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MINISTRY OF FINANCE

SRI LANKA

The Week in Review
14th October – 18th October 2024

REAL SECTOR

- Economy expanded by 4.7 percent in the 2nd quarter 2024.
- Price of Brent Crude Oil declined by 4.35 USD bbl and WTI declined by 4.63 USD bbl, respectively.
- CCPI - Headline (2021=100) declined to -0.5 percent (YoY) in September, 2024 from 0.5 percent (YoY) in August, 2024
- NCPI - Headline (YoY%) (2021=100) declined to 1.1 percent (YoY) in August, 2024 from 2.5 percent (YoY) in July, 2024

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EXTERNAL SECTOR

- Sri Lankan rupee slightly depreciated to USD 1=Rs. 293.03 from USD 1=Rs. 292.96
- Exports increased to USD 1.22 bn in August 2024 compared to USD 1.13 bn in July 2024
- Imports declined to USD 1.65 bn in August 2024 compared to USD 1.73 bn in July 2024
- Trade deficit
 - USD 429.6 mn in August, 2024
- The gross official reserves stood at USD 6.0 bn as end of August 2024.
- Workers' remittances recorded USD 577.5 mn in August, 2024.

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FISCAL SECTOR

Revenue (Provisional)

Jan - August 2024

▪ Total Revenue	- Rs. 2,557.8 bn
(Excluding Grants)	
Tax Revenue	- Rs. 2,348.5 bn
Non-Tax Revenue	- Rs. 209.3 bn

Expenditure (Provisional)

Jan - August 2024

▪ Total Expenditure	- Rs.3,476.9 bn
Recurrent Expenditure	- Rs. 3,041.6 bn
Capital Expenditure	- Rs. 435.3 bn

Debt (Provisional)

▪ End of June 2024

Total Outstanding Government Debt	- Rs. 28,563.45 bn
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MONETARY SECTOR

- All Share Price Index (ASPI) increased by 0.16 percent to 12,313.10 points as at 18th October 2024 from 12,294.03 points as at 11th October, 2024
- S&P SL 20 Index declined by 0.49 percent to 3,622.94 points as at 18th October, 2024 from 3,640.65 points as at 11th October, 2024
- Credit to the private sector increased by 8.7 percent (YoY) in August, 2024

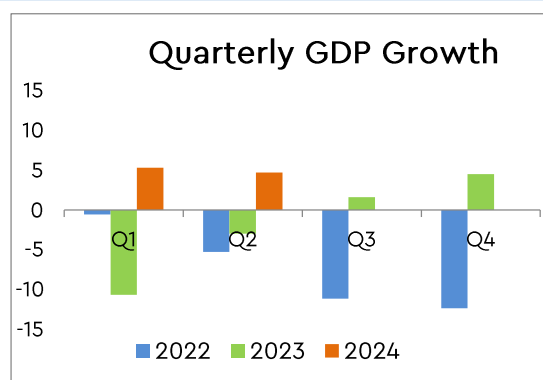
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REAL SECTOR

PRODUCTION

	1 st Q	2 nd Q	3 rd Q	4 th Q	Annual
2020	-0.9	-17.1	-1.1	-0.5	-4.6
Agriculture	-4.2	-3.8	4.2	-0.1	-0.9
Industry	-4.5	-19.0	-0.7	1.8	-5.3
Service	2.9	-13.2	0.5	1.1	-1.9
2021	5.2	13.2	-2.1	2.7	4.2
Agriculture	4.4	11.7	-3.1	-7.0	1.0
Industry	6.6	22.7	-1.8	0.1	5.7
Services	4.4	7.3	-1.6	4.3	3.4
2022	-0.6	-5.3	-11.2	-12.4	-7.3
Agriculture	-3.7	-7.1	-8.2	2.3	-4.2
Industry	-3.5	-10.2	-21.5	-30.2	-16.0
Services	1.4	-1.9	-5.3	-4.6	-2.6
2023	-10.7	-3.0	1.6	4.5	-2.3
Agriculture	1.6	4.2	4.2	0.6	2.6
Industry	-24.3	-11.7	-0.7	7.9	-9.2
Services	-4.6	-0.5	1.7	2.8	-0.2
2024	5.3	4.7			
Agriculture	1.1	1.7			
Industry	11.8	10.9			
Services	2.6	2.5			



GDP expanded by 4.7 % in 2nd Quarter 2024

In the second quarter of 2024, the Sri Lankan economy experienced a growth of 4.7 percent, a notable improvement from the -3.0 percent contraction recorded in the same period of 2023. This expansion was observed across all economic sectors recording a 1.7 percent, 10.9 percent, and 2.5 percent growth in the agriculture, industry and services sectors, respectively.

Source: Department of Census & Statistics

Note : Growth rate of value added terms based on year 2010 up to 2021
Growth rate of value added terms based on year 2015 from 2022

PADDY PRODUCTION

Category	Unit	2021			2022			2023		
		2020/ 2021 Maha	2021 Yala	Total	2021/ 2022 Maha	2022 Yala	Total	2022/ 2023 Maha	2023 Yala	Total
Production	Mn.Mt	3.061	2.09	5.15	1.93	1.46	3.39	2.70	1.82	4.52
	Bushels Mn.	146.72	100.1	246.82	92.56	70.05	162.61	129.2	87.1	216.3
Net Extent Harvested	Hectares (‘000)	681.5	445.1	1,126.9	685.2	429.0	1,114.2	722.5	440.3	722.5
	Acres (‘000)	1,684.1	1,099.8	2,784.6	1,693.1	1,060.2	2,753.3	1,785.3	1,088.0	2,873.3
Average Yield	kg per ha	4,307	4,309	4,307	2,853	3,207	6,060	3,554	3,822	7,376

