



# WEEKLY ECONOMIC BULLETIN

## DEPARTMENT OF FISCAL POLICY

### MINISTRY OF FINANCE

#### SRI LANKA

The Week in Review  
13<sup>th</sup> October – 17<sup>th</sup> October 2025

### REAL SECTOR

- Economy expanded by 4.9 percent in the second quarter of 2025.
- Price of Brent Crude Oil decreased by 4.55 USD bbl and WTI decreased by 4.48 USD bbl, respectively.
- CCPI - Headline inflation (2021=100) increased to 1.5 percent (YoY) in September, 2025 from 1.2 percent (YoY) in August, 2025.
- NCPI - Headline inflation (2021=100) increased to 1.5 percent (YoY) in August, 2025 from 0.7 percent (YoY) in July, 2025.

[More on this on page 2](#)

### EXTERNAL SECTOR

- Sri Lankan rupee slightly depreciated to USD 1=Rs. 303.00 from USD 1=Rs. 302.72
- Exports decreased to USD 1,282.3 mn in August 2025 compared to USD 1,302.2 mn in July 2025.
- Imports decreased to USD 1,696.5 mn in August 2025 compared to USD 1,882.2 mn in July 2025.
- Trade deficit  
USD 414.2 mn in August, 2025
- The gross official reserves stood at USD 6.2 bn as end of August 2025.
- Workers' remittances recorded USD 695.7 mn in September 2025.

[More on this on page 9](#)

### FISCAL SECTOR

#### Revenue (Provisional)

Jan – Aug 2025

- **Total Revenue** - Rs. 3,294.7 bn  
(Excluding Grants)
- Tax Revenue - Rs. 3,068.5 bn
- Non-Tax Revenue - Rs. 226.2 bn

#### Expenditure (Provisional)

Jan – Aug 2025

- **Total Expenditure** - Rs. 3,712.5 bn
- Recurrent Expenditure - Rs. 3,381.3 bn
- Capital Expenditure - Rs. 331.2 bn

#### Debt (Provisional)

▪ End of June 2025

Total Outstanding Government Debt  
- Rs. 29,634.78 bn

[More on this on page 11](#)

### MONETARY SECTOR

- All Share Price Index (ASPI) increased by 1.41 percent to 22,633.80 points as at 17<sup>th</sup> October 2025 from 22,318.72 points as at 10<sup>th</sup> October, 2025
- S&P SL 20 Index increased by 0.59 percent to 6,263.03 points as at 17<sup>th</sup> October, 2025 from 6,226.03 points as at 10<sup>th</sup> October, 2025
- Credit to the private sector increased by 20.5 percent (YoY) in August, 2025

[More on this on page 12](#)



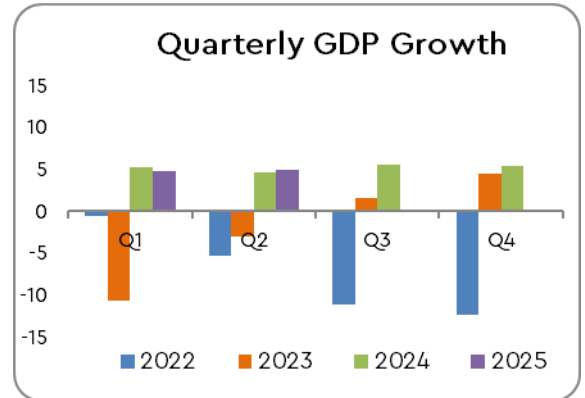
# REAL SECTOR

## PRODUCTION

	1 <sup>st</sup> Q	2 <sup>nd</sup> Q	3 <sup>rd</sup> Q	4 <sup>th</sup> Q	Annual
<b>2021</b>	<b>5.2</b>	<b>13.2</b>	<b>-2.1</b>	<b>2.7</b>	<b>4.2</b>
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
<b>2022</b>	<b>-0.7</b>	<b>-5.3</b>	<b>-11.1</b>	<b>-12.4</b>	<b>-7.3</b>
Agriculture	-3.7	-7.3	-8.1	2.7	-4.1
Industry	-3.7	-10.2	-21.3	-30.2	-16.0
Services	1.3	-2.0	-5.3	-4.6	-2.6
<b>2023</b>	<b>-10.7</b>	<b>-3.1</b>	<b>1.8</b>	<b>4.3</b>	<b>-2.3</b>
Agriculture	1.6	4.2	4.2	0.6	2.6
Industry	-24.4	-12.1	0.0	7.7	-9.2
Services	-4.5	-0.4	1.8	2.8	-0.2
<b>2024</b>	<b>5.1</b>	<b>4.1</b>	<b>5.3</b>	<b>5.4</b>	<b>5.0</b>
Agriculture	0.9	2.7	3.7	-2.2	1.2
Industry	11.2	9.7	10.1	13.1	11.0
Services	2.5	1.9	2.6	2.5	2.4
<b>2025</b>	<b>4.8</b>	<b>4.9</b>			
Agriculture	-0.7	2.0			
Industry	9.7	5.8			
Services	2.8	3.9			

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



### GDP expanded by 4.9 % in 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter 2025

In the second quarter of 2025, the Sri Lankan economy experienced a growth of 4.9 percent, compared to 4.1 percent growth recorded in the same period of 2024. This expansion was observed recording a 2.0 percent, 5.8 percent and 3.9 percent growth in the agriculture, industry and service sector, respectively.

