# WEEKLY ECONOMIC REPORT

November 04, 2016

## **Department of Fiscal Policy**















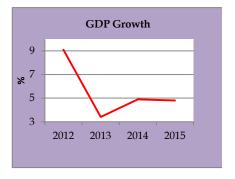


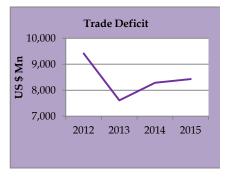












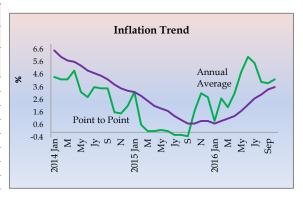
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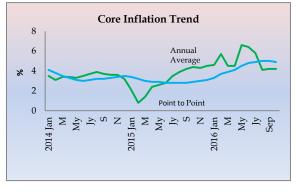
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## INFLATION, INTEREST RATES & EXCHANGE RATES

#### **Trends in Inflation**

|        | CCPI (%)             |                   | Core Infl         | ation (%)         | NCPI (%)          |                   |  |
|--------|----------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|--|
| Month  | onth (2006/2007=100) |                   | (2006/20          | 07=100)           | (2013:            | (2013=100)        |  |
|        | Point to<br>Point    | Annual<br>Average | Point to<br>Point | Annual<br>Average | Monthly<br>Change | Point to<br>Point |  |
| Dec-14 | 2.1                  | 3.3               | 3.2               | 3.5               | 1.6               | _                 |  |
| Jan-15 | 3.2                  | 3.2               | 2.1               | 3.4               | 3.9               | 9.4               |  |
| Feb    | 0.6                  | 2.9               | 0.8               | 3.2               | -3.5              | 5.7               |  |
| Mar    | 0.1                  | 2.5               | 1.4               | 3.0               | -1.2              | 4.3               |  |
| Apr    | 0.1                  | 2.1               | 2.4               | 2.9               | -0.6              | 2.8               |  |
| May    | 0.2                  | 1.9               | 2.6               | 2.9               | 0.9               | 3.0               |  |
| Jun    | 0.1                  | 1.7               | 2.8               | 2.8               | 1.0               | 2.7               |  |
| Jul    | -0.2                 | 1.3               | 3.5               | 2.8               | -0.2              | 1.8               |  |
| Aug    | -0.2                 | 1.0               | 3.9               | 2.8               | -0.5              | 1.9               |  |
| Sep    | -0.3                 | 0.7               | 4.2               | 2.8               | 0.0               | 1.9               |  |
| Oct    | 1.7                  | 0.7               | 4.4               | 2.9               | 0.7               | 3.0               |  |
| Nov    | 3.1                  | 0.9               | 4.3               | 3.0               | 2.6               | 4.8               |  |
| Dec    | 2.8                  | 0.9               | 4.5               | 3.1               | 1.1               | 4.2               |  |
| Jan-16 | 0.9                  | 0.7               | 4.6               | 3.3               | -1.1              | -0.7              |  |
| Feb    | 2.7                  | 0.9               | 5.7               | 3.7               | -1.1              | 1.7               |  |
| Mar    | 2.0                  | 1.1               | 4.5               | 3.9               | -0.7              | 2.2               |  |
| Apr    | 3.1                  | 1.3               | 4.5               | 4.1               | 1.5               | 4.3               |  |
| May    | 4.8                  | 1.7               | 6.6               | 4.5               | 1.9               | 5.3               |  |
| Jun    | 6.0                  | 2.2               | 6.4               | 4.8               | 2.1               | 6.4               |  |
| Jul    | 5.5                  | 2.7               | 5.8               | 4.9               | -0.8              | 5.8               |  |
| Aug    | 4.0                  | 3.0               | 4.1               | 5.0               | -1.6              | 4.5               |  |
| Sep    | 3.9                  | 3.4               | 4.2               | 5.0               | 0.2               | 4.7               |  |
| Oct    | 4.2                  | 3.6               | 4.2               | 4.9               | -                 | -                 |  |





Source: Department of Census and Statistics

The point to point inflation increased to 4.2 per cent in October 2016. The annual average increased to 3.6 per cent in October 2016. Core inflation that measures the price movements of the items in the CCPI basket excluding fresh food, energy, transport, rice and coconut, decreased to 4.2 per cent, on point to point basis, while annual average core inflation decreased to 4.9 per cent, in October 2016. The National Consumer Price Index (NCPI) covering price movements in all provinces of the country decreased to 4.7 percent in September 2016, on year on year basis.

## Contribution of Food Items to CCPI from September 2016 to October 2016

| Commodity     | Value Change<br>Rs. | Change % |
|---------------|---------------------|----------|
|               | KS.                 |          |
| Food          | 328.01              | 0.62     |
| Rice          | 41.70               | 0.08     |
| Chicken       | -25.09              | -0.05    |
| Fresh Fish    | -112.08             | -0.21    |
| Dried Fish    | 41.60               | 0.08     |
| Coconut       | 89.80               | 0.17     |
| Vegetables    | 61.90               | 0.12     |
| Dhal          | 13.18               | 0.02     |
| Potatoes      | -18.29              | -0.03    |
| Red Onion     | 12.18               | 0.02     |
| Coconut Oil   | 3.67                | 0.01     |
| Eggs          | -25.98              | -0.05    |
| Green Chilies | -20.46              | -0.04    |
| Dhal          | 13.18               | 0.02     |

