



# WEEKLY ECONOMIC BULLETIN

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This Weekly Economic Bulletin (WEB) provides a weekly update of some of the key economic, fiscal and monetary developments in Sri Lanka. Data published on the Bulletin are subject to revisions and the Department cannot guarantee of the accuracy of the information obtained from outside sources.

## Highlights

- ⇒ **CCPI** declined to **5.7 %** in January 2019
- ⇒ **Exchange rate** depreciated to **US\$1=Rs. 181.36**
- ⇒ **Brent crude oil** decreased to: **US\$ 55.29**per bbl
- ⇒ **Credit to private sector** increased by **4.5 %** in **December 2019**
- ⇒ **Tourist arrivals** drop by **5.5 %** in January 2019

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## WEEK IN REVIEW

### Domestic Economy

The GDP grew 2.7 per cent in real terms in 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter 2019, mainly due to the weaker expansion of Agriculture sector, Industry sector and Services sector.

The total outstanding market liquidity was a deficit of Rs. 5.472 bn by end of the week, compared to a surplus of Rs. 5.851 bn by the end of last week.

All Share Price Index (ASPI) increased by 0.22 per cent to 5,942.53 points and the S&P SL 20 Index increased by 0.01 per cent to 2,835.35 points compared to the previous week.

NCPI increased to 6.2 % in December 2019.

### International Developments-

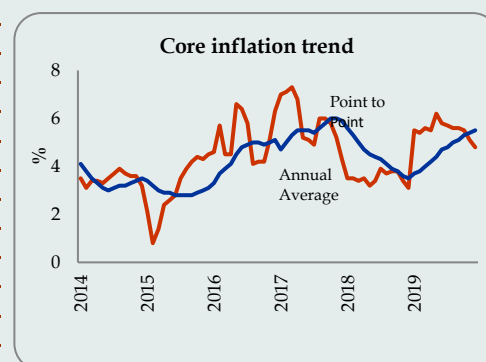
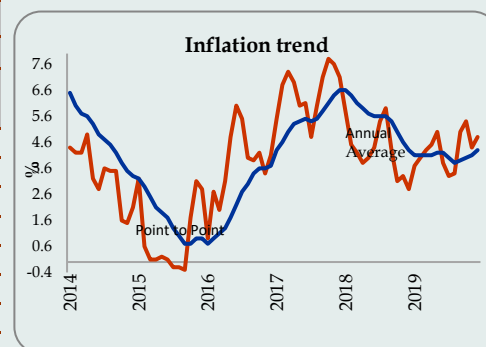
Global growth is projected to stabilize to 3.5 percent in 2020.

Growth in the Euro area is projected at 1.6 percent in 2020.

The growth forecast for the United States for 2020 will be 1.4.

Emerging and developing Asia is expected to grow at 6.2 percent in 2019–20.

Month	CCPI (%)		Core Inflation (%)		NCPI (%)	
	(2013=100)		(2013=100)		(2013=100)	
	Point to Point	Annual Average	Point to Point	Annual Average	Monthly Change	Point to Point
Mar-18	4.2	6.1	3.4	5.0	-0.7	2.8
Apr	3.8	5.9	3.5	4.7	0.1	1.6
May	4.0	5.7	3.2	4.5	1.1	2.1
June	4.4	5.6	3.4	4.4	1.8	2.5
July	5.4	5.6	3.9	4.3	0.1	3.4
Aug	5.9	5.6	3.7	4.1	-0.9	2.5
Sep	4.3	5.4	3.8	3.9	-0.8	0.9
Oct	3.1	5.0	3.8	3.8	0.4	0.1
Nov	3.3	4.6	3.4	3.6	2.2	1.0
Dec	2.8	4.3	3.1	3.5	-0.5	0.4
Jan-19	3.7	4.1	5.5	3.7	0.2	1.2
Feb	4.0	4.1	5.4	3.8	-0.5	2.4
Mar	4.3	4.1	5.6	4.0	-0.2	2.9
Apr	4.5	4.1	5.5	4.2	0.7	3.6
May	5.0	4.2	6.2	4.4	1.1	3.5
June	3.8	4.2	5.8	4.7	0.4	2.1
July	3.3	4.0	5.7	4.8	0.2	2.2
Aug	3.4	3.8	5.6	5.0	0.2	3.4
Sep	5.0	3.9	5.6	5.1	0.7	5.0
Oct	5.4	4.0	5.5	5.3	1.0	5.6
Nov	4.4	4.1	5.1	5.4	0.8	4.1
Dec	4.8	4.3	4.8	5.5	1.6	6.2
Jan-20	5.7	4.5	3.0	5.3	-	-



Source: Department of Census and Statistics

The point to point inflation of CCPI increased to 5.7 per cent in January 2019. The annual average of CCPI is 4.5 per cent in January 2019. Core inflation that measures the price movements of the items in the CCPI basket excluding fresh food, energy, transport, rice and coconut, decreased to 3.0 per cent, on point to point basis, while annual average core inflation decreased to 5.3 per cent, in December 2019. The National Consumer Price Index (NCPI) covering price movements in all provinces of the country decreased to 6.2 per cent in December 2019, on year on year basis.