Source: Department of Census & Statistics
(a)provisional

TEA, RUBBER & COCONUT PRODUCTION

Category	Crop	July 2023	July 2024	% Change
Production	Tea (Mn. Kg)	21.4	22.9	7.1
	Rubber (Mn. Kg)	6.2	5.5	-10.5
	Coconut (Mn. Nuts)	265.0	272.7	2.9
		July 2023	July 2024	% Change
Exports (USD Mn)	Tea	115.2	124.7	8.2
	Rubber	2.0	1.9	-6.9
	Coconut	31.2	38.4	23.3
		July 2023	July 2024	% Change
Average Gross Prices	Tea (Rs./ Kg)	1,015.07	1,242.44	22.4
	Rubber (Rs./ Kg)	600.00	700.00	16.7
	Coconut (Rs./nut)	64.38	83.08	29.1

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

FACTORY INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION INDEX (2015=100)

Item (a)	2023 August (b)	2024 August (c)	Change %
Manufacture of Food Products	94.6	97.0	2.5
Manufacture of Beverages	129.7	128.4	-1.0
Manufacture of Tobacco Products	82.4	76.5	-7.2
Manufacture of Textiles	103.9	114.8	10.5
Manufacture of Wearing Apparel	70.1	95.9	36.8
Manufacture of Leather and Related Products	99.6	99.8	0.2
Manufacture of Wood products, except Furniture; Articles of Straw & plaiting materials	58.1	71.4	23.0
Manufacture of Paper and Paper Products	34.6	54.6	57.7
Printing and Reproduction of Recorded Media	118.9	151.9	27.8
Manufacture of Coke and Refined Petroleum Products	113.8	17.0	-85.1
Manufacture of Chemicals and Chemical Products	72.2	86.0	19.1
Manufacture of Basic Pharmaceuticals, Pharmaceutical preparations	145.0	145.4	0.3
Manufacture of Rubber and Plastic Products	82.5	92.4	12.0
Manufacture of Other Non-Metallic Mineral Products	107.5	107.7	0.2
Manufacture of Basic Metals	118.0	100.7	-14.6
Manufacture of Fabricated Metal Products (except machines and equipment)	57.2	64.7	13.1
Manufacture of Electrical Equipment	49.2	65.6	33.3
Manufacture of Machinery and Equipment (n.e.c)	102.5	114.5	11.8
Manufacture of Furniture	72.3	69.5	-3.8
Other Manufacturing	55.0	60.8	10.6
Overall Factory Industrial Production Index	90.2	91.3	1.2

Source: Department of Census and Statistics

(a) The Factory Industrial Production Index (FIPI) has been replaced with the Index of Industrial Production (IIP)

(b) Revised

(c) Provisional

LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

Employment	2020 Annual	2021 Annual	2022 Annual	2023 Annual	2023 Q1	2024 Q1
Labour Force Participation Rate	50.6	49.9	49.8	48.6	49.9	47.1
Unemployment Rate	5.5	5.1	4.7	4.7	4.7	4.5
Male	4.0	3.7	3.7	3.7	3.4	3.1
Female	8.5	7.9	6.5	7.0	7.0	7.4
20-29	18.1	18.3	16.2	17.0	17.1	16.8
20-24	25.2	26.8	21.8	21.6	21.5	20.7
25-29	12.0	11.4	11.7	13.0	13.6	13.7

Source: Department of Census & Statistics



CRUDE OIL PRICES

CRUDE OIL PRICES – SINGAPORE PLATTS PRICES (USD/BBL)

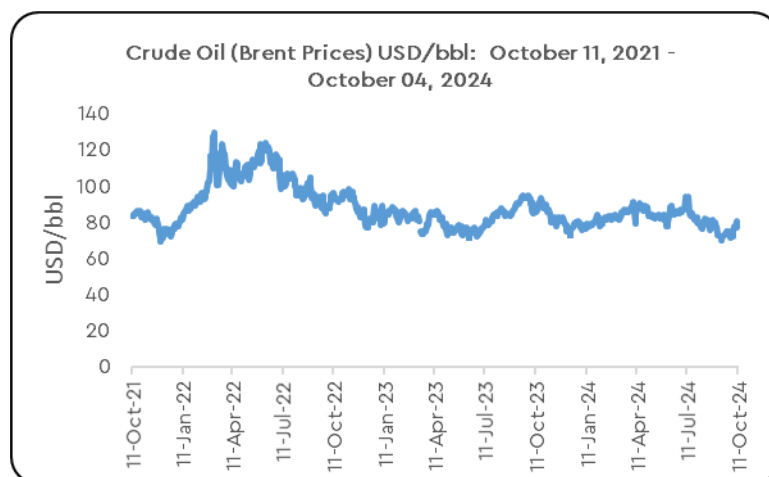
Item	Oct 14	Oct 15	Oct 16	Oct 17	Oct 18	Week Ago	Month Ago	Year Ago
Brent (New York Closing Prices)	77.91	75.18	74.44	n.a	74.63	78.98	73.53	94.21
WTI	74.50	71.60	70.82	n.a	70.89	75.52	71.03	91.13
Petrol	83.00	78.30	78.55	n.a	81.07	83.30	78.90	93.73
Diesel	84.55	80.25	79.48	n.a	79.79	85.49	77.73	110.93
Kerosene	89.96	86.04	86.04	n.a	86.05	91.20	84.05	116.89

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka
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CRUDE OIL PRICES (MONTHLY AVERAGE) (USD/BBL)

Month	WTI European Market	Brent
Apr - 2023	80.02	85.88
May	79.20	84.87
Jun	78.18	83.73
July	77.92	83.37
Aug	78.25	86.86
Sep	84.15	79.00
Oct	88.49	79.53
Nov	84.36	79.41
Dec	83.97	79.01
Jan - 2024	83.66	78.68
Feb	83.54	78.56
Mar	83.66	78.72
April	83.76	78.83
May	83.76	78.86
June	83.74	78.89
July	83.73	78.94
Aug	83.53	78.80
Sep	83.16	78.48
Oct	82.97	78.32