## PADDY PRODUCTION

Category	Unit	2022			2023			2024		
		2021/ 2022 Maha	2022 Yala	Total	2022/ 2023 Maha	2023 Yala	Total	2023/ 2024 Maha	2024 Yala	Total
Production	Mn.Mt	1.93	1.46	3.39	2.70	1.82	4.52	2.72	1.98	4.7
	Bushels Mn.	92.56	70.05	162.61	129.2	87.1	216.3	130.5	94.7	225.2
Forecasted Production	Mn. Mt	2.31	1.61	3.92	2.62	1.83	4.45	2.63	1.77	4.4
Difference in Production	Mn. Mt	-0.38	-0.15	-0.53	0.08	-0.01	0.07	0.09	0.21	0.3
Net Extent Harvested	Hectares (‘000)	685.2	429.0	1,114.2	722.5	440.3	1,162.8	702.1	429.7	1,131.8
	Acres (‘000)	1,693.1	1,060.2	2,753.3	1,785.3	1,088.0	2,873.3	1,735.0	1,061.9	2,796.9
Average Yield	kg per ha	2,853	3,207	3,030	3,554	3,822	3,688	3,712	3,893	3,803

Source: Department of Census & Statistics

(a) Provisional

## TEA, RUBBER & COCONUT PRODUCTION

Category	Crop	August 2024	August 2025	% Change
Production	Tea (Mn. Kg)	21.3	19.7	(7.8)
	Rubber (Mn. Kg)	6.0	6.1	1.9
	Coconut (Mn. Nuts)	243.5	286.9	17.8
Exports (USD Mn)		August 2024	August 2025	% Change
	Tea	130.5	141.9	8.7
	Rubber	2.7	3.2	15.4
	Coconut	42.6	59.7	40.2
Average Gross Prices		August 2024	August 2025	% Change
	Tea (Rs./ Kg)	1,207.37	1,198.18	(0.8)
	Rubber (Rs./ Kg)	-	725.00	-
	Coconut (Rs./nut)	90.55	138.25	52.7

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

## FACTORY INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION INDEX (2015=100)

Item (a)	2024 August (b)	2025 August (c)	Change %
Manufacture of Food Products	97.0	92.3	-4.8
Manufacture of Beverages	128.4	128.8	0.3
Manufacture of Tobacco Products	76.5	70.5	-7.8
Manufacture of Textiles	114.4	119.5	4.4
Manufacture of Wearing Apparel	95.7	109.7	14.7
Manufacture of Leather and Related Products	99.8	102.6	2.8
Manufacture of Wood products, except Furniture; Articles of Straw & plaiting materials	71.4	70.8	-0.9
Manufacture of Paper and Paper Products	54.6	41.9	-23.3
Printing and Reproduction of Recorded Media	151.9	112.3	-26.1
Manufacture of Coke and Refined Petroleum Products	17.0	100.1	488.5
Manufacture of Chemicals and Chemical Products	85.4	86.8	1.7
Manufacture of Basic Pharmaceuticals, Pharmaceutical preparations	145.4	139.4	-4.1
Manufacture of Rubber and Plastic Products	92.4	80.5	-12.9
Manufacture of Other Non-Metallic Mineral Products	107.4	118.9	10.7
Manufacture of Basic Metals	100.7	100.5	-0.3
Manufacture of Fabricated Metal Products (except machines and equipment)	65.7	97.7	48.7
Manufacture of Electrical Equipment	65.6	52.9	-19.4
Manufacture of Machinery and Equipment (n.e.c)	114.5	125.2	9.3
Manufacture of Furniture	69.5	48.5	-30.3
Other Manufacturing	60.8	66.1	8.7
<b>Overall Factory Industrial Production Index</b>	<b>91.2</b>	<b>98.2</b>	<b>7.6</b>

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	2024 Q1	2024 Q2	2024 Q3	2024 Q4	2024 Annual	2025 Q1	2024 Q2
Labour Force Participation Rate	47.1	47.8	46.9	47.7	47.4	49.7	49.3
Unemployment Rate	4.5	4.7	4.2	4.2	4.4	3.8	3.8
Male	3.1	3.6	2.6	2.8	3.0	2.5	2.6
Female	7.4	7.0	7.2	6.9	7.1	6.3	6.0
20-29	16.8	16.9	15.8	15.2	16.1	13.8	13.8
20-24	0.7	23.7	19.9	18.5	20.7	18.3	19.6
25-29	13.7	11.2	12.4	12.7	12.5	10.1	9.3

Source : Department of Census & Statistics



## CRUDE OIL PRICES

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

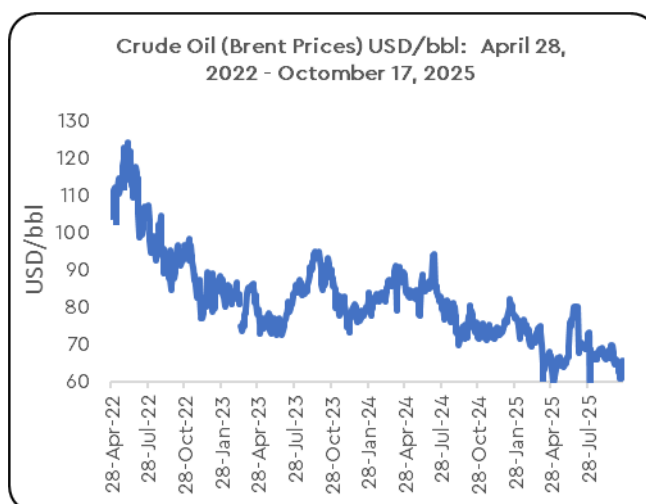
Item	Oct 13	Oct 14	Oct 15	Oct 16	Oct 17	Week Ago	Month Ago	Year Ago
Brent (New York Closing Prices)	63.78	63.55	62.32	62.40	60.73	65.28	68.40	74.44
WTI	59.95	59.75	58.65	58.76	57.11	61.59	64.46	70.82
Petrol	76.10	75.50	75.65	75.80	75.00	77.30	81.70	78.55
Diesel	80.31	78.98	78.65	77.78	76.38	81.62	84.42	79.48
Kerosene	85.63	84.72	84.82	84.37	83.32	86.59	88.56	86.04

