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Highlights

- ⇒ **CCPI** increased to **5.0 %** in May 2019
- ⇒ **Exchange rate** depreciated to **US\$1=Rs. 176.64**
- ⇒ **Brent crude oil** decreased to: **US\$ 62.52** per bbl
- ⇒ **Credit to private sector** increased by **9.9 %** in April 2019
- ⇒ **Tourist arrivals** drop by **7.5 %** in April 2019

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WEEK IN REVIEW

Domestic Economy

The GDP grew by 3.7 per cent in real terms in 1st quarter 2019, mainly due to the expansion of Agriculture sector, Industry sector and Services sector.

The total outstanding market liquidity was a surplus of Rs. 43.64 bn by end of the week, compared to a surplus of Rs. 56.08 bn by the end of last week.

All Share Price Index (ASPI) decreased by 0.38 per cent to 5363.5 points and the S&P SL 20 Index decreased by 0.94 per cent to 2489.0 points, compared to the previous week

NCPI increased to 3.6 % in April 2019.

International Developments-

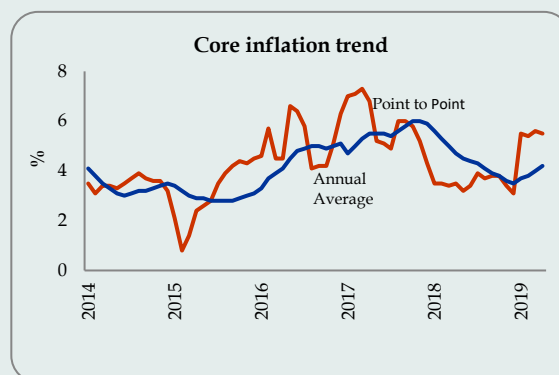
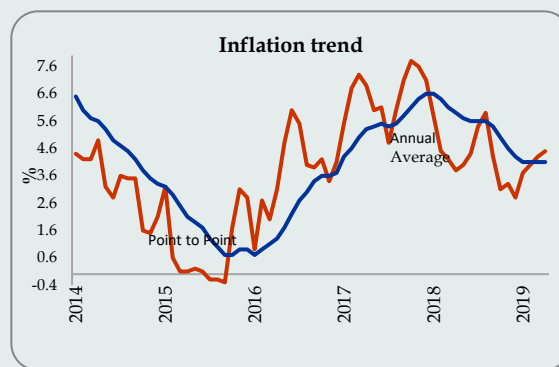
Global growth is projected to stabilize to 3.2 percent in 2019.

China's growth is expected to reach at 6.5 percent in 2018 and 6.3 in 2019.

The growth forecast for the United States for 2018 will be 2.7 percent and 2.5 percent in 2019.

Developing Economies will grow by 4.8 percent in 2019.

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
July-17	4.8	5.4	4.9	5.4	-0.8	6.3
Aug	6.0	5.5	6.0	5.6	-0.1	7.9
Sep	7.1	5.8	6.0	5.8	0.8	8.6
Oct	7.8	6.1	5.8	6.0	1.2	8.8
Nov	7.6	6.4	5.2	6.0	1.3	8.4
Dec	7.1	6.6	4.3	5.9	0.2	7.3
Jan-18	5.8	6.6	3.5	5.6	-0.6	5.4
Feb	4.5	6.4	3.5	5.3	-1.7	3.2
Mar	4.2	6.1	3.4	5.0	-0.7	2.8
Apr	3.8	5.9	3.5	4.7	0.1	1.6
May	4.0	5.7	3.2	4.5	1.1	2.1
June	4.4	5.6	3.4	4.4	1.8	2.5
July	5.4	5.6	3.9	4.3	0.1	3.4
Aug	5.9	5.6	3.7	4.1	-0.9	2.5
Sep	4.3	5.4	3.8	3.9	-0.8	0.9
Oct	3.1	5.0	3.8	3.8	0.4	0.1
Nov	3.3	4.6	3.4	3.6	2.2	1.0
Dec	2.8	4.3	3.1	3.5	-0.5	0.4
Jan-19	3.7	4.1	5.5	3.7	0.2	1.2
Feb	4.0	4.1	5.4	3.8	-0.5	2.4
Mar	4.3	4.1	5.6	4.0	-0.2	2.9
Apr	4.5	4.1	5.5	4.2	0.7	3.6
May	5.0	4.2	6.2	4.4	1.1	3.5



Source: Department of Census and Statistics

The point to point inflation of CCPI increased to 5.0 per cent in May 2019. The annual average of CCPI is 4.2 per cent in May 2019. Core inflation that measures the price movements of the items in the CCPI basket excluding fresh food, energy, transport, rice and coconut, increased to 6.2 per cent, on point to point basis, while annual average core inflation increased to 4.4 per cent, in May 2019. The National Consumer Price Index (NCPI) covering price movements in all provinces of the country decreased to 3.5 per cent in May 2019, on year on year basis.

Contribution of Food Items to CCPI from April 2019 to May 2019

Commodity	Value Change Rs.	Change %
Food	945.74	1.23
Sugar	4.51	0.01
Dhal	9.93	0.01
Sea Fish	328.19	0.43
Dried Fish	24.10	0.03
Potatoes	31.48	0.04
Vegetables	33.07	0.4
Green chilies	17.16	0.02
Big onions	14.10	0.02
Eggs	-25.76	-0.03
Garlic	-4.31	-0.01
Banana	-4.45	-0.01
Limes	55.13	0.07
Papaw	-8.51	-0.01

