9 billion recorded during the same period in 2015. Average monthly revenue during this period was around Rs. 131.0 billion compared to Rs. 106.5 billion recorded in the same period of 2015.

Total expenditure and net lending for the first three quarters of 2016 increased to 13.7 per cent of estimated GDP from 13.5 per cent during the same period in 2015. Recurrent expenditure declined to 10.6 per cent of estimated GDP during the first three quarters of 2016 from 10.7 per cent in the corresponding period in 2015. Capital expenditure and net lending as a percentage of GDP increased to 3.1 per cent from 2.8 per cent in the corresponding period in 2015. In nominal terms, total expenditure and net lending is estimated to be increased by 10.0 per cent to Rs. 1,686.0 billion during first three quarters of 2016 from Rs. 1,532.5 billion in the corresponding period of 2015.

Total outstanding debt increased by Rs. 898.7 billion to Rs. 9,402.0 billion as at end September 2016 from Rs. 8,503.2 billion at end 2015. Foreign debt increased by Rs. 525.7 billion to Rs. 4,069.7 billion, while domestic debt increased by Rs. 373.1 billion to Rs. 5,332.3 billion.

Special Commodity Levy (SCL) was revised from time to time during the year, providing necessary protection for domestic agricultural producers while reducing volatility in commodity prices in the domestic market. Accordingly, SCL on several essential goods was revised during the months of September 2015. SCL on white crystalline sugar and other sugar was increased to Rs. 2 per kg and Rs. 15 per kg respectively from Rs. 0.25 per kg while SCL on whole and split (red and yellow) lentils was also increased to Rs. 5 per kg and Rs. 10 per kg respectively, from Rs. 0.25 per kg. Meanwhile, SCL on mackerel, peas, chickpeas, cowpeas and kurakkan was extended for a period of six months.

FISCAL SECTOR

3.1 Government Finance (Rs.bn)

Item	2015 Jan - Sep	2016(a) Jan - Sep	Rs. Bn	Government Revenue & Expenditure 2015-2016
Revenue and Grants	959.6	1,180.0		
Revenue	958.9	1,179.3		
Tax	888.2	1,067.3		
Non tax	70.7	112.0		
Grants	0.7	0.7		
Expenditure & Lending Minus Repayments	1,532.5	1,686.0		
Current	1,213.1	1,308.3		
Capital & Lending Minus Repayments	319.5	377.7		

(a) Provisional

3.2 Outstanding Central Government Debt (Rs.bn)

Item	End 2015	2016(a) 3 rd Quarter	Rs. Bn	Government Debt 2015-2016
Total domestic debt	4,959.2	5,332.3		
of which				
Treasury bills	658.2	699.6		
Treasury bonds	3,305.2	3,663.2		
Rupee loans	24.1	24.1		
Total foreign debt	3,544.0	4,069.7		
Total outstanding govt. debt	8,503.2	9,402.0		

(a) Provisional

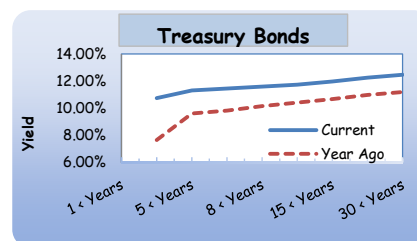
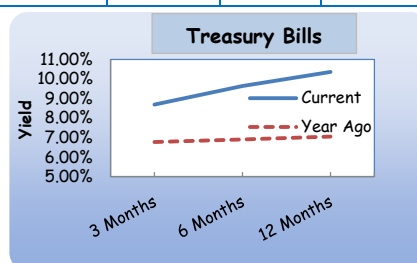
3.3 Government Securities - Primary and Secondary Market Yield Rates for the week ending - 23rd November 2016