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka (up to Oct 18, 2024)



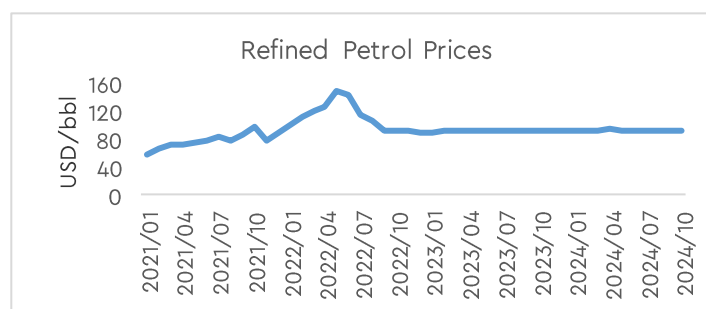
MONTHLY AVERAGE REFINED PRODUCT PRICES – SINGAPORE PLATTS PRICES (USD/BBL)

Month	Petrol	Diesel	Kerosene
Apr - 2023	95.27	99.06	104.84
May	93.16	95.39	101.37
June	92.33	93.60	99.55
July	92.48	93.72	99.52
Aug	93.67	96.00	101.77
Sep	94.83	98.14	103.98
Oct	94.70	99.25	105.06
Nov	94.39	99.26	105.19
Dec	93.82	98.81	104.90
Jan	93.62	98.56	104.67
Feb	93.77	98.64	104.59
Mar	94.17	98.63	104.47
April	94.48	98.61	104.40
May	94.34	98.14	103.85
June	94.01	97.81	103.50
July	93.89	97.54	103.21
Aug	93.47	97.00	102.66
Sep	92.82	96.20	101.88
Oct	92.40	95.74	101.42

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka (up to Oct 18, 2024)

LOCAL MARKET PRICES OF PETROLEUM PRODUCTS (RS.)

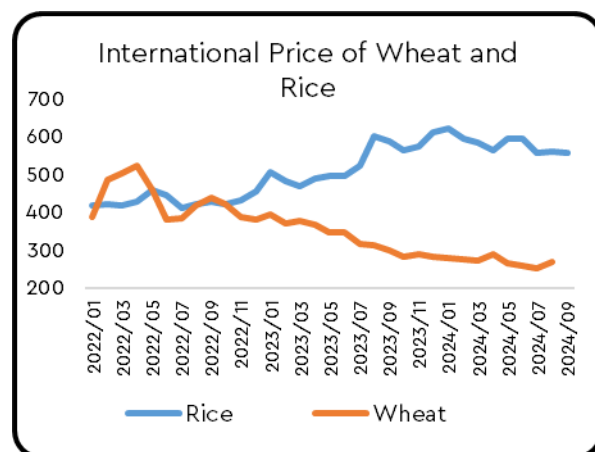
Item	Unit	End 2021	End 2022	End 2023	Current Price 2024
Auto Diesel	1 liter	121.00	405.00	329.00	283.00
Petrol (Octane 92)	1 liter	177.00	370.00	346.00	311.00
Kerosene oil	1 liter	87.00	355.00	247.00	210.00
L P Gas	12.5 kg	2,675.00	4,409.00	3,565.00	3,690.0



COMMODITY PRICES

INTERNATIONAL COMMODITY PRICES

Month	Rice Thai,25% USD/MT	Wheat (HRW) USD/MT
Jan -2023	507.00	380.40
Feb	482.00	394.80
Mar	468.00	369.90
Apr	490.00	378.20
May	495.00	367.70
June	496.00	345.50
July	524.00	345.50
Aug	600.00	315.80
Sep	587.00	314.70
Oct	563.00	298.10
Nov	573.00	283.60
Dec	610.00	291.10
Jan - 2024	620.00	283.90
Feb	594.00	278.50
Mar	584.00	274.80
Apr	564.00	272.30
May	593.00	289.40
June	595.00	265.60
July	557.00	260.30
Aug	560.00	250.90
Sep	556.00	269.70



Source: FAO Web Site, Available at <https://foma.apps.fao.org/qIEWS/food-prices/tool/public/#/dataset/international>

Category	Commodity	Unit	Annual Averages				
			Jul - Sep 2023	Oct - Dec 2023	Jan - Mar 2024	Apr - Jun 2024	Jul - Sep 2024
Energy	Crude Oil average	USD/mt	85.3	82.1	80.6	83.6	
Non-Energy, Agriculture, Beverages	Cocoa	USD/kg	3.01	3.96	5.68	8.52	
	Coffee, Arabica	USD/kg	4.14	4.35	4.56	5.28	
	Tea, average	USD/kg	2.72	2.74	2.68	3.15	
	Tea, Colombo auctions	USD/kg	3.23	3.53	4.20	4.19	
Food, Fats & Oils	Coconut Oil	USD/mt	1,073	1,090	1,197	1,408	
	Soybean Oil	USD/mt	1,125	1,105	949	986	
	Palm Oil	USD/mt	856	816	882	890	
Grains	Maize	USD/mt	224.6	216.2	192.8	194.0	
	Wheat, US HRW	USD/mt	325.3	290.9	279.1	275.8	
Other Food	Meat, Beef	USD/kg	5.02	4.88	5.37	5.93	
	Meat, Chicken	USD/kg	2.95	1.63	1.54	1.45	
	Sugar, World	USD/kg	0.54	0.54	0.49	0.43	
Raw Materials, Timber	Plywood	¢/sheets	378.0	369.5	367.8	350.5	
Other Raw Materials	Rubber RSS3, US	USD /kg	1.51	1.65	2.07	2.23	
Fertilizers	Phosphate Rock	USD/mt	345.4	250.0	250.5	152.5	
	TSP	USD/mt	434.8	459.4	451.3	450.4	
	Urea	USD/mt	366.8	383.6	338.9	313.7	
Metals and Minerals	Aluminium	USD/mt	2,160	2,192	2,199	2,523	
	Gold	USD /toz	1,929	1,976	2,072	2,336	
	Iron ore	USD /dmt	115.2	129.0	123.3	113.0	