Source: Department of Census and Statistics

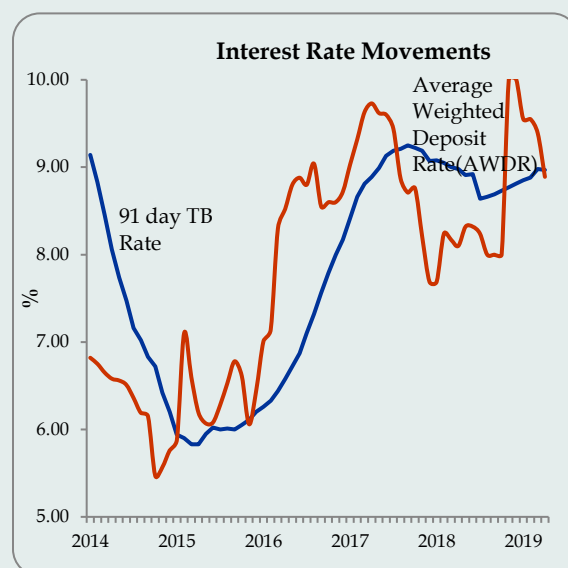
Movements of the CCPI in Food Item (2013=100)

Month	% Change Month to Month	Inflation	
		Point to Point	Annual Average
Nov-17	1.7	13.8	8.4
Dec	1.3	14.4	9.3
Jan-18	-1.9	10.5	9.8
Feb	-2.9	6.0	9.6
Mar	-1.5	5.1	9.2
Apr	-0.4	3.0	8.8
May	2.6	3.3	8.3
June	4.4	2.9	7.7
July	0.9	5.6	7.8
Aug	-0.8	7.5	7.8
Sep	-3.4	2.3	7.1
Oct	-0.2	-2.3	5.9
Nov	3.0	-1.0	4.6
Dec	0.8	-1.5	3.3
Jan-19	-2.5	-2.1	2.3
Feb	-2.1	-1.4	1.7
Mar	-1.6	-1.4	1.2
Apr	0.1	-0.9	0.9
May	4.4	0.8	0.7

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)
Nov	122.2	6.4	7.6	8.20	0.60	1.80
Dec	122.9	7.1	6.6	7.69	0.59	1.09
Jan-18	122.8	5.8	6.6	7.69	1.89	1.09
Feb	121.9	4.5	6.4	8.24	3.74	1.84
Mar	121.4	4.2	6.1	8.17	3.97	2.07
Apr	121.5	3.8	5.9	8.10	4.30	2.20
May	122.9	4.0	5.7	8.34	4.34	2.64
June	125.4	4.4	5.6	8.25	3.85	2.65
July	125.8	5.4	5.6	8.17	2.77	2.57
Aug	125.8	5.9	5.6	8.00	2.10	2.40
Sep	124.9	4.3	5.4	8.00	2.10	2.40
Oct	124.6	3.1	5.0	9.48	6.38	4.48
Nov	126.2	3.3	4.6	10.01	5.41	6.71
Dec	126.3	2.8	4.3	10.01	7.21	5.71
Jan-19	127.4	3.7	4.1	9.55	5.85	5.45
Feb	126.8	4.0	4.1	9.55	5.55	5.45
Mar	126.6	4.3	4.1	9.39	5.09	5.29
Apr	127.0	4.5	4.1	8.89	4.39	4.79
May	129.0	5.0	4.2	8.38	3.38	4.18

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



Interest Rate Movements

Category	Week Ending 21 st June 2019	Week Ago	Month Ago	Year Ago
Standing Deposit Facility	7.50	7.50	8.00	7.25
Standing Lending Facility	8.50	8.50	9.00	8.50
Call Money Weekly Average	7.96	7.91	8.99	8.44
Treasury Bill (Yield rate)				
91 Days	8.38	8.38	-	8.34
182 Days	8.60	8.63	-	8.87
364 Days	8.86	-	-	9.44
Prime Lending Rate	11.53	11.32		11.33
	May-19		Month Ago	Year Ago
Commercial Bank Average Weighted Deposit Rate (AWDR)	9.00		8.97	8.91

Source : Central Bank of Sri Lanka

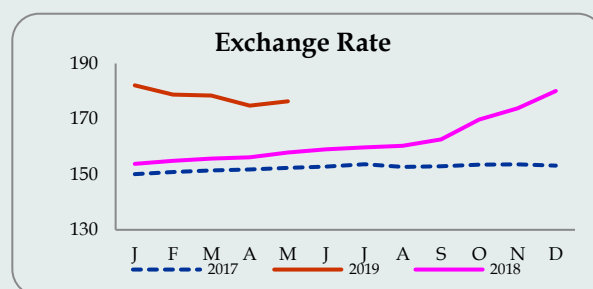
Central Bank Standing Deposit Facility rate (SDF) and Standing Lending Facility rate (SLF) decrease to 7.50 percent and 8.50 percent, respectively during this week.

The Prime Lending rate is 11.53 per cent by week ending 21st June 2019 and Commercial Bank Average Weighted Deposit Rate (AWDR) for the month of May 2019 was 9.00 percent.

Exchange Rates

Currency	Week Ending 21 st June 2019	Week Ago	Year Ago	% Change 2018/19
US Dollar	176.64	176.48	159.72	10.6
Sterling Pound	224.71	223.78	210.33	6.8
Euro	199.67	199.04	184.76	8.1
Japanese Yen	1.65	1.63	1.45	13.8
Indian Rupee	2.47	2.54	2.35	5.1

Source : Central Bank of Sri Lanka



The rupee depreciated against US Dollar, Euro, Japanese Yen, Sterling Pound and Indian Rupee.