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka  
n. a – not available

### CRUDE OIL PRICES (MONTHLY AVERAGE) (USD/BBL)

Month	Brent	WTI European Market
May 2024	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	82.89	78.24
Nov	82.48	77.87
Dec	82.16	77.58
Jan - 2025	81.93	77.42
Feb	81.78	77.29
Mar	81.46	77.00
Apr	81.03	76.60
May	80.29	76.15
June	79.99	75.91
July	79.66	75.63
August	79.32	75.32
September	78.99	74.99
October	78.75	74.76

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka (up to October 17, 2025)



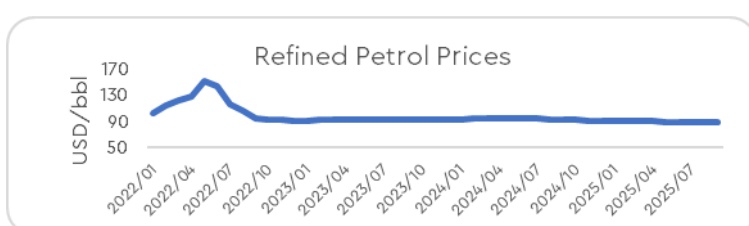
### MONTHLY AVERAGE REFINED PRODUCT PRICES – SINGAPORE PLATTS PRICES (USD/BBL)

Month	Petrol	Diesel	Kerosene
May - 2024	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	92.25	95.56	101.26
Nov	91.60	94.90	100.65
Dec	91.24	94.42	100.11
Jan - 2025	90.85	94.07	99.70
Feb	90.70	93.88	99.50
Mar	90.31	93.42	99.02
Apr	89.84	92.85	98.42
May	89.35	92.23	97.78
June	89.03	91.85	97.33
July	88.63	91.58	96.97
August	88.28	91.21	96.57
September	88.00	90.94	96.26
October	87.78	90.75	96.07

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka (up to October 17, 2025)

#### LOCAL MARKET PRICES OF PETROLEUM PRODUCTS (RS.)

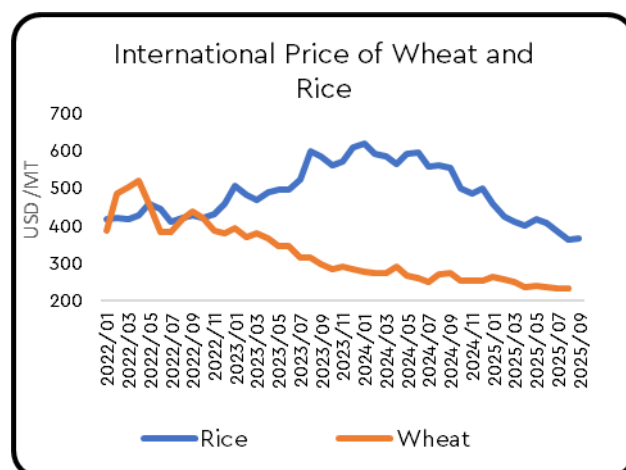
Item	Unit	End 2022	End 2023	End 2024	Current Price 2025
Auto Diesel	1 liter	405.00	329.00	305.00	277.00
Petrol (Octane 92)	1 liter	370.00	346.00	309.00	299.00
Kerosene oil	1 liter	355.00	247.00	196.00	180.00
L P Gas	12.5 kg	4,409.00	3,565.00	3,690.00	3,690.00



## COMMODITY PRICES

### INTERNATIONAL COMMODITY PRICES

Month	Rice Thai,25% USD/MT	Wheat (HRW) USD/MT
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
Oct	499.00	272.90
Nov	487.00	253.80
Dec	500.00	252.20
Jan - 2025	459.00	254.10
Feb	424.00	264.60
Mar	410.00	255.40
Apr	401.00	249.60
May	416.00	237.00
June	408.00	240.10
July	382.00	235.00
August	363.00	231.10
September	367.00	233.8



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

Category	Commodity	Unit	Quarterly Averages				
			Jul – Sep 2024	Oct – Dec 2024	Jan – Mar 2025	Apr – Jun 2025	Jul – Sep 2025
Energy	Crude Oil average	USD/mt	77.9	72.9	74.2	65.9	67.5
Non-Energy, Agriculture, Beverages	Cocoa	USD/kg	6.83	8.29	9.56	8.51	7.33
	Coffee, Arabica	USD/kg	5.85	6.80	8.59	8.47	8.03
	Tea, average	USD/kg	3.26	3.06	2.72	2.97	3.00
	Tea, Colombo auctions	USD/kg	4.07	4.04	4.05	3.86	3.93
Food, Fats & Oils	Coconut Oil	USD/mt	1,610	1,860	2,108	2,672	2,724
	Soybean Oil	USD/mt	1,051	1,101	1,040	1,150	1,238
	Palm Oil	USD/mt	937	1,145	1,069	946	1,014
Grains	Maize	USD/mt	177.6	198.1	214.2	205.0	191.6
	Wheat, US HRW	USD/mt	260.3	259.6	258.0	242.2	233.3
Other Food	Meat, Beef	USD/kg	6.27	6.16	6.62	6.67	6.83
	Meat, Chicken	USD/kg	1.39	1.47	1.60	1.77	1.73
	Sugar, World	USD/kg	0.43	0.45	0.41	0.39	0.36
Raw Materials, Timber	Plywood	¢/sheets	366.9	358.4	358.3	378.0	370.2
Other Raw Materials	Rubber RSS3, US	USD /kg	2.37	2.44	2.38	2.16	2.16
Fertilizers	Phosphate Rock	USD/mt	152.5	152.5	250.0	152.5	152.5
	TSP	USD/mt	505.8	490.8	479.0	559.6	660.8
	Urea	USD/mt	340.8	359.7	403.8	399.8	488.3
Metals and Minerals	Aluminium	USD/mt	2,381	2,573	2,630	2,449	2,619
	Gold	USD /toz	2,480	2,663	2,863	3,293	3,340
	Iron ore	USD /dmt	99.9	101.4	101.6	95.5	100.1

