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Highlights

- ⇒ **CCPI** decreased to **4.3 %** in September 2018
- ⇒ **Exchange rate** depreciated to **US\$1=Rs. 170.99**
- ⇒ **Brent crude oil** decreased to: **US\$ 80.53** per bbl
- ⇒ **Credit to private sector** decreased by **14.33 %** in August 2018
- ⇒ **Tourist arrivals** up by **11.6 %** in September 2018

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WEEK IN REVIEW

Domestic Economy

The GDP grew by 3.7 per cent in real terms in second quarter 2018, mainly due to the moderate expansion of Agriculture sector and service sector. However industry sector contracted in second quarter 2018.

The total outstanding market liquidity decreased to a deficit of Rs. 115.22 bn by end of 12 October 2018, compared to a deficit of Rs. 106.94 bn by the end of 05 October 2018.

All Share Price Index (ASPI) declined by 1.17 % to 5,815 points and the S&P SL 20 Index declined by 2.12 % to 2,947 points, compared to the previous week.

NCPI decreased to 0.9 % in September 2018.

International Developments-

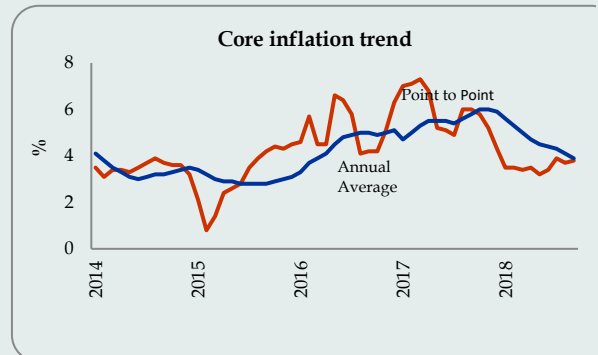
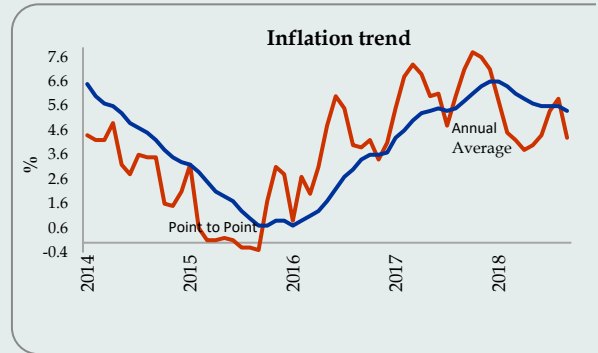
Global growth is projected to stabilize at 3.2 percent in both 2018 and 2019.

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

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

Developing Economies estimated to growth by 4.8 percent in both 2018 and 2019.

Month	CCPI (%)		Core Inflation (%)		NCPI (%)	
	(2013=100)		(2013=100)		(2013=100)	
	Point to Point	Annual Average	Point to Point	Annual Average	Monthly Change	Point to Point
Nov	4.0	4.0	4.8	4.5	4.0	4.1
Dec	4.5	4.0	5.8	4.4	4.0	4.2
Jan-17	5.5	4.3	7.0	4.7	1.1	6.5
Feb	6.8	4.6	7.1	5.0	0.5	8.2
Mar	7.3	5.0	7.3	5.3	-0.3	8.6
Apr	6.9	5.3	6.8	5.5	1.3	8.4
May	6.0	5.4	5.2	5.5	0.7	7.1
June	6.1	5.5	5.1	5.5	1.3	6.3
July	4.8	5.4	4.9	5.4	-0.8	6.3
Aug	6.0	5.5	6.0	5.6	-0.1	7.9
Sep	7.1	5.8	6.0	5.8	0.8	8.6
Oct	7.8	6.1	5.8	6.0	1.2	8.8
Nov	7.6	6.4	5.2	6.0	1.3	8.4
Dec	7.1	6.6	4.3	5.9	0.2	7.3
Jan-18	5.8	6.6	3.5	5.6	-0.6	5.4
Feb	4.5	6.4	3.5	5.3	-1.7	3.2
Mar	4.2	6.1	3.4	5.0	-0.7	2.8
Apr	3.8	5.9	3.5	4.7	0.1	1.6
May	4.0	5.7	3.2	4.5	1.1	2.1
June	4.4	5.6	3.4	4.4	1.8	2.5
July	5.4	5.6	3.9	4.3	0.1	3.4
Aug	5.9	5.6	3.7	4.1	-0.9	2.5
Sep	4.3	5.4	3.8	3.9	-0.8	0.9



Source: Department of Census and Statistics

The point to point inflation of CCPI decreased to 4.3 per cent in September 2018. The annual average of CCPI is 5.4 per cent in September 2018. Core inflation that measures the price movements of the items in the CCPI basket excluding fresh food, energy, transport, rice and coconut, increased to 3.8 per cent, on point to point basis, while annual average core inflation decreased to 3.9 per cent, in September 2018. The National Consumer Price Index (NCPI) covering price movements in all provinces of the country decreased to 0.9 percent in September 2018, on year on year basis.