Money Supply and Credit Growth

Item	Apr 2019	Mar 2019	Feb 2019	Apr 2018	Mar 2018	Feb 2018	Growth 2018 Apr/2019 Apr(%)	Item	Apr 2019	Month Ago	Year Ago	Growth 2018 Apr /2019 Apr (%)
M ₂ (RsBn)	6,585.5	6,550.0	6,470.5	6,043.7	5,995.5	5,826.7	9.0	DBUs	5,139.4	5,182.0	4,684.4	9.7
M _{2b} (RsBn)	7,294.2	7,252.1	7,188.6	6,691.7	6,606.6	6,450.5	9.0	OBU's	404.9	405.7	360.0	12.5

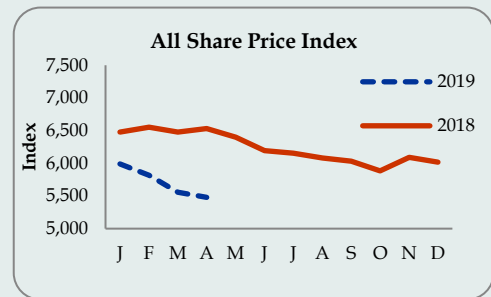
Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

Share Market

Indicator	Week Ending 21 st June 2019	Week Ago	Year Ago
All Share Price Index (1985 = 100) (ASPI)	5,363.5	5,383.7	6,228.2
S & P Sri Lanka 20 Index (S & P SL20)	2,489.0	2,512.7	3,428.0
Average Daily Turnover (Rs.Mn)	890.7	423.6	593.2
Market Capitalization (Rs.Bn.)	2,522.8	2,536.9	2,909.4

Source: Colombo Stock Exchange

All Share Price Index (ASPI) decreased by 20.2 index points and closed at 5,363.5 points compared to the second week of June 2019. The S & P Sri Lanka 20 Index (S & P SL 20) decreased by 23.7 to 2,489.0 index points. The Average Daily Turnover increased by Rs.467.1 million and stationed at Rs.890.7 million. Market capitalization reached Rs.2, 522.8 billion in the third week of June 2019.



Equity Trading Statistics

Indicator	May 2019	May 2018	Jan-May 2019	Jan-May 2018
Turnover -Equity (Rs. Mn.)	8,375.9	15,741.9	53,955.1	97,807.9
Domestic (Rs. Mn.)	6,016.7	8,479.2	28,849.1	53,947.3
Foreign (Rs. Mn.)	2,359.2	7,262.7	25,105.9	43,860.6
Market Days	21	21	98	98
Daily Turnover Avg. Equity (Rs. Mn.)	398.8	749.6	550.6	998.0
Trade Equity	66,238	52,715	314,428	417,586
Domestic	63,204	76,043	302,006	396,091
Foreign	3,034	4,694	12,422	21,495
Shares Traded -Equity	420.2	605.2	1,597.2	3,034.8
Domestic (Rs. Mn.)	359.4	466.2	1,199.1	2,470.9
Foreign (Rs. Mn.)	60.7	138.9	398.1	563.9
Companies Traded	265	275	271	279
Companies Listed	291	299	291	299

Market Indicators

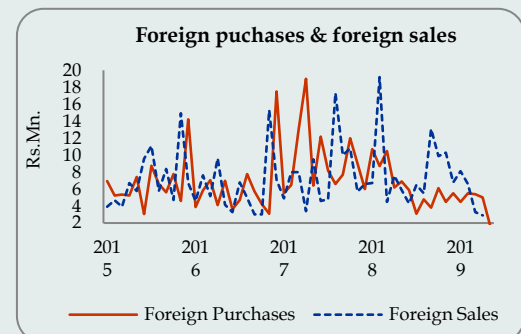
Price Indices	May 2019	Apr 2019
ASPI	5,310.95	5,478.41
S&P SL 20	2,469.82	2,627.46
Total Return Indicators		
ASTRI	7,094.01	7,313.73
S&P SL20 (TRI)	3,817.27	4,048.28
Market PER	8.37	8.61
Dividend Yield	3.73	3.61
Market Capitalization (Rs.Bn.)	2,502.27	2,572.51

Source: Colombo Stock Exchange

Stock Market - Foreign Purchases and Foreign Sales

Indicator	May 2019	Jan-May 2019
Purchases by Foreigners (Rs. Mn)	1,763.4	22,313.5
Sales by Foreigners (Rs. Mn)	2,955.1	27,89.5
Net Foreign Purchases (Rs. Mn)	1,191.7	5,585.0

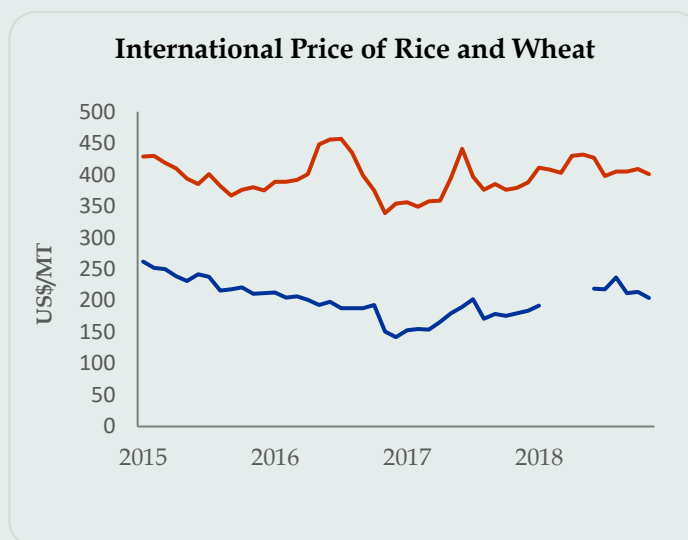
Source: Colombo Stock Exchange



COMMODITY PRICES

International Commodity Prices

Month	Rice Thai,100%US\$/ MT	Wheat (HRW) US\$/MT
May-2017	395	180
Jun	440	190
Jul	397	202
Aug	376	171
Sep	385	179
Oct	376	176
Nov	379	180
Dec	388	184
Jan-2018	411	192
Feb	408	-
Mar	403	-
Apr	430	214
May	432	-
Jun	427	219
Jul	398	218
Aug	405	237
Sep	405	212
Oct	409	214
Nov	401	204