Security	Maturity	Primary Market(a)		Secondary Market			
		This Week	Last Week	This Week			Last Week Average
				Buying	Selling	Average	
Treasury Bills	3 Months	8.60%	8.60%	8.80%	8.58%	8.69%	8.65%
	6 Months	9.71%	9.65%	9.70%	9.51%	9.60%	9.54%
	12 Months	10.25%	10.20%	10.32%	10.11%	10.22%	10.17%
Treasury Bonds	< 2 Years	-	-	11.71%	11.55%	11.63%	11.11%
	< 5 Years	-	-	12.48%	12.36%	12.42%	11.77%
	< 6 Years	-	-	12.49%	12.33%	12.41%	11.92%
	< 8 Years	-	-	12.79%	12.70%	12.74%	11.93%
	< 10 Years	-	-	12.86%	12.69%	12.78%	12.01%
	< 15 Years	-	-	13.06%	12.91%	12.98%	12.14%
	< 20 Years	-	-	13.36%	13.19%	13.28%	12.42%
	< 30 Years	-	-	13.58%	13.28%	13.43%	12.64%

(a) Primary market transactions during the week ending 23/11/2016

The secondary market yield rates of T-bills and T-bonds have increased across all maturities during the reporting week.

Security	Maturity Date	Coupon Rate	Secondary Market	
			This Week	Last Week
International Sovereign Bonds	4-Oct-20	6.250%	5.22%	5.58%
	27-Jul-21	6.250%	5.56%	5.91%
	18-Jan-22	5.750%	5.80%	6.17%
	25-Jul-22	5.875%	5.89%	6.27%
	14-Jan-19	6.000%	4.73%	5.15%
	11-Apr-19	5.125%	4.77%	5.19%
	3-Jun-25	6.125%	6.66%	6.80%
	3-Nov-25	6.850%	6.67%	6.81%
	18-Jul-26	6.825%	6.67%	6.81%



3.4 Government Securities - Weekly Summary of Primary and Secondary Market Transactions (Week Ended - 23rd November 2016)

Item	Volume in Rs Mn	
	This Week	Last Week
Outstanding Stock of Government Securities		
Treasury Bills	712,169.15	712,714.69
Treasury Bonds (a)	3,952,866.82	3,952,866.82
Total	4,665,035.97	4,665,581.51
T-bills and T-bonds held by Foreigners	277,752.72	280,066.50
Sri Lanka Development Bonds (SLDB)	565,132.01	564,358.51

The outstanding stock of T-bills and T-bonds held by Foreigners decreased by 0.91 per cent during the reporting week.

Primary Market Activities	Volume in Rs Mn	
	This Week	Last Week
Treasury Bills		
Amount Offered	31,500.00	29,500.00
Total Bids Received	47,374.00	41,955.00
Total Bids Accepted	2,980.00	1,010.00
Treasury Bonds		
Amount Offered		
Total Bids Received	No auction held	No auction held
Total Bids Accepted		

The weekly T-bill auction was over subscribed by 1.5 times during the reporting week compared to the 1.4 times reported in the previous week.

Secondary Market Activities	Volume in Rs Mn	
	This Week	Last Week
Treasury Bills		
Outright Transaction (Sales / Purchases)	6,779.96	21,278.16
Repo Transaction (Sales / Purchases)	190,290.78	166,939.69
Treasury Bonds		
Outright Transaction (Sales / Purchases)	39,515.52	39,157.35
Repo Transaction (Sales / Purchases)	868,981.83	650,311.66

The total secondary market transactions of T-bills and T-bonds increased by 26 per cent in the reporting week compared to the previous week.

(a) Excludes Treasury bonds amounting to Rs. 78,441 million issued to settle dues of CPC and Rs. 13,125 million issued to capitalize Sri Lankan Airlines in March 2013.