Contribution of Food Items to CCPI from August 2018 to September 2018

Commodity	Value Change Rs.	Change %
Food	-793.58	-1.05
Rice	20.99	0.03
Chicken	16.36	0.02
Sea Fish	-140.36	0.18
Bread	29.45	0.04
Potatoes	-16.32	0.02
Vegetables	-456.70	0.60
Green chilies	-119.13	0.16
Mangoes	6.86	0.01
Coconut	-132.87	0.18
Banana	33.07	0.04
Eggs	-15.36	0.02
Dhal	4.07	0.01
Papaw	33.66	0.04

Source: Department of Census and Statistics

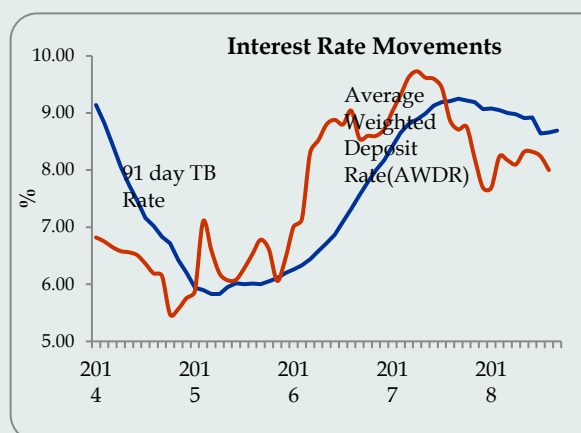
Movements of the CCPI in Food Item (2013=100)

Month	% Change Month to Month	Inflation	
		Point to Point	Annual Average
Mar-17	-0.7	9.2	7.4
Apr	1.7	8.6	7.5
May	2.3	9.3	7.6
Jun	4.8	9.1	7.6
Jul	-1.7	4.8	7.0
Aug	-2.5	6.9	6.9
Sep	1.6	10.4	7.1
Oct	2.6	12.6	7.6
Nov	1.7	13.8	8.4
Dec	1.3	14.4	9.3
Jan-18	-1.9	10.5	9.8
Feb	-2.9	6.0	9.6
Mar	-1.5	5.1	9.2
Apr	-0.4	3.0	8.8
May	2.6	3.3	8.3
June	4.4	2.9	7.7
July	0.9	5.6	7.8
Aug	-0.8	7.5	7.8
Sep	-3.4	2.3	7.1

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)
Mar-17	116.5	7.3	5.0	9.63	2.33	4.63
Apr	117.1	6.9	5.3	9.73	2.83	4.43
May	118.2	6.0	5.4	9.62	3.62	4.22
June	120.1	6.1	5.5	9.60	3.50	4.10
July	119.4	4.8	5.4	9.44	4.64	4.04
Aug	118.8	6.0	5.5	8.87	2.87	3.37
Sep	119.7	7.1	5.8	8.71	1.61	2.91
Oct	120.8	7.8	6.1	8.76	0.96	2.66
Nov	122.2	6.4	7.6	8.20	0.60	1.80
Dec	122.9	7.1	6.6	7.69	0.59	1.09
Jan-18	122.8	5.8	6.6	7.69	1.89	1.09
Feb	121.9	4.5	6.4	8.24	3.74	1.84
Mar	121.4	4.2	6.1	8.17	3.97	2.07
Apr	121.5	3.8	5.9	8.10	4.30	2.20
May	122.9	4.0	5.7	8.34	4.34	2.64
June	125.4	4.4	5.6	8.25	3.85	2.65
July	125.8	5.4	5.6	8.17	2.77	2.57
Aug	125.8	5.9	5.6	8.00	2.10	2.40
Sep	125.8	5.9	5.6	8.00	2.10	2.40

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



Interest Rate Movements

Category	Week Ending 12 th Oct 2018	Week Ago	Month Ago	Year Ago
Standing Deposit Facility	7.25	7.25	7.25	7.25
Standing Lending Facility	8.50	8.50	8.50	8.75
Call Money Weekly Average	8.43	8.43	8.43	8.14
Treasury Bill (Yield rate)				
91 Days	9.28	-	-	8.78
182 Days	-	-	-	9.10
364 Days	10.19	-	-	9.41
Prime Lending Rate	12.34	11.86	11.42	11.63
	Sep-18		Month Ago	Year Ago
Commercial Bank Average Weighted Deposit Rate (AWDR)	8.69		8.66	9.25

Source : Central Bank of Sri Lanka

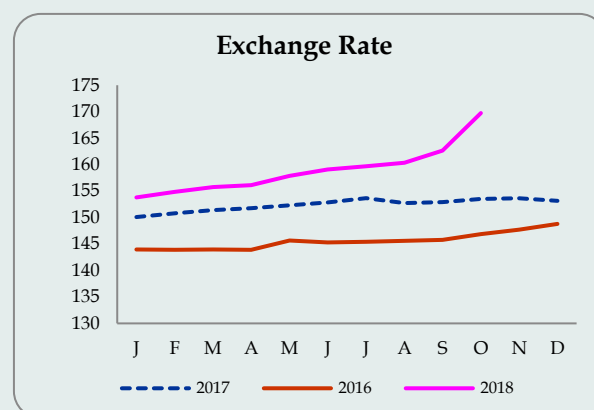
Central Bank Standing Deposit Facility rate (SDF) and Standing Lending Facility rate (SLF) remain unchanged at 7.25 percent and 8.50 percent, respectively during this week.

The Prime Lending rate is 12.34 per cent by week ending 12th October 2018 and Commercial Bank Average Weighted Deposit Rate (AWDR) for the month of September 2018 was 8.69 percent.

Exchange Rates

Currency	Week Ending 12 th October 2018	Week Ago	Year Ago	% Change 2017/18
US Dollar	170.99	169.74	153.15	0.7
Sterling Pound	226.41	221.11	203.29	2.4
Euro	198.41	195.43	180.31	1.5
Japanese Yen	1.52	1.49	1.36	2.0
Indian Rupee	2.31	2.31	2.34	0.0

Source : Central Bank of Sri Lanka



The rupee depreciated against US Dollar, Euro, sterling pound, Japanese Yen and Indian Rupee.

