

Weekly Economic Indicators

17 February 2017



Statistics Department
Central Bank of Sri Lanka

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, increased marginally to 4.2 per cent in December 2016 from 4.1 per cent in November 2016, on year-on-year basis. Both Food and Non-food categories contributed towards the year-on-year inflation in December 2016. The change in the NCPI measured on an annual average basis remained unchanged from last month at 4.0 per cent in December 2016. When the monthly change is considered, the NCPI increased from 116.6 to 118.0 index points from November to December 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 decreased marginally to 6.7 per cent in December 2016 from 6.8 per cent in November 2016. Annual average NCPI Core inflation increased slightly to 5.9 per cent in December 2016 from 5.8 per cent in November 2016.

Department of Census and Statistics (DCS) has published a new rebased Colombo Consumers' Price Index (CCPI). Accordingly, inflation, as measured by the change in the Colombo Consumers' Price Index (CCPI) (2013=100) increased to 5.5 per cent in January 2017 from 4.5 per cent in December 2016, on year-on-year basis. Annual average inflation increased to 4.3 per cent in January 2017 from 4.0 per cent in December 2016. The monthly increase in CCPI was 1.2 per cent. CCPI Core inflation, which reflects the underlying inflation in the economy, increased to 7.0 per cent in January 2017 from 5.8 per cent in December 2016, on year-on-year basis. Annual average core inflation increased to 4.7 per cent in January 2017 from 4.4 per cent in December 2016. CCPI Core increased by 1.3 per cent from December 2016 to January 2017.

The GDP grew by 4.0 per cent in real terms in the first nine months of 2016, mainly attributable to 4.8 per cent growth in Services activities and 5.7 per cent growth in Industry activities while Agriculture activities contracted by 2.5 per cent, in value added terms.

During the year 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 increased by 2.9 per cent on a year-on-year basis in December 2016. This increase was mainly due to increased Production of wearing apparel, Rubber and plastic products and Other non-metallic mineral products sub-sectors. This was mainly attributed to increased domestic and international demand.

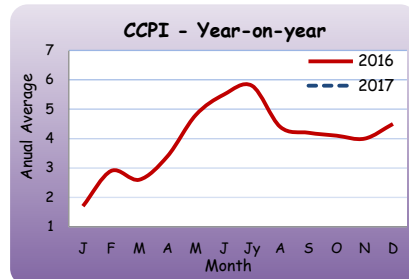
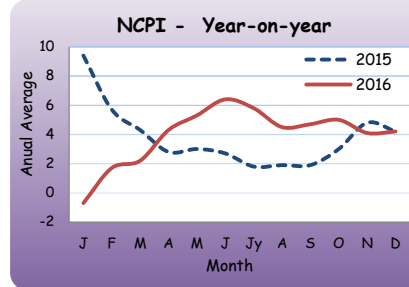
During the week, crude oil spot prices showed mixed performance. At the beginning of the week, prices fell pressured by stronger dollar and signs of rising U.S. shale oil output. U.S. government data showed that U.S. shale oil production for March is expected to increase by the most in five months. However, prices then rose supported by ongoing supply cuts led by producer group OPEC. Meanwhile, prices fell again as the U.S. crude inventories rose by 9.5 million barrels to an all-time high of 518 million barrels. Towards the end of the week, WTI price rose on news that OPEC may consider extending its oil supply cut agreement with non-members and might even apply deeper cuts, if global crude inventories failed to drop to a targeted level.

Highlights

REAL SECTOR

1.1 Price Indices

Item	December 2016	Month Ago	Year Ago
(2013 = 100)			
National Consumer Price Index (NCPI)	118.0	116.6	113.2
Monthly Change %	1.2	1.7	1.1
Annual Average Change %	4.0	4.0	3.8
Year - on - Year Change %	4.2	4.1	4.2
Core Inflation - (NCPI)	120.5	120.4	112.9
Annual Average Change %	5.9	5.8	4.6
Year - on - Year Change %	6.7	6.8	5.8
Item	January 2017	Month Ago	Year Ago
(2013 = 100)			
Colombo Consumers' Price Index (CCPI)	116.1	114.7	110.0
Annual Average Change %	4.3	4.0	2.1
Year - on - Year Change %	5.5	4.5	1.7
Core Inflation - (CCPI)	121.3	119.8	113.4
Annual Average Change %	4.7	4.4	4.9
Year - on - Year Change %	7.0	5.8	3.6

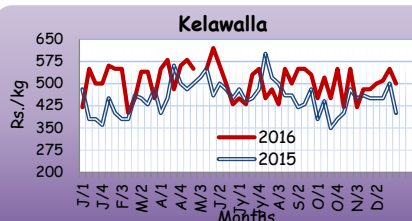
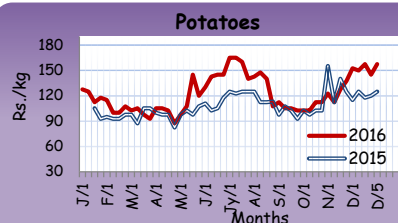
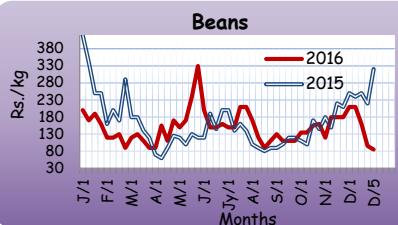
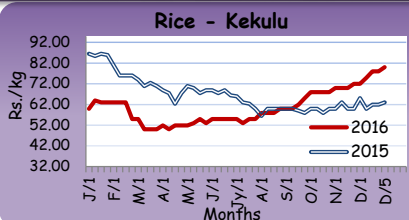