Source: The World Bank, Available at <https://thedocs.worldbank.org/en/doc/5d903e848db1d1b83e0ec8f744e55570-0350012021/related/CMO-Pink-Sheet-September-2023.pdf>, <https://3mgas.vn/news/saudi-aramco-lpg-prices-per-metric-tonne-mt-n150.html> and <https://www.globaldairytrade.info/en/product-results/whole-milk-powder/?c=US cent USD = US dollar>

WHOLESALE PRICES
WEEK ENDING 18TH OCTOBER 2024 (RS /KG)

PETTAH MARKET

DAMBULLA MARKET

Average Wholesale Prices	Week Ending 18/10/2024	Week Ago	Year Ago, Annual Avg.	Food Item	Wholesale (Average)
Rice (Rs/Kg)				Rice (Rs/Kg)	
Samba	229.00	228.00	223.00	Samba	230.00
Kekulu (Red)	203.50	203.00	174.00	Kekulu (Red)	210.50
Vegetable				Vegetables	
Beans	337.50	320.00	425.00	Pumpkins	95.75
Cabbage	85.00	120.00	85.00	Snake Gourd	145.00
Carrots	87.50	104.00	145.00	Ash Plantains	145.00
Tomatoes	250.00	232.00	165.00	Beans	301.25
Pumpkin	95.00	66.00	50.00	Carrots	75.00
Snake Guard	230.00	158.00	252.50	Tomatoes	202.50
Brinjals	127.50	180.00	295.00	Cabbage	97.50
Other Foods				Other Foods	
Red-Onions (Local)	325.75	310.40	345.50	Potatoes (Local)	185.75
Big Onions (Imported)	215.00	217.80	216.75	Dried Chillies (Imported)	696.25
Potatoes (Local)	254.75	288.80	233.25	Big-Onions (Imported)	215.25
Dried Chillies (Imported)	720.00	713.80	1,035.25	Red-Onions (Local)	262.50
Dhal	278.00	278.00	298.00	Coconut (Each)	105.75
Eggs (White) (Each)	41.00	29.80	45.75	<i>Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka</i>	
Coconut (Each)	120.00	107.00	87.50	MARANDAGAHAMULA AVERAGE PRICE OF RICE (RS/KG)	
Green Chillies	300.00	216.00	387.50	Item	Week Ending 18/10/2024
Lime	462.50	450.00	1,325.00		Week Ago
FISH MARKET – PELIYAGODA					Month Ago
Kelawalla	1,150.00	1,000.00	-		Year Ago
Balaya	725.00	787.50	-	Samba	227.25
Salaya	375.00	290.00	-	Kekulu (White)	211.25
Hurulla	733.33	560.00	-	Kekulu (Red)	207.00
				Nadu	222.25

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

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WEEKLY RETAIL COMMODITY PRICES – 3rd WEEK OF OCTOBER 2024

Item	Unit	This Week	Week Ago	% Change	Year Ago
Rice					
Samba (Avg.)	1 kg	270.46	267.58	1.1	258.17
No. 1	1 kg	239.85	239.04	0.3	231.34
No. 2	1kg				
Nadu Red	1kg	232.62	232.39	0.1	216.04
Raw Red (Avg)	1kg	216.26	215.80	0.2	191.18
No. 1	1kg	216.26	215.80	0.2	191.18
No. 2	1kg				
Wheat Flour	1 kg	185.79	189.38	-1.9	208.27
Bread	450g	133.64	133.64	0.0	150.00
Sugar	1 kg	258.72	261.97	-1.2	271.99
Milk Powder (Imported)	400g	1,050.00	1,050.00	0.0	1,080.00
Milk Powder (Local)	400g	1,110.00	1,110.00	0.0	1,073.75
Infant Milk Powder	300g	1,800.00	1,800.00	0.0	1,950.00
Potatoes (Import)	1 kg	215.20	210.00	2.7	219.08
Potatoes (Local)	1kg	374.69	530.96	2.5	317.77
Mysore Dhal (Avg)	1kg	348.04	347.55	0.1	363.43
Cowpea (Avg)	1kg	902.64	916.51	-1.5	1,111.02
Green Gram (Avg)	1kg	904.04	916.84	-1.4	1,013.42
Kadalai (Avg)	1kg	619.03	612.77	1.0	705.97
Meat					
Beef	1kg	2,466.67	2,480.00	-0.5	2,335.71
Chicken					
Fresh	1kg	1,097.00	1,085.33	-2.4	1,105.23
Broiler	1kg	1,093.33	1,093.33	0.0	1,162.50
Fresh Fish					
Paraw	1 kg	2,367.69	2,092.86	13.1	2,238.69
Balaya	1 kg	1,235.00	1,351.43	-8.6	1,228.42
Kelawalla	1 kg	2,138.82	1,990.50	7.5	2,212.49
Salaya	1 kg	476.36	475.26	0.2	430.24
Dried Fish					
Sprats	1 kg	1,370.37	1,353.57	1.2	1,320.51
Eggs	Each	43.98	43.28	1.6	47.85
Coconut	Each	139.96	128.81	8.7	102.75
Coconut Oil	750ml	533.89	530.96	0.6	432.30
Red Onions	1 kg	451.40	415.42	8.7	439.22
B- Onions (Import)	1 kg	310.00	320.00	-3.1	248.13
Brinjal	1kg	323.87	347.20	-6.7	449.05
Beans Green	1 kg	483.23	444.29	8.8	556.72
Bandakka	1 kg	268.00	279.29	-4.0	286.52
Leeks	1 kg	324.00	341.38	-5.1	226.02
Beet Root	1kg	268.67	271.03	-0.9	261.34
Carrot	1kg	234.00	258.62	-9.5	315.64
Green Chillies	1kg	595.33	517.50	15.0	684.98
Raddish	1kg	220.00	232.43	-5.3	244.63
Vetakolu	1kg	338.57	408.33	-17.1	348.35
Bitter Guard	1kg	483.08	522.80	-7.6	498.07
Snake Guard	1kg	366.67	374.00	-2.0	388.58
Kolikuttu	1kg	403.08	451.74	-10.8	612.68
Papaw	1kg	200.00	241.80	-17.3	184.96
Pineapple	1kg	534.29	584.58	-8.6	576.07