3.5 Two way Quotes (Treasury Bills) - 25/11/2016

Remaining Maturity	Average Buying Price	Yield %	Average Selling Price	Yield %	Buying & Selling Spread
1-7 Days	99.84	8.52	99.84	8.33	0.00
1 Month	99.30	8.57	99.31	8.39	0.01
2 Month	98.58	8.65	98.61	8.47	0.03
3 Month	97.83	8.80	97.88	8.58	0.05
4 Month	97.00	9.12	97.08	8.89	0.08
5 Month	96.13	9.41	96.23	9.18	0.10
6 Month	95.21	9.71	95.30	9.52	0.10
7 Month	94.38	9.77	94.48	9.60	0.10
8 Month	93.53	9.85	93.64	9.67	0.12
9 Month	92.64	9.95	92.77	9.78	0.13
10 Month	91.75	10.03	91.90	9.86	0.14
11 Month	90.84	10.13	91.00	9.95	0.16
12 Month	89.82	10.32	90.02	10.12	0.19

3.6 Two way Quotes (Treasury Bonds)- 25/11/2016

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
08.00%2017A	5	1-Jan-17	37	99.82	9.48	99.85	9.18	0.03
05.80%2017A	6	15-Jan-17	51	99.47	9.46	99.51	9.16	0.04
08.25%2017A	3	1-Mar-17	96	99.54	9.85	99.60	9.61	0.06
08.75%2017A	4	15-May-17	171	99.28	10.32	99.41	10.03	0.13
08.00%2017B	5	15-Jun-17	202	98.59	10.66	98.76	10.34	0.17
05.80%2017B	6	15-Jul-17	232	97.10	10.59	97.24	10.36	0.14
08.50%2018A	15	1-Feb-18	433	97.01	11.24	97.19	11.08	0.17
08.50%2018C	5	1-Apr-18	492	96.58	11.28	96.73	11.16	0.15
08.50%2018D	5	1-Jun-18	553	96.02	11.43	96.21	11.29	0.19
08.50%2018B	15	15-Jul-18	597	95.47	11.60	95.66	11.46	0.19
07.50%2018A	15	15-Aug-18	628	93.78	11.57	93.97	11.44	0.19
08.75%2018A	4	15-Oct-18	689	95.32	11.57	95.60	11.40	0.27
08.00%2018A	6	15-Nov-18	720	93.81	11.60	94.06	11.45	0.25
05.65%2019A	8	15-Jan-19	781	88.41	11.94	88.59	11.83	0.19
08.50%2019A	10	1-May-19	887	93.09	11.84	93.27	11.76	0.17
10.60%2019A	5	1-Jul-19	948	97.19	11.88	97.53	11.72	0.34
10.60%2019B	5	15-Sep-19	1,024	97.29	11.75	97.56	11.63	0.27
08.00%2019A	8	1-Nov-19	1,071	90.29	12.02	90.60	11.88	0.31
09.25%2020A	5	1-May-20	1,253	92.45	11.99	92.79	11.86	0.34
08.00%2020A	8	1-Jun-20	1,284	88.31	12.19	88.59	12.08	0.28
06.20%2020A	10	1-Aug-20	1,345	82.76	12.13	83.07	12.01	0.31
09.50%2020A	5	15-Dec-20	1,481	91.66	12.16	91.96	12.06	0.30
10.75%2021A	5	1-Mar-21	1,557	95.30	12.18	95.84	12.01	0.55
09.00%2021A	8	1-May-21	1,618	88.98	12.29	89.41	12.16	0.43