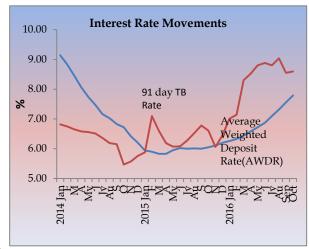
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## Movements of the CCPI in Food Items

|        | % Change        | Inflation         | n                 |
|--------|-----------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Month  | Month to  Month | Point<br>to Point | Annual<br>Average |
| Apr-15 | -1.2            | 4.3               | 5.9               |
| May    | 1.5             | 4.6               | 5.9               |
| Jun    | 1.8             | 4.0               | 6.0               |
| Jul    | 0.7             | 2.5               | 5.7               |
| Aug    | -1.5            | 2.2               | 5.5               |
| Sep    | -0.6            | 2.0               | 5.3               |
| Oct    | 0.8             | 2.7               | 5.1               |
| Nov    | 3.0             | 5.2               | 5.1               |
| Dec    | 0.8             | 4.2               | 4.9               |
| Jan-16 | -0.5            | -0.2              | 3.9               |
| Feb    | -1.1            | 0.8               | 3.2               |
| Mar    | -2.3            | 1.4               | 2.8               |
| Apr    | 2.2             | 4.9               | 2.8               |
| May    | 2.2             | 5.6               | 2.9               |
| Jun    | 4.3             | 8.2               | 3.3               |
| Jul    | 0.6             | 8.1               | 3.8               |
| Aug    | -3.7            | 5.6               | 4.0               |
| Sep    | -0.7            | 5.5               | 4.3               |
| Oct    | 1.3             | 6.0               | 4.6               |

Source: Department of Census and Statistics

| Month  | CCPI<br>(2006/07<br>=100) | CCPI<br>Point to<br>Point<br>Change | CCPI<br>Annual<br>Average<br>Change | 91<br>Days<br>T Bill<br>Rate | Real<br>Interest<br>Rate<br>(Y on Y) | Real<br>Interest<br>Rate<br>(Annual<br>Avg) |
|--------|---------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---|
| Apr-15 | 178.5                     | 0.1                                 | 2.1                                 | 6.19                         | 6.09                                 | 4.09  |
| May    | 179.8                     | 0.2                                 | 1.9                                 | 6.07                         | 6.05                                 | 4.17  |
| Jun    | 181.6                     | 0.1                                 | 1.7                                 | 6.08                         | 5.98                                 | 4.38  |
| Jul    | 182.8                     | -0.2                                | 1.3                                 | 6.28                         | 6.48                                 | 4.98  |
| Aug    | 181.9                     | -0.2                                | 1.0                                 | 6.53                         | 6.73                                 | 5.53  |
| Sep    | 181.4                     | -0.3                                | 0.7                                 | 6.78                         | 7.08                                 | 6.08  |
| Oct    | 182.1                     | 1.7                                 | 0.7                                 | 6.61                         | 4.91                                 | 5.91  |
| Nov    | 184.7                     | 3.1                                 | 0.9                                 | 6.06                         | 2.96                                 | 5.16  |
| Dec    | 185.2                     | 2.8                                 | 0.9                                 | 6.45                         | 3.65                                 | 5.55  |
| Jan-16 | 184.9                     | 0.9                                 | 0.7                                 | 7.01                         | 6.11                                 | 6.31  |
| Feb    | 183.8                     | 2.7                                 | 0.9                                 | 7.14                         | 4.44                                 | 6.24  |
| Mar    | 181.7                     | 2.0                                 | 1.1                                 | 8.30                         | 6.30                                 | 7.20  |
| Apr    | 184.1                     | 3.1                                 | 1.3                                 | 8.45                         | 5.35                                 | 7.15  |
| May    | 188.5                     | 4.8                                 | 1.7                                 | 8.80                         | 4.00                                 | 7.10  |
| Jun    | 192.5                     | 6.0                                 | 2.2                                 | 8.86                         | 2.86                                 | 6.66  |
| Jul    | 192.9                     | 5.5                                 | 2.7                                 | 8.80                         | 3.30                                 | 6.10  |
| Aug    | 189.1                     | 4.0                                 | 3.0                                 | 9.04                         | 5.04                                 | 6.04  |
| Sep    | 188.5                     | 3.9                                 | 3.4                                 | 8.55                         | 4.65                                 | 5.15  |
| Oct    | 189.7                     | 4.2                                 | 3.6                                 | 8.60                         | 4.40                                 | 5.00  |



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

#### **Interest Rate Movements**

| Category  | Week<br>Ending<br>04 <sup>th</sup> Nov<br>2016 | Week<br>Ago | Month<br>Ago | Year<br>Ago |
|---|--|-------------|--------------|-------------|
| Standing Deposit Facility                               | 7.00   | 7.00        | 7.00         | 6.00        |
| Standing Lending Facility                               | 8.50   | 8.50        | 8.50         | 7.50        |
| Call Money Weekly Average                               | 8.44   | 8.40        | 8.40         | 6.28        |
| Treasury Bill (Yield rate)                              |  |             |              |             |
| 91 Days   | 8.60   | 8.60        | 8.55         | 6.44        |
| 182 Days  | 9.47   | 9.47        | 9.39         | 6.87        |
| 364 Days  | 10.10  | 10.10       | 10.11        | 7.00        |
| Prime Lending Rate                                      | 12.14  | 11.98       | 11.43        | 7.24        |
|   | Oct-1  | 6           | Month        | Year        |
|   |  |             | Ago          | Ago         |
| Commercial Bank Average<br>Weighted Deposit Rate (AWDR) | 7.79   |             | 7.56         | 6.05        |

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 12.14 per cent by week ending 04th November 2016 and Commercial Bank Average Weighted Deposit Rate (AWDR) for the month of October 2016 was 7.79 percent.