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

Commodity	Unit	Annual Averages			Monthly Averages		
		Jan-Dec	Jan-Dec	Jan-Dec	Sep	Oct	Nov
		2015	2016	2017	2018	2018	2018
Non Energy, Agriculture, Beverages							
Cocoa	\$/kg	3.14	2.89	2.03	2.19	2.13	2.19
Coffee, Arabica	\$/kg	3.53	3.61	3.32	2.67	3.03	3.02
Tea, auctions (3) average	\$/kg	2.78	2.68	3.15	2.67	2.74	2.70
Tea, Colombo auctions	\$/kg	2.98	3.30	4.05	3.25	3.48	3.36
Food, Fats & Oils							
Coconut Oil	\$/mt	1,113	1,468	1,651	908	840	787
Soybean Oil	\$/mt	683	734	758	754	752	729
Palm Oil	\$/mt	559	639	649	605	590	540
Grains							
Barley	\$/mt	121.3	103.9	97.6	119.4	119.4	119.4
Maize	\$/mt	169.8	159.2	154.5	154.8	160.3	160.7
Wheat, US HRW	\$/mt	204.4	166.6	174.2	212.4	213.5	203.6
Other Food							
Meat, Beef	\$/kg	4.56	4.06	4.36	4.01	3.86	3.95
Meat, Chicken	\$/kg	1.99	1.85	2.12	2.03	2.03	2.03
Sugar, World	\$/kg	0.30	0.40	0.35	0.25	0.29	0.28
Raw Materials, Timber							
Plywood	¢/sheets	451.2	503.3	486.9	487.6	484.0	481.9
Wood pulp	\$/mt	875.0	875.0	875.0	875.0	875.0	875.0
Other Raw Materials							
Rubber RSS3, US	\$/kg	1.57	1.61	2.00	1.44	1.43	1.35
Fertilizers							
Phosphate Rock	\$/mt	120.3	110.5	89.7	87.5	91.3	92.5
TSP	\$/mt	377.7	291.1	283.3	376.0	385.0	379.0
Urea	\$/mt	277.9	194.1	213.9	267.5	270.0	305.6
Metals and Minerals							
Aluminum	\$/mt	1,665	1,604	1,968	2,026	2,030	1,939
Gold	\$/toz	1,161	1,249	1,258	1,198	1,215	1,221
Iron ore	\$/dmt	55.9	58.4	71.8	68.4	73.4	73.3

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

¢= US cent

\$= US dollar

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

Item	Jun 17	Jun 18	Jun 19	Jun 20	Jun 21	Week Ago	Month Ago	Year Ago
Brent (New York Closing Prices) (US \$/bbl.)	62.25	60.82	62.27	62.52	64.77	61.32	72.13	74.51
WTI (US\$/bbl.)	52.28	51.82	54.08	54.47	57.28	52.05	63.44	65.61
Petrol	63.80	63.25	64.45	64.45	68.60	63.80	77.05	77.85
Diesel	71.88	70.54	71.91	73.48	74.99	70.85	82.71	82.10
Kerosene	73.81	72.78	73.89	75.24	76.90	72.99	83.65	84.52

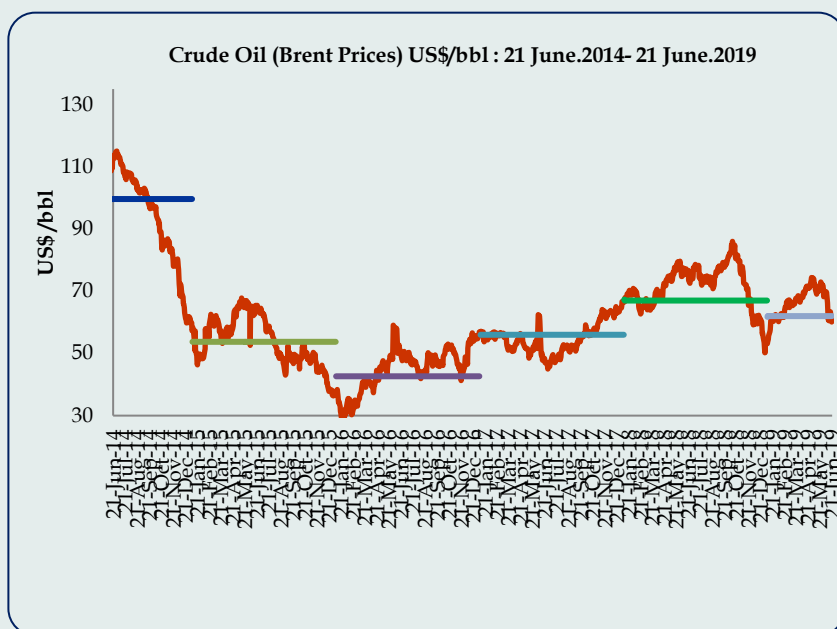
Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

Crude Oil Prices (Monthly Average)

Month	WTI European Market (US\$/bbl)	Brent (US\$/bbl)
Oct-17	54.04	60.83
Nov	56.68	62.80
Dec	63.92	57.82
Jan-18	63.55	69.02
Feb	62.26	65.80
Mar	66.69	62.80
Apr	66.21	71.55
May	76.88	69.92
June	66.93	75.70
July	70.87	75.17
Aug	67.85	73.80
Sep	70.02	79.02
Oct	71.10	80.93
Nov	60.46	70.41
Dec	50.11	58.95
Jan-19	51.13	59.63
Feb	54.77	64.17
Mar	58.08	66.97
Apr	60.92	69.21
May	61.09	70.49
June	53.14	61.86

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

*up to 21st June 2019

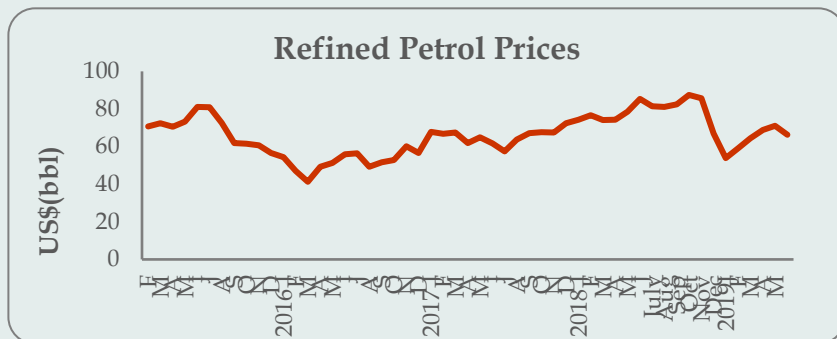


Monthly Average Refined Product Prices -Singapore Plattes Prices (US\$/bbl)