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/> ¢= US cent USD = US dollar

**WHOLESALE PRICES**  
**WEEK ENDING 17<sup>th</sup> October 2025 (RS /KG)**

**PETTAH MARKET**

**DAMBULLA MARKET**

Average Wholesale Prices	Week Ending 17/10/2025	Week Ago	Year Ago, Annual Avg.
<b>Rice (Rs/Kg)</b>			
Samba	390.60	239.50	229.00
Kekulu (Red)	207.40	206.00	203.50
<b>Vegetable</b>			
Beans	240.00	250.00	337.50
Cabbage	70.00	176.00	85.00
Carrots	108.00	120.00	87.50
Tomatoes	124.00	120.00	250.00
Pumpkin	66.00	50.0	95.00
Snake Guard	182.00	200.00	230.00
Brinjals	220.00	190.00	127.50
<b>Other Foods</b>			
Red-Onions (Local)	235.60	225.00	325.75
Big Onions (Imported)	149.20	129.50	215.00
Potatoes (Local)	222.20	218.00	254.75
Dried Chillies (Imported)	643.40	617.00	720.00
Dhal	236.40	238.25	278.00
Eggs (White) (Each)	25.40	28.00	41.00
Coconut (Each)	170.00	168.75	120.00
Green Chillies	220.00	242.50	300.00
Lime	1,960.00	1,900.00	462.50
<b>FISH MARKET – PELIYAGODA</b>			
Kelawalla	1,340.00	1,775.00	-
Balaya	670.00	732.50	-
Salaya	182.00	300.00	-
Hurulla	640.00	662.50	-

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

Food Item	Wholesale (Average)
<b>Rice (Rs/Kg)</b>	
Samba	238.00
Kekulu (Red)	188.00
<b>Vegetables</b>	
Pumpkins	40.80
Snake Gourd	207.50
Ash Plantains	72.60
Beans	235.00
Carrots	90.00
Tomatoes	102.00
Cabbage	62.60
<b>Other Foods</b>	
Potatoes (Local)	186.00
Dried Chillies (Imported)	642.50
Big-Onions (Imported)	137.50
Red-Onions (Local)	219.00
Coconut (Each)	155.40

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

**MARANDAGAHAMULA AVERAGE PRICE OF RICE (RS/KG)**

Item	Week Ending 17/10/2025	Week Ago	Month Ago	Year Ago
<b>Samba</b>	<b>243.40</b>	<b>242.25</b>	239.50	227.25
<b>Kekulu (White)</b>	<b>202.60</b>	<b>203.00</b>	196.00	211.25
<b>Kekulu (Red)</b>	<b>201.60</b>	<b>198.75</b>	190.50	207.00
<b>Nadu</b>	<b>212.60</b>	<b>213.00</b>	203.00	222.25

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

## WEEKLY RETAIL COMMODITY PRICES – 3<sup>rd</sup> WEEK OF OCTOBER 2025

Item	Unit	Week ending 17/10/2025	Week Ago	% Change	Year Ago
Rice					
Samba (Avg.)	1kg	274.98	274.37	0.2%	268.31
No. 1	1kg	243.29	244.74	-0.6%	239.42
No. 2	1kg				
Nadu Red	1kg	233.04	235.20	-0.9%	232.12
Raw Red (Avg)	1kg	209.57	210.09	-0.2%	215.70
No. 1	1kg	219.14	220.17	-0.5%	215.70
No. 2	1kg	200.00	200.00	0.0%	0.00
Wheat Flour	1kg	191.28	188.25	1.6%	187.36
Bread	450g	132.00	132.00	0.0%	133.64
Sugar	1kg	230.23	231.90	-0.7%	259.79
Maliban	400g	1200.00	1200.00	0.0%	1050.00
Anchor	400g	1200.00	1200.00	0.0%	1050.00
Pelwatta	400g	1125.00	1125.00	0.0%	1110.00
Potatoes (Import)	1 kg	227.14	220.58	3.0%	211.68
Potatoes (Local)	1kg	339.05	337.75	0.4%	377.27
Mysore Dhal (Avg)	1kg	324.08	329.76	-1.7%	348.91
Cowpea (Avg)	1kg	1145.57	1127.01	1.6%	908.35
Green Gram (Avg)	1kg	907.50	915.75	-0.9%	903.83
Kadalai (Avg)	1kg	528.71	540.38	-2.2%	617.08
Meat					
Beef	1kg	2740.00	2742.86	-0.1%	2467.22
Chicken					
Fresh	1kg	1113.75	1179.17	-5.5%	1090.79
Broiler	1kg	1180.00	1180.00	0.0%	1105.83
Fresh Fish					
Paraw	1kg	1999.50	1996.96	0.1%	1978.41
Balaya	1kg	1041.67	1041.25	0.0%	1209.32
Kelawalla	1kg	2299.47	2481.30	-7.3%	2162.93
Salaya	1kg	375.00	362.17	3.5%	473.83
Dried Fish					
Spratts	1kg	1380.00	1430.00	-3.5%	1336.54
Eggs	Each	29.64	30.16	-1.7%	40.23
Coconut	Each	197.71	198.47	-0.4%	134.72
Coconut Oil	750ml	662.40	674.26	-1.8%	534.39
Red Onions	1kg	378.58	377.09	0.4%	449.97
B- Onions (Import)	1kg	184.47	167.00	10.5%	300.60
Brinjal	1kg	380.34	386.67	-1.6%	350.63
Beans Green	1kg	450.34	470.62	-4.3%	456.35
Bandakka	1kg	300.00	312.41	-4.0%	279.93
Leeks	1kg	277.24	279.31	-0.7%	338.22
Beet Root	1kg	253.10	251.72	0.5%	278.85
Carrot	1kg	296.55	292.41	1.4%	251.54
Green Chillies	1kg	483.10	489.29	-1.3%	553.81
Raddish	1kg	237.39	236.92	0.2%	228.92
Vetakolu	1kg	305.60	310.37	-1.5%	377.83
Bitter Guard	1kg	495.77	521.86	-5.0%	499.36
Snake Guard	1kg	373.85	396.67	-5.8%	388.57
Kolikuttu	1kg	356.79	355.93	0.2%	439.17
Papaw	1kg	198.89	202.50	-1.8%	224.88
Pineapple	1kg	442.31	452.69	-2.3%	561.79