Money Supply and Credit Growth

Item	Aug 2018	July 2018	June 2018	Aug 2017	July 2017	June 2017	Growth 2017 Aug/2018 Aug (%)
M ₁ (RsBn)	791.55	791.77	804.51	759.14	768.43	753.89	4.3
M ₂ (RsBn)	6,243.72	6,160.77	6,120.85	5,423.04	5,367.00	5,281.42	15.1
M _{2b} (RsBn)	6,866.41	6,795.38	6,747.65	6,050.58	5,986.62	5,872.51	13.5

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

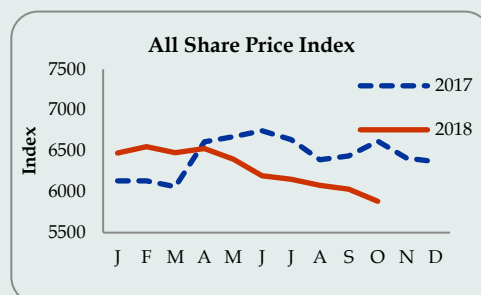
Item	Aug 2018	Month Ago	Year Ago	Growth 2017 Aug /2018 Aug (%)
Credit to Private Sector (Rs.bn)	5,248.36	5,202.40	4,590.51	14.3
DBUs	4,874.60	4,833.94	4,263.12	14.3
OBU's	373.76	368.45	327.38	14.2

Share Market

Indicator	Week Ending 12 th Oct 2018	Week Ago	Year Ago
All Share Price Index (1985 = 100) (ASPI)	5,815.0	5,883.8	6,621.6
S & P Sri Lanka 20 Index (S & P SL20)	2,946.6	3,010.6	3,917.6
Average Daily Turnover (Rs.Mn)	311.4	406.1	1,489.1
Market Capitalization (Rs.Bn.)	2,730.7	2,763.0	3,003.0

Source: Colombo Stock Exchange

All Share Price Index (ASPI) decreased by 68.8 index points and closed at 5,815 points compared to the first week of October 2018. The S & P Sri Lanka 20 Index (S & P SL 20) decreased by 64 to 2,946.6 index points. The Average Daily Turnover decreased by Rs.94.7 million and stationed at Rs.311.4 million. Market capitalization reached Rs.2,730.7 billion in the second week of October 2018.



Equity Trading Statistics

Indicator	Sep 2018	Sep 2017	Jan-Sep 2018	Jan-Sep 2017
Turnover -Equity (Rs. Mn.)	10,916.2	26,573.0	140,987.3	165,573.8
Domestic (Rs. Mn.)	6,248.1	14,048.1	77,159.9	89,029.0
Foreign (Rs. Mn.)	4,668.1	12,524.9	63,827.3	76,544.7
Market Days	19	22	179	181
Daily Turnover Avg. Equity (Rs. Mn.)	574.5	1,398.6	787.6	914.8
Trade Equity	65,284	95,563	675,796	727,064
Domestic	61,117	91,210	638,191	686,330
Foreign	4,167	4,353	37,605	40,734
Shares Traded Equity	336.5	850.2	4,489.8	6,797.7
Domestic (Rs. Mn.)	274.7	636.9	3,653.1	5,286.9
Foreign (Rs. Mn.)	61.8	213.3	836.7	1,510.8
Companies Traded	273	276	279	278
Companies Listed	297	295	297	295

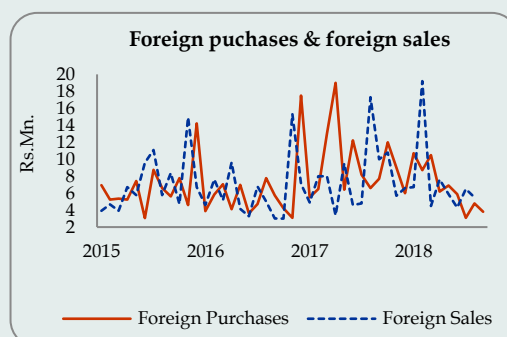
Price Indices	Sep 2018	Aug 2018
ASPI	5,862.18	6,080.26
S&P SL 20	3,002.00	3,229.21
Total Return Indicators		
ASTRI	7,808.80	8,098.56
S&P SL20 (TRI)	4,453.71	4,789.19
Market PER	9.18	9.46
Dividend Yield	3.34	3.22
Market Capitalization (Rs.Bn.)	2,752.86	2,848.52

Source: Colombo Stock Exchange

Stock Market - Foreign Purchases and Foreign Sales

Indicator	Sep 2018	Jan-Sep 2018
Purchases by Foreigners (Rs. Mn)	3,837.5	60,758.7
Sales by Foreigners (Rs. Mn)	5,498.8	66,904.8
Net Foreign Purchases (Rs. Mn)	(1,661.3)	(6,146.1)

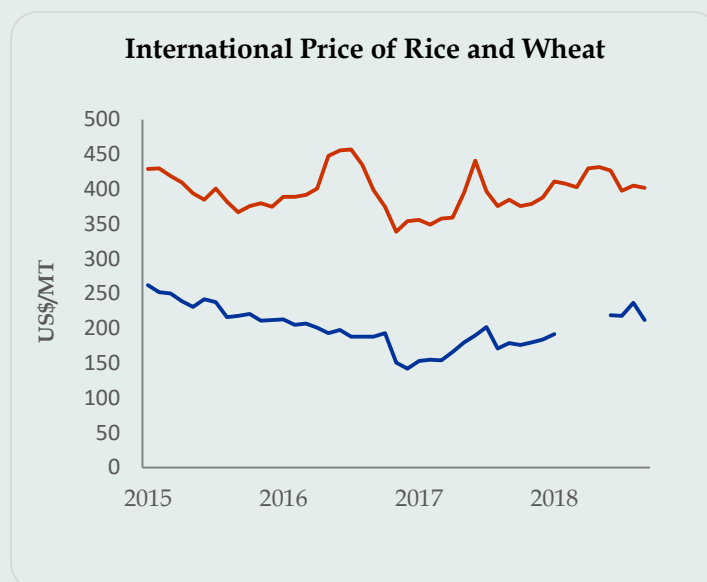
Source: Colombo Stock Exchange



COMMODITY PRICES

International Commodity Prices

Month	Rice Thai,100%US\$/ MT	Wheat (HRW) US\$/MT
Mar-2017	358	154
Apr	359	166
May	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	402	212



