

WEEKLY ECONOMIC REPORT

March 10, 2017

Department of Fiscal Policy



CCPI increased to **6.8%** in February 2017



NCPI increased to **6.5 %** in January 2017



Trade deficit increased to **3.7%** during Jan-October 2016



GDP grew by **4.0 %** in the first nine months of 2016



Exchange rate depreciated to **US\$1=Rs. 151.57**



Credit to private sector increased by **21.9%** in December 2016



Brent crude oil decreased to: **US\$ 55.18** per bbl



Government revenue enhanced by **22.9 %** during Jan-Sep 2016



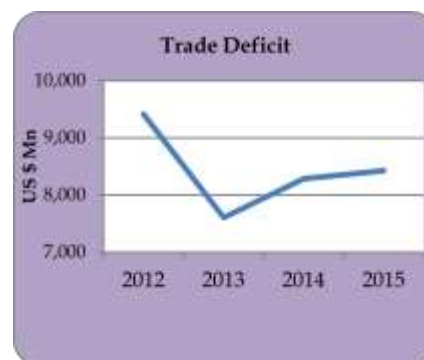
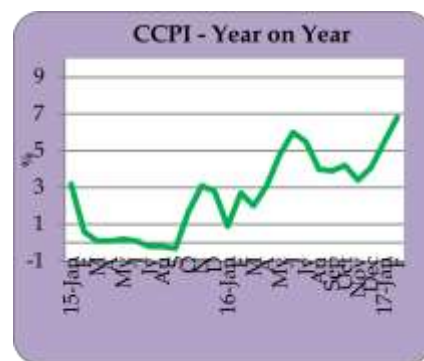
Tourist arrivals up by **6.4%** during Jan-Feb 2017



Unemployment rate was **4.5%** in the 3rd Quarter 2016



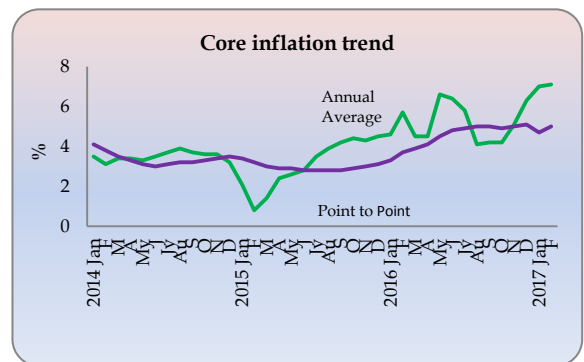
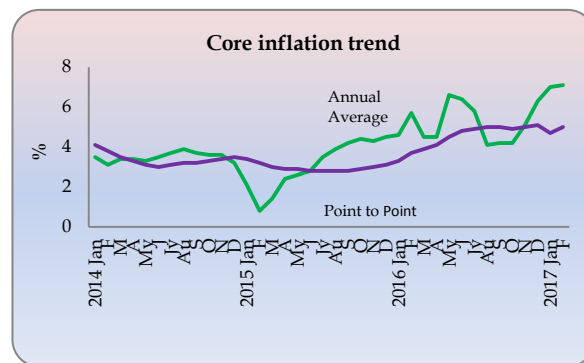
Worker's Remittance grew by **1.4%** in January 2017



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Month	CCPI (%)		Core Inflation (%)		NCPI (%)	
	(2013=100)		(2013=100)		(2013=100)	
	Point to Point	Annual Average	Point to Point	Annual Average	Monthly Change	Point to Point
Apr-15	1.4	2.1*	4.4	2.9*	-0.6	2.8
May	1.5	1.9*	4.5	2.9*	0.9	3.0
Jun	1.5	1.7*	4.7	2.8*	1.0	2.7
Jul	1.1	1.3*	5.0	2.8*	-0.2	1.8
Aug	1.0	1.0*	5.2	2.8*	-0.5	1.9
Sep	1.1	0.7*	5.6	2.8*	0.0	1.9
Oct	2.9	0.7*	5.5	2.9*	0.7	3.0
Nov	4.4	0.9*	6.5	3.0*	2.6	4.8
Dec	4.6	0.9*	6.7	3.1*	1.1	4.2
Jan-16	1.7	2.1	3.6	4.9	-1.1	-0.7
Feb	2.9	2.1	4.4	5.0	-1.1	1.7
Mar	2.6	2.2	3.7	5.0	-0.7	2.2
Apr	3.4	2.4	3.5	4.9	1.5	4.3
May	4.8	2.7	5.6	5.0	1.9	5.3
Jun	5.5	3.0	5.4	5.1	2.1	6.4
Jul	5.8	3.4	5.0	5.1	-0.8	5.8
Aug	4.4	3.7	3.8	4.9	-1.6	4.5
Sep	4.2	3.9	3.7	4.8	0.2	4.7
Oct	4.1	4.0	3.8	4.6	4.0	5.0
Nov	4.0	4.0	4.8	4.5	4.0	4.1
Dec	4.5	4.0	5.8	4.4	4.0	4.2
Jan-17	5.5	4.3	7.0	4.7	1.1	6.5
Feb	6.8	4.6	7.1	5.0	-	-



Source: Department of Census and Statistics , * Base year - 2006/2007 = 100

The point to point inflation of CCPI increased to 6.8 per cent in February 2017. The annual average of CCPI increased to 4.6 per cent in February 2017. Core inflation that measures the price movements of the items in the CCPI basket excluding fresh food, energy, transport, rice and coconut, increased to 7.1 per cent, on point to point basis, while annual average core inflation increased to 5.0 per cent, in February 2017. The National Consumer Price Index (NCPI) covering price movements in all provinces of the country increased to 6.5 percent in January 2017, on year on year basis.