### Contribution of Food Items to CCPI from December 2019 to January 2020

Commodity	Value Change Rs.	Change %
Food	764.30	0.96
Rice	-106.92	-0.13
Coconut Oil	33.56	0.04
Sea Fish	29.38	0.04
Chicken	-53.23	-0.07
Potatoes	3.46	0.03
Vegetables	586.87	0.73
Green chilies	8.44	0.01
Dhal	12.13	0.02
Eggs	-	-
Red Onions	-42.11	-0.05
Banana	-	-
Limes	-33.72	-0.04
Mangoes	8.03	0.01

Source: Department of Census and Statistics

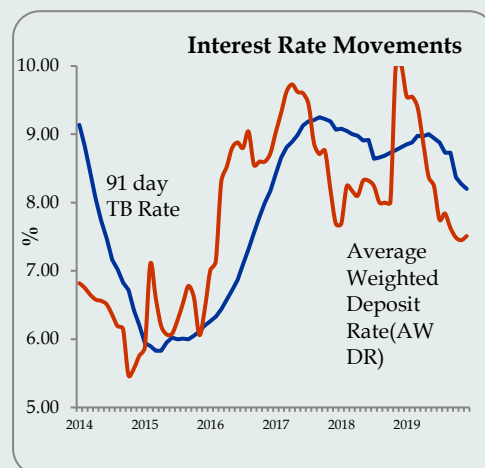
### Movements of the CCPI in Food Item (2013=100)

Month	% Change Month to Month	Inflation	
		Point to Point	Annual Average
Aug-18	-0.8	7.5	7.8
Sep	-3.4	2.3	7.1
Oct	-0.2	-2.3	5.9
Nov	3.0	-1.0	4.6
Dec	0.8	-1.5	3.3
Jan-19	-2.5	-2.1	2.3
Feb	-2.1	-1.4	1.7
Mar	-1.6	-1.4	1.2
Apr	0.1	-0.9	0.9
May	4.4	0.8	0.7
June	2.6	-1.0	0.3
July	-0.7	-2.6	-0.03
Aug	-1.0	-2.8	-1.2
Sep	2.4	3.0	-1.1
Oct	1.6	6.8	-0.4
Nov	0.9	4.6	0.1
Dec	2.4	6.3	0.8
Jan-20	3.2	12.4	2.0

Source: Department of Census and Statistics

Month	CCPI (2013 =100)	CCPI Point to Point Change	CCPI Annual Average Change	91 Days T Bill Rate	Real Interest Rate (Y on Y)	Real Interest Rate (Annual Avg)
July -18	125.8	5.4	5.6	8.17	2.77	2.57
Aug	125.8	5.9	5.6	8.00	2.10	2.40
Sep	124.9	4.3	5.4	8.00	2.10	2.40
Oct	124.6	3.1	5.0	9.48	6.38	4.48
Nov	126.2	3.3	4.6	10.01	5.41	6.71
Dec	126.3	2.8	4.3	10.01	7.21	5.71
Jan-19	127.4	3.7	4.1	9.55	5.85	5.45
Feb	126.8	4.0	4.1	9.55	5.55	5.45
Mar	126.6	4.3	4.1	9.39	5.09	5.29
Apr	127.0	4.5	4.1	8.89	4.39	4.79
May	129.0	5.0	4.2	8.38	3.38	4.18
June	130.2	3.8	4.2	8.24	4.44	4.04
July	130.0	3.3	4.0	7.75	4.45	3.75
Aug	130.1	3.4	3.8	7.84	4.44	4.04
Sep	131.1	5.0	3.9	7.62	2.62	3.72
Oct	131.3	5.4	4.0	7.49	2.09	3.49
Nov	131.7	4.4	4.1	7.45	3.05	3.35
Dec	134.4	4.8	4.3	7.51	2.71	3.21
Jan-20	134.6	5.7	4.5	7.51	1.81	3.01

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



## Interest Rate Movements

Category	Week Ending 07 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2020	Week Ago	Year Ago
Standing Deposit Facility	6.50	6.50	8.00
Standing Lending Facility	7.50	7.50	9.00
Call Money Weekly Average	6.98	7.27	9.00
Treasury Bill (Yield rate)			
91 Days	7.37	7.51	9.55
182 Days	7.99	8.15	9.87
364 Days	8.42	8.59	10.69
Prime Lending Rate	9.47	9.68	12.03
	<b>Jan 20</b>	<b>Month Ago</b>	<b>Year Ago</b>
Commercial Bank Average Weighted Deposit Rate (AWDR)	8.14	8.20	8.77

Source : Central Bank of Sri Lanka

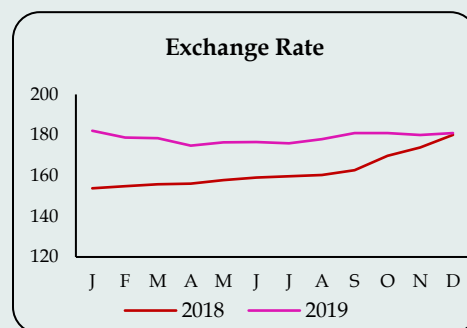
Central Bank Standing Deposit Facility rate (SDF) and Standing Lending Facility rate (SLF) decrease to 6.50 percent and 7.50 percent, respectively during this week.

The Prime Lending rate is 9.47 per cent by week ending 07<sup>th</sup> February 2020 and Commercial Bank Average Weighted Deposit Rate (AWDR) for the month of December 2019 was 8.20 percent.

## Exchange Rates

Currency	Week Ending 07 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2020	Week Ago	Year Ago	% Change 2019/20
US Dollar	183.36	181.47	177.68	3.2
Sterling Pound	234.71	237.71	229.83	2.1
Euro	199.16	200.08	201.89	-1.3
Japanese Yen	1.65	1.67	1.62	1.8
Indian Rupee	2.55	2.53	2.49	2.4

Source : Central Bank of Sri Lanka



## Money Supply and Credit Growth

Item	Dec 2019	Nov 2019	Oct 2019	Dec 2018	Nov 2018	Oct 2018	Growth 2018 Dec/2019 (%)
M <sub>1</sub> (RsBn)	865.5	817.6	810.6	830.8	788.8	782.7	4.2
M <sub>2</sub> (RsBn)	6,912.7	6,790.4	6,743.7	6,427.3	6,355.3	6,326.0	7.6
M <sub>2b</sub> (RsBn)	7,624.1	7,472.8	7,456.3	7,128.3	7,042.6	6,988.4	7.0