Month	Petrol	Diesel	Kerosene
Oct-17	70.15	69.68	71.33
Nov	73.05	71.80	74.06
Dec	73.45	74.49	75.61
Jan-18	76.65	80.05	80.91
Feb	74.17	76.52	79.98
Mar	74.24	76.74	79.03
Apr	78.48	82.58	85.14
May	85.37	88.26	90.16
June	81.50	84.80	86.95
July	81.08	84.12	87.33
Aug	82.44	85.89	87.31
Sep	87.47	91.01	91.68
Oct	85.68	94.14	95.13
Nov	70.95	85.10	87.31
Dec	57.95	67.61	71.13
Jan-19	59.13	69.89	71.81
Feb	64.40	76.51	77.80
Mar	68.93	77.92	78.88
Apr	78.86	81.52	82.57
May	74.45	80.60	81.49
June	64.47	71.54	73.43

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

*up to 21st June 2019



Local Market Prices of Petroleum Products

Item	Unit	End 2016	End 2017	End 2018	Current Price 2019
Auto Diesel	1 liter	95.00	95.00	95.00	101.00
Petrol (Octane 92)	1 liter	117.00	117.00	117.00	125.00
Kerosene oil	1 liter	49.00	49.00	44.00	70.00
L P Gas	12.5 kg	1,321.00	1,321.00	1,321.00	1,733.00

Pettah Market

Dambulla Market

Average Wholesale Prices	Week Ending 21/06/2019	Week Ago	% Change	Year Ago Annual Avg.
Rice (Rs/Kg)				
Samba	81.00	83.40	-2.8	102.00
Kekulu (Red)	68.00	69.90	2.7	71.60
Vegetable				
Beans	124.00	148.00	-16.2	197.50
Cabbage	50.00	56.00	-10.7	65.00
Carrots	134.00	124.00	8.1	199.83
Tomatoes	50.00	44.00	13.6	139.50
Pumpkins	106.00	92.00	15.2	32.00
Snake Gourd	70.00	72.00	-2.8	101.33
Brinjals	66.00	62.00	6.4	78.50
Other Foods				
Red-Onions (Local)	150.00	150.00	0.0	100.00
Big Onions (Local)	n.a	n.a	-	n.a
Potatoes (N'Eliya)	162.50	160.40	1.3	130.60
Dried Chillies (Imported)	270.00	270.00	0.0	247.00
Dhal (Indian)	110.00	110.00	0.0	112.20
Eggs (Red) (Each)	16.75	14.70	13.9	13.50
Coconut (Each)	31.88	30.00	6.3	75.60
Green Chillies	422.00	394.00	7.1	52.50
Lime	384.00	315.00	21.9	117.14
Fish (Rs/Kg)				
Kelawalla	580.00	650.00	-10.8	558.00
Balaya	400.00	530.00	-24.5	358.00
Salaya	246.00	280.00	-12.1	146.00
Paraw (Small)	705.00	720.00	-2.1	517.50

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

Food Item	Wholesale (Average)
Rice (Rs/Kg)	
Samba	87.20
Kekulu (Red)	67.40
Vegetables	
Pumpkins	99.38
Snake Gourd	50.50
Ash Plantains	64.00
Beans	101.88
Carrots	132.50
Tomatoes	29.70
Other Foods	
Potatoes (N'Eliya)	156.50
Dried Chillies (Imported)	284.00
Big-Onions (Local)	n.a
Red-Onions (Local)	141.00
Coconut (Each)	30.20

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

Marandagahamula Average Price of Rice (Rs /Kg)

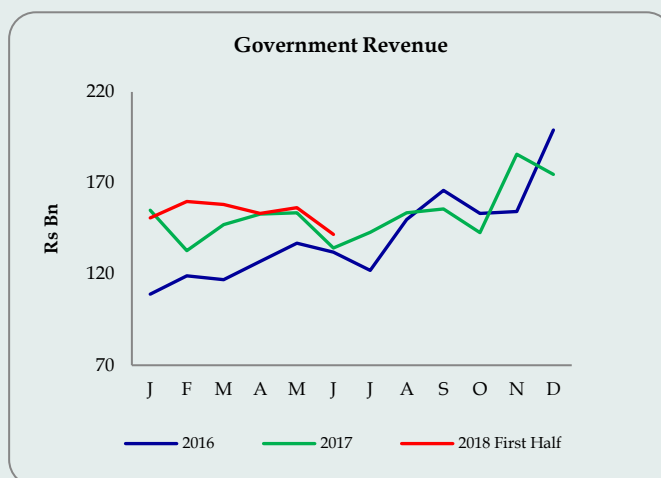
Item	Week Ending 21/06/2019	Week Ago	Month Ago	Year Ago
Samba	79.70	80.80	83.00	101.40
Sudu Kekulu	75.50	76.10	76.00	78.40
Raw Red	69.10	69.10	67.00	75.00
Nadu	80.80	82.40	81.38	81.80