Contribution of Food Items to CCPI from January 2017 to February 2017

Commodity	Value Change Rs.	Change %
Food	255.71	0.36
Rice	26.65	0.04
Chicken	-8.77	-0.01
Fresh Fish	25.29	0.04
Dried Fish	8.52	0.01
Coconut	109.71	0.16
Coconut Oil	19.51	0.03
Vegetables	22.63	0.03
Big Onion	-8.47	-0.01
Red Onions	6.02	0.01
Potatoes	-14.41	-0.02
Green chilies	24.64	0.04
Sugar	4.16	0.01
Banana	46.76	0.07

Source: Department of Census and Statistics

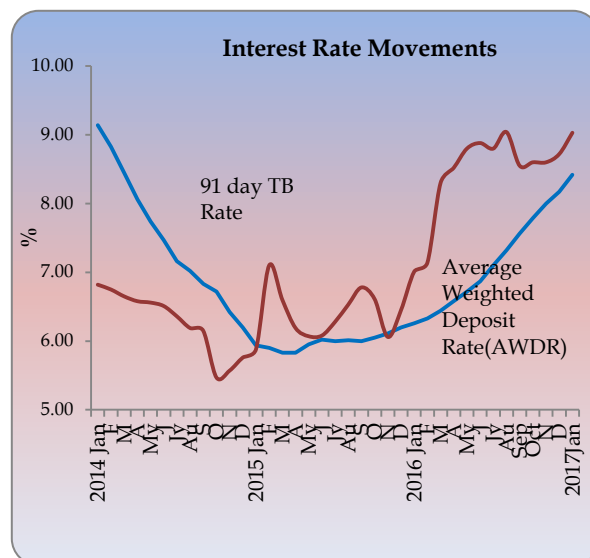
Movements of the CCPI in Food Item (2013=100)

Month	% Change Month to Month	Inflation	
		Point to Point	Annual Average
Aug-15	-1.5	2.3	5.5
Sep	-0.8	2.1	5.3
Oct	1.1	3.2	5.1
Nov	3.2	5.7	5.1
Dec	0.9	4.1	4.9
Jan-16	1.2	0.9	4.4
Feb	-1.7	2.0	3.7
Mar	-2.1	3.1	3.3
Apr	2.3	7.3	3.5
May	1.6	7.4	3.7
Jun	5.0	9.8	4.2
Jul	2.3	11.7	5.0
Aug	-4.5	8.3	5.5
Sep	-1.6	7.5	5.9
Oct	0.6	6.9	6.2
Nov	0.6	4.3	6.1
Dec	0.8	4.1	6.1
Jan-17	1.6	4.5	6.4
Feb	1.2	7.7	6.9

Source: Department of Census and Statistics

Month	CCPI (2013 =100)	CCPI Point to Point Change	CCPI Annual Average Change	91 Days T Bill Rate	Real Interest Rate (Y on Y)	Real Interest Rate (Annual Avg)
Jul-15	107.7	1.1	1.3	6.28	5.18	4.98
Aug	107.4	1.0	1.0	6.53	5.53	5.53
Sep	107.3	1.1	0.7	6.78	5.68	6.08
Oct	107.7	2.9	0.7	6.61	3.71	5.91
Nov	109.2	4.4	0.9	6.06	1.66	5.16
Dec	109.8	4.6	0.9	6.45	1.85	5.55
Jan-16	110.0	1.7	2.1	7.01	5.31	4.91
Feb	109.3	2.9	2.1	7.14	4.24	5.04
Mar	108.6	2.6	2.2	8.30	5.70	6.10
Apr	109.5	3.4	2.4	8.45	5.05	6.05
May	111.5	4.8	2.7	8.80	4.00	6.10
June	113.2	5.5	3.0	8.86	3.36	5.86
Jul	113.9	5.8	3.4	8.80	3.00	5.40
Aug	112.1	4.4	3.7	9.04	4.64	5.34
Sep	111.8	4.2	3.9	8.55	4.35	4.65
Oct	112.1	4.1	4.0	8.60	4.50	4.60
Nov	113.6	4.0	4.0	8.60	4.60	4.60
Dec	114.7	4.5	4.0	8.72	4.22	4.72
Jan-17	116.1	5.5	4.3	9.03	3.53	4.73

Sources : Central Bank of Sri Lanka and Department of Census and Statistics



Interest Rate Movements

Category	Week Ending 10 th Mar 2017	Week Ago	Month Ago	Year Ago
Standing Deposit Facility	7.00	7.00	7.00	6.50
Standing Lending Facility	8.50	8.50	8.50	8.00
Call Money Weekly Average	8.50	8.49	8.40	7.13
Treasury Bill (Yield rate)				
91 Days	9.47	9.38	8.55	7.68
182 Days	10.39	10.27	9.39	8.49
364 Days	10.74	10.66	10.11	9.00
Prime Lending Rate	11.72	11.70	11.98	8.35
	Feb-17		Month Ago	Year Ago
Commercial Bank Average Weighted Deposit Rate (AWDR)	8.66		8.42	6.33

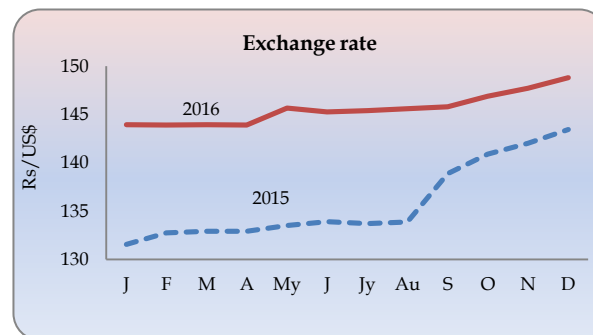
Source : Central Bank of Sri Lanka

Central Bank Standing Deposit Facility rate (SDF) and Standing Lending Facility rate (SLF) remained at 7.00 percent and 8.50 percent, respectively during this week. The Prime Lending rate increased to 11.72 per cent by week ending 10th March 2017 and Commercial Bank Average Weighted Deposit Rate (AWDR) for the month of January 2017 was 8.66 percent.

Exchange Rates

Currency	Week Ending 10 th Mar 2017	Week Ago	Month Ago	Year Ago	% Change 2015/16
US Dollar	151.57	151.23	146.62	144.82	4.6
Sterling Pound	184.35	185.62	188.55	205.61	-10.3
Euro	160.51	159.04	163.20	159.00	1.0
Japanese Yen	1.32	1.33	1.42	1.28	3.1
Indian Rupee	2.27	2.26	2.20	2.14	6.1

Source : Central Bank of Sri Lanka



The rupee depreciated against US Dollar, Japanese Yen, Euro and Indian Rupee while the rupee appreciated against sterling pound.