1.2 Pettah Market

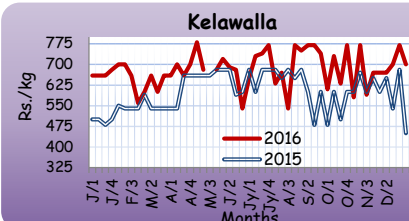
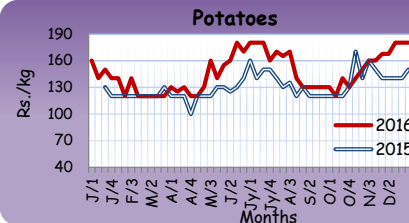
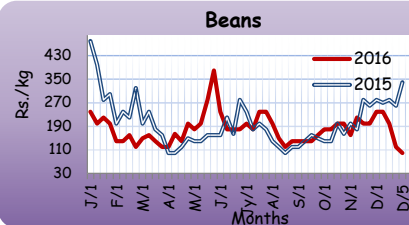
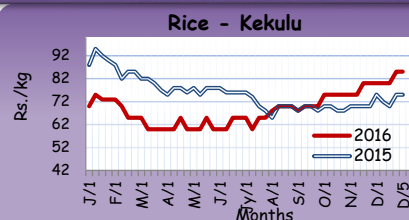
Item	Average Wholesale Prices				Average Retail Prices			
	Week Ending 16 th Feb 2017	Week Ago	Month Ago	Year Ago Annual Avg	Week Ending 16 th Feb 2017	Week Ago	Month Ago	Year Ago Annual Avg
	Rs / Kg				Rs / Kg			
Rice								
Samba	88.00	95.00	90.00	80.97	95.00	100.00	95.00	90.39
Kekulu (Red)	75.00	90.00	83.25	60.29	85.00	100.00	91.00	68.73
Vegetables								
Beans	155.00	110.00	58.75	147.16	200.00	200.00	97.50	179.12
Cabbage	17.50	17.50	21.25	76.62	50.00	60.00	60.00	115.10
Carrots	55.00	55.00	62.50	121.42	90.00	80.00	107.50	158.24
Tomatoes	45.00	35.00	85.00	75.00	70.00	80.00	145.00	107.06
Pumpkins	47.50	42.50	53.13	60.29	70.00	80.00	80.00	83.33
Snake Gourd	100.00	65.00	45.63	76.18	120.00	90.00	82.50	112.94
Brinjals	60.00	27.50	36.88	66.57	80.00	80.00	75.00	103.92
Ash-Plantains	80.00	55.00	68.75	67.65	100.00	80.00	102.50	95.69
Other Foods								
Red-Onions (Local)	110.00	115.00	120.00	92.66	140.00	n.a.	160.00	131.74
Big-Onions (Local)	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	74.50	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	96.47
Potatoes (N'Eliya)	135.00	125.00	145.63	122.58	160.00	140.00	170.00	146.23
Dried Chilies (Imported)	200.00	190.00	225.00	293.68	260.00	260.00	305.00	350.78
Dhal (Indian)	140.00	140.00	160.00	160.16	150.00	155.00	168.00	171.41
The Eggs	12.50	12.50	12.50	14.30	13.00	13.50	13.13	14.79
Coconut (Each)	56.50	52.50	48.25	34.69	65.00	65.00	62.50	47.60
Fish*								
Kelawalla	450.00	520.00	510.00	508.20	690.00	720.00	725.00	682.00
Balaya	280.00	360.00	310.00	327.29	380.00	460.00	410.00	424.79
Salaya	80.00	120.00	105.00	141.43	140.00	170.00	162.50	197.14
Paraw (Small)	600.00	580.00	505.00	540.36	700.00	800.00	605.00	638.54

* 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 16 th Feb 2017	
	Wholesale (Average)	Retail (Average)
Rice		
Samba	92.00	96.00
Kekulu (Red)	83.50	91.00
Vegetables		
Beans	154.00	187.00
Carrot	54.50	76.50
Tomatoes	29.50	49.00
Pumpkins	37.00	55.50
Snake Gourd	52.00	72.50
Ash-Plantains	54.50	74.50
Other Foods		
Red-Onions (Local)	91.50	112.50
Big-Onions (Local)	n.a.	n.a.
Potatoes (N'Eliya)	114.00	128.50
Dried Chilies(Imported)	195.20	211.00
Coconut (Each)	49.00	57.20

1.5 Maradaghamula Market

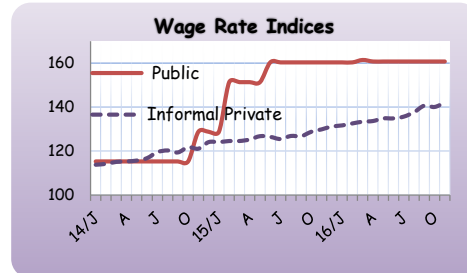
Average wholesale price of Rice				
Item (Rs / Kg)	Week Ending 17 th Feb	Week Ago	Month Ago	Year Ago
Samba	90.10	91.00	87.63	77.58
Sudu Kekulu	88.60	90.00	87.05	62.91
Raw Red	90.90	91.00	81.18	59.59
Nadu	91.10	93.13	89.95	66.62

1.4 Narahenpita Economic Centre

Item (Rs / Kg)	Average Retail Prices	
	16 th Feb 2017	Week Ago
Rice		
Samba	80.00	98.00
Kekulu (Red)	70.00	96.00
Vegetables		
Beans	236.67	236.67
Cabbage	56.67	96.67
Carrots	76.67	96.67
Tomatoes	76.67	96.67
Pumpkins	76.67	96.67
Snake Gourd	136.67	126.67
Brinjals	76.67	96.67
Ash-Plantains	116.67	136.67
Other Foods		
Red-Onions (Imported)	128.33	136.67
Big-Onions (Imported)	78.33	76.67
Potatoes (Imported)	96.67	86.67
Dried Chilies (Imported)	258.33	256.67
Dhal (Indian)	153.33	153.33
Eggs (Red)(Each)	13.83	13.83
Coconut (Each)	48.33	48.33
Fish		
Kelawalla	926.67	816.67
Balaya	396.67	446.67
Salaya	166.67	146.67
Paraw (Small)	966.67	816.67

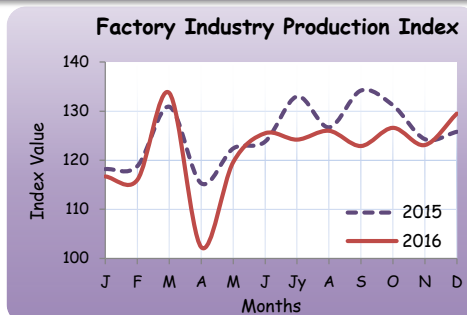
1.6 Wage rate Indices

Item	2016 December	2015 December	% Change
Public Sector Employees (2012 = 100)	160.8	160.4	0.2
Informal Private Sector Employees (2012 = 100)	142.1	129.9	9.4
Agriculture	143.0	130.6	9.5
Industry	147.6	133.6	10.5
Services	138.9	129.2	7.5



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

Item	2016 (b) December	2015 December	% Change
Factory Industry- Production Index	129.5	125.8	2.9
Food products	104.9	110.2	-4.8
Beverages	108.9	103.6	5.1
Tobacco products	61.3	89.7	-31.7
Wearing apparel	200.3	175.7	14.0
Chemicals and chemical products	96.2	112.8	-14.8
Rubber and plastic products	146.3	130.9	11.7
Other non-metallic mineral products	138.7	122.3	13.3



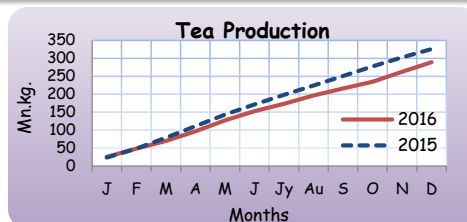
(a) Major 7 sub divisions of FIPI out of 17 sub divisions.