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

Item	Unit	This Week	Week Ago	% Change	Year Ago
Rice					
Samba(Avg.)	1 kg	101.64	100.97	0.7	109.37
No. 1	1 kg	106.67	108.61	-1.8	114.39
No. 2	1kg	96.62	93.33	3.5	104.35
Nadu Red	1kg	90.69	92.00	-1.4	99.44
Raw Red (Avg)	1kg	80.65	79.90	0.9	85.39
No. 1	1kg	85.50	84.08	1.7	91.03
No. 2	1kg	75.81	75.72	0.1	79.75
Wheat Flour	1 kg	93.92	93.77	0.2	89.78
Bread	450g	62.50	62.50	0.0	58.71
Sugar	1 kg	106.67	106.59	0.1	107.95
Lakspray	400g	370.00	370.00	0.0	330.00
Potatoes (Import)	1 kg	127.12	127.50	-0.3	106.05
Potatoes (Local)	1kg	200.45	200.50	0.0	163.02
Red Dhal(Avg)	1kg	150.26	151.54	-0.8	89.78
Cowpea (Avg)	1kg	284.15	284.08	0.0	292.37
Green Gram(Avg)	1kg	279.32	277.50	0.7	253.45
Kadalai (Avg)	1kg	252.18	253.79	-0.6	295.03
Meat					
Beef	1kg	984.00	988.00	-0.4	966.96
Chicken					
Fresh	1kg	550.71	551.82	-0.2	578.76
Broiler	1kg	447.50	447.50	0.0	420.00
Fresh Fish					
Paraw	1 kg	1,127.14	1,107.14	1.8	1,088.62
Balaya	1 kg	702.73	700.91	0.3	595.95
Kelawalla	1 kg	1,070.46	1,085.29	-1.4	984.76
Salaya	1 kg	269.58	272.63	-1.1	188.32
Dried Fish					
Sprats	1 kg	766.45	770.40	-0.5	743.63
Eggs	Each	16.73	16.84	-0.6	14.66
Coconut	Each	50.66	52.52	-3.5	77.85
Coconut Oil	750ml	259.03	262.80	-1.4	283.95
Red Onions	1 kg	219.62	178.00	23.4	184.30
B- Onions (Import)	1 kg	103.75	100.16	3.6	94.41
Brinjal	1kg	186.47	183.57	1.6	153.16
Beans Green	1 kg	251.61	247.41	1.7	258.17
Bandakka	1 kg	162.35	160.00	1.5	152.90
Leeks	1 kg	165.00	160.67	2.7	274.11
Beet Root	1kg	213.78	210.69	1.5	155.63
Carrot	1kg	231.76	227.14	2.0	228.36
Green Chillies	1kg	533.33	518.52	2.9	224.73
Raddish	1kg	187.14	180.00	4.0	158.08
Vetakolu	1kg	194.29	185.45	4.8	180.48
Bitter Gourd	1kg	243.75	244.62	-0.4	222.37
Snake Gourd	1kg	208.66	206.50	1.0	173.36
Kolikuttu	1kg	186.15	183.64	1.4	175.93
Papaw	1kg	132.67	126.67	4.7	92.40
Pineapple	1kg	166.00	163.33	1.6	130.39

Source: Department of Census and Statistics

Item	2016	2017	2018 (a)
Tax Revenue	1,463,689	1,670,178	1,712,318
Income Tax	258,857	274,562	310,449
VAT	283,470	443,739	461,651
Excise Duty	454,952	469,454	484,242
Nation Building Tax	57,424	69,035	71,357
PAL	88,823	102,360	113,950
Customs Duty	156,487	136,501	96,991
SCL	55,825	71,402	75,807
Cess	61,730	59,554	53,369
License Fee and Other	46,121	43,525	44,458
Non Tax Revenue	222,372	161,353	207,656
Total Revenue	1,686,061	1,831,531	1,919,974



Source: Department of Fiscal Policy

(a) provisional

Government Debt

Government Debt (Rs.bn)	End 2017	End 2018 (a)
Total Domestic Debt	5,594.4	6,018.0
Total Foreign Debt	4,718.6	5,959.5
Total Government Debt	10,313.0	11,977.5

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

(a) provisional

Key Fiscal Indicators 2016-2017-2018(Jan-Nov)

Indicator	Unit	2016	2017	2018(a)
Budget Deficit	RsMn	-640,326	-733,494	-760,769
	% of GDP	-5.4	-5.5	-5.3
Total Revenue	RsMn	1,686,061	1,831,531	1,919,974
	% of GDP	14.2	13.6	13.3
Tax Revenue	RsMn	1,463,689	1,670,178	1,712,318
	% of GDP	12.3	12.4	11.9
Non Tax Revenue	RsMn	222,372	161,353	207,656
	% of GDP	1.9	1.2	1.4
Recurrent Expenditure	RsMn	1,757,782	1,927,692	2,089,714
	% of GDP	14.8	14.4	14.5
Public Investment	RsMn	594,012	657,386	624,969
	% of GDP	5.0	4.9	4.3
Government Debt	RsMn	9,387,303	10,313,046	11,977,539
	% of GDP	78.8	76.9	82.9

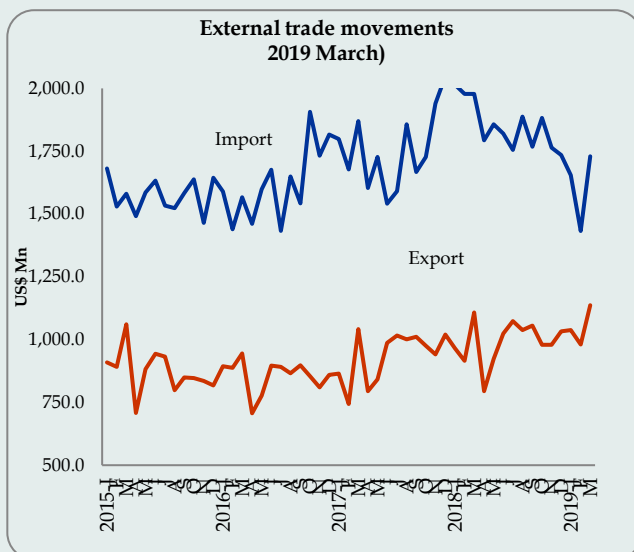
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(b) Jan-Sep