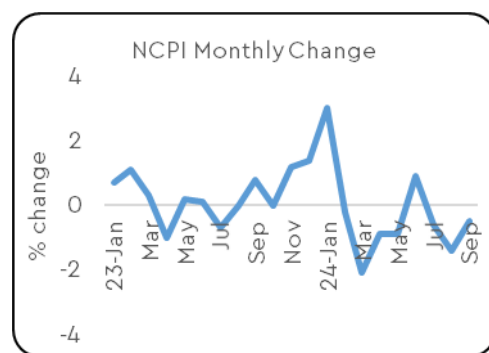
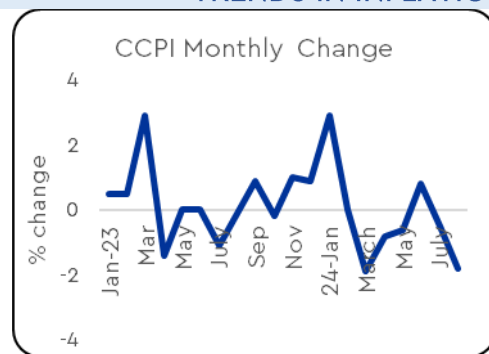
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INFLATION

TRENDS IN INFLATION

Month	CCPI (%)			NCPI (%)		
	(2021=100)			(2021=100)		
	Index Number	% Change Month on Month	Y on Y %	Index Number	% Change Month on Month	Y on Y %
Jan-23	188.6	0.5		201.8	0.7	53.2
Feb	189.5	0.5	50.6	204.1	1.1	53.6
Mar	195.0	2.9	50.3	204.8	0.3	49.2
Apr	192.3	-1.4	35.3	202.7	-1.0	33.6
May	192.3	0.0	25.2	203.1	0.2	22.1
Jun	192.3	0.0	12.0	203.3	0.1	10.8
July	190.2	-1.1	6.3	201.9	-0.7	4.6
August	190.1	-0.1	4.0	201.9	0.0	2.1
Sep	191.8	0.9	1.3	203.5	0.8	0.8
Oct	191.4	-0.2	1.5	203.6	0.0	1.0
Nov	193.4	1.0	3.4	206.0	1.2	2.8
Dec	195.1	0.9	4.0	208.8	1.4	4.2
Jan - 24	200.7	2.9	6.4	215.0	3.0	6.5
Feb	200.6	0.0	5.9	214.5	-0.2	5.1
Mar	196.7	-1.9	0.9	210.0	-2.1	2.5
Apr	195.2	-0.8	1.5	208.2	-0.9	2.7
May	194.1	-0.6	0.9	206.3	-0.9	1.6
June	195.6	0.8	1.7	208.1	0.9	2.4
July	194.7	-0.5	2.4	206.9	-0.6	2.5
Aug	191.1	-1.8	0.5	204.1	-1.4	1.1
Sep	190.9	-0.1	-0.5	203.1	-0.5	-0.2

Source: Department of Census and Statistics



CONTRIBUTION OF FOOD ITEMS TO CCPI FROM AUGUST 2024 TO SEPTEMBER 2024 (Base 2021=100)

Commodity	Value Change Rs.	Change %
Food	-307.25	-0.17
Rice	65.55	0.04
Coconut	236.29	0.13
Fresh Fish	93.36	0.05
Dried Fish	26.65	0.02
Fresh Fruits	236.89	0.13
Vegetables	-567.46	-0.32
Dhal Mysoor	-39.28	-0.02
Chicken	-136.65	-0.08
Potatoes	-32.24	-0.02
Big Onions	138.31	0.08
Ginger	-88.50	-0.05
Limes	-107.83	-0.06

Source: Department of Census and Statistics

MOVEMENTS OF THE CCPI IN FOOD ITEM (2021=100)

Month	Index Number	% Change Month to Month	Inflation
			Y on Y
Jan -23	240.0	0.8	
Feb	234.7	-2.2	54.4
Mar	229.0	-2.4	47.6
Apr	228.8	-0.1	30.6
May	232.7	1.7	21.5
Jun	235.7	1.3	4.1
July	235.8	0.0	-1.4
Aug	232.8	-1.3	-4.8
Sep	234.1	0.6	-5.2
Oct	229.5	-2.0	-5.2
Nov	230.3	0.3	-3.6
Dec	238.9	3.7	0.3
Jan - 24	247.9	3.8	3.3
Feb	242.8	-2.1	3.5
Mar	237.8	-2.1	3.8
Apr	235.4	-1.0	2.9
May	232.6	-1.2	0.0
June	239.1	2.8	1.4
July	239.4	0.1	1.5
Aug	234.6	-2.0	0.8
Sep	233.3	-0.6	-0.3