MONEY SUPPLY & CAPITAL MARKET

Money Supply and Credit Growth

Item	Dec 2016	Nov 2016	Oct 2016	Dec 2015	Nov 2015	Oct 2015	Growth 2015 Dec/ 2016 Dec (%)
M ₁ (Rs Bn)	776.6	720.2	727.6	715.0	669.4	665.1	8.6
M ₂ (Rs Bn)	4,823.6	4,683.2	4,616.8	4,057.2	3,945.7	3,877.7	18.9
M _{2b} (Rs Bn)	5,405.6	5,246.7	5,165.7	4,565.9	4,447.6	4,384.8	18.4

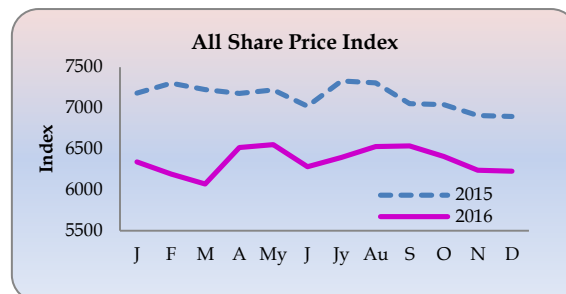
Item	Dec 2016	Month Ago	Year Ago	Growth 2015 Dec/ 2016 Dec (%)
Credit to Private Sector (Rs.bn)	4,204.4	4,125.7	3,449.6	21.9
DBUs	3,891.9	3,826.6	3,186.1	22.2
OBU's	312.6	299.1	263.5	18.6

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

Share Market

Indicator	Week Ending 10 th Mar 2017	Week Ago	Year Ago
All Share Price Index (1985 = 100) (ASPI)	6,085	6,102	5,948
S & P Sri Lanka 20 Index (S & P SL20)	3,497	3,525	3,134
Average Daily Turnover (Rs.Mn)	780	1,226	1,391
Market Capitalization (Rs.Bn.)	2,672	2,679	2,542

Source: Colombo Stock Exchange



All Share Price Index (ASPI) decreased by 17 index points and closed at 6,085 points compared to the first week of March 2017. The S & P Sri Lanka 20 Index (S & P SL20) decreased by 28 to 3,497 index points. The Average Daily Turnover decreased by Rs. 446 million and stationed at Rs.780 million. Market capitalization reached Rs. 2,672 billion in the second week of March 2017.

Equity Trading Statistics

Indicator	Jan 2017	Jan 2016	Jan 2017	Jan 2016
Turnover -Equity (Rs. Mn.)	13,608.5	14,216.4	13,608.5	14,216.4
Domestic (Rs. Mn.)	7,272.4	8,920.7	7,272.4	8,920.7
Foreign (Rs. Mn.)	6,336.1	5,295.7	6,336.1	5,295.7
Market Days	21	19	21	19
Daily Turnover Avg. Equity (Rs. Mn.)	648.0	748.2	648.0	748.2
Trade Equity	50,722	88,074	50,722	88,074
Domestic	47,356	82,955	47,356	82,955
Foreign				
Shares Traded Equity	669.5	591.7	669.5	591.7
Domestic (Rs. Mn.)	269.1	440.2	269.1	440.2
Foreign (Rs. Mn.)	400.4	151.5	400.4	151.5
Companies Traded	271	272	271	272
Companies Listed	295	295	295	295

Market Indicators

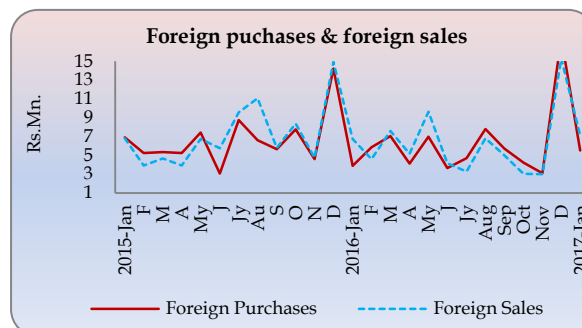
Price Indices	Dec 2016	Jan 2017
ASPI	6,228.26	6,132.68
S&P SL 20	3,496.44	3,489.61
Total Return Indicators		
ASTRI	8,232.66	8,108.18
S&P SL20 (TRI)	4,843.17	4,837.20
Market PER	12.37	12.07
Dividend Yield	2.75	2.95
Market Capitalization (Rs.Bn.)	2,745.41	2,701.60

Source: Colombo Stock Exchange

Stock Market - Foreign Purchases and Foreign Sales

Indicator	Jan 2017	Jan 2017
Purchases by Foreigners (Rs. Mn)	5,507.7	5,507.7
Sales by Foreigners (Rs. Mn)	7,164.6	7,164.6
Net Foreign Purchases (Rs. Mn)	(1656.8)	(1656.8)

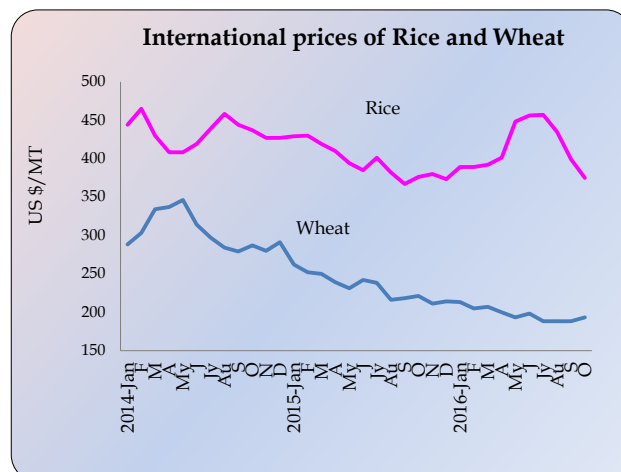
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COMMODITY PRICES