Source : Central Bank of Sri Lanka

#### **Exchange Rates**

| Currency       | Week<br>Ending<br>04 <sup>th</sup> Nov<br>2016 | Week<br>Ago | Month<br>Ago | Year<br>Ago | %<br>Change<br>2015/16 |
|----------------|--|-------------|--------------|-------------|------------------------|
| US Dollar      | 148.45   | 147.81      | 146.62       | 140.89      | 5.4                    |
| Sterling Pound | 184.83   | 180.14      | 188.55       | 217.12      | -14.9                  |
| Euro           | 164.80   | 161.22      | 163.20       | 154.10      | 6.9                    |
| Japanese Yen   | 1.44   | 1.41        | 1.42         | 1.16        | 24.1                   |
| Indian Rupee   | 2.21   | 2.20        | 2.20         | 2.15        | 2.8                    |



Source : Central Bank of Sri Lanka

The Rupee depreciated against Sterling Pound, US Dollar, Euro, Yen and Indian Rupee in this week.

#### MONEY SUPPLY & CAPITAL MARKET

#### Money Supply and Credit Growth

| Item     | Aug<br>2016 | Jun<br>2016 | May<br>2016 | Aug<br>2015 | Jun<br>2015 | May<br>2015 | Growth<br>2015Aug/<br>2016<br>Aug(%) |
|----------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|--------------------------------------|
| $M_1$    | 714.2       | 705.6       | 701.7       | 650.0       | 629.4       | 630.8       | 9.9                                  |
| (Rs Bn)  |             |             |             |             |             |             |                                      |
| $M_2$    | 4434.8      | 4,310.5     | 4,241.0     | 3783.9      | 3,677.5     | 3,641.3     | 17.2                                 |
| (Rs Bn)  |             |             |             |             |             |             |                                      |
| $M_{2b}$ | 4988.6      | 4,843.7     | 4,781.1     | 4252.5      | 4,141.1     | 4,102.8     | 17.3                                 |
| (Rs Bn)  |             |             |             |             |             |             |                                      |

| Item                                | Aug<br>2016 | Month<br>Ago | Year<br>Ago | Growth<br>2015Aug<br>/2016<br>Aug (%) |
|-------------------------------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|---------------------------------------|
| Credit to Private<br>Sector (Rs.bn) | 3,905.9     | 3,860.9      | 3,068.7     | 27.3                                  |
| DBUs                                | 3,616.6     | 3,576.1      | 2,833.6     | 27.6                                  |
| OBUs                                | 289.3       | 284.8        | 235.1       | 23.0                                  |

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

#### **Share Market**

| Indicator                                 | Week<br>ending<br>04 Nov -16 | Week<br>Ago | Year<br>Ago |
|---|------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| All Share Price Index (1985 = 100) (ASPI) | 6,435                        | 6,425       | 7,004       |
| S & P Sri Lanka 20 Index (S & P SL20)     | 3,609                        | 3,572       | 3,785       |
| Average Daily Turnover (Rs.Mn)            | 313                          | 248         | 840         |
| Market Capitalization (Rs.Bn.)            | 2,741                        | 2,739       | 2,974       |



Source: Colombo Stock Exchange

All Share Price Index (ASPI) increased by 10 index points and closed at 6,435 points compared to the fourth week of October. The S & P Sri Lanka 20 Index (S & P SL20) increased by 37 to 3,609 index points. The Average Daily Turnover increased by Rs. 65 million and stationed at Rs.313 million. Market capitalization reached Rs. 2,741 billion in the first week of November 2016.

#### **Equity Trading Statistics**

| Indicator                            | Oct<br>2016 | Oct<br>2015 | Jan -Oct<br>2016 | Jan -Oct<br>2015 |
|--------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|------------------|------------------|
| Turnover -Equity (Rs. Mn.)           | 9,851.6     | 20,719.9    | 145.236.2        | 219,270.3        |
| Domestic (Rs. Mn.)                   | 6,227.9     | 12,656.9    | 90,319.1         | 151,415.2        |
| Foreign (Rs. Mn.)                    | 3,623.6     | 8,062.9     | 54,917.1         | 67,855.0         |
| Market Days                          | 21          | 21          | 200              | 199              |
| Daily Turnover Avg. Equity (Rs. Mn.) | 469.1       | 986.7       | 726.2            | 1,101.9          |
| Trade Equity                         | 76,149      | 142,128     | 958,350          | 1,356,825        |
| Domestic                             | 73,069      | 136,377     | 910,549          | 1,292,785        |
| Foreign                              | 3,080       | 5,751       | 47,801           | 64,040           |
| Shares Traded _Equity                | 478.9       | 651.2       | 6,499.1          | 8,039.9          |
| Domestic (Rs. Mn.)                   | 422.5       | 518.5       | 5,328.9          | 6,839.1          |
| Foreign (Rs. Mn.)                    | 56.4        | 132.7       | 1,170.3          | 1,200.7          |
| Companies Traded                     | 269         | 275         | 275              | 278              |
| Companies Listed                     | 295         | 294         | 295              | 294              |

#### **Market Indicators**

| Price Indices                  | Sep<br>2016 | Oct<br>2016 |
|--------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| ASPI                           | 6,534.77    | 6,409.23    |
| S&P SL 20                      | 3,617.32    | 3,559.92    |
| Total Return Indicators        |             |             |
| ASTRI                          | 8,631.0     | 8,466.92    |
| S&P SL20 (TRI)                 | 4,966.30    | 4,902.42    |
| Market PER                     | 13.43       | 13.28       |
| Dividend Yield                 | 3.03        | 3.05        |
| Market Capitalization (Rs.Bn.) | 2,785.68    | 2,732.38    |

Source: Colombo Stock Exchange

## **Stock Market - Foreign Purchases and Foreign Sales**

| Indicator                        | Oct<br>2016 | Jan- Oct<br>2016 |
|----------------------------------|-------------|------------------|
| Purchases by Foreigners (Rs. Mn) | 4,232.8     | 53,948.7         |
| Sales by Foreigners (Rs. Mn)     | 3,016.9     | 55,980.2         |
| Net Foreign Purchases (Rs. Mn)   | 1,215.8     | -2,031.4         |