Source :Department of Census and Statistics

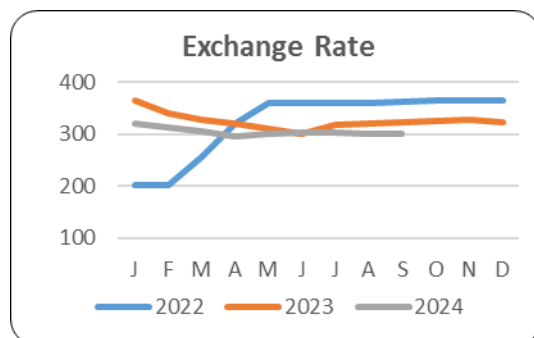


EXTERNAL SECTOR

EXCHANGE RATES

Currency	Week Ending 18 th Oct 2024	Week Ago	Year Ago	% Change 2023/24
US Dollar	293.03	292.96	324.23	-9.6
Sterling Pound	381.70	382.61	394.94	-3.6
Euro	317.62	320.42	343.07	-7.4
Japanese Yen	1.96	1.97	2.17	-9.7
Indian Rupee	3.49	3.49	3.89	-10.3

Source : Central Bank of Sri Lanka

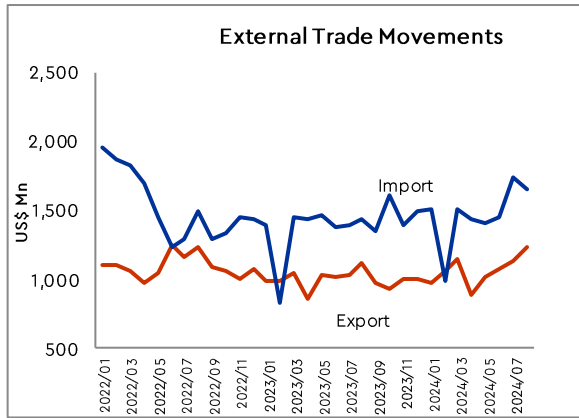


EXTERNAL TRADE

Category	August 2023 (USD mn)	August 2024 (USD mn)	Growth Rate (%)	Jan - August 2023 (USD mn)	Jan - August 2024 (USD mn)	Growth Rate (%)
Exports	1,118.6	1,224.5	9.5	8,010.1	8,499.1	6.1
Agricultural	242.9	258.1	6.3	1,702.9	1,804.0	5.9
Tea	119.6	130.5	9.1	870.4	942.3	8.3
Other	123.3	127.6	3.5	832.5	861.7	3.5
Industrial	871.7	960.6	10.2	6,273.6	6,658.6	6.1
Rubber Products	78.2	101.1	29.3	588.1	663.1	12.8
Textiles and Garments	436.2	512.1	17.4	3,325.7	3,364.8	1.2
Food, Beverage and Tobacco	55.9	63.0	12.7	354.4	427.7	20.7
Other	301.4	284.4	-5.6	2,005.4	2,203.0	12.6
Mineral	2.0	4.0	98.8	15.7	18.8	19.8
Unclassified	2.1	1.8	-12.9	17.9	17.7	-1.0
Imports	1,426.0	1,654.0	16.0	10,974.1	12,072.5	10.0
Consumer Goods	268.1	318.8	18.9	2,028.3	2,176.3	7.3
Food and Beverages	152.2	192.9	26.7	1,158.0	1,214.1	4.8
Other Consumer Goods	115.9	126.0	8.7	870.3	962.2	10.6
Intermediate Goods	857.1	1,049.2	22.4	7,185.5	7,750.0	7.9
Petroleum	343.7	350.5	2.0	3,079.5	2,896.5	-5.9
Textiles & Textile Articles	192.3	232.3	20.8	1,584.0	1,839.3	16.1
Other Intermediate Goods	321.1	466.4	45.3	2,522.0	3,014.2	19.5
Investment Goods	299.4	285.5	-4.6	1,747.9	2,140.3	22.5
Machinery and Equipment	229.5	195.9	-14.7	1,219.0	1,438.6	18.0
Transport Equipment	2.9	9.8	234.8	45.6	98.0	115.0
Building Material	66.5	79.4	19.4	481.4	601.9	25.0
Other Investment Goods	0.4	0.4	-8.7	1.9	1.8	-5.9
Unclassified	1.4	0.5	-64.4	12.4	5.9	-52.5
Trade Balance	-307.4	-429.6		-2,964.0	-3,573.4	

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Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka



Highlights

- Export earnings increased by 8.3 percent to USD 1,224.5 mn in August 2024 compared to USD 1,130.3 mn in July 2024.
- Import expenditure declined by 4.6 percent to USD 1,654.0 mn in August 2024 compared to USD 1,734.1 mn in July 2024.
- Trade deficit narrowed to USD 429.6 mn in August 2024 compared to USD 603.8 mn in July 2024.

EXTERNAL ASSETS

External Assets (USD bn)	Oct 2023	Nov 2023	Dec 2023	Jan 2024	Feb 2024	Mar 2024	Apr 2024	May 2024	June 2024	July 2024	August 2024
Total Reserves	8.6	8.4	9.4	9.4	9.6	9.9	10.2	10.4	10.8	10.9	11.1
Gross Official Reserves	3.57	3.57	4.39	4.5	4.5	5.0	5.5	5.4	5.7	5.7	6.0

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

The Gross official reserves were USD 6.0 bn at the end of August 2024.