11.00%2021A	7	1-Aug-21	1,710	95.14	12.39	95.67	12.23	0.53
09.45%2021A	7	15-Oct-21	1,785	89.34	12.42	89.88	12.26	0.54
08.00%2022A	10	1-Jan-22	1,863	83.34	12.51	83.65	12.42	0.31
11.20%2022A	9	1-Jul-22	2,044	94.88	12.49	95.52	12.33	0.64
10.00%2022A	8	1-Oct-22	2,136	90.27	12.38	90.97	12.20	0.70
09.00%2023A	10	1-Sep-23	2,471	83.70	12.65	83.87	12.61	0.17
11.20%2023A	9	1-Sep-23	2,471	94.09	12.51	94.63	12.39	0.54
07.00%2023A	20	1-Oct-23	2,501	74.25	12.74	74.47	12.68	0.22
11.40%2024A	10	1-Jan-24	2,593	94.15	12.67	94.77	12.53	0.61
11.00%2024A	8	1-Aug-24	2,806	92.29	12.59	92.78	12.48	0.50
06.00%2024A	10	1-Dec-24	2,928	66.48	12.81	66.77	12.73	0.29
10.25%2025A	10	15-Mar-25	3,032	87.93	12.63	88.46	12.52	0.53
09.00%2025A	12	1-May-25	3,079	80.46	12.86	80.87	12.77	0.41
11.00%2025A	10	1-Aug-25	3,171	91.27	12.68	91.81	12.57	0.54
09.00%2026A	13	1-Feb-26	3,355	79.05	12.96	79.42	12.88	0.36
05.35%2026A	15	1-Mar-26	3,383	59.85	12.89	60.12	12.82	0.27
11.00%2026A	11	1-Jun-26	3,475	90.97	12.66	91.61	12.53	0.64
11.50%2026A	10	1-Aug-26	3,536	93.43	12.69	94.11	12.56	0.68
09.00%2028B	15	1-May-28	4,175	76.50	13.00	76.87	12.93	0.36
09.00%2028A	15	1-Jul-28	4,236	76.38	12.99	76.79	12.91	0.41
11.50%2028A	13	1-Sep-28	4,298	91.11	12.99	92.34	12.77	1.23
13.00%2029A	15	1-Jan-29	4,420	99.52	13.08	99.97	13.00	0.45
13.00%2029B	15	1-May-29	4,540	99.71	13.04	100.18	12.97	0.47
11.00%2030A	15	15-May-30	4,919	87.60	12.97	89.30	12.68	1.70
08.00%2032A	20	1-Jan-32	5,515	65.83	13.30	66.78	13.10	0.95
09.00%2032A	20	1-Oct-32	5,789	71.71	13.33	72.60	13.15	0.89
09.00%2033A	20	1-Jun-33	6,032	71.34	13.34	72.08	13.19	0.74
13.25%2033A	20	1-Jul-33	6,062	99.14	13.38	100.03	13.24	0.89
09.00%2033B	20	1-Nov-33	6,185	70.67	13.43	71.31	13.30	0.63
13.25%2034A	20	1-Jan-34	6,246	98.64	13.45	99.30	13.35	0.66
11.50%2035A	20	15-Mar-35	6,684	88.01	13.25	90.29	12.89	2.28
12.00%2041A	25	1-Jan-41	8,803	89.66	13.45	92.82	12.98	3.16
09.00%2043A	30	1-Jun-43	9,684	67.33	13.58	67.83	13.48	0.50
13.50%2044A	30	1-Jan-44	9,898	99.32	13.59	100.00	13.50	0.68
13.50%2044B	30	1-Jun-44	10,050	99.10	13.63	99.81	13.53	0.71
12.50%2045A	30	1-Mar-45	10,323	91.40	13.70	95.94	13.04	4.55