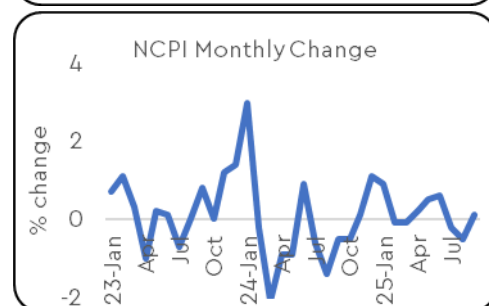
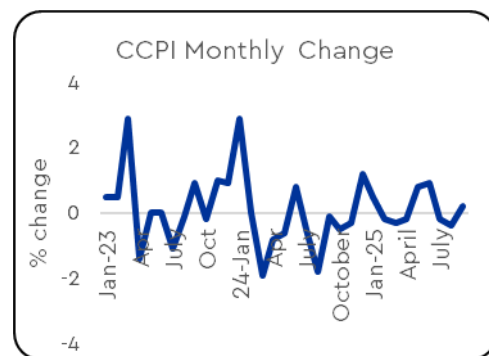
Source: Department of Census and Statistics

## 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 %
Feb - 24	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
Oct	189.9	-0.5	-0.8	202.1	-0.5	-0.7
Nov	189.4	-0.3	-2.1	202.4	0.1	-1.7
Dec	191.7	1.2	-1.7	204.6	1.1	-2.0
Jan - 25	192.6	0.5	-4.0	206.4	0.9	-4.0
Feb	192.2	-0.2	-4.2	206.2	-0.1	-3.9
March	191.6	-0.3	-2.6	206.0	-0.1	-1.9
April	191.2	-0.2	-2.0	206.5	0.2	-0.8
May	192.8	0.8	-0.7	207.5	0.5	0.6
June	194.5	0.9	-0.6	208.7	0.6	0.3
July	194.1	-0.2	-0.3	208.3	-0.2	0.7
Aug	193.3	-0.4	1.2	207.2	-0.5	1.5
Sep	193.7	0.2	1.5			

Source: Department of Census and Statistics



### CONTRIBUTION OF FOOD ITEMS TO CCPI FROM SEPTEMBER 2024 TO SEPTEMBER 2025 (Base 2021=100)

Commodity	Value Change Rs.	Change %
Food	1,640.51	0.94
Rice	-164.27	-0.09
Coconut	1,456.13	0.83
Sea Fish	443.58	0.25
Chicken	382.12	0.22
Fresh Fruits	-588.53	-0.34
Vegetables	91.27	0.05
Dried Chillies	-58.51	-0.03
Eggs	-209.19	-0.12
Red Onions	-41.78	-0.02
Big Onions	-499.73	-0.28
Potatoes	-61.76	-0.04
Garlic	-51.45	-0.03

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 - 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
Oct	231.9	-0.6	1.0
Nov	231.7	-0.1	0.6
Dec	240.7	3.9	0.8
Jan - 25	241.5	0.3	-2.6
Feb	242.3	0.3	-0.2
March	239.2	-1.3	0.6
April	238.4	-0.3	1.3
May	244.8	2.7	5.2
June	249.3	1.8	4.3
July	243.0	-2.5	1.5
Aug	239.4	-1.5	2.0
Sep	240.1	0.3	2.9

Source: Department of Census and Statistics



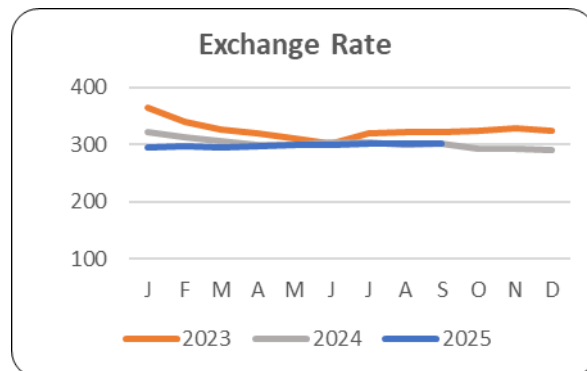


# EXTERNAL SECTOR

## EXCHANGE RATES

Currency	Week Ending 17 <sup>th</sup> October 2025	Week Ago	Year Ago	% Change 2024/25
US Dollar	303.00	302.72	293.42	3.26
Sterling Pound	407.47	402.91	383.63	6.21
Euro	354.78	350.31	319.62	11.00
Japanese Yen	2.02	1.98	1.97	2.54
Indian Rupee	3.44	3.41	3.49	-1.43