(b) Provisional

1.8 Agriculture Production

Item	Unit	2016(a) Jan-Dec	2015 Jan-Dec	% Change
Tea	(Mn Kg)	289.6	329.0	-12.0
Rubber	(Mn Kg)	79.1	88.6	-10.7
Coconuts	(Mn Nuts)	3,137.5	3,055.6	2.7

(a) Provisional

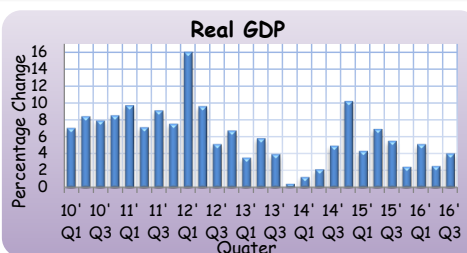


1.9 GDP by Industrial Origin at Constant (2010) Prices - Growth Rates in value added terms

Item	2016(a) 3 rd Quarter	2015(a)(b) 3 rd Quarter	2015(a) Annual
Agriculture	-1.9	7.3	5.5
Industry	6.8	4.9	3.0
Services	4.7	6.5	5.3
Taxes less subsidies on products	-3.1	0.9	6.2
GDP	4.1	5.6	4.8

(a) Provisional (b) Revised

Source: Department of Census and Statistics



1.10 Employment (a)(b)

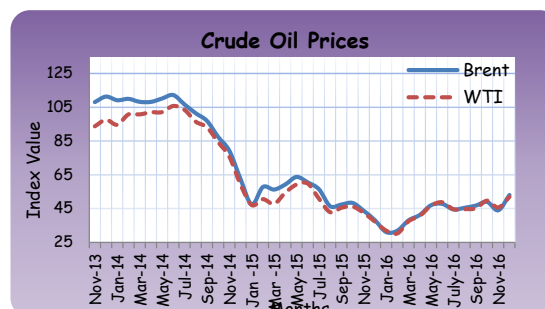
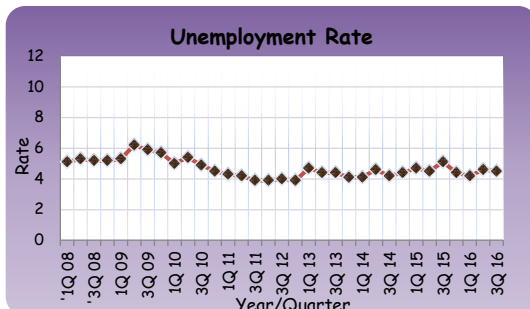
Item	2015 (c)(d) 3 rd Quarter	2016 (c) 3 rd Quarter	2015 Annual
Labour Force Participation rate	53.8	53.8	53.8
Unemployment rate	5.1	4.5	4.7
Employed Persons by Sectors (e) (as a % of total employment)			
Agriculture	27.8	27.1	28.7
Industry	27.0	26.8	25.8
Services	45.3	46.1	45.6

(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	2016			2017		
	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	31.10	31.96	31.87	54.41	52.50	
February	31.93	30.32	35.36			
March	38.06	37.55	36.85			
April	41.25	40.75	44.05			
May	47.00	46.69	48.84			
June	47.82	48.76	50.95			
July	44.54	44.65	46.10			
August	45.50	44.72	46.71			
September	46.80	45.20	46.99			
October	49.01	49.70	52.70			
November	44.01	45.66	47.66			
December	53.07	51.96	55.69			
	2016			2017		
10 February	29.19	27.54		54.70	53.84	
13 February	-	-		53.65	52.96	
14 February	-	-		54.76	53.21	
15 February	32.13	-		54.22	53.11	
16 February	30.64	29.05		53.81	53.41	

Sources: Reuters

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 17 February 2017 increased by 07 bps to 11.61 per cent compared to the previous week.

Broad money (M2b) expanded by 18.4 per cent on a year-on-year basis in December 2016.

Net Credit to the Government from the banking system showed an increase of Rs. 11.9 billion in December 2016.

Public Corporations recorded an increase of Rs. 26.1 billion in December 2016.

Credit extended to the private sector increased by Rs. 78.7 billion in December 2016.

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

The total outstanding market liquidity decreased to a short position of Rs. 38.74 bn by end of the week, compared to Rs. 0.99 bn by the end of last week.

By 16 February 2017, All Share Price Index (ASPI) increased by 1.31 per cent to 6,174 points and S&P SL 20 Index increased by 1.70 per cent to 3,548 points, compared to the previous week.

Highlights

MONETARY SECTOR

2.1 Interest Rates

Item	Week Ending 2017 Feb 17	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)	8.45	8.43	6.86
Sri Lanka Inter Bank Offered Rate (SLIBOR)			
1 day	8.46	8.44	6.94
7 days	9.42	9.36	7.20
1 Month	10.44	10.45	7.69
3 Months	10.92	10.86	7.93
6 Months	11.52	11.52	8.25
12 Months	12.00	12.00	8.90
Treasury Bill Yields (Excluding 10% withholding tax)			
91 days	9.22	9.16	7.14
182 days	10.12	10.07	-
364 days	10.55	10.47	-
Licensed Commercial Banks			
Average Weighted Prime Lending Rate (AWPR)	11.61	11.54	8.29
	Dec 2016	Month Ago	Year Ago
Saving Deposits	0.50-12.25	0.50-12.25	0.50-8.50
One Year Fixed Deposits	4.50-15.00	4.50-15.00	3.95-15.00
	Jan 2017	Month Ago	Year Ago
Average Weighted Deposit Rate (AWDR)	8.42	8.17	6.26
Average Weighted Fixed Deposit Rate (AWFDR)	10.84	10.46	7.66
	Dec 2016	Month Ago	Year Ago
Average Weighted Lending Rate (AWLR)	13.20	13.11	11.00
National Savings Bank (NSB)	Dec 2016	Month Ago	Year Ago
Saving Deposits	4.25	4.25	5.00
One Year Fixed Deposits	11.00	11.00	7.25
Treasury Bonds Auction	01 Y & 11 Months 27/1/2017	04 Y & 10 Months 27/1/2017	07 Y & 06 Months 27/1/2017
Coupon rate	10.75	11.50	11.00
Weighted Average Yield (Excluding 10% withholding tax)	-	12.19	12.39