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

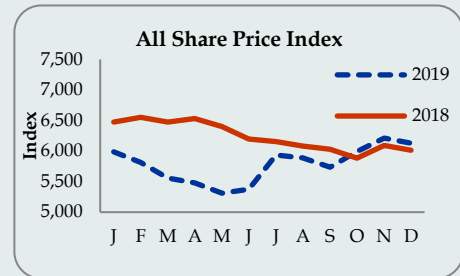
Item	Dec 2019	Month Ago	Year Ago	Growth 2018 /2019 (%)
<b>Credit to Private Sector (Rs.bn)</b>	<b>5,811.0</b>	<b>5,753.1</b>	<b>5,561.4</b>	<b>4.5</b>
DBUs	5,376.3	5,321.6	5,135.5	4.7
OBU's	434.7	431.5	425.8	2.1

## Share Market

Indicator	Week Ending 07 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2020	Week Ago	Year Ago
All Share Price Index (1985 = 100) (ASPI)	5,942.53	5,929.76	5,964.10
S & P Sri Lanka 20 Index (S & P SL20)	2,835.35	2,835.04	3,058.10
Average Daily Turnover (Rs.Mn)	442.48	595.47	480.60
Market Capitalization (Rs.Bn.)	2,767.65	2,761.10	2,787.40

Source: Colombo Stock Exchange

All Share Price Index (ASPI) increased by 12.8 index points and closed at 5,942.53 points compared to the fifth week of January 2020. The S & P Sri Lanka 20 Index (S & P SL 20) increased by 0.31 to 2,835.35 index points. The Average Daily Turnover decreased by Rs. 152.99 million and stationed at Rs. 442.48 million. Market capitalization reached Rs. 2,767.65 billion in the first week of February 2020.



## Equity Trading Statistics

Indicator	Dec 2019	Dec 2018	Jan-Dec 2019	Jan-Dec 2018
<b>Turnover -Equity (Rs. Mn.)</b>	<b>11,173.9</b>	<b>16,685.1</b>	<b>171,407.9</b>	<b>200,068.8</b>
Domestic (Rs. Mn.)	8,446.8	8,734.9	109,003.2	111,378.0
Foreign (Rs. Mn.)	2,727.2	7,950.2	62,404.7	88,690.8
Market Days	20	20	241	240
Daily Turnover Avg. Equity (Rs. Mn.)	558.7	834.3	711.2	833.6
<b>Trade Equity</b>	<b>112,415</b>	<b>58,560</b>	<b>1,197,205</b>	<b>885,657</b>
Domestic	107,369	55,714	1,150,486	838,785
Foreign	5,046	2,846	46,719	46,872
<b>Shares Traded Equity</b>	<b>575.0</b>	<b>362.5</b>	<b>9,855.0</b>	<b>6,000.7</b>
Domestic (Rs. Mn.)	518.8	219.5	7,091.5	4,820.8
Foreign (Rs. Mn.)	56.2	143.0	2,763.5	1,179.8
Companies Traded	265	271	275	279
Companies Listed	289	297	289	297

## Market Indicators

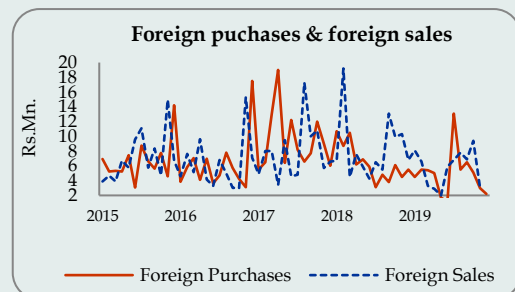
Price Indices	Dec 2019	Nov 2019
ASPI	6,129.21	6,211.97
S&P SL 20	2936.96	3,071.15
<b>Total Return Indicators</b>		
ASTRI	8,203.82	8,314.34
S&P SL20 (TRI)	4,603.57	4,810.55
Market PER	10.83	10.97
Dividend Yield	3.17	3.13
Market Capitalization (Rs.Bn.)	2,851.31	2,889.79

Source: Colombo Stock Exchange

## Stock Market - Foreign Purchases and Foreign Sales

Indicator	Dec 2019	Jan-Dec 2019
Purchases by Foreigners (Rs. Mn)	2,238.3	56,537.5
Sales by Foreigners (Rs. Mn)	3,216.1	68,272.3
Net Foreign Purchases (Rs. Mn)	-977.8	-11,734.8

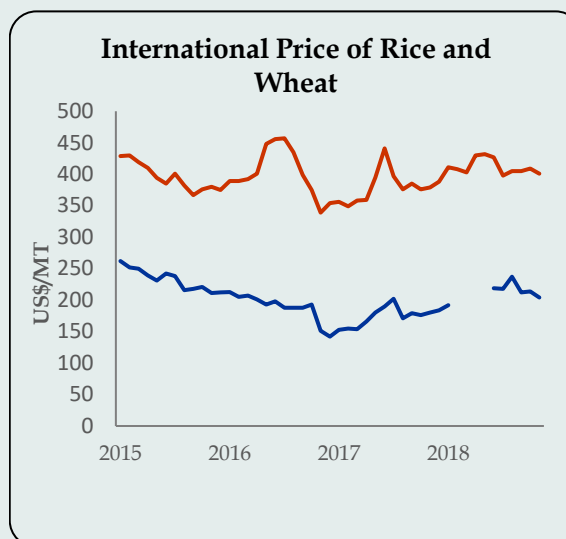
Source: Colombo Stock Exchange



# COMMODITY PRICES

## International Commodity Prices

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



Source: FAO Web Site, Available at [fao.org/worldfoodsituation/foodpricesindex](http://fao.org/worldfoodsituation/foodpricesindex)