Source : Central Bank of Sri Lanka

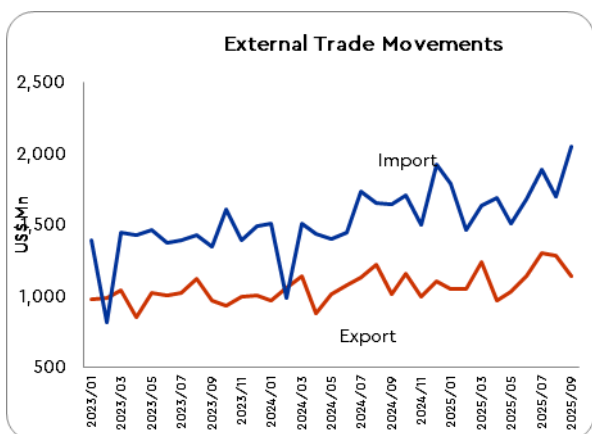


## EXTERNAL TRADE

Category	August 2024 (USD mn)	August 2025 (USD mn)	Growth Rate (%)	Jan-Aug 2024 (USD mn)	Jan-Aug 2025 (USD mn)	Growth Rate (%)
<b>Exports</b>	<b>1,231.70</b>	<b>1,282.3</b>	<b>4.1</b>	<b>8,506.3</b>	<b>9,076.7</b>	<b>6.7</b>
<b>Agricultural</b>	<b>258.1</b>	<b>292.6</b>	<b>13.4</b>	<b>1,804.0</b>	<b>2,030.2</b>	<b>12.5</b>
Tea	130.5	141.9	8.7	942.3	1,026.0	8.9
Other	127.6	150.7	18.1	861.7	1,004.2	16.5
<b>Industrial</b>	<b>967.8</b>	<b>986.3</b>	<b>1.9</b>	<b>6,665.8</b>	<b>7,015.4</b>	<b>5.2</b>
Rubber Products	101.1	83.8	-17.1	663.1	618.6	-6.7
Textiles and Garments	512.1	508.1	-0.8	3,364.8	3,595.3	6.9
Food, Beverage and Tobacco	63	81.5	29.4	427.7	577.3	35.0
Other	291.6	312.9	7.3	2,210.2	2,224.2	0.6
<b>Mineral</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1.7</b>	<b>-57.5</b>	<b>18.8</b>	<b>14.3</b>	<b>-23.9</b>
<b>Unclassified</b>	<b>1.8</b>	<b>1.8</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>17.7</b>	<b>16.8</b>	<b>-5.1</b>
<b>Imports</b>	<b>1,654.00</b>	<b>1,696.5</b>	<b>2.6</b>	<b>12,072.5</b>	<b>13,340.9</b>	<b>10.5</b>
<b>Consumer Goods</b>	<b>318.8</b>	<b>499.1</b>	<b>56.6</b>	<b>2,176.3</b>	<b>3,294.7</b>	<b>51.4</b>
Food and Beverages	192.9	154	-20.2	1,214.1	1,419.6	16.9
Other Consumer Goods	125.9	345.1	174.1	962.2	1,875.1	94.9
<b>Intermediate Goods</b>	<b>1049.2</b>	<b>869</b>	<b>-17.2</b>	<b>7,750.0</b>	<b>7,437.4</b>	<b>-4.0</b>
Petroleum	350.5	255.2	-27.2	2,896.5	2,520.6	-13.0
Textiles & Textile Articles	232.3	208.4	-10.3	1,839.3	1,793.5	-2.5
Other Intermediate Goods	466.4	405.4	-13.1	3,014.2	3,123.3	3.6
<b>Investment Goods</b>	<b>285.5</b>	<b>325.9</b>	<b>14.2</b>	<b>2,140.3</b>	<b>2,597.2</b>	<b>21.3</b>
Machinery and Equipment	195.9	187.2	-4.4	1,438.6	1,658.4	15.3
Transport Equipment	9.8	58	491.8	98.0	286.7	192.6
Building Material	79.4	80.5	1.4	601.9	649.6	7.9
Other Investment Goods	0.4	0.2	-50.0	1.8	2.5	38.9
<b>Unclassified</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>2.6</b>	<b>420.0</b>	<b>5.9</b>	<b>11.6</b>	<b>96.6</b>
<b>Trade Balance</b>	<b>-422.3</b>	<b>-414.2</b>		<b>-3,566.2</b>	<b>-4,264.2</b>	

... negligible

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka



## Highlights

- Export earnings decreased by 1.5 percent to USD 1,282.3 mn in August 2025 compared to USD 1,302.2 mn in July 2025.
- Import expenditure decreased by 9.9 percent to USD 1,696.5 mn in August 2025 compared to USD 1,882.2 mn in July 2025.
- Trade deficit narrowed to USD 414.2 mn in August 2025 compared to USD 580.0 mn in July 2025.

## EXTERNAL ASSETS

External Assets (USD bn)	Aug 2024	Sep 2024	Oct 2024	Nov 2024	Dec 2024	Jan 2025	Feb 2025	Mar 2025	Apr 2025	May 2025	June 2025	July 2025	Aug 2025
Total Reserves	11.1	11.3	11.6	11.6	11.2	11.6	11.6	12.4	12.4	12.0	11.8	11.7	11.9
Gross Official Reserves	6.0	6.0	6.5	6.5	6.1	6.1	6.1	6.5	6.3	6.3	6.1	6.1	6.2

Gross official Reserves USD 6.3 bn as end April 2025.

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

## WORKERS' REMITTANCES

Category	2024 September	2025 September	Jan – Sep 2024	Jan – Sep 2025	% Change
Inflow USD mn	555.6	695.7	4,843.8	5,811.7	20.0
Rs. bn	167.3	210.3	1,477.3	1,738.7	17.7

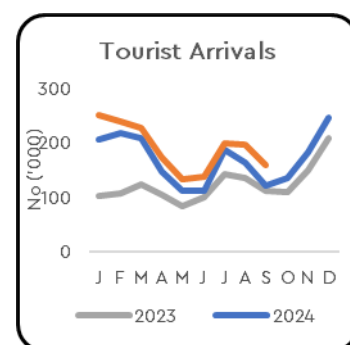
Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