Bankwise- AWPR	Week ending 2017 Feb 17	Week Ago
Bank of Ceylon	12.20	12.01
People's Bank	13.24	13.13
Hatton National Bank	12.17	11.96
Commercial Bank of Ceylon	12.50	12.18
Sampath Bank	12.61	13.06
Seylan Bank	12.65	12.84
Union Bank of Colombo	14.44	14.06
Pan Asia Banking Corporation	16.30	14.20
Nations Trust Bank	12.55	12.18
DFCC Bank	13.43	12.56
NDB Bank	14.10	15.50
Amana Bank	12.17	12.17
Cargills Bank	12.05	14.20

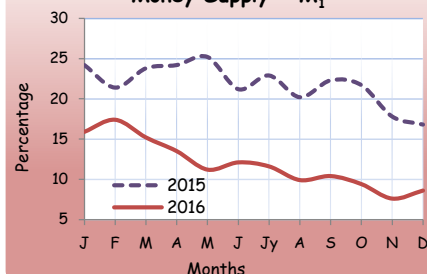
Bankwise- AWPR	Week ending 2017 Feb 17	Week Ago
HSBC	8.87	8.88
Standard Chartered Bank	11.49	11.33
Citi Bank	8.98	9.53
Deutsche Bank	9.35	9.22
Habib Bank	10.69	10.69
Indian Bank	12.98	12.98
Indian Overseas Bank	13.48	13.48
MCB Bank	12.34	13.75
State Bank of India	12.44	12.44
Public Bank	11.50	11.50
ICICI Bank	11.90	11.86
Axis Bank	12.48	12.48

2.2 Money Supply

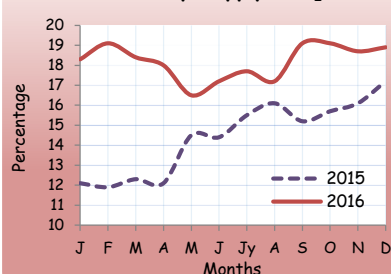
Item	Rs. Bn.			Annual Change (%)		
	2016 (a) December	Month Ago	Year Ago	2016 (a) December	Month Ago	Year Ago
Reserve Money	856.1	799	673.4	27.1	22.7	16.5
M ₁	776.6	720.2	715.0	8.6	7.6	16.8
M ₂	4,823.6	4,683.2	4,057.2	18.9	18.7	17.2
M _{2b}	5,405.6	5,246.7	4,565.9	18.4	18.0	17.8
Net Foreign Assets of the Banking System (b)	-231.2	-286.9	-298.2	22.4	8.5	-2,071.2
Monetary Authorities	558.6	476.3	576.2	-3.1	-15.8	-16.3
Commercial Banks	-789.8	-763.2	-874.3	9.7	13.2	-29.9
Domestic Banking Units (DBUs)	-325.7	-331.8	-295.9	-10.1	-6.8	-33.9
Offshore Banking Units (OBUs)	-464.2	-431.4	-578.5	19.8	24.1	-28.0
Net Domestic Assets of the Banking System (b)	5,636.8	5,533.7	4,864.1	15.9	16.2	26.0
Net Credit to the Government	1,972.1	1,960.3	1,759.5	12.1	15.0	22.5
Monetary Authorities	413.0	417.3	229.9	79.6	55.4	53.6
Commercial Banks	1,559.1	1,543.0	1,529.6	1.9	7.4	18.9
DBUs	1,254.5	1,256.5	1,157.9	8.3	17.7	7.4
OBUs	304.6	286.4	371.7	-18.0	-22.3	78.6
Credit to Public Corporations	495.1	469.1	523.0	-5.3	-10.5	17.2
DBUs	289.7	274.4	254.1	14.0	6.6	32.3
OBUs	205.4	194.7	268.9	-23.6	-27.0	5.9
Credit to the Private Sector	4,204.4	4,125.7	3,449.6	21.9	21.1	25.1
DBUs	3,891.9	3,826.6	3,186.1	22.2	21.8	27.3
OBUs	312.6	299.1	263.5	18.6	12.7	3.4
Other Items (Net)	-1,034.8	-1,021.4	-868.0	-19.2	-16.9	-11.4

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

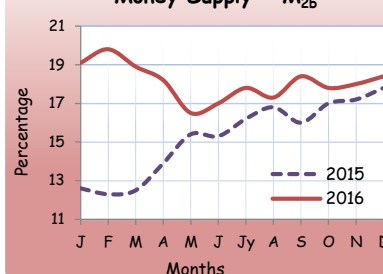
Money Supply - M₁



Money Supply - M₂



Money Supply - M_{2b}

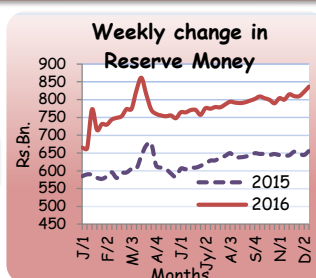


2.3 Weekly change in Reserve Money

Item	16 Feb 2017	Week Ago	Change
Reserve Money (Rs.Mn.)	845,519	821,052	24,467

2.4 Money Market Activity (Overnight)

Item	13.02.2017	14.02.2017	15.02.2017	16.02.2017	17.02.2017
Call Money Market					
Weighted Average Rate (% p.a.)	8.45	8.44	8.45	8.45	8.47
Gross Volume (Rs. Mn)	7,265	4,800	11,542	10,000	11,275
Repo Market					
Weighted Average Rate (% p.a.)	8.49	8.51	8.54	8.60	8.77
Gross Volume (Rs. Mn)	32,938	34,150	30,911	21,709	12,061



2.5 CBSL Security Portfolio

Item	13.02.2017	14.02.2017	15.02.2017	16.02.2017	17.02.2017
CBSL Treasury Bill Holdings -Face Value (Rs.mn)	225,873	225,873	225,873	225,873	211,405
CBSL Treasury Bill Holdings -Book Value (Rs.mn)	218,247	218,305	218,366	218,426	203,919

2.6 Open Market Operations

Item	13.02.2017	14.02.2017	15.02.2017	16.02.2017	17.02.2017
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	20.00	42.00
Tenure (No. of Days)	0	0	0	1	1
Bids Received (Rs. bn)	0.00	0.00	0.00	31.39	43.93
Amount Accepted (Rs. bn)	0.00	0.00	0.00	20.00	42.00
Weighted Average Yield Rate (% p.a.)	0.00	0.00	0.00	8.48	8.48
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)	9.38	9.38	11.88	7.95	6.59
Standing Lending Facility (Rs. bn)	11.15	13.96	14.06	11.12	3.32
Total Outstanding Market Liquidity (Rs. bn)	-1.78	-4.58	-2.18	-23.17	-38.74