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

Source: The World Bank, Available at [worldbank.org/WBSITE/EXTERNAL/EXTDEC/EXTDECPROPECTS](http://worldbank.org/WBSITE/EXTERNAL/EXTDEC/EXTDECPROPECTS)

¢= US cent

\$= US dollar

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

Item	Feb 03	Feb 04	Feb 05	Feb 06	Feb 07	Week Ago	Month Ago	Year Ago
Brent (New York Closing Prices) (US \$/bbl.)	55.99	56.46	54.40	55.91	55.29	59.40	68.62	62.28
WTI (US\$/bbl.)	51.21	51.54	50.02	51.50	51.29	53.16	63.05	53.72
Petrol	62.75	62.20	60.90	63.10	63.40	64.20	73.5	61.35
Diesel	64.33	63.95	92.97	65.77	65.54	66.30	79.42	73.18
Kerosene	63.51	63.25	62.80	65.38	64.09	66.70	80.6	75.58

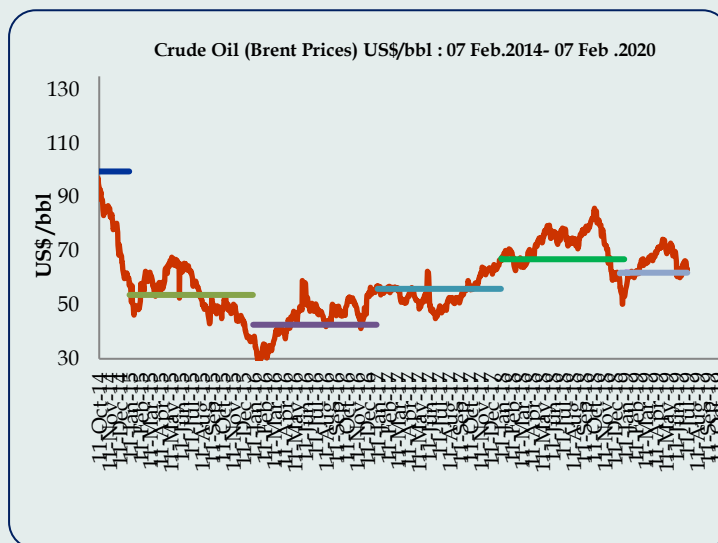
Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

## Crude Oil Prices (Monthly Average)

Month	WTI European Market (US\$/bbl)	Brent (US\$/bbl)
June-18	66.93	75.70
July	70.87	75.17
Aug	67.85	73.80
Sep	70.02	79.02
Oct	71.10	80.93
Nov	60.46	70.41
Dec	50.11	58.95
Jan-19	51.13	59.63
Feb	54.77	64.17
Mar	58.08	66.97
Apr	60.92	69.21
May	61.09	70.49
June	57.82	64.15
July	57.61	64.31
Aug	55.10	59.76
Sep	57.39	62.68
Oct	55.07	60.78
Nov	58.07	63.80
Dec	59.54	64.87
Jan-20	53.16	59.40
Feb	51.11	55.61

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

\*up to 07<sup>th</sup> February 2020

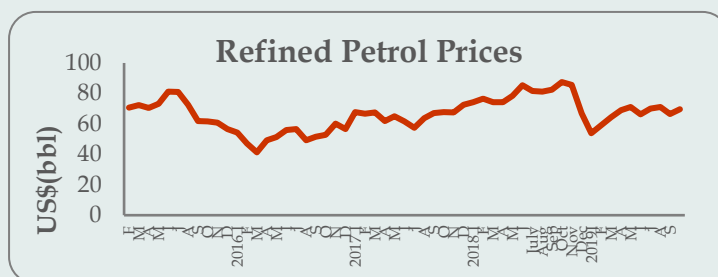


## Monthly Average Refined Product Prices -Singapore Plattes Prices (US\$/bbl)

Month	Petrol	Diesel	Kerosene
Aug-18	82.44	85.89	87.31
Sep	87.47	91.01	91.68
Oct	85.68	94.14	95.13
Nov	70.95	85.10	87.31
Dec	57.95	67.61	71.13
Jan-19	59.13	69.89	71.81
Feb	64.40	76.51	77.80
Mar	68.93	77.92	78.88
Apr	78.86	81.52	82.57
May	74.45	80.60	81.49
June	69.94	75.11	77.30
July	71.04	76.36	78.36
Aug	64.48	72.32	73.92
Sep	69.59	76.04	77.89
Oct	67.00	72.76	75.63
Nov	72.50	73.71	76.98
Dec	71.34	76.06	77.71
Jan-20	68.95	74.05	75.28
Feb	63.06	64.62	63.87

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

\*up to 07<sup>th</sup> February 2020



## Local Market Prices of Petroleum Products

Item	Unit	End 2017	End 2018	End 2019	Current Price 2020
Auto Diesel	1 liter	95.00	95.00	104.00	104.00
Petrol (Octane 92)	1 liter	117.00	117.00	137.00	137.00
Kerosene oil	1 liter	49.00	44.00	70.00	70.00
L P Gas	12.5 kg	1,321.00	1,321.00	1493.00	1493.00