(a) Provisional

## TOURIST ARRIVALS

Month	Arrivals				Earnings USD mn			
	2023	2024	2025	% change 2024/25	2023	2024	2025	% change 2024/25
Jan	102,545	208,253	252,761	21.4	153.5	341.80	400.7	17.2
Feb	107,639	218,350	240,217	15.6	161.6	345.70	367.6	11.7
Mar	125,495	209,181	229,298	13.6	188.8	338.40	354.0	9.4
Apr	105,498	148,867	174,608	17.3	148.2	225.7	256.7	13.7
May	83,309	112,128	132,919	18.5	100.0	154.0	164.1	6.6
Jun	100,388	113,470	138,241	21.8	122.9	151.1	169.5	12.2
July	143,039	187,810	200,244	6.6	219.0	328.3	318.5	-3.0
Aug	136,405	164,609	198,235	20.4	210.5	282.1	258.9	-8.2
Sep	111,938	122,140	158,971	30.2	152.2	181.0	182.9	1.0
Oct	109,199	135,907			136.7	185.6		
Nov	151,496	184,158			205.3	272.9		
Dec	210,352	248,592			269.3	362.1		
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,487,303</b>	<b>2,053,465</b>	<b>1,725,494</b>		<b>2,068.0</b>	<b>3,168.6</b>	<b>2,472.9</b>	

Source: Sri Lanka Tourism Development Authority





# FISCAL SECTOR

## GOVERNMENT REVENUE (Rs. Mn)

Item	2021	2022	2023	2024 (a)	2025 (a) Jan - Aug
<b>Tax Revenue</b>	<b>1,298,019</b>	<b>1,751,132</b>	<b>2,720,563</b>	<b>3,704,577</b>	<b>3,068,495</b>
Income Tax	302,115	534,021	911,355	1,026,199	702,351
VAT	308,213	463,062	694,460	1,309,680	1,084,248
Excise Duty	306,861	342,523	469,622	598,529	607,927
PAL	154,125	180,595	175,486	170,014	115,886
Customs Duty	64,339	50,009	105,120	111,147	150,988
SCL	55,828	40,194	51,327	115,199	103,641
CESS	75,543	70,318	57,184	81,129	56,529
SSCL	-	36,111	216,181	250,869	190,813
Other	31,429	34,712	39,827	41,812	56,110
<b>Non-Tax Revenue</b>	<b>159,052</b>	<b>228,052</b>	<b>328,259</b>	<b>326,261</b>	<b>226,244</b>
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>1,457,071</b>	<b>1,979,184</b>	<b>3,048,822</b>	<b>4,030,838</b>	<b>3,294,740</b>

Source: Department of Fiscal Policy  
(a) Provisional

## GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURE (Rs. Mn)

Item	2021	2022	2023	2024 (a)	2025 (a) Jan - Aug
<b>Government Expenditure</b>	<b>3,521,735</b>	<b>4,472,556</b>	<b>5,356,591</b>	<b>6,130,739</b>	<b>3,712,492</b>
<b>Recurrent Expenditure</b>	<b>2,747,512</b>	<b>3,519,634</b>	<b>4,699,679</b>	<b>5,339,941</b>	<b>3,381,309</b>
Salaries & Wages	845,680	956,211	939,496	1,066,048	760,687
Goods & Services	168,932	182,857	299,700	350,879	210,640
Interest	1,048,382	1,565,190	2,455,600	2,689,500	1,680,571
Subsidies & Transfers	684,518	815,376	1,004,884	1,233,514	722,411
<b>Capital &amp; Net Lending</b>	<b>774,223</b>	<b>952,923</b>	<b>656,912</b>	<b>790,798</b>	<b>331,183</b>
Public Investments	789,636	1,014,293	932,745	817,092	338,846
<b>Other</b>	<b>-15,413</b>	<b>-61,370</b>	<b>-275,833</b>	<b>-26,294</b>	<b>-7,663</b>

Compiled by Department of Fiscal Policy  
(a) provisional

## GOVERNMENT DEBT (Rs.bn)

	End 2023	End Aug 2024	End Sep 2024 (a)	End Oct 2024 (a)	End Nov 2024 (a)	End 2024 (a)	End Jun 2025 (a)
Total Domestic Debt	17,051.9	17,725.91	17,595.05	17,497.73	17,571.96	18,309.66	18,806.08
Total Foreign Debt	11,644.1	10,980.85	10,979.60	10,789.37	10,668.26	10,429.04	10,828.70
<b>Total Government Debt</b>	<b>28,695.9</b>	<b>28,706.76</b>	<b>28,574.65</b>	<b>28,287.10</b>	<b>28,240.22</b>	<b>28,738.70</b>	<b>29,634.78</b>

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka  
(a) provisional

## KEY FISCAL INDICATORS 2022 -2024

Indicator	2022		2023		2024 (a)	
	Rs.mn.	% of GDP	Rs.mn.	% of GDP	Rs.mn.	% of GDP
Total Revenue	1,979,184	8.2	3,048,822	11.1	4,030,838	13.5
Tax Revenue	1,751,132	7.3	2,720,563	9.9	3,704,577	12.4
Non-Tax Revenue	228,052	0.9	328,259	1.2	326,261	1.1
Recurrent Expenditure	3,519,633	14.6	4,699,679	17.1	5,339,941	17.9
<b>Capital &amp; Net Lending</b>	<b>952,923</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>656,912</b>	<b>2.4</b>	<b>790,798</b>	<b>2.6</b>
Public Investment	1,014,293	4.2	932,745	3.4	817,092	2.7
Budget Deficit	-2,459,967	-10.2	-2,282,267	-8.3	-2,039,931	-6.8
Government Debt	27,492,031	114.2	28,695,949	104.7	28,738,704	96.1

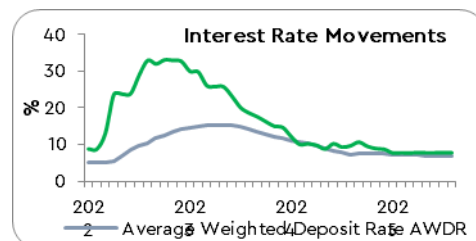
Compiled by Department of Fiscal Policy  
(a) provisional