2.7 Credit Cards (a)

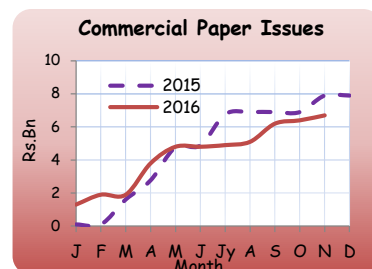
Item	2016 (b) End Dec	2016 End Nov	2015 End Dec
Total Number of Active Cards	1,309,248	1,293,880	1,142,231
Local (accepted only locally)	29,109	29,297	30,902
Global (accepted globally)	1,280,139	1,264,583	1,111,329
Outstanding balance (Rs. Mn.)	74,892	70,501	63,010
Local (accepted only locally)	839	816	1,226
Global (accepted globally)	74,053	69,684	61,784

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

2.8 Commercial Paper Issues (a)

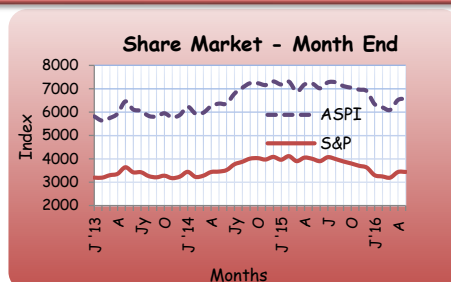
Item (Rs. bn.)	2016 End Dec(b)	2016 End Nov	2015 End Dec
Total Issues - Cumulative	7	6.7	7.9
Outstanding (as at end of the period)	2.2	4.4	4.5

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



2.9 Share Market

Item	Week Ending 16 Feb 2017	Week Ago	Year Ago
All Share Price Index (1985 = 100) (ASPI)	6,174	6,094	6,254
S & P Sri Lanka 20 Index (S&P SL20)	3,548	3,489	3,256
Average Daily Turnover (Rs. mn)	711	530	354
Market Capitalisation (Rs.Bn.)	2,722	2,687	2,670



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 nine months 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 nine months 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 nine months of 2016 from Rs. 1,532.5 billion in the corresponding period of 2015.

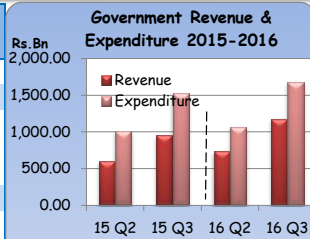
Total outstanding debt increased by Rs. 898.7 billion to Rs. 9,402.0 billion as at end September 2016 from Rs. 8,503.2 billion at end 2015. Foreign debt increased by Rs. 525.7 billion to Rs. 4,069.7 billion, while domestic debt increased by Rs. 373.1 billion to Rs. 5,332.3 billion.

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)

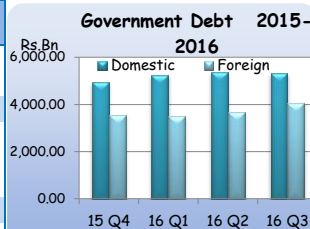
Item	2015 Jan - Sep	2016(a) Jan - Sep
Revenue and Grants	959.6	1,180.0
Revenue	958.9	1,179.3
Tax	888.2	1,067.3
Non tax	70.7	112.0
Grants	0.7	0.7
Expenditure & Lending Minus Repayments	1,532.5	1,686.0
Current	1,213.1	1,308.3
Capital & Lending Minus Repayments	319.5	377.7



(a) Provisional

3.2 Outstanding Central Government Debt (Rs.bn)

Item	End 2015 End Sep	2016(a) End Sep
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 - 15th February 2017

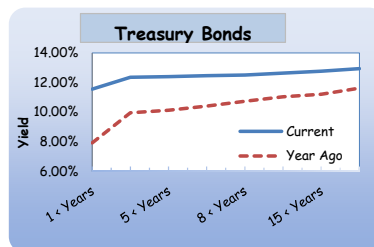
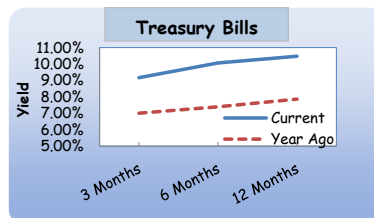
Security	Maturity	Primary Market(a)		Secondary Market			
		This Week	Last Week	This Week			Last Week Average
				Buying	Selling	Average	
Treasury Bills	3 Months	9.22%	9.16%	9.20%	8.94%	9.07%	9.03%
	6 Months	10.12%	10.07%	10.08%	9.90%	9.99%	9.98%
	12 Months	10.55%	10.47%	10.48%	10.27%	10.37%	10.39%
Treasury Bonds(b)	< 2 Years	-	-	11.65%	11.53%	11.59%	11.57%
	< 5 Years	-	-	12.45%	12.34%	12.40%	12.37%
	< 6 Years	-	-	12.49%	12.38%	12.43%	12.40%
	< 8 Years	-	-	12.54%	12.42%	12.48%	12.46%
	< 10 Years	-	-	12.57%	12.47%	12.52%	12.51%
	< 15 Years	-	-	12.71%	12.60%	12.65%	12.64%
	< 20 Years	-	-	12.87%	12.79%	12.83%	12.77%
	< 30 Years	-	-	13.06%	12.89%	12.97%	12.94%

(a) Primary market transactions during the week ending 15/02/2017

(b) Weighted Average Yield Rate is calculated, if there are two or more yield rates within same maturity Period

TComment: The secondary market yield rates for 364 T-bills have decreased whereas the secondary market yield rate for all other T-bills and T-bonds have increased during the reporting week.

Security	Maturity Date	Coupon Rate	Secondary Market	
			This Week	Last Week
International Sovereign Bonds	4-Oct-20	6.250%	4.75%	5.04%
	27-Jul-21	6.250%	5.21%	5.45%
	18-Jan-22	5.750%	5.37%	5.55%
	25-Jul-22	5.875%	5.51%	5.69%
	14-Jan-19	6.000%	4.00%	4.29%
	11-Apr-19	5.125%	3.96%	4.17%
	3-Jun-25	6.125%	6.34%	6.55%
	3-Nov-25	6.850%	6.55%	6.63%
	18-Jul-26	6.825%	6.55%	6.64%



3.4 Government Securities - Weekly Summary of Primary and Secondary Market Transactions (Week Ended - 15th February 2017)

Item	Volume in Rs Mn	
	This Week	Last Week
Outstanding Stock of Government Securities		
Treasury Bills	793,657.45	793,632.07
Treasury Bonds (a)	3,957,807.78	3,957,807.78
Total	4,751,465.23	4,751,439.85
T-bills and T-bonds held by Foreigners	211,494.27	229,201.45
Sri Lanka Development Bonds (SLDB)	609,728.27	609,746.06

The outstanding stock of T-bills and T-bonds held by Foreigners decreased by 7.73 per cent during the reporting week.