PRIVATE REMITTANCES

Category	2023 September	2024 September	2023 Jan- Sep	2024 Jan-Sep	% Change
Inflow USD mn	482.4	555.6	4,345.1	4,843.8	11.5
Rs. bn	155.7	167.3	1,420.2	1,477.3	4.0

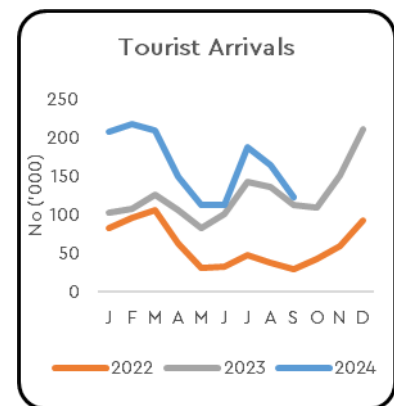
Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

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TOURIST ARRIVALS

Month	Arrivals				Earnings USD mn			
	2022	2023	2024	% change 2023/24	2022	2023	2024	% change 2023/24
Jan	82,327	102,545	208,253	103.1	151.7	153.5	341.80	122.7
Feb	96,507	107,639	218,350	103.0	169.4	161.6	345.70	118.2
Mar	106,500	125,495	209,181	89.4	161.2	188.8	338.40	103.6
Apr	62,980	105,498	148,867	77.9	108.7	148.2	225.7	91.9
May	30,207	83,309	112,128	71.0	43.5	100.0	154.0	86.9
Jun	32,856	100,388	113,470	61.7	45.0	122.9	151.1	77.9
July	47,293	143,039	187,810	56.0	85.0	219.0	328.3	72.3
Aug	37,760	136,405	164,609	50.7	67.9	210.5	282.1	66.1
Sep	29,802	111,938	122,140	46.1	40.5	152.2	181.0	61.2
Oct	42,026	109,199			54.9	136.7		
Nov	59,759	151,496			81.0	205.3		
Dec	91,961	210,352			127.4	269.3		
Total	719,978	1,487,303	1,484,808		1,136.3	2,068.0	2,348.0	

Source: Sri Lanka Tourism Development Authority





FISCAL SECTOR

GOVERNMENT REVENUE (Rs. Mn)

Item	2021	2022	Jan – Dec ^(a) 2023	Jan – Aug 2024 (a)
Tax Revenue	1,298,019	1,751,132	2,720,563	2,348,529
Income Tax	302,115	534,021	911,355	624,670
VAT	308,213	463,062	694,460	842,488
Excise Duty	306,861	342,523	469,622	385,740
PAL	154,125	180,595	175,486	113,926
Customs Duty	64,339	50,009	105,120	69,419
SCL	55,828	40,194	51,327	67,222
CESS	75,543	70,318	57,184	51,951
SSCL	-	36,111	216,181	160,654
Other	31,429	34,712	39,827	32,460
Non-Tax Revenue	159,052	228,052	328,259	209,263
Total Revenue	1,457,071	1,979,184	3,048,822	2,557,792

Source: Department of Fiscal Policy
(a) Provisional

GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURE (Rs. Mn)

Item	2021	2022	Jan – Dec 2023 ^(a)	Jan – Aug 2024 (a)
Government Expenditure	3,521,735	4,472,556	5,356,591	3,476,885
Recurrent Expenditure	2,747,512	3,519,634	4,699,679	3,041,565
Salaries & Wages	845,680	956,211	939,496	659,502
Goods & Services	168,932	182,857	299,700	198,563
Interest	1,048,382	1,565,190	2,455,600	1,559,721
Subsidies & Transfers	684,518	815,376	1,004,884	623,779
Capital & Net Lending	774,223	952,923	656,912	435,320
Public Investments	789,636	1,014,293	932,745	454,744
Other	-15,413	-61,370	-275,833	-19,424

Compiled by Department of Fiscal Policy
(a) provisional

GOVERNMENT DEBT

Government Debt (Rs.bn)	End 2022	End 2023 (a)	End Jan. 2024	End March 2024	End April 2024	End May 2024	End June 2024
Total Domestic Debt	15,033.9	17,051.9	17,256.56	17,292.79	17,312.82	17,349.51	17,555.21
Total Foreign Debt	12,458.1	11,644.1	11,335.79	10,720.77	10,531.98	10,713.32	11,008.23
Total Government Debt	27,492.0	28,695.9	28,592.34	28,013.56	27,844.80	28,062.82	28,563.45

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka
(a) provisional

KEY FISCAL INDICATORS 2021 -2023

Indicator	2021		2022		2023 ^(a)	
	Rs.mn.	% of GDP	Rs.mn.	% of GDP	Rs.mn.	% of GDP
Total Revenue	1,457,071	8.3	1,979,184	8.2	3,048,822	11.03
Tax Revenue	1,298,019	7.4	1,751,132	7.3	2,720,563	9.85
Non-Tax Revenue	159,052	0.9	228,052	0.9	328,259	1.19
Recurrent Expenditure	2,747,512	15.6	3,519,633	14.6	4,699,679	17.01
Budget Deficit	2,057,925	-11.7	-2,459,967	-10.2	2,282,267	8.26
Public Investment	789,636	4.5	1,014,293	4.2	932,745	3.38
Government Debt	17,614,181	100.1	27,492,031	113.8	28,695.9	103.9

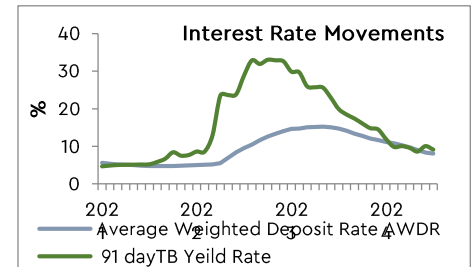
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MONETARY SECTOR