# 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)
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	190.9	-0.5	2.4	10.49	-10.99	-2.9
Oct	189.9	-0.8	2.2	9.35	-10.45	-3.0
Nov	189.4	-2.1	1.7	8.73	-10.83	-3.8
Dec	191.7	-1.7	1.2	8.55	-10.25	-2.9
Jan - 2025	192.6	-4.0	0.4	7.93	-11.93	-4.4
Feb	192.2	-4.2	-0.5	7.57	-11.77	-3.7
Mar	191.6	-2.6	-0.8	7.50	-10.1	-1.8
Apr	191.2	-2.0	-1.1	7.65	-9.65	-0.9
May	192.8	-0.7	-1.2	7.55	-8.25	0.5
June	194.5	-0.6	-1.4	7.55	-8.15	0.8
July	194.1	-0.3	-1.6	7.62	-7.92	1.3
August	193.3	1.2	-1.5	7.58	-6.38	2.7
September	193.7	1.5	1.2	7.57	-6.07	0.3



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 17 <sup>th</sup> of October 2025	Week Ago	Year Ago
Overnight Policy Rate (OPR)	7.75	7.75	
Standing Deposit Facility	7.25	7.25	8.25
Standing Lending Facility	8.25	8.25	9.25
Average Weighted Call Money Rate (AWCMR)	7.89	7.87	8.58
Treasury Bill (Yield rate)			
91 Days	7.52	7.52	9.32
182 Days	7.89	7.89	9.65
364 Days	8.02	8.02	9.95
Average Weighted Prime Lending Rate (AWPR)	7.93	8.19	9.10
	<b>Aug</b>	<b>Month ago</b>	<b>Year ago</b>
Average Weighted Deposit Rate (AWDR)	6.82	6.88	7.87

Source : Central Bank of Sri Lanka

## MONEY SUPPLY AND CREDIT GROWTH

Item	Aug 2025	July 2025	June 2025	May 2025	Apr 2025	Aug 2024	Growth 2024 Aug/2025 Augl (%)
M <sub>1</sub>	2,123.1	2,097.4	1,660.1	2,038.6	2,048.1	1,800.6	17.9
M <sub>2</sub>	13,512.8	13,400.7	2,079.8	13,165.6	13,128.8	12,228.6	10.5
M <sub>2b</sub>	15,367.9	15,205.8	13,337.4	14,965.6	14,931.9	13,876.8	10.7

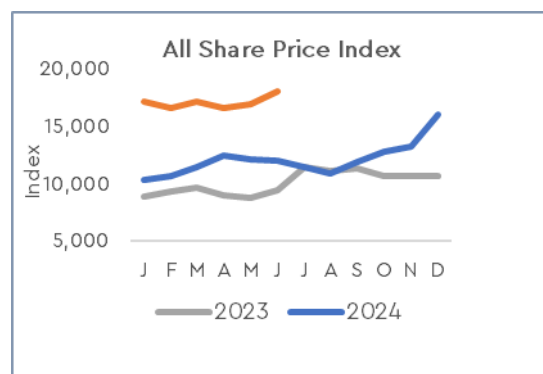
Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

CREDIT TO PRIVATE SECTOR (RS. bn.)				
Item	Aug 2025	Month Ago	Year Ago	Growth 2024 /2025 (%)
Credit to Private Sector	9,284.4	9,057.6	7,707.7	20.5
DBUs	8,688.3	8,449.1	7,128.9	21.9
OBU	596.1	608.5	578.8	3.0

## SHARE MARKET

Indicator	Week Ending 17 <sup>th</sup> October	Week Ago	Year Ago
All Share Price Index (1985 = 100) (ASPI)	22,633.80	22,318.72	12,313.10
S & P Sri Lanka 20 Index (S & P SL20)	6,263.03	6,226.03	3,622.94
Average Daily Turnover (Rs.Mn)	11,277.70	8,458.90	1,951.33
Market Capitalization (Rs.Bn.)	8,093.78	7,961.30	4,533.77

Source: Colombo Stock Exchange



## EQUITY TRADING STATISTICS

Indicator	Sept 2025	Sept 2024	Jan - Sept 2025	Jan - Sept 2024
<b>Turnover -Equity (Rs. Mn.)</b>	148,756.9	31,416.4	903,887.6	273,715.9
Domestic (Rs. Mn.)	136,127.12	29,659.7	843,586.5	233,128.4
Foreign (Rs. Mn.)	12,629.7	1,756.7	60,301.1	40,587.5
Market Days	21	19	177	178
Daily Turnover Avg. Equity (Rs. Mn.)	7,083.7	1,653.5	5,106.7	1,537.7
<b>Trade Equity</b>	852.4	241.9	5,264.6	2,041.4
Domestic	841.3	235.9	5,186.0	1,991.1
Foreign	11.1	5.9	78.6	50.4
<b>Shares Traded -Equity (Mn)</b>	5,169.3	1,302.8	34,494.5	12,121.6
Domestic (Mn.)	4,826.0	1,224.5	32,650.2	10,781.4
Foreign (Mn.)	343.4	78.3	1,844.3	1,340.2
Companies Traded	270	270	271	273
Companies Listed	286	286	284	

Source: Colombo Stock Exchange

## MARKET INDICATORS

Price Indices	Sept 2025	August 2025	July 2025
ASPI	21,778.60	20,997.36	19,642.48
S&P SL 20	6,126.53	6,076.79	5,762.17
<b>Total Return Indicators</b>			
ASTRI	32,936.68	31,726.72	29,631.34
S&P SL20 (TRI)	12,479.62	12,373.22	11,730.66
Market PER	9.59	9.81	9.14
Dividend Yield	2.47	2.30	2.52
Market Capitalization (Rs.Bn.)	1.43	7,425.45	6,895.69

Source: Colombo Stock Exchange

## STOCK MARKET - FOREIGN PURCHASES AND FOREIGN SALES

Indicator	Sept 2025	Sept 2024
Purchases by Foreigners (Rs. Mn)	10,228.0	1,437.6
Sales by Foreigners (Rs. Mn)	15,031.5	2,075.7
Net Foreign Purchases (Rs. Mn)	-4,803.5	-640.1

Source: Colombo Stock Exchange