Primary Market Activities	Volume in Rs Mn	
	This Week	Last Week
Treasury Bills		
Amount Offered	25,500.00	27,000.00
Total Bids Received	53,094.00	57,576.00
Total Bids Accepted	21,752.00	19,896.00
Treasury Bonds		
Amount Offered	No auction held.	No auction held.
Total Bids Received	No auction held.	No auction held.
Total Bids Accepted	No auction held.	No auction held.

The weekly T-bill auction was over subscribed by 2.1 times during the reporting week.

Secondary Market Activities	Volume in Rs Mn	
	This Week	Last Week
Treasury Bills		
Outright Transaction (Sales / Purchases)	11,947.54	9,494.64
Repo Transaction (Sales / Purchases)	96,725.69	113,016.81
Treasury Bonds		
Outright Transaction (Sales / Purchases)	108,613.07	84,899.18
Repo Transaction (Sales / Purchases)	460,641.55	495,525.40

The total secondary market transactions of T-bills and T-bonds decreased by 3.56 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) - 17/02/2017

Remaining Maturity	Average Buying Price	Yield %	Average Selling Price	Yield %	Buying & Selling Spread
1-7 Days	99.84	8.57	99.84	8.37	0.00
1 Month	99.28	8.72	99.30	8.53	0.02
2 Month	98.54	8.90	98.57	8.72	0.03
3 Month	97.74	9.17	97.79	8.98	0.05
4 Month	96.90	9.43	96.97	9.22	0.07
5 Month	96.03	9.67	96.11	9.47	0.08
6 Month	95.02	10.09	95.11	9.92	0.09
7 Month	94.16	10.15	94.24	10.01	0.08
8 Month	93.30	10.18	93.40	10.05	0.09
9 Month	92.43	10.24	92.54	10.08	0.11
10 Month	91.55	10.28	91.68	10.12	0.13
11 Month	90.64	10.36	90.80	10.18	0.16
12 Month	89.64	10.50	89.82	10.32	0.18

3.6 Two way Quotes (Treasury Bonds)- 17/02/2017

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
08.25%2017A	3	1-Mar-17	12	99.95	9.34	99.96	9.10	0.01
08.75%2017A	4	15-May-17	87	99.68	9.88	99.74	9.64	0.06
08.00%2017B	5	15-Jun-17	118	99.29	10.12	99.38	9.84	0.09
05.80%2017B	6	15-Jul-17	148	98.26	10.18	98.37	9.88	0.11
08.50%2018A	15	1-Feb-18	349	98.09	10.65	98.32	10.38	0.24
08.50%2018C	5	1-Apr-18	408	97.31	11.11	97.47	10.95	0.16
08.50%2018D	5	1-Jun-18	469	96.77	11.24	96.91	11.12	0.14
08.50%2018B	15	15-Jul-18	513	96.38	11.34	96.51	11.23	0.14
07.50%2018A	15	15-Aug-18	544	94.70	11.46	94.89	11.31	0.19
08.75%2018A	4	15-Oct-18	605	95.83	11.57	96.03	11.43	0.20
08.00%2018A	6	15-Nov-18	636	94.38	11.65	94.58	11.51	0.21
05.65%2019A	8	15-Jan-19	697	90.01	11.63	90.21	11.50	0.20
10.75%2019A	2	15-Jan-19	697	98.42	11.68	98.65	11.54	0.23
08.50%2019A	10	1-May-19	803	93.72	11.81	93.93	11.69	0.21
10.60%2019A	5	1-Jul-19	864	97.24	11.96	97.44	11.86	0.20
10.60%2019B	5	15-Sep-19	940	96.90	12.03	97.22	11.88	0.33
08.00%2019A	8	1-Nov-19	987	91.09	11.94	91.34	11.83	0.25
09.25%2020A	5	1-May-20	1,169	92.21	12.25	92.56	12.11	0.35
08.00%2020A	8	1-Jun-20	1,200	89.38	12.00	89.54	11.93	0.16
06.20%2020A	10	1-Aug-20	1,261	83.64	12.13	83.89	12.03	0.25
09.50%2020A	5	15-Dec-20	1,397	92.02	12.16	92.25	12.08	0.23
10.75%2021A	5	1-Mar-21	1,473	94.99	12.36	95.33	12.25	0.34
09.00%2021A	8	1-May-21	1,534	88.77	12.51	89.07	12.41	0.30
11.00%2021A	7	1-Aug-21	1,626	94.89	12.53	95.21	12.43	0.32
09.45%2021A	7	15-Oct-21	1,701	89.71	12.42	90.04	12.31	0.33
11.50%2021A	5	15-Dec-21	1,762	96.76	12.40	97.09	12.31	0.33
08.00%2022A	10	1-Jan-22	1,779	84.07	12.46	84.36	12.36	0.30
11.20%2022A	9	1-Jul-22	1,960	94.77	12.56	95.29	12.42	0.52
10.00%2022A	8	1-Oct-22	2,052	89.89	12.56	90.41	12.41	0.53
09.00%2023A	10	1-Sep-23	2,387	84.47	12.55	84.96	12.43	0.50
11.20%2023A	9	1-Sep-23	2,387	94.01	12.57	94.56	12.44	0.55
07.00%2023A	20	1-Oct-23	2,417	75.65	12.52	75.94	12.44	0.30
11.40%2024A	10	1-Jan-24	2,509	94.88	12.53	95.32	12.43	0.44
11.00%2024A	8	1-Aug-24	2,722	92.34	12.61	92.97	12.47	0.63
06.00%2024A	10	1-Dec-24	2,844	68.19	12.51	68.55	12.41	0.36
10.25%2025A	10	15-Mar-25	2,948	88.52	12.55	89.08	12.43	0.56
09.00%2025A	12	1-May-25	2,995	82.29	12.51	82.64	12.43	0.34
11.00%2025A	10	1-Aug-25	3,087	91.91	12.58	92.53	12.45	0.62
09.00%2026A	13	1-Feb-26	3,271	81.17	12.56	81.50	12.49	0.34
05.35%2026A	15	1-Mar-26	3,299	61.59	12.59	61.93	12.50	0.34
11.00%2026A	11	1-Jun-26	3,391	91.41	12.59	92.06	12.46	0.65
11.50%2026A	10	1-Aug-26	3,452	93.70	12.66	94.58	12.49	0.87
09.00%2028B	15	1-May-28	4,091	78.30	12.67	78.73	12.59	0.43
09.00%2028A	15	1-Jul-28	4,152	78.15	12.68	78.51	12.60	0.36
11.50%2028A	13	1-Sep-28	4,214	92.49	12.76	93.51	12.58	1.02
13.00%2029A	15	1-Jan-29	4,336	101.57	12.73	101.98	12.67	0.41
13.00%2029B	15	1-May-29	4,456	101.62	12.73	102.01	12.67	0.39
11.00%2030A	15	15-May-30	4,835	88.74	12.78	89.86	12.59	1.13
08.00%2032A	20	1-Jan-32	5,431	68.37	12.81	68.68	12.74	0.31
09.00%2032A	20	1-Oct-32	5,705	74.39	12.83	74.83	12.75	0.44
09.00%2033A	20	1-Jun-33	5,948	73.89	12.86	74.41	12.76	0.52
13.25%2033A	20	1-Jul-33	5,978	102.44	12.88	102.99	12.80	0.55
09.00%2033B	20	1-Nov-33	6,101	73.50	12.90	73.89	12.82	0.39
13.25%2034A	20	1-Jan-34	6,162	102.16	12.93	102.79	12.84	0.63
11.50%2035A	20	15-Mar-35	6,600	89.88	12.96	91.67	12.68	1.79
12.00%2041A	25	1-Jan-41	8,719	92.11	13.08	94.35	12.76	2.24
09.00%2043A	30	1-Jun-43	9,600	70.23	13.02	70.68	12.93	0.45
13.50%2044A	30	1-Jan-44	9,814	102.89	13.10	103.39	13.04	0.51
13.50%2044B	30	1-Jun-44	9,966	102.73	13.12	103.29	13.05	0.56
12.50%2045A	30	1-Mar-45	10,239	94.72	13.22	97.41	12.84	2.69