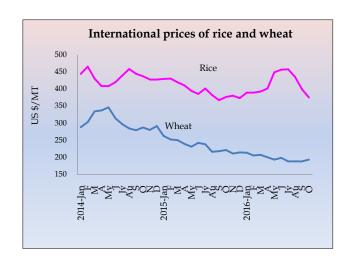
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#### **COMMODITY PRICES**

## **International Commodity Prices**

| Month    | Milk Powder<br>Average Price<br>US\$/MT | Rice<br>Thai,100%<br>US\$/MT | Wheat<br>(HRW)<br>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

|                                    |          | A       | Annual Averages |         |       | Monthly Averages |       |  |
|------------------------------------|----------|---------|-----------------|---------|-------|------------------|-------|--|
| Commodity                          | Unit     | 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

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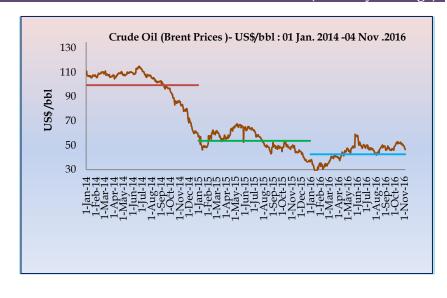
## Crude Oil Prices - Singapore Plattes Prices (US\$/bbl)

| Item  | Oct 31 | Nov 01 | Nov 02 | Nov 03 | Nov 04 | Week<br>Ago | Month<br>Ago | Year<br>Ago |
|---|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|-------------|--------------|-------------|
| Brent (New York Closing<br>Prices) (US \$/bbl.) | 49.49  | 48.87  | 47.93  | 47.41  | 46.48  | 50.46       | 50.60        | 50.30       |
| WTI (US\$/bbl.)                                 | 48.53  | 46.93  | 46.39  | 45.84  | 44.77  | 49.71       | 48.47        | 46.71       |
|   |        |        |        |        |        |             |              |             |
| Petrol  | 59.85  | 60.85  | 57.95  | 56.95  | 56.45  | 60.30       | 57.85        | 59.60       |
| Diesel  | 60.23  | 59.58  | 57.42  | 56.72  | 56.20  | 60.69       | 58.22        | 60.64       |
| Kerosene  | 60.69  | 59.28  | 56.98  | 56.12  | 55.82  | 60.93       | 58.71        | 61.70       |

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

## Crude Oil Prices (Monthly Average)

|         | WTI European<br>Market | Brent<br>(US\$/bbl) |
|---------|------------------------|---------------------|
| Month   | (US\$/bbl)             | (654/661)           |
| Mar -15 | 47.81                  | 57.38               |
| Apr     | 54.38                  | 60.67               |
| May     | 63.65                  | 65.24               |
| Jun     | 63.85                  | 60.16               |
| Jul     | 51.52                  | 57.11               |
| Aug     | 42.64                  | 47.92               |
| 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*    | 45.98                  | 47.67               |



Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

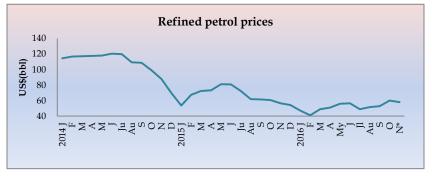
\*upto 04th Nov 2016

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

| Month  | Petrol | Diesel | Kerosene |
|--------|--------|--------|----------|
| Mar    | 72.52  | 69.39  | 70.00    |
| Apr    | 73.19  | 71.60  | 72.13    |
| May    | 81.07  | 77.27  | 77.68    |
| Jun    | 80.99  | 74.32  | 71.36    |
| Jul    | 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*   | 58.05  | 57.48  | 57.05    |

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

\*upto 04<sup>th</sup> Nov 2016



#### **Local Market Prices of Petroleum Products**

| Item               | Unit    | End<br>2013 | End<br>2014 | End<br>2015 | Current<br>Price<br>2016 |
|--------------------|---------|-------------|-------------|-------------|--------------------------|
| Auto Diesel        | 1 liter | 121.00      | 111.00      | 95.00       | 95.00                    |
| Petrol (Octane 92) | 1 liter | 162.00      | 150.00      | 117.00      | 117.00                   |
| Kerosene oil       | 1 liter | 106.00      | 81.00       | 49.00       | 49.00                    |
| L P Gas            | 12.5 kg | 2,396.00    | 1,896.00    | 1,346.00    | 1,346.00                 |

## Wholesale Prices Week Ending -04thNovember 2016(Rs/Kg)

Dambulla Market

|                             |                            |             | Pett        | ah Mark                       |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------------------------|
| Average Wholesale<br>Prices | Week<br>Ending<br>04/11/16 | Week<br>Ago | %<br>Change | Year<br>Ago<br>Annual<br>Avg. |
| Rice (Rs/Kg)                |                            |             |             |                               |
| Samba                       | 85.00                      | 80.00       | 6.2         | 83.22                         |
| Kekulu (Red)                | 70.00                      | 68.00       | 2.9         | 66.15                         |
| Vegetable                   |                            |             |             |                               |
| Beans                       | 120.00                     | 160.00      | -25.0       | 160.49                        |
| Cabbage                     | 25.00                      | 35.00       | -28.6       | 79.31                         |
| Carrots                     | 57.50                      | 70.00       | -17.9       | 146.27                        |
| Tomatoes                    | 37.50                      | 45.00       | -16.7       | 89.80                         |
| Pumpkins                    | 32.50                      | 35.00       | -7.1        | 49.12                         |
| Snake Gourd                 | 75.00                      | 100.00      | -25.0       | 73.73                         |
| Brinjals                    | 35.00                      | 60.00       | -41.7       | 72.56                         |
| Ash Plantains               | 65.00                      | 60.00       | 8.3         | 81.08                         |
| Other Foods                 |                            |             |             |                               |
| Red-Onions (Local)          | 105.00                     | 95.00       | 10.5        | 105.28                        |
| Big Onions (Local)          | 70.00                      | 72.50       | -3.4        | 95.17                         |
| Potatoes (N'Eliya)          | 122.50                     | 112.50      | 8.9         | 107.98                        |
| Dried Chilies<br>(Imported) | 275.00                     | 290.00      | -5.2        | 248.90                        |
| Dhal (Indian)               | 165.00                     | 160.00      | 3.1         | 161.98                        |
| Eggs (Red) (Each)           | 9.50                       | 10.00       | 5.0         | 14.17                         |
| Coconut (Each)              | 43.50                      | 42.50       | 2.3         | 41.00                         |
| Fish (Rs/Kg)                |                            |             |             |                               |
| Kelawalla                   | 420.00                     | 550.00      | -23.6       | 453.14                        |
| Balaya                      | 250.00                     | 330.00      | -24.2       | 295.00                        |
| Salaya                      | 130.00                     | 130.00      | 0.0         | 114.71                        |
| Paraw (Small)               | 350.00                     | 500.00      | -30.0       | 484.69                        |