REAL INTEREST RATES

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)
Jan -23	188.6	51.7	49.6	29.91	21.79	2.1
Feb	189.5	50.6	n.a	29.72	20.88	-
Mar	195.0	50.3	n.a	25.99	24.31	-
Apr	192.3	35.3	n.a	25.74	9.56	-
May	192.3	25.2	n.a	25.65	-0.45	-
Jun	192.3	12.0	n.a	23.00	-11.00	-
Jul	190.2	6.3	n.a	19.96	-13.66	-
Aug	190.1	4.0	n.a	18.48	-14.48	-
Sep	191.8	1.3	n.a	17.42	-16.12	-
Oct	191.4	1.5	n.a	16.10	-14.6	-
Nov	193.4	3.4	n.a	14.86	-11.46	-
Dec	195.1	4.0	n.a	14.45	-10.45	-
Jan - 24	200.7	6.4	14.2	11.97	-5.57	-7.8
Feb	200.6	5.9	11.3	9.87	-3.97	-5.4
Mar	196.7	0.9	8.0	10.07	-9.17	-7.1
Apr	195.2	1.5	5.7	9.61	-8.11	-4.2
May	194.1	0.9	3.9	8.62	-7.72	-3.0
June	195.6	1.7	3.1	10.07	-8.37	-1.4
July	194.7	2.4	2.8	9.14	-6.74	-0.4
Aug	191.1	0.5	2.5	9.49	-8.99	-2.0
Sep	190.8	-0.5	2.4	10.49	-10.99	-2.9



Sources : Central Bank of Sri Lanka and Department of Census and Statistics
From January 2023 CCPI & NCPI (2021=100)

INTEREST RATE MOVEMENTS

Category	Week Ending 18 th October 2024	Week Ago	Year Ago
Standing Deposit Facility	8.25	8.25	10.00
Standing Lending Facility	9.25	9.25	11.00
Average Weighted Call Money Rate (AWCMR)	8.58	8.50	10.33
Treasury Bill (Yield rate)			
91 Days	9.32	9.69	16.30
182 Days	9.65	9.95	14.94
364 Days	9.95	10.00	13.02
Average Weighted Prime Lending Rate (AWPR)	9.10	9.25	13.68
	September	Month ago	Year ago
Average Weighted Deposit Rate (AWDR)	7.70	7.87	13.39

Source : Central Bank of Sri Lanka

MONEY SUPPLY AND CREDIT GROWTH

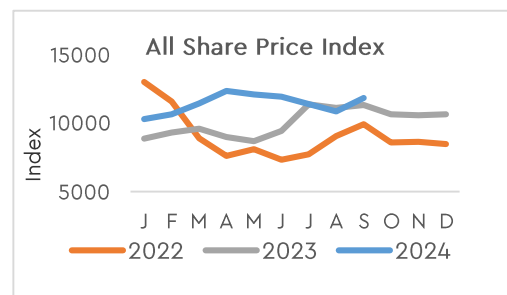
MONEY SUPPLY (RS. bn.)								CREDIT TO PRIVATE SECTOR (RS. bn.)				
Item	Aug 2024	July 2024	June 2024	May 2024	April 2024	Mar 2024	Feb 2024	Item	August 2024	Month Ago	Year Ago	Growth 2023 /2024 (%)
M ₁	1,800.6	1,768.6	1,768.4	1,732.6	1,736.9	1,720.5	1,626.8	Credit to Private Sector	7,707.7	7,572.6	7,092.1	8.7
M ₂	12,228.6	12,193.2	12,121.5	12,029.8	11,870.4	11,737.5	11,567.0	DBL	7,128.9	7,000.3	6,581.6	8.3
M _{2b}	13,876.8	13,824.6	13,747.9	13,616.4	13,420.0	13,324.6	13,201.1	OBLS	578.8	572.3	510.5	13.4

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

SHARE MARKET

Indicator	Week Ending 18 th Oct 2024	Week Ago	Year Ago
All Share Price Index (1985 = 100) (ASPI)	12,313.10	12,294.03	10,557.16
S & P Sri Lanka 20 Index (S & P SL20)	3,622.94	3,640.65	2,941.08
Average Daily Turnover (Rs.Mn)	1,951.33	2,303.95	822.64
Market Capitalization (Rs.Bn.)	4,533.77	4,495.65	4,283.16

Source: Colombo Stock Exchange



EQUITY TRADING STATISTICS

Indicator	Sep 2024	Sep 2023	Jan-Sep 2024	Jan-Sep 2023
Turnover -Equity (Rs. Mn.)	31,416.4	26,779.1	273,715.9	344,686.9
Domestic (Rs. Mn.)	29,659.7	25,040.0	233,128.4	314,506.3
Foreign (Rs. Mn.)	1,756.7	1,739.0	40,587.5	30,180.6
Market Days	19	19	178	179
Daily Turnover Avg. Equity (Rs. Mn.)	1,653.5	703.6	1,537.7	1,925.6
Trade Equity	241,872	251,092	2,041,477	3,059,620
Domestic	235,925	246,079	1,991,079	3,002,831
Foreign	5,947	5,013	50,398	56,789
Shares Traded Equity (Mn)	1,302.8	970.5	12,121.6	14,285.4
Domestic (Mn.)	1,224.5	919.1	10,781.4	13,366.1
Foreign (Mn.)	78.3	51.4	1,340.2	919.3
Companies Traded	270	267	273	275
Companies Listed	284	291	284	291

MARKET INDICATORS

Price Indices	Sep 2024	Aug 2024	July 2024
ASPI	11,855.05	10,869.1	11,406.56
S&P SL 20	3,453.41	3,058.6	3,265.55
Total Return Indicators			
ASTRI	17,045.19	15,613.8	16,313.16
S&P SL20 (TRI)	6,718.90	5,950.8	6,349.15
Market PER	8.02	8.68	9.20
Dividend Yield	4.54	4.42	4.15
Market Capitalization (Rs.Bn.)	4,381.83	4,320.98	4,504.26

Source: Colombo Stock Exchange

STOCK MARKET - FOREIGN PURCHASES AND FOREIGN SALES

Indicator	Sep 2024	Jan - Sep 2024
Purchases by Foreigners (Rs. Mn)	1,437.6	37,363.7
Sales by Foreigners (Rs. Mn)	2,075.7	43,811.9
Net Foreign Purchases (Rs. Mn)	-638.1	-6,448.2

Source: Colombo Stock Exchange