International Commodity Prices

Month	Milk Powder Average Price US\$/MT	Rice Thai,100% US\$/MT	Wheat (HRW) US\$/MT
Apr	2,780	410	239
May	2,637	394	231
Jun	2,455	385	242
Jul	2,164	401	238
Aug	1,912	382	216
Sep	2,148	367	218
Oct	2,597	376	221
Nov	2,420	380	211
Dec	2,279	375	212
Jan-2016	2,134	389	213
Feb	2,094	389	205
Mar	2,058	392	207
Apr	2,046	401	201
May	2,064	448	193
Jun	2,192	456	198
Jul	2,284	457	188
Aug	2,506	435	188
Sep	2,831	399	188
Oct	2,874	375	193



Source: FAO Web Site, Available at fao.org/worldfoodsituation/foodpricesindex

Commodity	Unit	Annual Averages			Monthly Averages		
		Jan-Dec	Jan-Dec	Jan-Dec	Aug	Sep	Oct
		2013	2014	2015	2016	2016	2016
Non Energy, Agriculture, Beverages							
Cocoa	\$/kg	2.44	3.06	3.14	3.03	2.88	2.71
Coffee, Arabica	\$/kg	3.08	4.42	3.53	3.69	3.89	3.94
Tea, auctions (3) average	\$/kg	2.86	2.72	2.71	2.69	2.74	2.81
Tea, Colombo auctions	\$/kg	3.45	3.54	2.96	3.27	3.52	3.76
Food, Fats & Oils							
Coconut Oil	\$/mt	941	1,280	1,110	1,529	1,547	1,446
Copra	\$/mt	627	854	736	1,018	1,025	964
Palm Oil	\$/mt	857	821	622	736	756	712
Grains							
Barley	\$/mt	202.2	137.6	194.3	138.0	135.5	132.5
Maize	\$/mt	259.4	192.9	169.8	150.2	148.4	152.3
Wheat, US HRW	\$/mt	312.2	284.9	203.2	149.2	150.8	151.8
Other Food							
Meat, Beef	\$/kg	4.07	4.95	4.42	4.09	4.02	3.94
Meat, Chicken	\$/kg	2.29	2.43	2.53	2.45	2.43	2.43
Sugar, World	\$/kg	0.57	0.37	0.30	0.44	0.47	0.49
Raw Materials, Timber							
Plywood	¢/sheets	560.2	517.3	451.2	539.3	535.9	526.2
Wood pulp	\$/mt	823.1	876.9	875.0	875.0	875.0	875.0
Other Raw Materials							
Rubber RSS3, US	\$/kg	2.79	1.96	1.56	1.55	1.57	1.66
Fertilizers							
Phosphate Rock	\$/mt	148.1	110.2	117.5	111.0	110.0	110.0
TSP	\$/mt	382.1	388.3	385.0	283.0	277.0	273.0
Urea	\$/mt	340.1	316.2	272.9	182.0	191.0	193.0
Metals and Minerals							
Aluminum	\$/mt	1,847	1,867	1,665	1,639	1,592	1,663
Gold	\$/toz	1,412	1,266	1,160	1,340	1,327	1,266
Iron ore	\$/dmt	135.0	97.0	56.0	61.0	58.0	59.0

Source: The World Bank, Available at worldbank.org/WBSITE/EXTERNAL/EXTDEC/EXTDECPROPECTS

¢= US cent

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Crude Oil Prices - Singapore Plattes Prices (US\$/bbl)

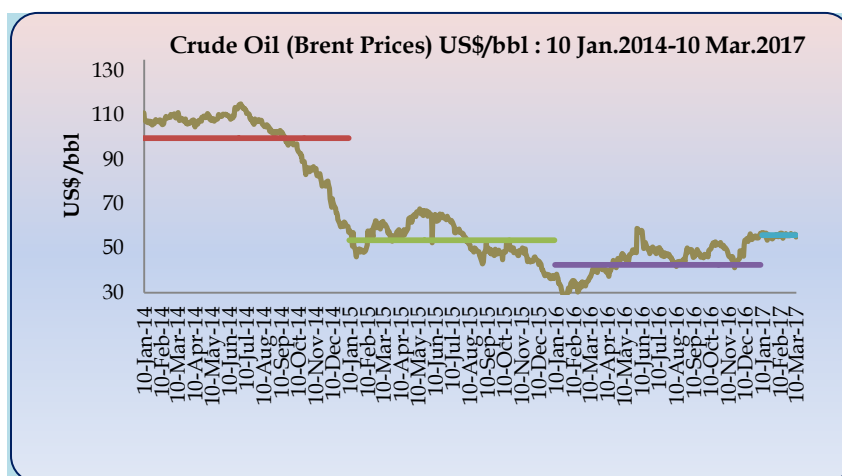
Item	Mar 06	Mar 07	Mar 08	Mar 09	Mar 10	Week Ago	Month Ago	Year Ago
Brent (New York Closing Prices) (US \$/bbl.)	55.78	56.00	55.61	53.53	52.55	55.13	55.67	40.93
WTI (US\$/bbl.)	53.17	53.22	52.81	50.62	49.69	52.69	53.08	38.26
Petrol	63.05	64.40	64.70	63.50	62.00	63.05	68.90	51.45
Diesel	65.51	66.27	65.59	63.92	62.34	66.41	66.26	46.27
Kerosene	64.55	65.25	64.81	62.41	61.21	64.68	66.20	48.24

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

Crude Oil Prices (Monthly Average)

Month	WTI European Market (US\$/bbl)	Brent (US\$/bbl)
Jul-15	51.52	57.11
Aug	42.64	7.92
Sep	45.60	48.87
Oct	46.35	49.34
Nov	43.56	46.79
Dec	37.55	39.36
Jan-16	32.09	32.23
Feb	31.13	33.63
Mar	37.64	39.66
Apr	40.80	42.86
May	47.58	46.84
Jun	48.83	49.82
Jul	45.32	46.88
Aug	44.61	46.82
Sep	44.26	46.52
Oct	49.91	51.38
Nov	45.85	45.96
Dec	54.74	52.04
Jan-17	52.83	55.67
Feb	53.41	55.99
Mar	52.49	55.18