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

Commodity	Unit	Annual Averages			Monthly Averages		
		Jan-Dec	Jan-Dec	Jan-Dec	July	Aug	Sep
		2015	2016	2017	2018	2018	2018
Non Energy, Agriculture, Beverages							
Cocoa	\$/kg	3.14	2.89	2.03	2.36	2.17	2.19
Coffee, Arabica	\$/kg	3.53	3.61	3.32	2.88	2.76	2.67
Tea, auctions (3) average	\$/kg	2.78	2.68	3.15	2.89	2.77	2.70
Tea, Colombo auctions	\$/kg	2.98	3.30	4.05	3.41	3.34	3.34
Food, Fats & Oils							
Coconut Oil	\$/mt	1,113	1,468	1,651	903	903	907
Soybean Oil	\$/mt	683	734	758	665	654	651
Palm Oil	\$/mt	559	639	649	545	534	524
Grains							
Barley	\$/mt	121.3	103.9	97.6	130.9	127.7	119.4
Maize	\$/mt	169.8	159.2	154.5	156.5	162.4	154.8
Wheat, US HRW	\$/mt	204.4	166.6	174.2	218.3	236.6	212.4
Other Food							
Meat, Beef	\$/kg	4.42	3.93	4.22	4.03	3.97	3.92
Meat, Chicken	\$/kg	1.99	1.85	2.12	2.55	2.25	2.03
Sugar, World	\$/kg	0.30	0.40	0.35	0.26	0.24	0.25
Raw Materials, Timber							
Plywood	¢/sheets	451.2	503.3	486.9	489.8	491.8	487.6
Wood pulp	\$/mt	875.0	875.0	875.0	875.0	875.0	875.0
Other Raw Materials							
Rubber RSS3, US	\$/kg	1.57	1.61	2.00	1.47	1.47	1.44
Fertilizers							
Phosphate Rock	\$/mt	120.3	110.5	89.7	86.9	87.5	87.5
TSP	\$/mt	377.7	291.1	283.3	344.0	358.0	376.0
Urea	\$/mt	277.9	194.1	213.9	252.5	260.0	267.5
Metals and Minerals							
Aluminum	\$/mt	1,665	1,604	1,968	2,082	2,052	2,026
Gold	\$/toz	1,161	1,249	1,258	1,238	1,202	1,198
Iron ore	\$/dmt	55.9	58.4	71.8	64.6	67.2	68.4

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

¢= US cent

\$= US dollar

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

Item	Oct 08	Oct 09	Oct 10	Oct 11	Oct 12	Week Ago	Month Ago	Year Ago
Brent (New York Closing Prices)(US \$/bbl.)	83.30	83.99	84.85	82.16	80.53	85.05	79.27	56.60
WTI (US\$/bbl.)	73.83	74.35	74.70	72.36	71.18	74.89	69.79	51.02
Petrol	89.75	91.05	91.20	88.25	87.75	90.90	87.90	66.85
Diesel	95.39	97.18	97.39	95.37	94.49	97.02	90.52	66.24
Kerosene	96.16	97.83	98.28	96.14	95.30	97.59	91.45	67.20

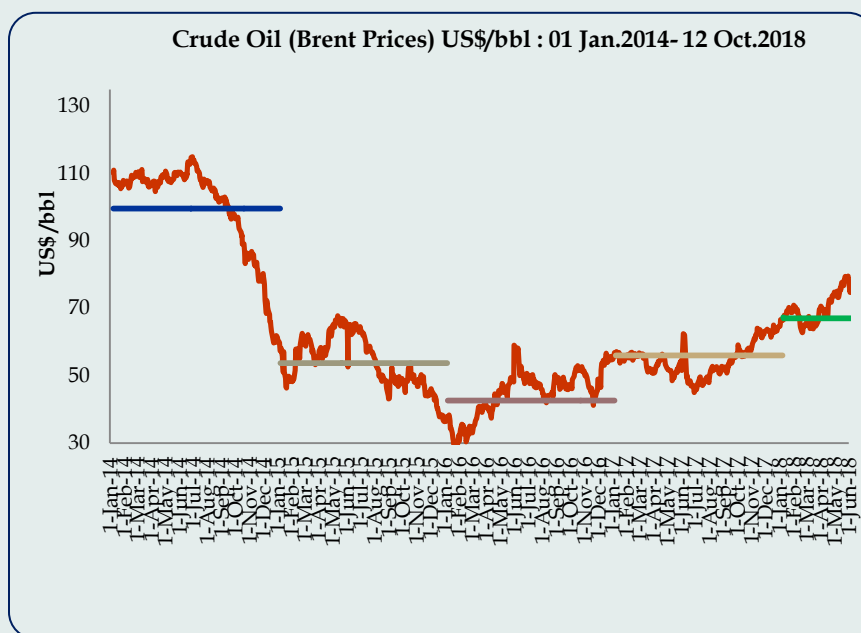
Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

Crude Oil Prices (Monthly Average)

Month	WTI European Market (US\$/bbl)	Brent (US\$/bbl)
Feb-17	53.41	55.99
Mar	49.92	52.76
Apr	51.27	53.98
May	51.59	48.77
Jun	47.71	45.34
July	49.02	46.93
Aug	51.87	48.18
Sep	49.76	55.44
Oct	54.04	60.83
Nov	56.68	62.80
Dec	63.92	57.82
Jan-18	63.55	69.02
Feb	62.26	65.80
Mar	66.69	62.80
Apr	66.21	71.55
May	76.88	69.92
June	66.93	75.70
July	70.87	75.17
Aug	67.85	73.80
Sep	70.02	79.02
Oct*	74.15	83.85