Category	Mar 2018 (US\$ Mn)	Mar 2019 (US\$ Mn)	Growth Rate (%)	Jan-Mar 2018 (US\$ Mn)	Jan- Mar 2019 (US\$ Mn)	Growth Rate (%)
Exports	1,107.7	1,136.9	2.6	2,988.7	3,156.1	5.6
Agricultural	242.8	232.3	-4.4	653.1	647.7	-0.8
Tea	138.5	125.9	-9.1	368.5	347.2	-5.8
Other	104.3	106.4	2.0	284.6	300.5	5.6
Industrial	861.1	898.4	4.3	2,322.0	2,494.3	7.4
Rubber Products	85.8	82.6	-3.7	225.2	233.0	3.5
Textiles and Garments	486.8	532.7	9.4	1,328.7	1,474.2	11.0
Food, Beverage and Tobacco	43.7	47.3	8.1	121.5	135.9	11.8
Other	244.8	235.8	-3.7	646.6	651.5	1.0
Mineral	2.2	4.5	106.8	8.4	9.1	7.6
Unclassified	1.5	1.7	7.9	5.2	5.0	-3.7
Imports	1,978.5	1,729.0	-12.6	5,971.0	4,816.9	-19.3
Consumer Goods	477.1	351.9	-26.3	1,360.4	912.3	-32.9
Food and Beverages	177.3	138.0	-22.1	526.3	334.9	-36.4
Other Consumer Goods	299.8	213.9	-28.6	834.1	577.4	-30.8
Intermediate Goods	1,121.7	987.1	-12.0	3,351.4	2,774.2	-17.2
Petroleum	398.0	407.9	2.5	1,075.2	1,018.6	-5.3
Textiles & Textile Articles	198.6	213.9	7.7	691.1	688.6	-0.4
Other Intermediate Goods	525.1	365.3	-30.4	1,585.1	1,067.0	-32.7
Investment Goods	378.6	389.3	2.8	1,196.0	1,128.8	-5.6
Machinery and Equipment	210.6	213.9	1.6	651.3	639.0	-1.9
Transport Equipment	54.9	39.5	-28.1	163.9	112.3	-31.5
Building Material	112.3	135.0	20.2	378.4	375.7	-0.7
Other Investment Goods	0.8	1.0	25.6	2.4	1.8	-25.8
Unclassified	1.1	0.7	-30.4	63.2	1.6	-97.5
Trade Balance	-870.8	-592.1	-32.0	-2,982.3	-1,660.8	-44.3

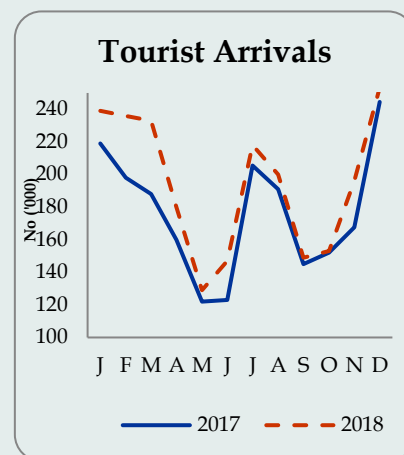
Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka



- Export earnings during January to March 2019 increased by 5.6 percent mainly due to the expansion of earnings from industrial exports. The Industrial export earnings for the month of March 2019 increased by 2.6 percent, compared to the respective period of 2018.
- On a cumulative basis, expenditure on imports decreased by 19.3 percent for the period during January to March 2019. Expenditure on imports for the month of March 2019 decreased by 12.6 percent reflecting the performance of imports of intermediate goods and consumer goods.
- Trade deficit decreased to US\$ 592.1 Mn in March 2019 over the same period of 2018.

Month	Arrivals				Earnings US\$ Mn			
	2017	2018	2019	% change 2018/19	2017	2018	2019	% change 2018/19
Jan	219,360	238,924	244,239	2.2	407.0	448.5	458.4	2.2
Feb	197,517	235,618	252,033	7.0	366.3	442.3	473.1	7.0
Mar	188,076	233,382	244,328	4.7	348.8	438.1	458.6	4.7
Apr	160,249	180,429	166,975	-7.5	297.2	338.7	313.1	-7.5
May	121,891	129,466			226.1	240.1		
Jun	123,351	146,828			228.8	272.3		
July	205,482	217,829			381.1	404.0		
Aug	190,928	200,359			354.1	371.6		
Sep	145,077	149,087			269.0	276.5		
Oct	152,429	153,123			283.0	284.0		
Nov	167,511	195,582			310.7	362.7		
Dec	244,536	253,169			453.5	475.2		
Total	2,116,407	2,333,796	907,575	2.2	3,924.9	4,380.6	1,703.6	2.2

Source: Sri Lanka Tourism Development Authority



Tourism

Earnings from tourism decreased to US Mn .313.1 in April 2019 with a decrease of 7.5 per cent over the same period of 2018. The number of tourist arrivals decreased to 166,975 in April 2019.

External Assets

External Assets (US\$ Mn)	Feb 2019	Jan 2019	Dec 2018
Total Reserves	8,655	8,723	9,583
Gross Official Reserves	6,035	6,152	6,919

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka



Official reserves

The total reserves and gross official reserves were US\$ 8.7 Bn and US\$ 6.0 Bn, respectively by end February 2019. Total foreign reserves were sufficient to 4.9 months of imports and the gross official reserves were equivalent to 3.4 months of imports in February 2019. Workers' remittances decreased by 2.3 in dollar terms to US \$ 553.7 Mn. in April 2019.

Private Remittances

Category		2018 May (b)	2019 May (a)	2018 Jan- May (b)	2019 Jan- May (a)	% Change
Inflow	US\$ Mn	580.4	562.1	3,100.1	2,733.1	-11.8
	Rs. Bn	91.6	99.2	482.4	486.7	0.9

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

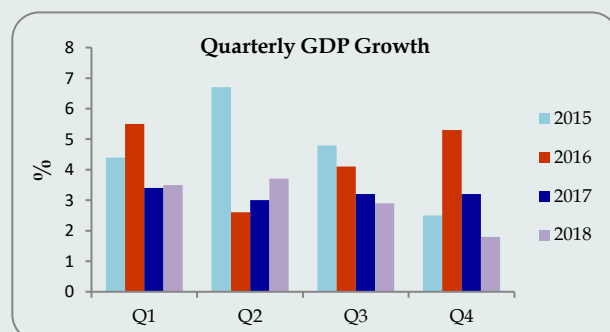
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PRODUCTION

QUARTERLY GDP GROWTH (%)