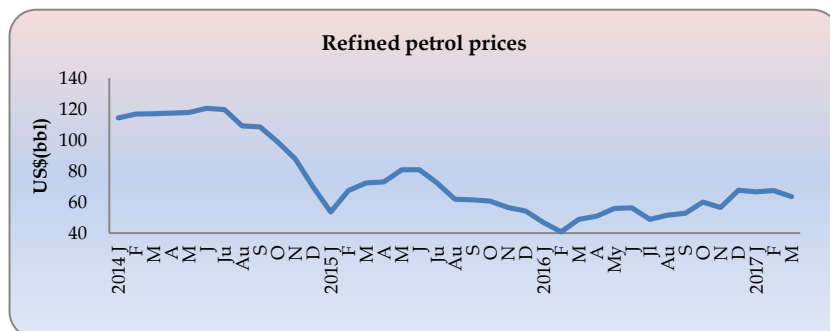
Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka
*upto 10th March 2017



Monthly Average Refined Product Prices -Singapore Plattes Prices (US\$/bbl)

Month	Petrol	Diesel	Kerosene
Jul-15	72.52	64.50	65.91
Aug	61.90	56.30	57.25
Sep	61.59	58.72	58.61
Oct	60.75	58.34	59.32
Nov	56.66	57.19	58.10
Dec	54.36	48.30	47.38
Jan-16	47.08	35.76	38.07
Feb	41.29	38.11	41.00
Mar	49.20	45.23	47.13
Apr	51.26	47.94	49.52
May	55.98	54.28	55.19
Jun	56.48	57.97	58.14
Jul	49.24	54.12	54.49
Aug	51.60	53.09	53.53
Sep	52.81	54.25	55.18
Oct	60.15	60.63	60.98
Nov	56.63	56.03	56.62
Dec	67.80	66.34	64.87
Jan-17	66.75	64.70	65.13
Feb	67.55	66.31	66.25
Mar	63.57	65.40	64.35

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka
*upto 10th March 2017



Local Market Prices of Petroleum Products

Item	Unit	End 2014	End 2015	End 2016	Current Price 2017
Auto Diesel	1 liter	111.00	95.00	95.00	95.00
Petrol (Octane 92)	1 liter	150.00	117.00	117.00	117.00
Kerosene oil	1 liter	81.00	49.00	49.00	44.00
L P Gas	12.5 kg	1,896.00	1,346.00	1,321.00	1,321.00

Pettah Market

Dambulla Market

Average Wholesale Prices	Week Ending 09/03/2017	Week Ago	% Change	Year Ago Annual Avg.
Rice (Rs/Kg)				
Samba	85.00	87.00	-2.3	80.97
Kekulu (Red)	75.00	74.00	1.4	60.29
Vegetable				
Beans	110.00	125.00	-12.0	147.16
Cabbage	25.00	17.50	42.9	76.62
Carrots	55.00	47.50	15.8	121.42
Tomatoes	65.00	30.00	116.7	75.00
Pumpkins	50.00	55.00	-9.1	60.29
Snake Gourd	100.00	70.00	42.9	76.18
Brinjals	45.00	37.50	20.0	66.57
Ash Plantains	80.00	55.00	45.5	67.65
Other Foods				
Red-Onions (Local)	136.00	100.00	36	92.66
Big Onions (Local)	n.a.	n.a.	-	74.50
Potatoes (N'Eliya)	107.50	125.00	-14.0	122.58
Dried Chilies (Imported)	195.00	190.00	2.6	293.68
Dhal (Indian)	140.00	140.00	0.0	160.16
Eggs (Red) (Each)	12.75	12.75	0.0	14.30
Coconut (Each)	54.50	54.50	0.0	34.69
Fish (Rs/Kg)				
Kelawalla	440.00	490.00	-10.2	508.20
Balaya	320.00	320.00	0.0	327.29
Salaya	90.00	80.00	12.5	141.43
Paraw (Small)	500.00	n.a.	-	540.36

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

Food Item	Wholesale (Average)
Rice (Rs/Kg)	
Samba	88.40
Kekulu (Red)	77.30
Vegetables	
Pumpkins	45.00
Snake Gourd	51.50
Ash Plantains	55.00
Beans	114.50
Carrots	38.50
Tomatoes	51.50
Other Foods	
Potatoes (N'Eliya)	96.00
Dried Chilies (Imported)	201.00
Big-Onions (Local)	n.a.
Red-Onions (Local)	87.50
Coconut (Each)	49.00

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

Marandagahamula Average Price of Rice (Rs /Kg)

Item	Week Ending 10/03/2017	Week Ago	Month Ago	Year Ago
Samba	86.10	85.70	88.97	77.58
Sudu Kekulu	73.50	73.70	83.81	62.91
Raw Red	74.10	73.60	84.50	59.59
Nadu	76.10	76.00	86.81	66.62

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

Wholesale prices of some of vegetable varieties and other foods such as red onions and dried chilies increased during the week and Some of the rice varieties show a mixed performance.