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

*up to 12th Oct 2018

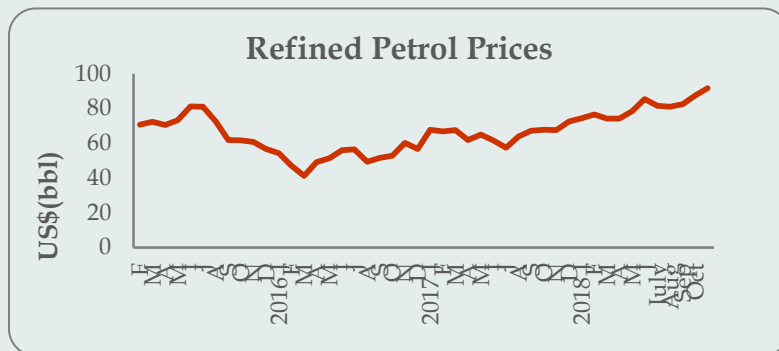


Monthly Average Refined Product Prices -Singapore Plattes Prices (US\$/bbl)

Month	Petrol	Diesel	Kerosene
Feb-17	67.55	66.31	66.25
Mar	61.93	62.43	61.85
Apr	64.83	63.92	63.92
May	61.60	60.45	60.84
Jun	57.38	56.81	57.12
July	59.10	59.76	59.87
Aug	64.73	62.02	61.11
Sep	67.66	66.53	67.97
Oct	70.15	69.68	71.33
Nov	73.05	71.80	74.06
Dec	73.45	74.49	75.61
Jan-18	76.65	80.05	80.91
Feb	74.17	76.52	79.98
Mar	74.24	76.74	79.03
Apr	78.36	82.58	85.14
May	85.37	88.26	90.16
June	81.50	84.80	86.95
July	81.08	84.12	87.33
Aug	82.44	85.89	87.31
Sep	87.47	91.01	91.68
Oct	90.67	96.73	96.95

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

*up to 12th Oct 2018



Local Market Prices of Petroleum Products

Item	Unit	End 2015	End 2016	End 2017	Current Price 2018
Auto Diesel	1 liter	95.00	95.00	95.00	123.00
Petrol (Octane 92)	1 liter	117.00	117.00	117.00	155.00
Kerosene oil	1 liter	49.00	49.00	44.00	70.00
L P Gas	12.5 kg	1,346.00	1,321.00	1,321.00	1,871.00

Pettah Market

Dambulla Market

Average Wholesale Prices	Week Ending 12/10/2018	Week Ago	% Change	Year Ago Annual Avg.
Rice (Rs/Kg)				
Samba	98.00	104.00	-5.8	94.82
Kekulu (Red)	70.00	68.00	2.9	80.30
Vegetable				
Beans	170.00	80.00	112.5	118.56
Cabbage	65.00	42.00	54.8	75.37
Carrots	133.00	84.00	58.3	120.95
Tomatoes	63.00	33.00	90.9	93.73
Pumpkins	47.00	38.00	23.7	61.84
Snake Gourd	105.00	75.00	40.0	96.74
Brinjals	85.00	62.00	37.1	94.90
Ash Plantains	70.00	60.00	16.7	73.41
Other Foods				
Red-Onions (Local)	117.00	98.00	19.4	250.84
Big Onions (Local)	70.00	68.00	2.9	110.80
Potatoes (N'Eliya)	85.00	95.00	-10.5	127.34
Dried Chilies (Imported)	248.00	250.00	-0.8	189.80
Dhal (Indian)	104.00	101.00	3.0	135.31
Eggs (Red) (Each)	13.20	14.20	-7.0	11.96
Coconut (Each)	45.00	45.00	0.0	61.72
Fish (Rs/Kg)				
Kelawalla	450.00	400.00	12.5	540.63
Balaya	260.00	200.00	30.0	301.46
Salaya	130.00	120.00	8.3	116.88
Paraw (Small)	n.a.	400.00	n.a.	538.02

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

Food Item	Wholesale (Average)
Rice (Rs/Kg)	
Samba	94.50
Kekulu (Red)	71.00
Vegetables	
Pumpkins	32.70
Snake Gourd	52.50
Ash Plantains	64.50
Beans	107.50
Carrots	103.00
Tomatoes	35.20
Other Foods	
Potatoes (N'Eliya)	89.50
Dried Chilies (Imported)	239.30
Big-Onions (Local)	62.50
Red-Onions (Local)	91.50
Coconut (Each)	40.30

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

Marandagahamula Average Price of Rice (Rs /Kg)

Item	Week Ending 12/10/2018	Week Ago	Month Ago	Year Ago
Samba	96.00	96.00	95.47	92.96
Sudu Kekulu	72.40	72.10	72.24	83.16
Raw Red	67.10	66.70	66.58	80.21
Nadu	75.60	75.50	74.71	87.93