External Sector

During the year up to 25 November 2016 the Sri Lanka rupee depreciated against the US dollar (2.6 per cent). Given the cross currency exchange rate movements, the Sri Lanka rupee appreciated against the pound sterling (16.1 per cent), euro (0.8 per cent) and Indian rupee (0.7 per cent), and depreciated against Japanese yen (8.0 per cent) during this period.

Earnings from exports declined by 4.4 per cent, year-on-year, to US dollars 891 million in July 2016 from US dollars 932 million in July 2015. The subdued performance in agricultural and industrial exports, owing to lower international commodity prices and lower domestic supply, mainly contributed to this decline. On a cumulative basis, earnings from exports during the first seven months of 2016 contracted by 5.6 per cent, year-on-year, to US dollars 5,999 million mainly due to reductions in export earnings from transport equipment, petroleum products, tea and spices.

Expenditure on imports contracted by 6.6 per cent, year-on-year, to US dollars 1,433 million in July 2016 compared to US dollars 1,534 million in July 2015. A significant decline in expenditure on vehicle imports, followed by fuel and wheat imports, contributed largely to this reduction. On a cumulative basis, expenditure on imports during the first seven months of 2016 contracted by 2.9 per cent to US dollars 10,754 million, mainly due to reductions recorded in fuel, vehicle and rice imports.

The terms of trade improved marginally by 0.7 per cent, in July 2016 compared to the corresponding month of previous year due to deteriorating of import prices compared to export prices. The export unit value index in July 2016 declined by 2.3 per cent, year-on-year mainly driven by price reduction in agricultural exports. Reflecting the declines recorded in almost all sub categories of intermediate goods and investment goods, the import unit value index declined by 3.0 per cent, year-on-year, in July 2016. However, import unit value index for consumer goods increased by 7.4 per cent year-on year.

India, China, UK, Germany and France were the top five sources of tourist arrivals in October 2016, accounting for 52.4 per cent of total tourist arrivals upto the month of October 2016

The average price of tea increased to US dollars 3.11 per kg in July 2016 from US dollars 3.00 per kg in July 2015 (in the Colombo auction).

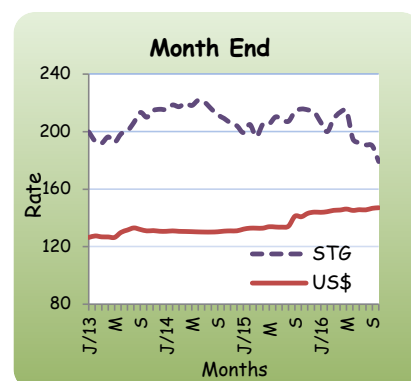
Further, the import prices of rice, wheat and crude oil prices declined compared to the corresponding month of 2015.

Highlights

EXTERNAL SECTOR

4.1 Exchange Rates

Item (Rs Per Unit)(a)	Week Ending - 25 Nov 2016			Average Rate	
	Buying Rate	Selling Rate	Average Rate	Week Ago	Year Ago
US\$	146.58	150.34	148.46	148.42	142.77
STG	181.65	187.94	184.80	183.98	216.00
Yen	1.28	1.33	1.31	1.34	1.16
Euro	153.71	159.70	156.71	157.24	151.80
INR ⁽¹⁾			2.15	2.17	2.15
SDR (As at 24 Nov 2016)			200.25	201.24	196.36
Central Bank purchases and sales(b) (US\$ Mn.)			October 2016	Month Ago	Year Ago
Purchases			88.33	131.29	27.60
Sales			163.78	15.20	305.55



	Week Ending 25 Nov 2016	Week Ago	Year Ago
Average Daily Interbank Volume (US\$ Mn.) (spot, tom and cash transactions among commercial banks)	10.50	15.19	37.11
Forward Transactions			
Forward Rates (US\$) ⁽²⁾			
1 Month	149.27	149.06	142.87
3 Months	150.98	150.96	143.81
Average Daily Interbank Forward Volume (US\$ mn)	35.44	32.13	37.99
Outstanding Forward Volume (US\$ mn) (As at 24 Nov 2016)	1,283.59	1,254.54	1,466.17

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

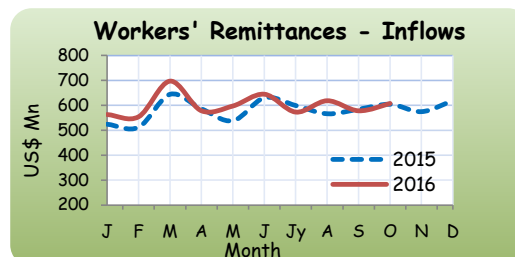
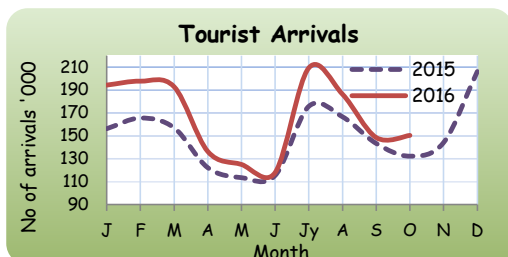
(b) Central Bank purchases and sales of foreign exchange from commercial banks at market rates total for the Month