Weekly Retail Commodity Prices - 1st Week of March 2017

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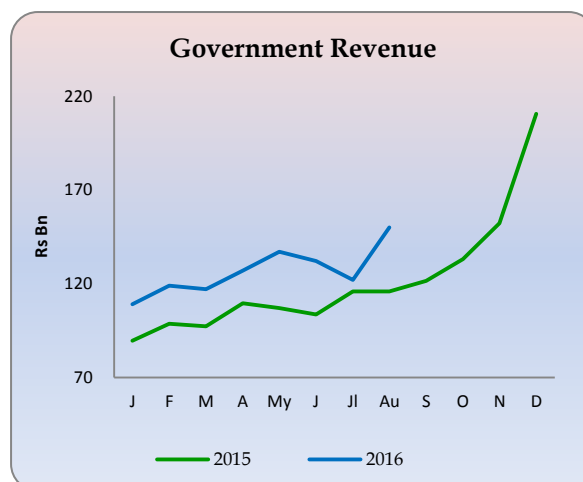
Item	Unit	This Week	Week Ago	% Change	Year Ago
Rice					
Samba(Avg.)	1 kg	92.95	92.96	0.0	92.22
No. 1	1 kg	96.08	94.64	1.5	95.96
No. 2	1kg	89.82	91.27	-1.6	88.83
Nadu Red	1kg	88.00	88.33	-0.4	80.38
Raw Red (Avg)	1kg	82.50	82.77	-0.3	64.98
No. 1	1kg	86.50	86.91	-0.5	70.93
No. 2	1kg	78.50	78.64	-0.2	62.67
Wheat Flour	1 kg	89.07	89.21	-0.2	88.80
Bread	450g	58.15	58.15	0.0	53.02
Sugar	1 kg	103.33	102.79	0.5	99.52
Lakspray	400g	325.00	325.00	0.0	325.00
Potatoes (Import)	1 kg	111.07	111.03	0.0	80.23
Potatoes (Local)	1kg	161.43	162.41	-0.6	129.48
Red Dhal(Avg)	1kg	188.04	190.30	-1.2	184.52
Cowpea (Avg)	1kg	293.06	287.52	1.9	261.15
Green Gram(Avg)	1kg	245.14	239.52	2.3	250.64
Kadalai (Avg)	1kg	304.86	311.64	-2.2	182.07
Meat					
Beef	1kg	858.67	851.84	0.8	747.75
Chicken					
Fresh	1kg	461.32	463.64	-0.5	473.54
Broiler	1kg	410.00	410.00	0.0	382.78
Fresh Fish					
Paraw	1 kg	905.26	928.89	-2.5	858.15
Balaya	1 kg	584.44	600.00	-2.6	499.05
Kelawalla	1 kg	860.83	873.46	-1.4	797.74
Salaya	1 kg	157.89	157.50	0.3	135.30
Dried Fish					
Sprats	1 kg	674.03	657.06	2.6	712.92
Eggs	Each	14.90	14.75	1.0	16.91
Coconut	Each	61.40	58.78	4.5	46.72
Coconut Oil	750ml	283.03	275.88	2.6	205.19
Red Onions	1 kg	155.00	153.23	1.2	114.17
B- Onions (Import)	1 kg	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Brinjal	1kg	105.26	98.38	7.0	113.80
Beans Green	1 kg	142.05	175.68	-19.1	148.88
Cabbage	1 kg	94.19	91.89	2.5	131.94
Leeks	1 kg	99.49	113.68	-12.5	131.62
Beet Root	1kg	128.89	130.29	-1.1	133.85
Carrot	1kg	130.94	129.30	1.3	166.98
Tomatoes	1kg	96.41	92.12	4.7	83.12
Radish	1kg	102.49	98.13	4.4	93.40
Vetakolu	1kg	195.00	185.71	5.0	138.75
Snake Gourd	1kg	143.75	143.14	0.4	132.29
Bandakka	1kg	148.82	143.53	3.7	132.99
Kolikuttu	1kg	222.50	231.04	-3.7	177.65
Papaw	1kg	137.09	127.14	7.8	133.04
Pineapple	1kg	168.18	177.65	-5.3	138.13

Source: Department of Census and Statistics

FISCAL SECTOR AND GOVERNMENT DEBT

Summary of Government Revenue

Item	2015	2016 Jan-Sep (a)
Tax Revenue	1,355,779	1,067,317
Income Tax	262,583	196,034
VAT	219,700	194,777
Excise Duty	497,623	336,433
Nation Building Tax	45,004	39,445
PAL	58,644	63,622
Customs Duty	132,189	114,668
SCL	52,276	43,390
Cess	46,289	44,183
License Fee and Other	41,471	34,765
Non Tax Revenue	99,099	112,021
Total Revenue	1,454,878	1,179,338



Source: Department of Fiscal Policy

(a) provisional

Note: Not to be quoted

Government Debt

Government Debt (Rs.bn)	End Dec 2015	End Sep 2016 (a)
Total Domestic Debt	4,959.2	5,332.3
Total Foreign Debt	3,544.0	4,069.7
Total Government Debt	8,503.2	9,401.9

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

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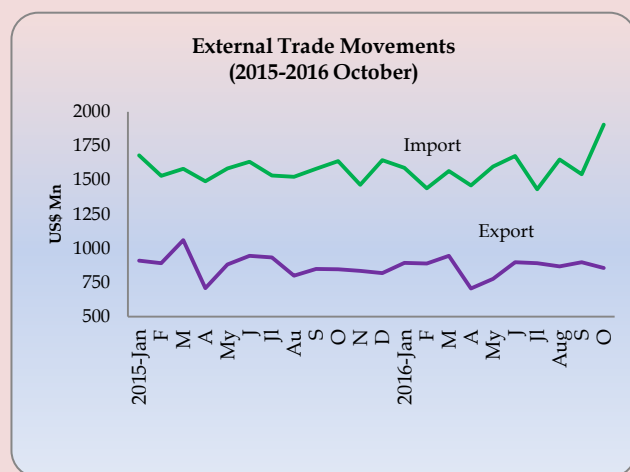
Key Fiscal Indicators 2015-2016

Indicator	Unit	2015	Jan-Sep 2016
Budget Deficit	Rs Mn	829,502	505,971
	% of GDP	7.4	-
Total Revenue	Rs Mn	1,454,878	1,179,338
	% of GDP	13.0	-
Tax Revenue	Rs Mn	1,355,779	1,067,317
	% of GDP	12.1	-
Non Tax Revenue	Rs Mn	99,099	112,021
	% of GDP	0.9	-
Recurrent Expenditure	Rs Mn	1,701,657	1,308,347
	% of GDP	15.2	-
Public Investment	Rs Mn	602,768	390,769
	% of GDP	5.4	-
Government Debt	Rs Mn	8,503,227	9,062,212
	% of GDP	76.0	-