**Wholesale Prices**  
**Week Ending 07<sup>th</sup> February 2020 (Rs**  
**/Kg)**

**Pettah Market**

**Dambulla Market**

Average Wholesale Prices	Week Ending 07/02/2020	Week Ago	% Change	Year Ago Annual Avg.
<b>Rice (Rs/Kg)</b>				
Samba	96.00	96.00	0.0	101.80
Kekulu (Red)	92.00	106.80	-13.9	71.80
<b>Vegetable</b>				
Beans	247.50	259.00	-4.4	95.60
Cabbage	100.00	102.00	1.9	41.60
Carrots	337.50	403.00	-16.2	87.60
Tomatoes	357.50	365.00	-2.0	53.80
Pumpkins	182.50	104.00	75.5	29.80
Snake Gourd	120.00	120.00	0.0	47.6
Brinjals	56.25	65.00	-13.5	64.80
<b>Other Foods</b>				
Red-Onions (Local)	n.a	n.a.	-	125.00
Big Onions (Local)	n.a	n.a.	-	n.a
Potatoes (N'Eliya)	225.00	230.00	2.2	122.40
Dried Chillies (Imported)	520.00	502.00	3.6	280.60
Dhal (Indian)	125.00	126.80	-1.4	118.00
Eggs (Red) (Each)	18.50	18.50	0.0	18.50
Coconut (Each)	65.00	61.00	6.6	39.80
Green Chillies	250.00	340.00	-26.5	233.33
Lime	45.00	51.00	11.8	550.00
<b>Fish (Rs/Kg)</b>				
Kelawalla	500.00	580.00	-13.8	628.00
Balaya	360.00	410.00	12.2	278.00
Salaya	160.00	180.00	11.1	120.00
Paraw (Small)	500.00	610.00	18.0	590.00

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

Food Item	Wholesale (Average)
<b>Rice (Rs/Kg)</b>	
Samba	96.00
Kekulu (Red)	88.00
<b>Vegetables</b>	
Pumpkins	152.00
Snake Gourd	119.00
Ash Plantains	92.00
Beans	226.00
Carrots	356.00
Tomatoes	289.00
<b>Other Foods</b>	
Potatoes (N'Eliya)	138.00
Dried Chillies (Imported)	526.00
Big-Onions (Local)	n.a
Red-Onions (Local)	290.00
Coconut (Each)	60.00

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

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

Item	Week Ending 07/02/2020	Week Ago	Month Ago	Year Ago
Samba	91.00	89.00	96.00	93.20
Sudu				
Kekulu	87.00	88.10	96.63	79.60
Raw Red	87.13	102.60	96.63	77.40
Nadu	96.50	87.30	96.75	69.00

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka



Weekly Retail Commodity Prices -3<sup>rd</sup> Week of January 2020

Item	Unit	This Week	Week Ago	% Change	Year Ago
Rice					
Samba(Avg.)	1 kg	102.75	101.97	0.8	112.05
No. 1	1 kg	107.50	106.25	1.2	116.52
No. 2	1kg	98.00	97.69	0.3	107.75
Nadu Red	1kg	97.16	97.30	-0.1	96.28
Raw Red (Avg)	1kg	104.17	104.60	-0.4	82.10
No. 1	1kg	111.04	111.41	-0.3	86.16
No. 2	1kg	97.29	97.80	-0.5	78.22
Wheat Flour	1 kg	92.52	92.15	0.4	94.35
Bread	450g	63.33	63.33	0.0	62.45
Sugar	1 kg	107.22	106.86	0.3	105.81
Lakspray	400g	380.00	380.00	0.0	295.00
Potatoes (Import)	1 kg	138.97	140.00	-0.7	93.14
Potatoes (Local)	1kg	233.68	235.29	-0.7	175.17
Red Dhal(Avg)	1kg	152.83	153.30	-0.3	146.53
Cowpea (Avg)	1kg	295.52	286.51	3.1	274.27
Green Gram(Avg)	1kg	295.22	286.02	3.2	257.20
Kadalai (Avg)	1kg	234.48	232.28	0.9	243.22
Meat					
Beef	1kg	998.82	996.36	0.2	979.85
Chicken					
Fresh	1kg	525.56	517.86	1.5	534.10
Broiler	1kg	435.00	450.00	-3.3	445.00
Fresh Fish					
Paraw	1 kg	1,150.00	1,134.44	1.4	1,076.66
Balaya	1 kg	769.00	761.82	1.0	645.03
Kelawalla	1 kg	1,000.00	977.33	2.3	998.70
Salaya	1 kg	299.42	280.56	6.7	185.99
Dried Fish					
Sprats	1 kg	753.24	768.00	-1.9	745.50
Eggs	Each	20.22	20.22	0.0	20.63
Coconut	Each	65.03	60.80	7.0	53.00
Coconut Oil	750ml	305.67	303.62	0.7	265.89
Red Onions	1 kg	604.58	588.22	2.8	197.48
B- Onions (Import)	1 kg	167.57	166.71	0.5	86.11
Brinjal	1kg	222.63	260.00	-14.4	173.18
Beans Green	1 kg	358.38	384.05	-6.7	189.76
Bandakka	1 kg	280.00	293.16	-4.5	159.46
Leeks	1 kg	431.14	455.88	-5.4	181.64
Beet Root	1kg	290.29	311.18	-6.7	202.18
Carrot	1kg	478.11	492.78	-3.0	178.32
Green Chillies	1kg	507.71	450.97	12.6	510.07
Raddish	1kg	189.31	186.97	1.3	138.25
Vetakolu	1kg	269.66	273.22	-1.3	194.35
Bitter Gourd	1kg	308.38	311.50	-1.0	218.82
Snake Gourd	1kg	232.58	341.65	-3.8	156.52
Kolikuttu	1kg	197.41	206.07	-4.2	195.13
Papaw	1kg	122.07	121.60	0.4	157.01
Pineapple	1kg	172.50	172.69	-0.1	149.05

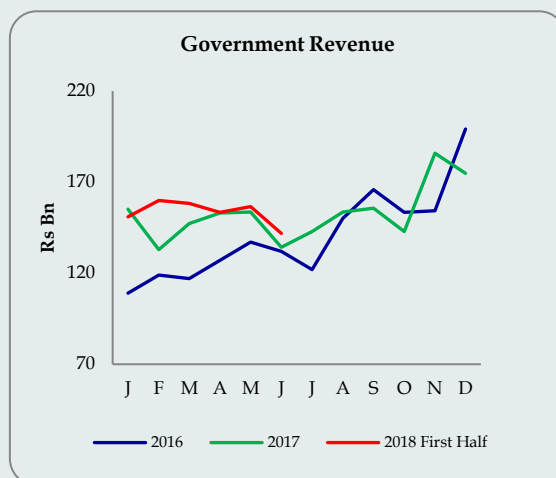
Source: Department of Census and Statistics