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

| Food Item                | Wholesale<br>(Average) |
|--------------------------|------------------------|
| Rice (Rs/Kg)             |                        |
| Samba                    | 82.00                  |
| Kekulu (Red)             | 67.00                  |
| Vegetables               |                        |
| Pumpkins                 | 23.50                  |
| Snake Gourd              | 54.00                  |
| Ash Plantains            | 47.50                  |
| Beans                    | 134.00                 |
| Carrots                  | 82.00                  |
| Tomatoes                 | 35.00                  |
| Other Foods              |                        |
| Potatoes (N'Eliya)       | 108.50                 |
| Dried Chilies (Imported) | 291.10                 |
| Big-Onions (Local)       | 65.50                  |
| Red-Onions (Local)       | 88.00                  |
| Coconut (Each)           | 32.90                  |

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

## Marandagahamula Average Price of Rice (Rs/Kg)

| Item        | Week<br>Ending | Week<br>Ago | Month<br>Ago | Year<br>Ago |
|-------------|----------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|
|             | 04/11/16       | 0           | Ü            | 7150        |
| Samba       | 80.60          | 78.70       | 77.26        | 79.56       |
| Sudu Kekulu | 68.10          | 67.90       | 66.52        | 62.37       |
| Raw Red     | 61.20          | 61.10       | 60.90        | 66.17       |
| Nadu        | 72.50          | 73.30       | 70.26        | 64.24       |

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

Wholesale prices of some of the rice varieties, vegetable and fish varieties increased during the week. Prices of other commodities such as red onion, potatoes and coconut increased while the prices of eggs decreased during this week.

Rs.

| <b>.</b>           |       |        |        | 0.7    | Ks.    |
|--------------------|-------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Item               | Unit  | This   | Week   | %      | Year   |
| 7.                 |       | Week   | Ago    | Change | Ago    |
| Rice               | 4.1   | 02.60  | 00.45  | 0.6    | 00.00  |
| Samba(Avg.)        | 1 kg  | 92.68  | 92.17  | 0.6    | 90.88  |
| No. 1              | 1 kg  | 96.35  | 95.95  | 0.4    | 93.75  |
| No. 2              | 1kg   | 89.01  | 88.39  | 0.7    | 88.01  |
| Nadu Red           | 1kg   | 85.21  | 81.79  | 4.2    | 81.82  |
| Raw Red (Avg)      | 1kg   | 73.82  | 73.55  | 0.4    | 70.03  |
| No. 1              | 1kg   | 76.44  | 76.66  | -0.3   | 73.76  |
| No. 2              | 1kg   | 71.20  | 70.44  | 1.1    | 66.30  |
| Wheat Flour        | 1 kg  | 88.41  | 89.40  | -1.1   | 86.90  |
| Bread              | 450g  | 58.14  | 58.14  | 0.0    | 53.47  |
| Sugar              | 1 kg  | 96.97  | 97.36  | -0.4   | 92.76  |
| Lakspray           | 400g  | 325.00 | 325.00 | 0.0    | 325.00 |
| Potatoes (Import)  | 1 kg  | 108.10 | 107.89 | 0.2    | 114.08 |
| Potatoes (Local)   | 1kg   | 142.37 | 140.09 | 1.6    | 142.15 |
| Red Dhal(Avg)      | 1kg   | 191.75 | 195.23 | -1.8   | 192.33 |
| Cowpea (Avg)       | 1kg   | 259.43 | 255.77 | 1.4    | 272.52 |
| Green Gram(Avg)    | 1kg   | 221.80 | 229.20 | -3.2   | 255.38 |
| Kadalai (Avg)      | 1kg   | 282.83 | 284.14 | -0.5   | 173.02 |
| Meat               |       |        |        |        |        |
| Beef               | 1kg   | 832.11 | 838.89 | -0.8   | 738.27 |
| Chicken            |       |        |        |        |        |
| Fresh              | 1kg   | 560.48 | 555.29 | 0.9    | 539.67 |
| Broiler            | 1kg   | 410.00 | 410.00 | 0.0    | 380.00 |
| Fresh Fish         |       |        |        |        |        |
| Paraw              | 1 kg  | 909.33 | 910.00 | -0.1   | 885.48 |
| Balaya             | 1 kg  | 648.00 | 648.89 | -0.1   | 580.54 |
| Kelawalla          | 1 kg  | 880.91 | 848.46 | 3.8    | 814.61 |
| Salaya             | 1 kg  | 153.00 | 148.00 | 3.4    | 173.67 |
| Dried Fish         |       |        |        |        |        |
| Sprats             | 1 kg  | 614.69 | 600.00 | 2.4    | 690.95 |
| Eggs               | Each  | 12.85  | 13.97  | -8.0   | 14.87  |
| Coconut            | Each  | 46.23  | 45.66  | 1.3    | 46.85  |
| Coconut Oil        | 750ml | 224.72 | 223.75 | 0.4    | 199.14 |
| Red Onions         | 1 kg  | 124.08 | 123.18 | 0.7    | 132.41 |
| B- Onions (Import) | 1 kg  | 81.67  | 78.00  | 4.7    | 118.81 |
| Brinjal Brinjal    | 1kg   | 124.00 | 127.50 | -2.7   | 106.26 |
| Beans Green        | 1 kg  | 190.86 | 187.00 | 2.1    | 176.71 |
| Cabbage            | 1 kg  | 129.03 | 131.00 | -1.5   | 111.89 |
| Leeks              | 1 kg  | 144.62 | 141.27 | 2.4    | 131.07 |
| Beet Root          | 1kg   | 115.14 | 112.05 | 2.8    | 104.92 |
| Carrot             | 1kg   | 138.30 | 138.05 | 0.2    | 140.62 |
| Tomatoes           | 1kg   | 95.35  | 100.00 | -4.6   | 115.00 |
| Radish             |       | 110.97 | 100.00 | 1.7    | 105.65 |
|                    | 1kg   |        |        |        |        |
| Vetakolu           | 1kg   | 148.00 | 142.76 | 3.7    | 142.46 |
| Snake Gourd        | 1kg   | 129.04 | 124.71 | 3.5    | 132.60 |
| Bandakka           | 1kg   | 125.37 | 121.14 | 3.5    | 117.07 |
| Kolikuttu          | 1kg   | 248.15 | 246.43 | 0.7    | 19.04  |
| Papaw              | 1kg   | 110.00 | 116.79 | -5.8   | 100.93 |
| Pineapple          | 1kg   | 282.27 | 299.48 | -5.7   | 129.56 |