External Sector

During the year up to 17 February 2017 the Sri Lanka rupee depreciated against the US dollar (0.6 per cent). Given the cross currency exchange rate movements, the Sri Lanka rupee depreciated against the pound sterling (2.4 per cent) euro (1.9 per cent) Japanese yen (3.2 per cent) and Indian rupee (1.9 per cent) during this period.

Earnings from exports at US dollars 855 million in October 2016 reflected a marginal growth of 0.9 per cent from US dollars 847 million in October 2015. On a cumulative basis, export earnings during the first ten months of 2016 at US dollars 8,618 million, contracted by 2.6 per cent, year-on-year, reflecting lower proceeds from transport equipment and petroleum products.

Expenditure on imports increased by 16.4 per cent, year-on-year, to US dollars 1,906 million in October 2016. The increase in expenditure on imports was mainly due to the importation of a dredger vessel by CHEC Port City Colombo (Pvt) Ltd, which was categorised under investment goods. Expenditure on imports at US dollars 15,852 million during the first ten months of 2016 increased marginally by 0.2 per cent from the corresponding period of the previous year.

The terms of trade improved by 10.6 per cent in October 2016 compared to the corresponding month of the previous year due to the increase in export prices and the decline in imports prices during the month. The export unit value index in October 2016 increased by 5.8 per cent, year-on-year. The import unit value index decreased by 4.4 per cent, year-on-year, in October 2016.

China, India, UK, Germany and France were the top five sources of tourist arrivals, accounting for 48.1 per cent of total tourist arrivals in the month of January 2017.

The average price of tea increased to US dollars 3.77 per kg in October 2016 from US dollars 2.73 per kg (in the Colombo auction) in October 2015 and US dollars 3.51 in September 2016.

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

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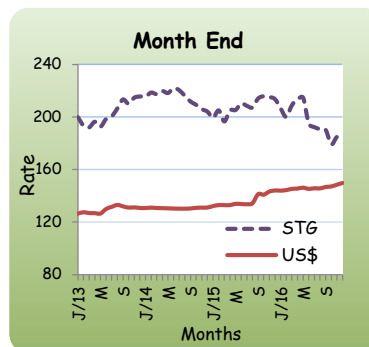
4.1 Exchange Rates

Item (Rs Per Unit)(a)	Week Ending - 17 Feb 2017			Average Rate	
	Buying Rate	Selling Rate	Average Rate	Week Ago	Year Ago
US\$	148.84	152.57	150.71	150.58	144.17
STG	185.37	191.70	188.54	188.39	206.08
Yen	1.31	1.35	1.33	1.34	1.27
Euro	157.85	163.85	160.85	160.87	160.52
INR ⁽¹⁾			2.25	2.25	2.10
SDR	(As at 16 Feb 2017)		204.17	204.43	201.22
Central Bank purchases and sales(b) (US\$ Mn.)			January 2017	Month Ago	Year Ago
Purchases			64.66	179.31	-
Sales			204.50	71.73	303.50

Month End

Month	STG Rate (approx.)	US\$ Rate (approx.)
J/13	200	120
M	190	125
S	210	130
J/14	220	135
M	230	140
S	210	145
J/15	200	150
M	210	155
S	220	160
J/16	190	165
M	180	170
S	190	175

	Week Ending 17 Feb 2017	Week Ago	Year Ago
Average Daily Interbank Volume (US\$ Mn.) (spot, tom and cash transactions among commercial banks)	54.09	26.29	39.14
Forward Transactions			
Forward Rates (US\$) ⁽²⁾			
1 Month	151.74	151.62	144.65
3 Months	153.56	153.31	145.93
Average Daily Interbank Forward Volume (US\$ mn)	54.28	38.38	44.45
Outstanding Forward Volume (US\$ mn)	1,571.92	1,515.12	1,628.30
(As at 16 Feb 2017)			



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

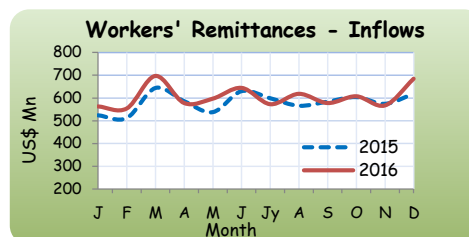
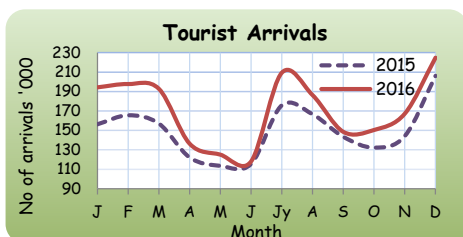
(b) Central Bank purchases and sales of foreign exchange from commercial banks at market rates total for the Month