# FISCAL SECTOR AND GOVERNMENT DEBT

## Summary of Government Revenue

Item	2017	2018	2019(Jan-Apr) (a)
<b>Tax Revenue</b>	<b>1,670,178</b>	<b>1,712,318</b>	<b>551,530</b>
Income Tax	274,562	310,449	104,255
VAT	443,739	461,651	102,237
Excise Duty	469,454	484,242	58,110
Nation Building Tax	69,035	71,357	6,672
PAL	102,360	113,950	37,086
Customs Duty	136,501	96,991	31,354
SCL	71,402	75,807	24,830
Cess	59,554	53,369	16,803
License Fee and Other	43,525	44,458	20,170
<b>Non Tax Revenue</b>	<b>161,353</b>	<b>207,656</b>	<b>46,586</b>
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>1,831,531</b>	<b>1,919,974</b>	<b>598,116</b>



Source: Department of Fiscal Policy

(a) provisional

## Government Debt

Government Debt (Rs.bn)	End 2018	Oct 2019 (a)
Total Domestic Debt	6,018.0	6,500.7
Total Foreign Debt	5,959.5	6,393.2
<b>Total Government Debt</b>	<b>11,977.5</b>	<b>12,893.9</b>

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

(a) provisional

## Key Fiscal Indicators 2016-2017-2018

Indicator	Unit	2017	2018	2019(Jan-Apr)(a)
Budget Deficit	RsMn	-733,494	-760,769	-363,438
	% of GDP	-5.5	-5.3	-
Total Revenue	RsMn	1,831,531	1,919,974	598,116
	% of GDP	13.6	13.3	-
Tax Revenue	RsMn	1,670,178	1,712,318	551,530
	% of GDP	12.4	11.9	-
Non Tax Revenue	RsMn	161,353	207,656	46,586
	% of GDP	1.2	1.4	-
Recurrent Expenditure	RsMn	1,927,692	2,089,714	750,535
	% of GDP	14.4	14.5	-
Public Investment	RsMn	657,386	624,969	212,899
	% of GDP	4.9	4.3	-
Government Debt	RsMn	10,313,046	11,977,539	-
	% of GDP	76.9	82.9	-

Compiled by Department of Fiscal Policy

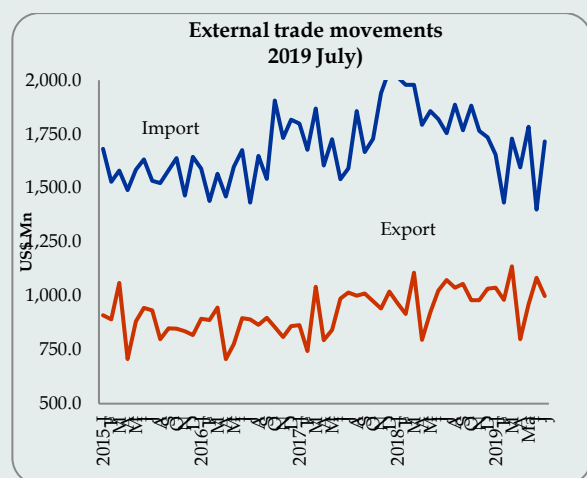
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## EXTERNAL SECTOR

## External Trade

Category	Jul 2018 (US\$ Mn)	Jul 2019 (US\$ Mn)	Growth Rate (%)	Jan-Jul 2018 (US\$ Mn)	Jan- Jul 2019 (US\$ Mn)	Growth Rate (%)
<b>Exports</b>	<b>1,073.2</b>	<b>998.5</b>	<b>-7.0</b>	<b>6,805.0</b>	<b>6,997.7</b>	<b>2.8</b>
<b>Agricultural</b>	<b>225.7</b>	<b>205.1</b>	<b>-9.1</b>	<b>1,498.0</b>	<b>1,450.2</b>	<b>-3.2</b>
Tea	125.2	111.3	-11.1	854.2	796.3	-6.8
Other						
<b>Industrial</b>	<b>843.6</b>	<b>789.5</b>	<b>-6.4</b>	<b>5,277.3</b>	<b>5,518.1</b>	<b>4.6</b>
Rubber Products	77.4	76.3	-1.4	503.8	518.4	2.9
Textiles and Garments	465.6	475.6	2.1	2,984.6	3,237.0	8.5
Food, Beverage and Tobacco	38.8	36.7	-5.4	271.1	270.0	-0.4
Other						
<b>Mineral</b>	<b>2.8</b>	<b>2.7</b>	<b>-1.8</b>	<b>19.4</b>	<b>19.4</b>	<b>0.0</b>
<b>Unclassified</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>1.3</b>	<b>13.1</b>	<b>10.3</b>	<b>10.1</b>	<b>-2.3</b>
<b>Imports</b>	<b>1,754.5</b>	<b>1,715.9</b>	<b>-2.2</b>	<b>13,195.5</b>	<b>11,311.9</b>	<b>-14.3</b>
<b>Consumer Goods</b>	<b>389.4</b>	<b>356.0</b>	<b>-8.6</b>	<b>3,010.1</b>	<b>2,167.1</b>	<b>-28.0</b>
Food and Beverages	112.5	109.3	-2.8	1,019.5	799.2	-21.6
Other Consumer Goods	276.9	246.8	-10.9	1,990.6	1,367.9	-31.3
<b>Intermediate Goods</b>	<b>975.3</b>	<b>969.6</b>	<b>-0.6</b>	<b>7,295.2</b>	<b>6,516.0</b>	<b>-10.7</b>
Petroleum	276.6	314.7	13.8	2,370.2	2,315.6	-2.3
Textiles & Textile Articles	249.6	248.6	-0.4	1,610.1	1,643.4	2.1
Other Intermediate Goods						
<b>Investment Goods</b>	<b>386.3</b>	<b>389.9</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>2,818.7</b>	<b>2,625.5</b>	<b>-6.9</b>
Machinery and Equipment	216.4	193.5	-10.6	1,480.3	1,425.8	-3.7
Transport Equipment	50.0	46.8	-6.4	455.9	321.3	-29.5
Building Material	119.6	148.8	24.4	878.8	874.2	-0.5
Other Investment Goods	0.4	0.9	137.6	3.7	4.1	11.0
<b>Unclassified</b>	<b>3.5</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>-88.7</b>	<b>71.5</b>	<b>3.4</b>	<b>-95.3</b>
<b>Trade Balance</b>	<b>-681.3</b>	<b>-717.4</b>	<b>5.3</b>	<b>-6,390.5</b>	<b>-4,314.2</b>	<b>32.5</b>