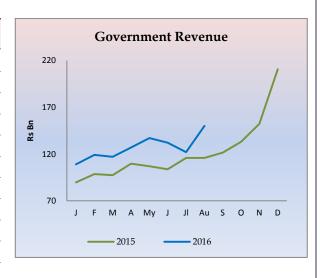
Source: Department of Census and Statistics

The average retail prices of rice varieties increased and fish varieties and vegetable varieties showed a mixed performance during this week.

## 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<br>2015 | End June<br>2016 (a) |
|-------------------------|-----------------|----------------------|
| Total Domestic Debt     | 4,959.2         | 5,391.1              |
| Total Foreign Debt      | 3,544.0         | 3,671.1              |
| Total Government Debt   | 8,503.2         | 9,062.2              |

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

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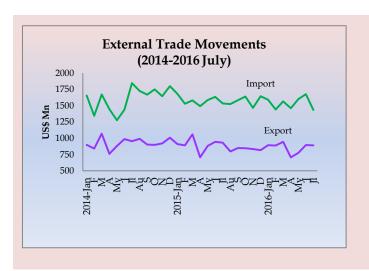
## Key Fiscal Indicators 2014- 2015

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

Compiled by Department of Fiscal Policy

| Category                    | July<br>2015<br>(US\$ Mn) | July<br>2016<br>(US\$ Mn) | Growth<br>Rate<br>(%) | Jan-July<br>2015<br>(US\$ Mn) | Jan-July<br>2016<br>(US\$ Mn) | Growth<br>Rate<br>(%) |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Exports                     | 932.1                     | 891.2                     | -4.4                  | 6,356.5                       | 5,998.9                       | -5.6                  |
| Agricultural                | 245.3                     | 207.9                     | -15.2                 | 1,490.1                       | 1,312.6                       | -11.9                 |
| Tea                         | 126.5                     | 107.8                     | -14.8                 | 809.4                         | 726.1                         | -10.3                 |
| Other                       | 118.8                     | 100.1                     | -15.7                 | 680.7                         | 586.5                         | -13.8                 |
| Industrial                  | 682.4                     | 678.5                     | -0.6                  | 4,836.7                       | 4,660.4                       | -3.6                  |
| Rubber Products             | 71.8                      | 68.2                      | -5.1                  | 469.8                         | 440.2                         | -6.3                  |
| Textiles and Garments       | 413.1                     | 425.6                     | 3.0                   | 2,818.5                       | 2,940.2                       | 4.3                   |
| Food, Beverage and Tobacco  | 22.5                      | 22.5                      | -0.1                  | 155.8                         | 173.9                         | 11.6                  |
| Other                       | 175.0                     | 162.2                     | -7.3                  | 1,392.6                       | 1,106.1                       | -20.6                 |
| Mineral                     | 3.2                       | 3.5                       | 10.7                  | 20.6                          | 17.2                          | -16.6                 |
| Unclassified                | 1.2                       | 1.2                       | 0.8                   | 9.1                           | 8.8                           | -3.8                  |
| Imports                     | 1,533.9                   | 1,432.8                   | -6.6                  | 11,080.6                      | 10,753.8                      | -2.9                  |
| Consumer Goods              | 414.7                     | 323.4                     | -22.0                 | 2,722.1                       | 2,431.1                       | -10.7                 |
| Food and Beverages          | 132.7                     | 120.8                     | -9.0                  | 1,003.3                       | 896.5                         | -10.6                 |
| Other Consumer Goods        | 282.0                     | 202.6                     | -28.2                 | 1,718.8                       | 1,534.6                       | -10.7                 |
| Intermediate Goods          | 752.0                     | 704.7                     | -6.3                  | 5,703.9                       | 5,485.1                       | -3.8                  |
| Petroleum                   | 174.8                     | 142.3                     | -18.6                 | 1,648.2                       | 1,320.2                       | -19.9                 |
| Textiles & Textile Articles | 201.0                     | 198.0                     | -1.5                  | 1,393.2                       | 1,544.7                       | 10.9                  |
| Other Intermediate Goods    | 376.2                     | 364.4                     | -3.1                  | 2,662.5                       | 2,620.2                       | -1.6                  |
| Investment Goods            | 365.8                     | 403.1                     | 10.2                  | 2,643.6                       | 2,829.9                       | 7.0                   |
| Machinery and Equipment     | 179.1                     | 224.7                     | 25.4                  | 1,321.8                       | 1,596.5                       | 20.8                  |
| Transport Equipment         | 80.8                      | 57.0                      | -29.4                 | 595.8                         | 347.9                         | -41.6                 |
| Building Material           | 105.7                     | 120.9                     | 14.4                  | 723.2                         | 881.6                         | 21.9                  |
| Other Investment Goods      | 0.2                       | 0.6                       | 153.6                 | 2.7                           | 3.8                           | 40.9                  |
| Unclassified                | 1.4                       | 1.6                       | 11.4                  | 11.0                          | 7.7                           | -29.5                 |
| Trade Balance               | -601.8                    | -541.6                    | -10.0                 | -4,724.1                      | -4,754.9                      | 0.6                   |