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

4.2 Tourism & Workers' Remittances

Item		2016 Jan (a)(b)		2017 Jan (a)(b)		% Change
Tourist Arrivals	Number	194,280		219,360		12.9
Earnings from Tourism(d)	US\$ Mn.	322.0		363.6		12.9
	Rs.bn.	46.3		54.6		17.7
Workers' Remittances (Inflows)	US\$ Mn.	2015 Dec (c)	2016 Dec (a)	2015 Jan-Dec (c)	2016 Jan-Dec(a)	% Change
	Rs. bn.	618.5	684.6	6,980.3	7,241.5	3.7
		88.7	101.9	949.0	1,054.5	11.1

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



4.3 Official Reserve Assets as at 31st January 2017^(a)

Official Reserve Assets (USD Mn)		5,451.55
(1)	Foreign Currency Reserves	4,525.93
(2)	Reserve position in the IMF	65.04
(3)	SDRs	2.05
(4)	Gold	857.56
(5)	Other Reserve Assets	0.97

(a) Provisional

4.4 International Reserves & Foreign Currency Liquidity as at 31st December 2016 ^(a)

Official Reserve Assets (USD mn)					
Official Reserve Assets					6,019.06
(1) Foreign currency reserves					5,121.25
(a) Securities					2,478.26
(b) Total currency and deposits with					2,642.99
(i) other national central banks, BIS					758.27
(ii) banks headquartered inside the reporting country of which located abroad					1.12
(iii) banks headquartered outside the reporting country					1,883.60
(2) Reserve position in the IMF					64.33
(3) SDRs					2.03
(4) Gold					830.48
(5) Other reserve assets					0.97
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	-3,708.42	-677.81	-1,114.51	-1,916.10
	Interest	-1,020.66	-208.70	-127.30	-684.66
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)		-2,850.91	0.00	-1,075.17	-1,775.74
(b) Long positions (+)					
3. Other (specify)		-0.53	-0.53		
inflows related to reverse repos (+)					
other accounts payable (-)		-0.53	-0.53		

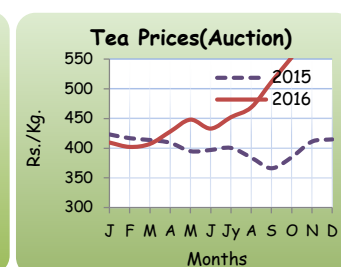
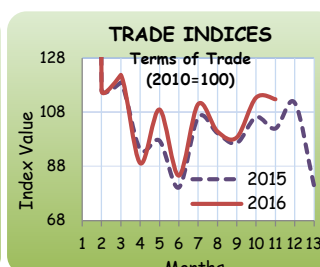
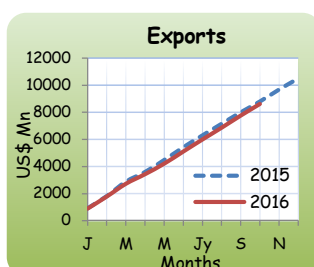
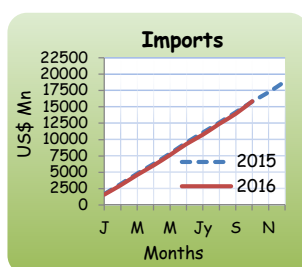
(a) Provisional

(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

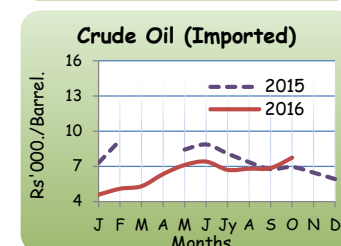
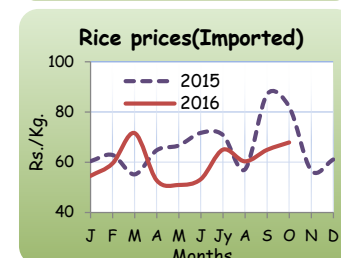
Item	US\$ Mn			Rs Mn		
	Jan-Oct 2016	Jan-Oct 2015	% Change	Jan-Oct 2016	Jan-Oct 2015	% Change
Exports	8,618.1	8,852.3	-2.6	1,249,919.3	1,189,914.9	5.0
Agricultural	1,942.3	2,091.0	-7.1	281,795.0	281,274.5	0.2
Industrial	6,638.5	6,718.3	-1.2	962,714.2	902,845.7	6.6
Food, Beverages and Tobacco	253.9	218.5	16.2	36,823.9	29,386.5	25.3
Textiles and Apparel	4,107.5	4,016.6	2.3	595,569.0	540,102.8	10.3
Petroleum Products	231.6	325.9	-28.9	33,595.9	43,591.7	-22.9
Leather, Rubber etc	784.9	761.7	3.0	113,853.9	102,369.2	11.2
Other	1,260.6	1,395.7	-9.7	182,871.5	187,395.5	-2.4
Mineral	24.9	25.8	-3.2	3,619.2	3,453.0	4.8
Other	12.4	17.3	-28.5	1,790.9	2,341.7	-23.5
Imports	15,851.9	15,825.0	0.2	2,299,925.3	2,128,484.0	8.1
Consumer Goods	3,576.8	3,938.7	-9.2	518,805.1	529,763.9	-2.1
Intermediate Goods	7,983.6	8,092.2	-1.3	1,158,281.4	1,088,447.7	6.4
Investment Goods	4,280.3	3,780.1	13.2	621,222.4	508,392.2	22.2
Other	11.1	14.0	-20.6	1,616.3	1,880.2	-14.0
Trade Balance	-7,233.7	-6,972.7	3.7	-1,050,006.1	-938,569.1	11.9



4.6 Trade Indices (2010= 100) (a)

Item	2016 Oct (b)	Month Ago	Year Ago
Total Exports			
Value	119.0	124.9	117.9
Quantity	124.4	125.6	130.4
Unit Value	95.7	99.5	90.4
Total Imports			
Value	170.6	138.1	146.6
Quantity	201.2	157.4	165.3
Unit Value	84.8	87.7	88.7
Terms of Trade	112.8	113.4	102.0

(a) In US\$ Terms (b) Provisional



4.7 International Commodity Prices

Item	October 2016	October 2015	% Change	October 2016	October 2015	% Change
	US\$ / Kg			Rs / Kg		
Tea Prices	3.77	2.73	37.8	553.01	384.97	43.7
Imports (C I F)	US\$ / MT			Rs / MT		
Rice	462.45	582.87	-20.7	67,920.83	82,123.24	-17.3
White Sugar	606.07	364.26	66.4	89,014.42	51,322.15	73.4
Wheat	251.05	251.22	-0.1	36,872.08	35,395.54	4.2
	US\$ / Barrel			Rs / Barrel		
Crude Oil	52.70	49.26	7.0	7,740.68	6,941.15	11.5