Compiled by Department of Fiscal Policy

Category	Oct 2015 (US\$ Mn)	Oct 2016 (US\$ Mn)	Growth Rate (%)	Jan- Oct 2015 (US\$ Mn)	Jan- Oct 2016 (US\$ Mn)	Growth Rate (%)
Exports	847.3	855.0	0.9	8,852.3	8,618.1	-2.6
Agricultural	217.5	197.8	-9.1	2,091.0	1,942.3	-7.1
Tea	119.3	108.1	-9.4	1,126.8	1,057.9	-6.1
Other	98.2	89.7	-8.7	964.2	884.4	-8.3
Industrial	626.9	654.0	4.3	6,718.3	6,638.5	-1.2
Rubber Products	63.2	68.3	8.1	646.7	644.3	-0.4
Textiles and Garments	386.7	391.6	1.3	4,016.6	4,107.5	2.3
Food, Beverage and Tobacco	23.0	23.7	3.0	218.5	253.9	16.2
Other	154.0	170.4	10.7	1,836.5	1,632.8	-11.1
Mineral	1.7	2.2	31.4	25.8	24.9	-3.2
Unclassified	1.2	1.1	-7.3	17.3	12.4	-28.5
Imports	1,638.3	1,906.2	16.4	15,825.0	15,851.9	0.2
Consumer Goods	403.9	377.2	-6.6	3,938.7	3,576.8	-9.2
Food and Beverages	110.9	159.8	44.1	1,350.8	1,343.7	-0.5
Other Consumer Goods	293.0	217.4	-25.8	2,587.9	2,233.1	-13.7
Intermediate Goods	820.6	899.0	9.56	8,092.2	7,983.6	-1.3
Petroleum	228.7	253.7	10.9	2,289.8	1,930.9	-15.7
Textiles & Textile Articles	171.6	232.4	35.5	1,887.2	2,218.7	17.6
Other Intermediate Goods	420.3	412.9	-1.8	3,915.2	3,834.0	-2.1
Investment Goods	413.1	628.7	52.2	3,780.1	4,280.3	13.2
Machinery and Equipment	209.5	235.6	12.5	1,859.2	2,245.7	20.8
Transport Equipment	76.6	258.5	237.5	826.0	758.5	-8.2
Building Material	126.2	134.1	6.3	1,090.8	1,271.1	16.5
Other Investment Goods	0.8	0.5	-41.8	4.2	5.0	19.8
Unclassified	0.7	1.3	83.7	14.0	11.1	-20.6
Trade Balance	-791.0	-1,051.2	32.9	-6,972.7	-7,233.8	3.7

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

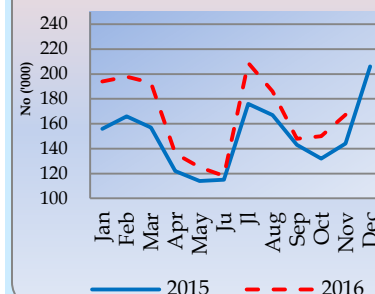


- Export earnings during January to October 2016 declined by 2.6 percent, compared to the respective period of 2015. The earnings for the month of October increased by 0.9 percent on year on year basis, reflecting the positive contribution from industrial and mineral exports.
- On a cumulative basis, expenditure on imports increased by 0.2 percent for the period during January to October 2016. Expenditure on imports for the month of October 2016 recorded 16.4 percent increased over the corresponding month of 2015 reflecting the positive contribution in imports of Investment and intermediate goods.
- Trade deficit was US\$ 7,233.8 Mn during January to October 2016 recording 3.7 expands over the same period of 2015.

Month	Arrivals				Earnings US\$ Mn			
	2015	2016	2017	% change 2016/17	2015	2016	2017	% change 2016/17
Jan	156,246	194,280	219,360	12.9	248.7	322.0	363.6	12.9
Feb	165,541	197,697	197,517	0.0	274.4	339.0	339.0	0.0
Mar	157,051	192,841			260.3	319.6		
Apr	122,217	136,367			202.6	226.0		
May	113,529	125,044			188.2	207.2		
Jun	115,467	118,038			191.4	195.6		
July	175,804	209,351			291.4	347.0		
Aug	166,610	186,288			276.1	308.8		
Sep	143,374	148,499			237.6	246.1		
Oct	132,280	150,419			219.2	249.3		
Nov	144,147	167,217			238.9	277.1		
Dec	206,114	224,791			341.6	372.6		
Total	1,798,380	2,050,832	416,877*	6.4*	2,980.7	3,399.1	702.6*	6.4*

Source: Sri Lanka Tourism Development Authority

*Jan-Feb

Tourist Arrivals

Tourism

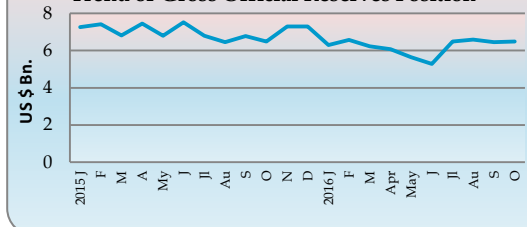
Earnings from tourism increased to US \$ 702.6 Mn. in February 2017 with an increase of 6.4 per cent over the same period of 2016.

The number of tourist arrivals decreased to 197,517 in February 2017.

External Assets

External Assets (US\$ Mn)	Oct 2016	Sep 2016	Aug 2016	Oct 2015	Sep 2015	Aug 2015	Growth 2015Sep /2016 Sep (%)
Total Reserves	7,997.0	9,074.1	9,240.9	8,468.9	8,438.9	8,190.0	-5.6
Gross Official Reserves	6,480.7	6,455.7	6,598.9	6,053.8	6,783.7	6,457.7	7.1

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

Trend of Gross Official Reserves Position

Official reserves

The gross official reserves and total reserves were US\$ 6.5 Bn and US\$ 7.9 Bn, respectively by end October 2016. Total foreign reserves were sufficient to 5.3 months of imports and the gross official reserves were equivalent to 3.8 months of imports. Workers' remittances increased by 3.7 per cent in dollar terms to US \$ 6,980.3 Mn. in January to December 2016.