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

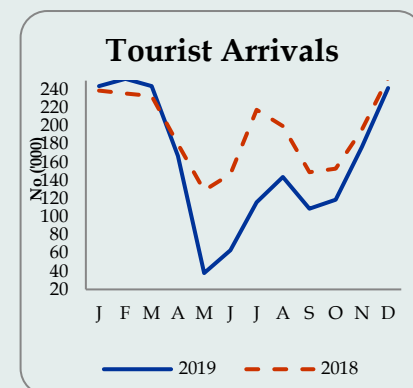


- Export earnings during January to July 2019 increased by 2.8 percent mainly due to the expansion of earnings from industrial exports. The Industrial export earnings for the month of July 2019 decreased by 7.0 percent, compared to the respective period of 2018.
- On a cumulative basis, expenditure on imports decreased by 14.3 percent for the period during January to July 2019. Expenditure on imports for the month of July 2019 decreased by 2.2 percent reflecting the performance of imports of intermediate goods and consumer goods.
- Trade deficit increased to US\$ 717.4 Mn in July 2019 over the same period of 2018.

## Tourist Arrivals

Month	Arrivals				Earnings US\$ Mn			
	2018	2019	2020	% change 2019/20	2018	2019	2020	% change 2019/20
Jan	238,924	244,239	228,434	6.5	448.5	458.4	428.8	6.5
Feb	235,618	252,033			442.3	473.1		
Mar	233,382	244,328			438.1	458.6		
Apr	180,429	166,975			338.7	313.1		
May	129,466	37,802			243.0	71.0		
Jun	146,828	63,072			272.3	118.4		
July	217,829	115,701			408.9	217.2		
Aug	200,359	143,587			376.1	269.5		
Sep	149,087	108,575			279.8	203.8		
Oct	153,123	118,743			287.4	222.9		
Nov	195,582	176,984			367.1	332.2		
Dec	253,169	241,663			475.2	453.6		
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,333,796</b>	<b>1,913,702</b>	<b>228,434</b>	<b>6.5</b>	<b>4,380.6</b>	<b>3,592.1</b>	<b>428.8</b>	<b>6.5</b>

Source: Sri Lanka Tourism Development Authority



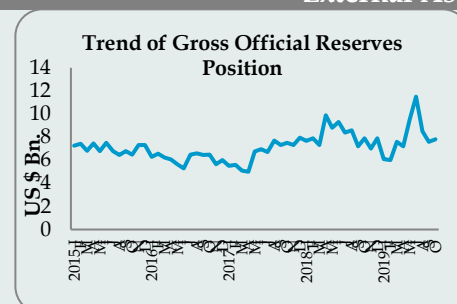
## Tourism

Earnings from tourism decreased to US Mn .428.8 in January 2020 with a decrease of 6.5 per cent over the same period of 2019. The number of tourist arrivals decreased to 228,434 in January 2020.

## External Assets

External Assets (US\$ Mn)	Oct 2019	Sep 2019	Aug 2019
Total Reserves	10,410	10,362	11,279
Gross Official Reserves	7,780	7,635	8,524

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka



## Official reserves

The total reserves and gross official reserves were US\$ 10.4 Bn and US\$ 7.8 Bn respectively by end October 2019. Total foreign reserves were sufficient to 6.3 months of imports and the gross official reserves were equivalent to 4.7 months of imports in October 2019. Workers' remittances increased by 5.8 in dollar terms to US \$ 607.0 Mn. in October 2019.

## Private Remittances

Category	2018 Dec(b)	2019 Dec (a)	2018 Jan- Dec (b)	2019 Jan- Dec (a)	% Change
Inflow US\$ Mn	584.5	665.0	7,015.4	6,717.2	-4.3
Rs. Bn	105.3	120.5	1,138.1	1,200.8	5.5