	1 st Q	2 nd Q	3 rd Q	4 th Q	Annual
2014	1.3	2.2	5.0	10.3	5.0
Agriculture	7.3	4.1	3.2	5.0	4.6
Industry	-1.5	-2.8	7.8	11.7	4.7
Service	1.9	4.0	3.0	11.7	4.8
2015	4.4	6.7	4.8	2.5	5.0
Agriculture	5.9	10.4	7.3	-0.5	4.7
Industry	1.4	3.9	4.9	1.9	2.2
Service	5.4	6.9	6.5	2.7	6.0
2016	5.5	2.6	4.1	5.3	4.5
Agriculture	1.9	-5.6	-1.9	-8.4	-3.8
Industry	8.3	2.2	6.8	9.2	5.8
Service	4.9	4.9	4.7	4.6	4.7
2017	3.4	3.0	3.2	3.5	3.0
Agriculture	-4.4	-3.1	-3.0	7.1	-3.1
Industry	3.7	5.6	5.3	4.1	5.6
Service	4.3	2.7	2.8	3.2	2.7
2018	3.5	3.7	2.9	1.8	3.2
Agriculture	5.3	4.5	3.3	4.5	4.8
Industry	1.1	2.3	1.9	-3.6	0.9
Service	4.8	4.8	3.9	4.3	4.7



GDP grew by 3.2%

The Sri Lankan economy grew by 3.2 % in 2018 compared to 3.4% growth recorded in 2017. The growth was mainly supported by the expansion of Agriculture sector and Industry sector by 4.8 % and 0.9 and Services sector by 3.9 %.

Source: Department of Census & Statistics

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

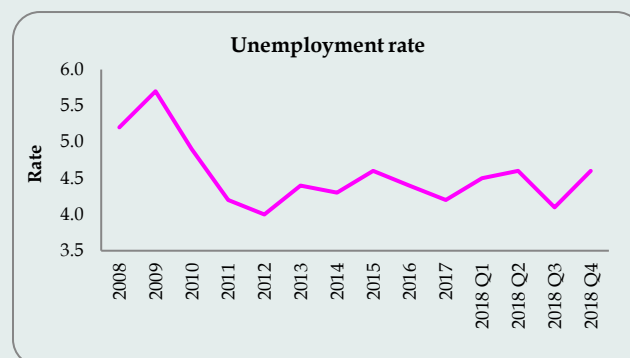
Labour Force Statistics

Employment	2018 Q4	2018 Q3	2017 Annual (a)	2016 Annual (a)
Labour Force Participation Rate	52.2	51.8	54.1	53.8
Unemployment Rate	4.6	4.1	4.2	4.4
By Gender				
Male	3.2	2.8	2.9	2.9
Female	7.1	6.6	6.5	7.0
By Age Group				
20-29	14.4	14.3	13.5	14.2
20-24	19.6	18.7	17.8	19.9
25-29	9.5	10.6	9.5	9.2

Source: Department of Census & Statistics

(a) Data cover the entire Island

* Provisional



Paddy Production

Category	2017			2018		
	2016/2017 Maha	2017 Yala	Total	2017/2018 Maha	2018 Yala	Total
Production						
Mn.Mt	1.48	0.9	2.38	2.39	1.5	3.89
Bushels Mn.	70.6	43.6	114.2	114.8	73.5	188.3
Net Extent Harvested						
Hectares ('000)	343	212	555	557	327	884
Acres ('000)	847	524	1,371	1,376	809	2,185
Average Yield kg per ha	4,301	4,291	8,592	4,302	4,683	8,985

Source: Department of Census & Statistics

(a)provisional

Tea, Rubber & Coconut Production

Category	2018 Jan - Apr	2019 Jan - Apr	% Change
Production			
Tea (Mn. Kg)	101.74	96.58	-5.1
Rubber (Mn. Kg)	27.06	28.63	5.8
Coconut (Mn. Nuts)	781.37	1,036.70	32.7
Exports (US\$ Mn)			
	2018 Mar	2019 Mar	
Tea	138.5	125.9	-9.1
Rubber	3.7	3.2	-11.3
Coconut	30.8	34.8	12.9
Colombo Auction Prices			
	2018 Feb	2019 Feb	
Tea (Rs./ Kg)	631.46	582.55	-7.7
Rubber (Rs./ Kg)	278.83	247.67	11.2
Coconut (Rs./nut)	63.54	30.60	-51.8

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

Factory Industrial Production Index (2015=100)

Item (a)	2018 Mar (b)	2019 Mar (c)	Growth %
Manufacture of Food Products	114.3	114.5	0.2
Manufacture of Beverages	115.6	115.7	0.1
Manufacture of Tobacco Products	101.3	94.8	-6.4
Manufacture of Textiles	113.4	115.6	1.9
Manufacture of Wearing Apparel	121.2	124.0	2.3
Manufacture of Leather and Related Products	87.5	103.3	18.1
Manufacture of Wood products ,except Furniture; Articles of Straw & plaiting materials	105.1	86.5	-17.7
Manufacture of Paper and Paper Products	97.9	77.7	-20.7
Printing and Reproduction of Recorded Media	115.8	109.6	-5.3
Manufacture of Coke and Refined Petroleum Products	36.2	109.5	202.7
Manufacture of Chemicals and Chemical Products	116.4	125.7	8.0
Manufacture of Basic Pharmaceuticals, Pharmaceutical preparations	89.0	89.1	0.1
Manufacture of Rubber and Plastic Products	117.3	122.4	4.4
Manufacture of Other Non-Metallic Mineral Products	122.0	128.6	5.4
Manufacture of Basic Metals	139.9	127.5	-8.9
Manufacture of Fabricated Metal Products	129.7	113.5	-12.5
Manufacture of Electrical Equipment	85.5	94.5	10.5
Manufacture of Machinery and Equipment(n.e.c)	100.9	96.7	-4.2
Manufacture of Furniture	107.8	111.9	3.8
Manufacture of other Manufacturing	119.8	61.0	-49.1
Factory Industry Production Index	110.3	116.5	5.7

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

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

(b) Revised

(c) Provisional