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

Item	Unit	This Week	Week Ago	% Change	Year Ago
Rice					
Samba(Avg.)	1 kg	111.71	110.75	0.9	101.93
No. 1	1 kg	115.71	115.41	0.3	106.52
No. 2	1kg	107.71	106.09	1.5	97.34
Nadu Red	1kg	94.03	95.00	-1.0	97.27
Raw Red (Avg)	1kg	78.17	80.31	-2.7	88.27
No. 1	1kg	82.78	85.00	-2.6	91.80
No. 2	1kg	73.57	75.63	-2.7	84.73
Wheat Flour	1 kg	95.58	96.21	-0.7	89.05
Bread	450g	62.50	62.50	0.0	58.18
Sugar	1 kg	112.71	107.82	4.5	110.35
Lakspray	400g	345.00	345.00	0.0	325.00
Potatoes (Import)	1 kg	109.44	106.83	2.4	120.07
Potatoes (Local)	1kg	151.41	159.35	-5.0	169.29
Red Dhal(Avg)	1kg	143.74	146.77	-2.1	179.38
Cowpea (Avg)	1kg	269.98	269.63	0.1	327.25
Green Gram(Avg)	1kg	254.26	255.79	-0.6	255.01
Kadalai (Avg)	1kg	256.53	264.94	-3.2	343.52
Meat					
Beef	1kg	960.63	971.90	-1.2	941.14
Chicken					
Fresh	1kg	580.00	602.50	-3.7	522.55
Broiler	1kg	440.00	440.00	0.0	420.00
Fresh Fish					
Paraw	1 kg	1,055.65	1,030.00	2.5	1,090.89
Balaya	1 kg	600.83	631.43	-4.8	620.87
Kelawalla	1 kg	945.45	968.00	-2.3	1,012.45
Salaya	1 kg	256.67	250.48	2.5	187.73
Dried Fish					
Sprats	1 kg	716.67	720.29	-0.5	760.54
Eggs	Each	16.63	17.10	-2.8	14.01
Coconut	Each	60.10	60.72	-1.0	69.25
Coconut Oil	750ml	271.53	277.94	-2.3	288.41
Red Onions	1 kg	160.00	165.33	-3.2	313.17
B- Onions (Import)	1 kg	107.69	114.27	-5.8	143.37
Brinjal	1kg	152.81	151.84	0.6	188.52
Beans Green	1 kg	155.89	158.92	-1.9	188.50
Bandakka	1 kg	142.70	140.00	1.9	136.15
Leeks	1 kg	144.44	142.05	1.7	154.20
Beet Root	1kg	137.73	139.49	-1.3	139.28
Carrot	1kg	218.86	271.33	-19.3	151.90
Tomatoes	1kg	78.89	74.47	5.9	211.55
Raddish	1kg	103.75	93.55	10.9	120.33
Vetakolu	1kg	153.55	150.59	2.0	169.53
Bitter Gourd	1kg	162.86	160.00	1.8	205.40
Drumstick	1kg	175.76	161.11	9.1	126.31
Kolikuttu	1kg	217.04	216.30	0.3	216.93
Papaw	1kg	158.00	159.29	-0.8	109.91
Pineapple	1kg	155.36	157.04	-1.1	179.67

Source: Department of Census and Statistics

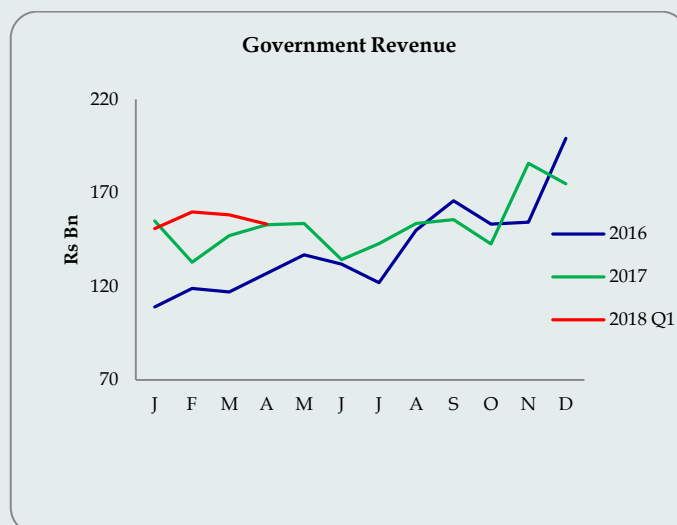
FISCAL SECTOR AND GOVERNMENT DEBT

Summary of Government Revenue

Item	2016	2017(a)	2018 (a)(Jan-Apr)
Tax Revenue	1,463,689	1,670,178	570,472
Income Tax	258,857	274,562	95,128
VAT	283,470	443,739	159,249
Excise Duty	454,952	469,500	170,838
Nation Building Tax	57,424	69,035	24,713
PAL	88,823	102,360	36,080
Customs Duty	156,487	136,501	29,340
SCL	55,825	71,402	23,961
Cess	61,730	59,554	17,220
License Fee and Other	46,121	43,525	13,943
Non Tax Revenue	222,372	161,353	51,907
Total Revenue	1,686,061	1,831,531	622,379

Source: Department of Fiscal Policy

(a) provisional



Government Debt

Government Debt (Rs.bn)	End 2017	2018 Q1(a)
Total Domestic Debt	5,594.4	5,770.9
Total Foreign Debt	4,718.6	4,883.2
Total Government Debt	10,313.0	10,654.1

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

(a) provisional

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

Indicator	Unit	2016	2017(a)	2018(a) (Jan-Apr)
Budget Deficit	RsMn	-640,326	-733,494	-250,638
	% of GDP	-5.4	-5.5	
Total Revenue	RsMn	1,686,061	1,831,531	622,379
	% of GDP	14.2	13.8	
Tax Revenue	RsMn	1,463,689	1,670,178	570,471
	% of GDP	12.3	12.6	
Non Tax Revenue	RsMn	222,372	161,353	51,908
	% of GDP	1.9	1.2	
Recurrent Expenditure	RsMn	1,757,782	1,927,692	685,966
	% of GDP	14.8	14.5	
Public Investment	RsMn	594,012	657,386	181,998
	% of GDP	5.0	4.9	
Government Debt	RsMn	9,387,303	10,313,046	243,403
	% of GDP	78.8	77.6	

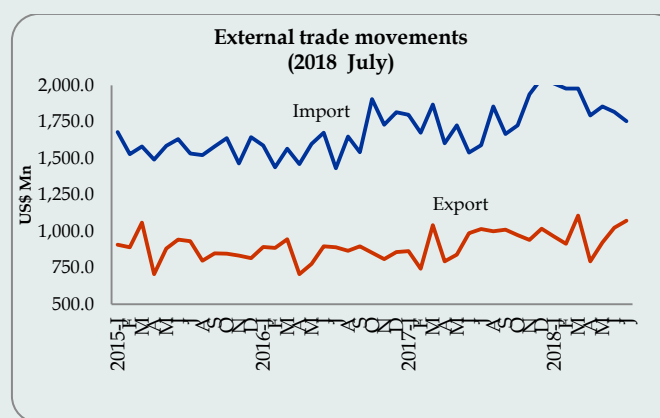
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EXTERNAL SECTOR