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

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(b) Revised

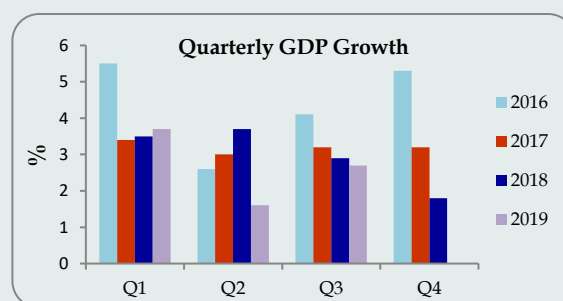
## PRODUCTION

### QUARTERLY GDP GROWTH (%)

	1 <sup>st</sup> Q	2 <sup>nd</sup> Q	3 <sup>rd</sup> Q	4 <sup>th</sup> Q	Annual
<b>2015</b>	<b>4.4</b>	<b>6.7</b>	<b>4.8</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>5.0</b>
Agriculture	5.9	10.4	7.3	-0.5	4.7
Industry	1.4	3.9	4.9	1.9	2.2
Service	5.4	6.9	6.5	2.7	6.0
<b>2016</b>	<b>5.5</b>	<b>2.6</b>	<b>4.1</b>	<b>5.3</b>	<b>4.5</b>
Agriculture	1.9	-5.6	-1.9	-8.4	-3.8
Industry	8.3	2.2	6.8	9.2	5.8
Service	4.9	4.9	4.7	4.6	4.7
<b>2017</b>	<b>3.4</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>3.2</b>	<b>3.5</b>	<b>3.0</b>
Agriculture	-4.4	-3.1	-3.0	7.1	-3.1
Industry	3.7	5.6	5.3	4.1	5.6
Service	4.3	2.7	2.8	3.2	2.7
<b>2018</b>	<b>3.5</b>	<b>3.7</b>	<b>2.9</b>	<b>1.8</b>	<b>3.2</b>
Agriculture	5.3	4.5	3.3	4.5	4.8
Industry	1.1	2.3	1.9	-3.6	0.9
Service	4.8	4.8	3.9	4.3	4.7
<b>2019</b>	<b>3.7</b>	<b>1.6</b>	<b>2.7</b>		
Agriculture	5.5	1.0	0.4		
Industry	3.0	1.4	3.3		
Service	4.1	1.6	2.8		

Source: Department of Census & Statistics

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



### GDP grew by 2.7%

The Sri Lankan economy grew by 2.7 % in 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2019 compared to 2.9% growth recorded in 2018. The growth was mainly supported by the expansion of Industry sector and Services sector respectively by 3.3% and 2.8%.

### Labour Force Statistics

Employment	2019 Q3	2019 Q2	2018 Annual (a)	2017 Annual
Labour Force Participation Rate	52.2	52.6	51.8	54.1
Unemployment Rate	5.1	4.9	4.4	4.2
<b>By Gender</b>				
Male	3.3	3.4	3.0	2.9
Female	8.5	7.5	7.1	6.5
<b>By Age Group</b>				
20-29	-	15.1	15.0	13.5
20-24	-	17.8	20.1	17.8
25-29	-	12.6	10.4	9.5

Source: Department of Census & Statistics

(a) Data cover the entire Island

\* Provisional



### Paddy Production

Category	2018			2019		
	2017/2018 Maha	2018 Yala	Total	2018/2019 Maha	2019 Yala	Total
<b>Production</b>						
Mn.Mt	2.39	1.5	3.89	3.07	-	3.07
Bushels Mn.	114.8	73.5	188.3	147.2	-	147.2
<b>Net Extent Harvested</b>						
Hectares ('000)	557	327	884	647	-	647
Acres ('000)	1,376	809	2,185	1,599	-	1,599
<b>Average Yield kg per ha</b>	4,302	4,683	8,985	4,747	-	4,747

Source: Department of Census & Statistics

(a)provisional

## Tea, Rubber & Coconut Production

Category	2018 Jan - Nov	2019 Jan - Nov	% Change
<b>Production</b>			
Tea (Mn. Kg)	276.48	275.76	-0.3
Rubber (Mn. Kg)	75.24	67.69	-10.0
Coconut (Mn. Nuts)	2,380.23	2,851.13	19.8
<b>Exports (US\$ Mn)</b>			
	<b>2018 Jul</b>	<b>2019 Jul</b>	
Tea	125.2	111.3	-11.1
Rubber	1.6	1.9	20.3
Coconut	28.2	30.9	9.6
<b>Colombo Auction Prices</b>			
	<b>2018 Nov</b>	<b>2019 Nov</b>	
Tea (Rs./ Kg)	584.19	571.48	-2.2
Rubber (Rs./ Kg)	261.00	317.93	21.8
Coconut (Rs/nut)	29.76	32.13	7.9

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

## Factory Industrial Production Index (2015=100)

Item (a)	2018 November (b)	2019 November (c)	Growth %
Manufacture of Food Products	102.4	105.2	2.8
Manufacture of Beverages	97.2	98.8	1.7
Manufacture of Tobacco Products	103.8	78.4	-24.5
Manufacture of Textiles	122.9	125.1	1.8
Manufacture of Wearing Apparel	119.2	121.2	1.7
Manufacture of Leather and Related Products	139.0	132.1	-5.0
Manufacture of Wood products ,except Furniture; Articles of Straw & plaiting materials	74.5	103.2	38.6
Manufacture of Paper and Paper Products	80.2	103.8	29.4
Printing and Reproduction of Recorded Media	104.8	105.6	0.8
Manufacture of Coke and Refined Petroleum Products	108.5	93.8	-13.5
Manufacture of Chemicals and Chemical Products	86.1	107.6	25.0
Manufacture of Basic Pharmaceuticals, Pharmaceutical preparations	114.1	109.0	-4.5
Manufacture of Rubber and Plastic Products	126.9	107.7	-15.2
Manufacture of Other Non-Metallic Mineral Products	100.7	113.0	12.3
Manufacture of Basic Metals	131.5	134.1	2.0
Manufacture of Fabricated Metal Products	132.2	132.9	0.5
Manufacture of Electrical Equipment	73.7	86.5	17.3
Manufacture of Machinery and Equipment( n.e.c)	99.4	99.3	-0.1
Manufacture of Furniture	98.2	83.5	-14.9
Manufacture of other Manufacturing	96.0	76.0	-20.9
<b>Factory Industry Production Index</b>	<b>107.4</b>	<b>108.8</b>	<b>1.3</b>

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

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

(b) Revised

(c) Provisional