Private Remittances

Category	2016 January	2017 January(a)	% Change
Inflows US\$ Mn	563.4	571.6	1.4
Rs. Bn	81.1	85.8	5.8

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

(a) Provisional

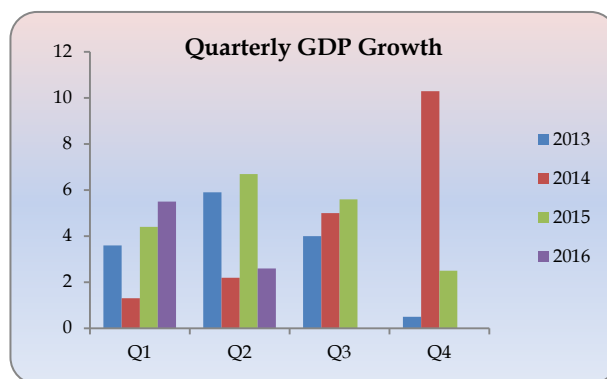
PRODUCTION

QUARTERLY GDP GROWTH (%)

	1 st Q	2 nd Q	3 rd Q	4 th Q	Annual
2012	8.0	6.4	5.2	6.8	9.1
Agriculture	13.3	0.6	0.6	2.6	4.0
Industry	21.0	10.6	-2.6	8.5	9.0
Service	14.6	11.1	10.7	8.8	11.2
2013	3.6	5.9	4.0	0.5	3.4
Agriculture	2.2	3.9	4.5	2.5	3.2
Industry	6.7	6.0	2.8	0.6	4.1
Service	2.9	7.7	5.5	-0.8	3.8
2014	1.3	2.2	5.0	10.3	4.9
Agriculture	7.3	4.1	3.2	5.0	4.9
Industry	-1.5	-2.8	7.8	11.7	3.5
Service	1.9	4.0	3.0	11.7	5.2
2015	4.4	6.7	4.8	2.5	4.8
Agriculture	5.9	10.4	7.3	-0.5	5.5
Industry	1.4	3.9	4.9	1.9	3.0
Service	5.4	6.9	6.5	2.7	5.3
2016	5.5	2.6	4.1		
Agriculture	1.9	-5.6	-1.9		
Industry	8.3	2.2	6.8		
Service	4.9	4.9	4.7		

Source: Department of Census & Statistics

Note : Growth rate of value added terms based on year 2010



GDP grew by 4.0%

The Sri Lankan economy grew by 4.0% in the first nine months of 2016 compared to the 5.7% growth recorded in the same period of 2015. The Industry sector mainly supported to this growth with 5.7% contribution while the Service sector contributed to GDP by 4.8% and Agriculture sector negatively contributed to GDP by 2.5%.

Labour Force Statistics

Employment	2016 3 rd Quarter* (a)	2015 3 rd Quarter (a)	2015 Annual (a)	2014 Annual (a)
Labour Force Participation Rate	53.8	53.8	53.8	53.2
Unemployment Rate	4.5	5.1	4.7	4.3
By Gender				
Male	2.7	3.5	3.0	3.1
Female	7.6	7.8	7.6	6.5
By Age Group				
20-29	14.3	15.0	14.2	13.6
20-24	19.8	21.7	19.7	19.9
25-29	9.7	8.9	9.4	8.2

Source: Department of Census & Statistics

(a) Data cover the entire island

* Provisional



Paddy Production

Category	2015			2016		
	2014/2015 Maha	2015 Yala	Total	2015/2016 Maha	2016 Yala	Total
Production						
Mn.Mt	2.88	1.94	4.82	2.90	1.55	4.45
Bushels Mn.	138	93	231	139	71	210
Net Extent Harvested						
Hectares ('000)	659	429	1,088	667	391	1,058
Acres ('000)	1,629	1,060	2,689	1,649	-	-
Average Yield kg per ha	4,364	4,527	4,429	4,349	-	-

Source: Department of Census & Statistics

The paddy production in 2016 Yala season decreased by 17.8 percent to around 1.6 million mt. compared to the 1.9 million mt recorded in 2015.

Tea, Rubber & Coconut Production

Category	2015 Jan- Dec	2016 Jan - Dec	% Change
Production			
Tea (Mn. Kg)	329.0	289.6	-12.0
Rubber (Mn. Kg)	88.6	79.1	-10.7
Coconut (Mn. Nuts)	3,055.6	3,137.5	2.7
Exports (US\$ Mn)			
	2015 Jan -Oct	2016 Jan -Oct	
Tea	1,126.8	1,057.9	-6.1
Rubber	22.0	26.2	18.8
Coconut	304.7	308.5	1.2
Colombo Auction Prices			
	2015 Oct	2016 Oct	
Tea (Rs./ Kg)	384.97	553.01	39.7
Rubber (Rs./ Kg)	241.00	237.10	-5.7
Coconut (Rs/nut)	-	-	-

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka and Forbes & Walkers Commodity Brokers Pvt Ltd

Factory Industrial Production Index (2010=100)

Item	2015 Dec	2016 Dec(b)	Growth %
Manufacture of Food Products	114.5	101.0	-11.8
Manufacture of Beverages	117.1	114.4	-2.3
Manufacture of Tobacco Products	69.6	61.0	-12.3
Manufacture of Textiles	135.4	137.6	1.6
Manufacture of Wearing Apparel	172.2	175.0	1.6
Manufacture of Leather and Related Products	108.0	131.7	21.9
Manufacture of Wood products ,except Furniture	130.6	129.8	-0.6
Manufacture of Paper and Paper Products	124.7	124.7	0.0
Printing and Reproduction of Recorded Media	110.8	110.8	0.0
Manufacture of Coke and Refined Petroleum Products	98.1	62.7	-36.1
Manufacture of Chemicals and Chemical Products	87.1	98.3	12.9
Manufacture of Pharmaceuticals, Medicinal Chemicals	106.3	155.5	46.3
Manufacture of Rubber and Plastic Products	137.2	142.7	4.0
Manufacture of Other Non Metallic Mineral Products	116.2	132.7	14.2
Manufacture of Basic Metals	132.8	137.6	3.6
Manufacture of Fabricated Metal Products	90.5	81.9	-9.5
Manufacture of Electrical Equipment	125.9	144.0	14.3
Manufacture of machinery and equipment n.e.c	76.4	136.3	78.2
Factory Industry Production Index	124.4	123.1	-1.0

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

(a) FIPI based on ISIC Revision 4 Classification

(b)Provisional