External Trade

Category	July 2017 (US\$ Mn)	July 2018 (US\$ Mn)	Growth Rate (%)	Jan- July 2017 (US\$ Mn)	Jan- July 2018 (US\$ Mn)	Growth Rate (%)
Exports	1,015.2	1,073.2	5.7	6,412.7	6,805.0	6.1
Agricultural	253.3	225.7	-10.9	1,559.7	1,498.0	-4.0
Tea	143.0	125.2	-12.4	871.4	854.2	-2.0
Other	110.3	100.5	-8.9	688.3	643.8	-6.5
Industrial	756.6	843.6	11.5	4,822.4	5,277.3	9.4
Rubber Products	78.5	77.4	-1.5	467.1	503.8	7.9
Textiles and Garments	466.6	465.6	-0.2	2,850.2	2,984.6	4.7
Food, Beverage and Tobacco	33.5	38.8	15.7	224.3	271.1	20.8
Other	178.0	261.8	47.1	1,280.8	1,517.8	18.5
Mineral	3.8	2.8	-27.3	20.7	19.4	-6.3
Unclassified	1.5	1.1	-22.6	9.9	10.3	4.2
Imports	1,591.1	1,754.5	10.3	11,740.1	13,195.5	12.4
Consumer Goods	334.5	389.4	16.4	2,556.3	3,010.1	17.8
Food and Beverages	133.1	112.5	-15.5	1,056.6	1,019.5	-3.5
Other Consumer Goods	201.4	276.9	37.5	1,499.7	1,990.6	32.7
Intermediate Goods	901.8	975.3	8.1	6,250.9	7,295.2	16.7
Petroleum	215.9	276.6	28.1	1,840.4	2,370.2	28.8
Textiles & Textile Articles	236.9	249.6	5.3	1,543.9	1,610.1	4.3
Other Intermediate Goods	449.0	449.1	0.0	2,866.6	3,314.9	15.6
Investment Goods	351.9	386.3	9.8	2,799.0	2,818.7	0.7
Machinery and Equipment	195.0	216.4	11.0	1,514.0	1,480.3	-2.2
Transport Equipment	45.1	50.0	10.8	378.9	455.9	20.3
Building Material	111.3	119.6	7.5	900.9	878.8	-2.5
Other Investment Goods	0.5	0.4	-31.9	5.3	3.7	-29.6
Unclassified	3.0	3.5	18.1	133.9	71.5	-46.6
Trade Balance	(575.9)	(681.3)	(18.3)	(5,327.4)	(6,390.5)	(19.9)

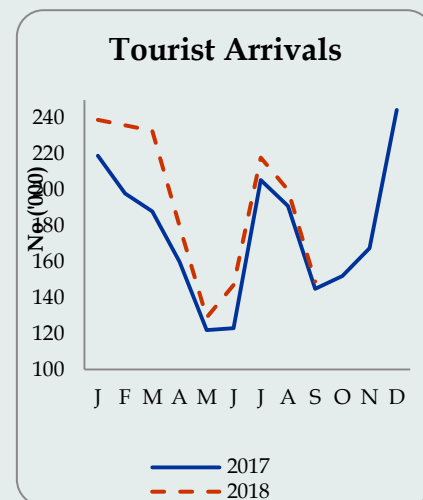
Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka



- Export earnings during January to July 2018 increased by 6.1 percent mainly due to the expansion of earnings from industry exports. The Industrial export earnings for the month of July 2018 increased by 11.5 percent, compared to the respective period of 2017.
- On a cumulative basis, expenditure on imports increased by 12.4 percent for the period during January to July 2018. Expenditure on imports for the month of July 2018 increased by 10.3 percent reflecting the performance of imports of investment goods and consumer goods.
- Trade deficit increased to US\$ 681.3 Mn in July 2018 over the same period of 2017.

Month	Arrivals				Earnings US\$ Mn			
	2016	2017	2018	% change 2017/18	2016	2017	2018	% change 2017/18
Jan	194,280	219,360	238,924	8.9	333.3	407.0	443.0	8.8
Feb	197,697	197,517	235,618	19.3	339.0	366.3	436.9	19.3
Mar	192,841	188,076	233,382	24.1	330.8	348.8	432.8	24.1
Apr	136,367	160,249	180,429	12.6	226.0	297.2	334.6	12.6
May	125,044	121,891	129,466	6.2	214.5	226.1	240.1	6.2
Jun	118,038	123,351	146,828	19.0	195.6	228.8	272.3	19.0
July	209,351	205,482	217,829	6.0	359.2	381.1	404.0	6.0
Aug	186,288	190,928	200,359	4.9	319.6	354.1	371.6	5.1
Sep	148,499	145,077	149,087	2.8	254.8	269.0	276.5	2.8
Oct	150,419	152,429			249.3	283.0		
Nov	167,217	167,511			277.1	311.0		
Dec	224,791	244,536			385.7	453.0		
Total	2,050,832	2,116,407	1,731,922	18.2	3,484.9	3,925.4	3,211.8	18.2

Source: Sri Lanka Tourism Development Authority



Tourism

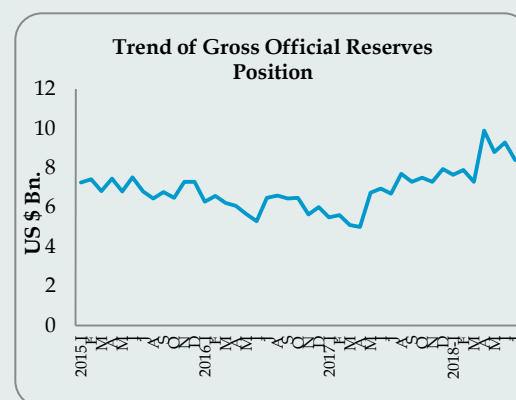
Earnings from tourism decreased to US \$ 276.5 in September 2018 with an increase of 2.8 per cent over the same period of 2017.

The number of tourist arrivals decreased to 149,087 in Sep 2018.