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

4.2 Tourism & Workers' Remittances

Item		2015 Oct (a)(c)	2016 Oct (b)(d)	2015(a) Jan-Oct (c)	2016(b) Jan-Oct(d)	% Change
Tourist Arrivals	Number	132,280	150,419	1,448,119	1,658,824	14.6
Earnings from Tourism(d)	US\$ Mn.	219.2	249.3	2,400.1	2,749.4	14.6
	Rs.bn.	30.9	36.6	322.6	398.6	23.6
		2015 Oct (a)	2016 Oct (b)	2015(a) Jan-Oct	2016(a) Jan-Oct(b)	% Change
Workers' Remittances (Inflows)	US\$ Mn.	605.1	607.5	5,787.3	5,989.5	3.5
	Rs. bn.	85.3	89.2	778.6	868.7	11.6

(a) Revised (b) Provisional (c) Revised based on Sri Lanka Tourism Development Authority survey results on average stay period and average spending per day estimates for 2015 (d) May be revised based on Sri Lanka Tourism Development Authority survey results on average stay period and average spending per day estimates for 2016



4.3 Official Reserve Assets as at 31st October 2016^(a)

Official Reserve Assets (USD Mn)	
(1) Foreign Currency Reserves	5,083.44
(2) Reserve position in the IMF	65.75
(3) SDRs	4.03
(4) Gold	911.20
(5) Other Reserve Assets	1.01

(a) Provisional

4.4 International Reserves & Foreign Currency Liquidity as at 30th September 2016 ^(a)

Official Reserve Assets (USD mn)					
Official Reserve Assets					6,455.72
(1) Foreign currency reserves					5,434.13
(a) Securities					2,119.62
(b) Total currency and deposits with					3,314.51
(i) other national central banks, BIS					1,615.16
(ii) banks headquartered inside the reporting country of which located abroad					1.19
(iii) banks headquartered outside the reporting country					1,698.16
(2) Reserve position in the IMF					66.80
(3) SDRs					4.09
(4) Gold					949.7
(5) Other reserve assets					1.01
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	-4,202.35	-410.50	-602.71	-3,189.13
	Interest	-1,065.04	-71.83	-130.27	-862.95
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)		-2,867.81	-322.57	-1300.24	-1,245.00
(b) Long positions (+)					
3. Other (specify)		-0.96	-0.96		
inflows related to reverse repos (+)					
other accounts payable (-)		-0.96	-0.96		

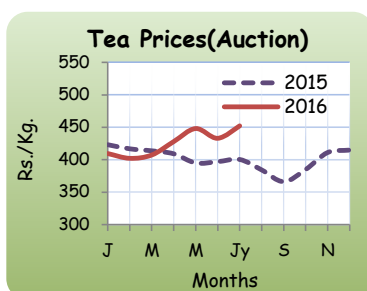
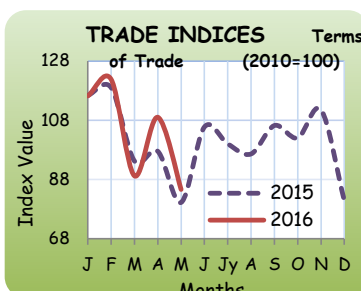
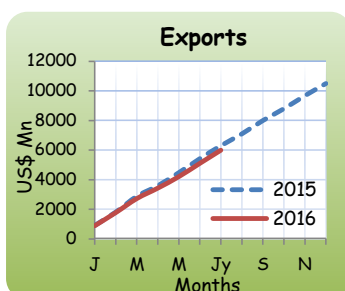
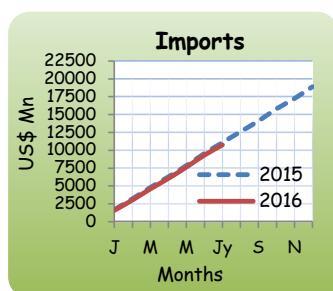
(a) Provisional