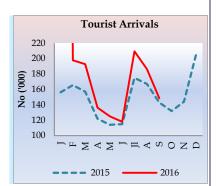
Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka



- Export earnings during January to July 2016 declined by 5.6 percent, compared to the respective period of 2015. The earnings for the month of July dropped by 4.4 percent on year on year basis, reflecting the negative contribution from agricultural, industrial and mineral exports.
- On a cumulative basis, expenditure on imports decreased by 2.9 percent for the period during January to July 2016. Expenditure on imports for the month of July 2016 recorded 6.6 percent decreased over the corresponding month of 2015 despite the decline in imports of consumer and intermediate goods.
- Trade deficit was US\$ 4,754.93Mn during January to July 2016 recording 0.6 percent expand over the same period of 2015.

#### **Tourist Arrivals**

|       | Arrivals  |           |            |                        | Ea      | rnings US | \$ Mn    |                        |
|-------|-----------|-----------|------------|------------------------|---------|-----------|----------|------------------------|
| Month | 2014      | 2015      | 2016       | %<br>change<br>2015/16 | 2014    | 2015      | 2016     | %<br>change<br>2015/16 |
| Jan   | 146,575   | 156,246   | 194,280    | 24.3                   | 233.3   | 248.7     | 309.3    | 24.3                   |
| Feb   | 141,878   | 165,541   | 197,697    | 19.4                   | 225.9   | 274.4     | 327.7    | 19.4                   |
| Mar   | 133,048   | 157,051   | 192,841    | 22.8                   | 192.2   | 260.3     | 319.6    | 22.8                   |
| Apr   | 112,631   | 122,217   | 136,367    | 11.6                   | 179.3   | 202.6     | 226.0    | 11.6                   |
| May   | 90,046    | 113,529   | 125,044    | 10.1                   | 143.3   | 188.2     | 207.2    | 10.1                   |
| Jun   | 103,175   | 115,467   | 118,038    | 2.2                    | 164.2   | 191.4     | 195.6    | 2.2                    |
| July  | 133,971   | 175,804   | 209,351    | 19.1                   | 213.3   | 291.4     | 347.0    | 19.1                   |
| Aug   | 140,319   | 166,610   | 186,288    | 11.8                   | 223.4   | 276.1     | 308.8    | 11.8                   |
| Sep   | 105,535   | 143.374   | 148,499    | 3.6                    | 168.0   | 237.6     | 246.1    | 3.6                    |
| Oct   | 121,576   | 132,280   |            |                        | 193.5   | 219.2     |          |                        |
| Nov   | 119,727   | 144,147   |            |                        | 190.6   | 238.9     |          |                        |
| Dec   | 178,672   | 206,114   |            |                        | 284.4   | 341.6     |          |                        |
| Total | 1,527,153 | 1,798,380 | 1,508,405* | 14.6                   | 2,431.0 | 2,980.7   | 2,500.0* | 14.6                   |



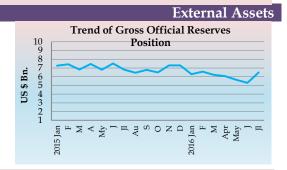
Source: Sri Lanka Tourism Development Authority

#### **Tourism**

Earnings from tourism increased to US \$ 2500.0 Mn. during January to September 2016 with an increase of 14.6 per cent over the same period of 2015.

The number of tourist arrivals increased to 1,508,405 during January to September 2016, a 14.6 per cent increase compared to same period of 2015.

#### External Growth July May Apr July May Apr Assets 2016 2016 2016 2015 2015 2015 2015Jul (US\$ Mn) /2016 Jul (%) Total 8,431.4 8,850.3 7,663.2 8,284.5 9,055.5 5.0 8,714.5 Reserves Gross Official 6,489.2 5,645.1 6,068.5 6,808.5 6,845.8 7,454.6 -4.7 Reserves



Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

#### Official reserves

The gross official reserves and total reserves were US\$ 6.5 Bn and US\$ 8.9 Bn, respectively by end July 2016. Total foreign reserves were sufficient to 4.9 months of imports and the gross official reserves were equivalent to 3.6 months of imports. Workers' remittances increased by 3.9 per cent in dollar terms to US\$ 5,382.0 Mn. in January to September 2016.