External Assets

External Assets (US\$ Mn)	July 2018	Jun 2018	May 2018
Total Reserves	10,775.15	11,318.23	11,001.55
Gross Official Reserves	8,429.67	9,267.02	8,808.92

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka



Official reserves

The total reserves and gross official reserves were US\$ 10.8 Bn and US\$ 8.4 Bn, respectively by end July 2018. Total foreign reserves were sufficient to 5.8 months of imports and the gross official reserves were equivalent to 4.5 months of imports in July 2018. Workers' remittances increased by 0.5 per cent in dollar terms to US \$ 619.3 Mn. in July 2018.

Private Remittances

Category	2017 Aug (b)	2018 Aug (a)	2017 Jan- Aug (b)	2018 Jan- Aug (a)	% Change
Inflow US\$ Mn	599.9	534.2	4,820.1	4,777.3	-0.9
Rs. Bn	91.9	85.7	732.6	750.0	2.4

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

(a) Provisional

(b) Revised

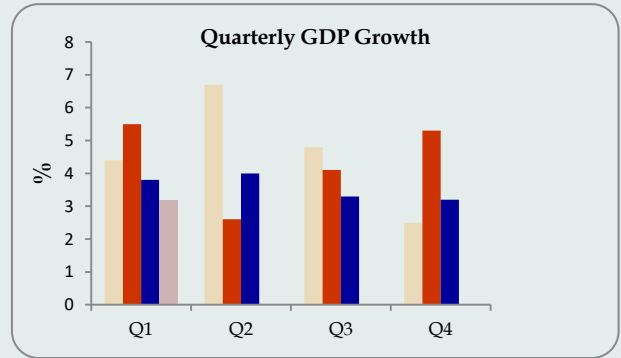
PRODUCTION

QUARTERLY GDP GROWTH (%)

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

Source: Department of Census & Statistics

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



GDP grew by 3.2%

The Sri Lankan economy grew by 3.7% in second quarter 2018 compared to 3.0% growth recorded in second quarter 2017. The growth was mainly supported by the expansion of Agriculture sector by 4.5 % and Services sector by 4.8%. However, Industry sector contracted to 2.3%.

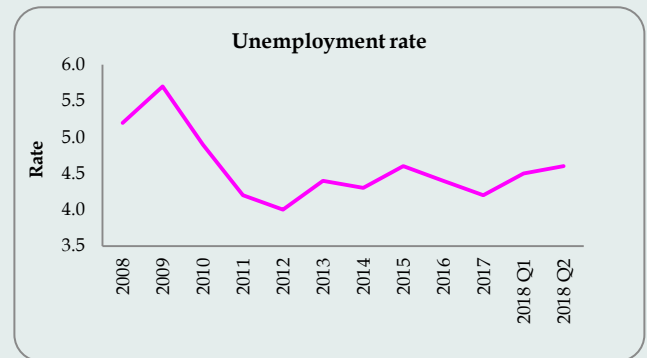
Labour Force Statistics

Employment	2018 Q2	2018 Q1	2017 Annual (a)	2016 Annual (a)
Labour Force Participation Rate	51.1	52.0	54.1	53.8
Unemployment Rate	4.6	4.5	4.2	4.4
By Gender				
Male	3.1	2.9	2.9	2.9
Female	7.4	7.4	6.5	7.0
By Age Group				
20-29	15.6	15.7	13.5	14.2
20-24	20.9	21.2	17.8	19.9
25-29	10.8	10.7	9.5	9.2

Source: Department of Census & Statistics

(a) Data cover the entire island

* Provisional



Paddy Production

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

Source: Department of Census & Statistics

(a)provisional

Tea, Rubber & Coconut Production

Category	2017 Jan-Aug	2018 Jan- Aug	% Change
Production			
Tea (Mn. Kg)	207.35	202.81	-2.2
Rubber (Mn. Kg)	58.20	52.33	-10.1
Coconut (Mn. Nuts)	1,708.15	1,679.27	-1.7
Exports (US\$ Mn)			
	2017 July	2018 July	
Tea	143.00	125.2	-12.4
Rubber	2.10	1.60	-25.1
Coconut	32.50	28.20	-13.3
Colombo Auction Prices			
	2017 Jun	2018 Jun	
Tea (Rs./ Kg)	597.38	544.09	-8.9
Rubber (Rs./ Kg)	343.80	317.50	-7.6
Coconut (Rs/nut)	38.62	47.86	23.9

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

Factory Industrial Production Index (2015=100)

Item (a)	2017 Aug (b)	2018 Aug (c)	Growth %
Manufacture of Food Products	109.7	109.1	-0.5
Manufacture of Beverages	87.4	102.6	17.5
Manufacture of Tobacco Products	122.6	92.5	-24.6
Manufacture of Textiles	105.1	116.1	10.5
Manufacture of Wearing Apparel	109.8	115.4	5.1
Manufacture of Leather and Related Products	118.9	121.5	2.2
Manufacture of Wood products ,except Furniture; Articles of Straw & plaiting materials	101.1	103.0	1.8
Manufacture of Paper and Paper Products	109.3	81.4	-25.5
Printing and Reproduction of Recorded Media	106.1	112.1	5.7
Manufacture of Coke and Refined Petroleum Products	106.1	116.0	9.3
Manufacture of Chemicals and Chemical Products	100.8	88.3	-12.4
Manufacture of Pharmaceuticals, Medicinal Chemicals	118.9	126.4	6.3
Manufacture of Rubber and Plastic Products	106.9	112.7	5.5
Manufacture of Other Non-Metallic Mineral Products	109.3	107.1	-2.0
Manufacture of Basic Metals	135.7	137.5	1.3
Manufacture of Fabricated Metal Products	133.8	127.3	-4.8
Manufacture of Electrical Equipment	107.0	76.6	-28.4
Manufacture of Machinery and Equipment(n.e.c)	114.5	99.5	-13.0
Manufacture of Furniture	117.1	93.3	-20.3
Manufacture of other Manufacturing	104.2	103.2	-1.0
Factory Industry Production Index	109.0	109.4	0.4

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