(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\$ Mn			Rs Mn		
	Jan-July 2016	Jan-July 2015	% Change	Jan-July 2016	Jan-July 2015	% Change
Exports	5,998.9	6,356.5	-5.6	867,303.7	845,587.2	2.6
Agricultural	1,312.6	1,490.1	-11.9	189,812.3	198,271.1	-4.3
Industrial	4,660.4	4,836.7	-3.6	673,742.4	643,365.5	4.7
Food, Beverages and Tobacco	173.9	155.8	11.6	25,139.6	20,732.7	21.3
Textiles and Apparel	2,940.2	2,818.5	4.3	425,049.5	374,937.4	13.4
Petroleum Products	162.4	264.1	-38.5	23,475.3	35,105.7	-33.1
Leather, Rubber etc	541.4	554.1	-2.3	78,283.1	73,719.8	6.2
Other	842.5	1,044.1	-19.3	121,794.9	138,869.9	-12.3
Mineral	17.2	20.6	-16.6	2,483.2	2,739.4	-9.4
Other	8.8	9.1	-3.8	1,265.8	1,211.2	4.5
Imports	10,753.8	11,080.6	-2.9	1,554,929.5	1,473,903.1	5.5
Consumer Goods	2,431.1	2,722.1	-10.7	351,437.0	362,095.1	-2.9
Intermediate Goods	5,485.1	5,703.9	-3.8	793,209.7	758,799.6	4.5
Investment Goods	2,829.9	2,643.6	7.0	409,160.2	351,546.4	16.4
Other	7.7	11.0	-29.5	1,122.6	1,462.0	-23.2
Trade Balance	-4,754.9	-4,724.1	0.7	-687,625.8	-628,315.9	9.4

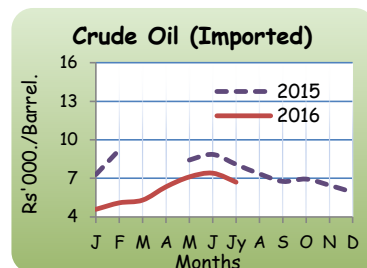
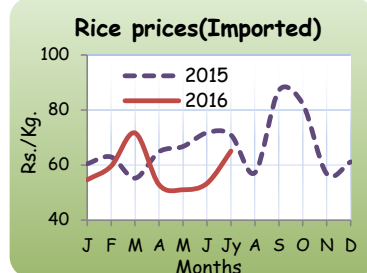


4.6 Trade Indices (2010= 100) (a)

Item	2016 July (b)	Month Ago	Year Ago
Total Exports			
Value	124.0	124.8	129.7
Quantity	131.3	122.1	134.1
Unit Value	94.5	102.2	96.7
Total Imports			
Value	128.2	150.0	137.3
Quantity	137.0	162.8	142.3
Unit Value	93.6	92.1	96.5
Terms of Trade	100.9	111.0	100.3

(a) In US\$ Terms

(b) Provisional



4.7 International Commodity Prices

Item	July 2016	July 2015	% Change	July 2016	July 2015	% Change
Colombo Auction Price	US\$ / Kg			Rs / Kg		
Tea Prices	3.11	3.00	3.8	452.28	400.47	12.9
Imports (C I F)	US\$ / MT			Rs / MT		
Rice	447.38	530.34	-15.6	65,052.61	70,899.61	-8.2
White Sugar	537.45	381.93	40.7	78,148.80	51,058.51	53.1
Wheat	250.06	282.28	-11.4	36,360.49	37,736.95	-3.6
	US\$ / Barrel			Rs / Barrel		
Crude Oil	46.10	60.49	-23.8	6,703.93	8,086.61	-17.1