#### **Private Remittances**

| Category        | 2015 Jan -Sep | 2016 Jan -Sep (a) | % Change |
|-----------------|---------------|-------------------|----------|
| Inflows US\$ Mn | 5,182.2       | 5,382.0           | 3.9      |
| Rs. Bn          | 693.4         | 779.5             | 12.0     |

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

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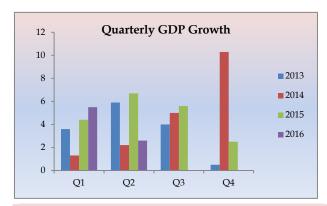
#### **PRODUCTION**

#### **QUARTERLY GDP GROWTH (%)**

|             | 1st Q | 2nd Q | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Q | 4th 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   |                   |       |        |
| Agriculture | 1.9   | -5.6  |                   |       |        |
| Industry    | 8.3   | 2.2   |                   |       |        |
| Service     | 4.9   | 4.9   |                   | •     |        |

Source: Department of Census & Statistic

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



#### GDP grew by 3.9%

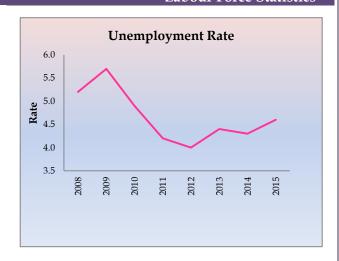
The Sri Lankan economy grew by 3.9% in the first half of 2016 compared to the 5.7% growth recorded in the same period of 2015. The Industry sector mainly supported to this growth with 5.2% contribution while the Service sector contributed to GDP by 4.9% and Agriculture sector negatively contributed to GDP by 2.5%.

#### **Labour Force Statistics**

| Employment         | 2016<br>2 <sup>nd</sup><br>Quarter*<br>(a) | 2015<br>2 <sup>nd</sup><br>Quarter<br>(a) | 2015<br>Annual<br>(a) | 2014<br>Annual<br>(a) |
|--------------------|--|---|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Labour Force       | 53.3                                       | 54.2                                      | 53.8                  | 53.2                  |
| Participation Rate |  |   |                       |                       |
| Unemployment Rate  | 4.6  | 4.5                                       | 4.7                   | 4.3                   |
| Unemployment Rate  |  |   |                       |                       |
| By Gender          |  |   |                       |                       |
| Male               | 3.1  | 3.1                                       | 3.0                   | 3.1                   |
| Female             | 7.3  | 7.1                                       | 7.6                   | 6.5                   |
| By Age Group       |  |   |                       | _                     |
| 20-29              | 14.4                                       | 14.6                                      | 14.2                  | 13.6                  |
| 20-24              | 21.2                                       | 21.1                                      | 19.7                  | 19.9                  |
| 25-29              | 8.3  | 9.2                                       | 9.4                   | 8.2                   |
|                    |  |   |                       |                       |

Source: Department of Census & Statistics

(a) Data cover the entire island



#### **Paddy Production**

| Category                |                                   | 2015              |              |       | 2016 |       |  |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------|--------------|-------|------|-------|--|
| Category                | 2014/2015 2015 Total<br>Maha Yala | 2015/2016<br>Maha | 2016<br>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.

<sup>\*</sup> Provisional

## Tea, Rubber & Coconut Production

| Category               | 2015 Jan- Aug  | 2016 Jan - Aug | % Change |
|------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------|
| Production             |                |                |          |
| Tea (Mn. Kg)           | 225.7          | 196.8          | -12.8    |
| Rubber (Mn. Kg)        | 63.5           | 58.5           | -7.9     |
| Coconut (Mn. Nuts)     | 2,024.0        | 2,056.4        | 1.6      |
| Exports (US\$ Mn)      | 2015 Jan -July | 2016 Jan -July |          |
| Tea                    | 809.4          | 726.1          | -10.3    |
| Rubber                 | 16.1           | 18.6           | 15.5     |
| Coconut                | 208.5          | 206.0          | -1.2     |
| Colombo Auction Prices | 2015 July      | 2016 July      |          |
| Tea (Rs./ Kg)          | 400.5          | 452.3          | 12.9     |
| Rubber (Rs./ Kg)       | 243.0          | 254.4          | 4.7      |
| Coconut (Rs/nut)       | 37.6           | 27.8           | -26.2    |

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

## Factory Industrial Production Index (2010=100)

| Item  | 2015<br>June | 2016<br>June(a) | Growth % |
|---|--------------|-----------------|----------|
| Manufacture of Food Products                        | 103.0        | 105.7           | 2.6      |
| Manufacture of Beverages                            | 119.6        | 95.5            | -20.2    |
| Manufacture of Tobacco Products                     | 101.8        | 94.3            | -7.3     |
| Manufacture of Textiles                             | 128.8        | 123.8           | -3.8     |
| Manufacture of Wearing Apparel                      | 166.6        | 176.2           | 5.8      |
| Manufacture of Leather and Related Products         | 81.8         | 109.3           | 33.6     |
| Manufacture of Wood products except Furniture       | 124.2        | 125.9           | 1.4      |
| Manufacture of Paper and Paper Products             | 128.4        | 128.4           | 0.0      |
| Printing and Reproduction of Recorded Media         | 113.6        | 113.6           | 0.0      |
| Manufacture of Coke and Refined Petroleum Products  | 101.0        | 98.5            | -2.4     |
| Manufacture of Chemicals and Chemical Products      | 95.2         | 94.5            | -0.8     |
| Manufacture of Pharmaceuticals, Medicinal Chemicals | 148.0        | 157.6           | 6.5      |
| Manufacture of Rubber and Plastic Products          | 141.2        | 147.5           | 4.5      |
| Manufacture of Other Non Metallic Mineral Products  | 117.4        | 120.5           | 2.7      |
| Manufacture of Basic Metals                         | 103.6        | 141.3           | 36.4     |
| Manufacture of Fabricated Metal Products            | 88.6         | 91.6            | 3.3      |
| Manufacture of Electrical Equipment                 | 126.6        | 125.9           | -0.5     |
| Factory Industry Production Index                   | 123.8        | 125.5           | 1.4      |

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

(a) Provisional