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## Highlights

- ⇒ **CCPI** decreased to **7.8%** in October 2017
- ⇒ **Exchange rate** depreciated to **US\$1=Rs. 153.54**
- ⇒ **Brent crude oil** increased to: **US\$ 62.63** per bbl
- ⇒ **Credit to private sector** decreased by **17.5%** in September 2017
- ⇒ **Tourist arrivals** up by **2.7%** during Jan-Oct 2017

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## WEEK IN REVIEW

### Domestic Economy

*The GDP grew by 4.0 per cent in real terms in the second quarter of 2017, mainly due to the expansion of construction and financial activities coupled with the contraction of Agriculture sector.*

*NCPI increased to 8.8% in October 2017.*

*The total outstanding market liquidity decreased to a surplus of Rs. 19.43 bn by end of the week, compared to Rs. 21.71 bn by the end of last week.*

*All Share Price Index (ASPI) decreased by 1.08% to 6,414 points and the S&P SL20 Index decreased by 1.71% to 3,733 points, compared to the previous week.*

### International Developments

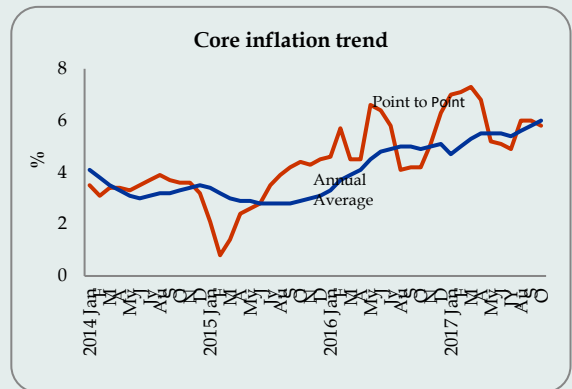
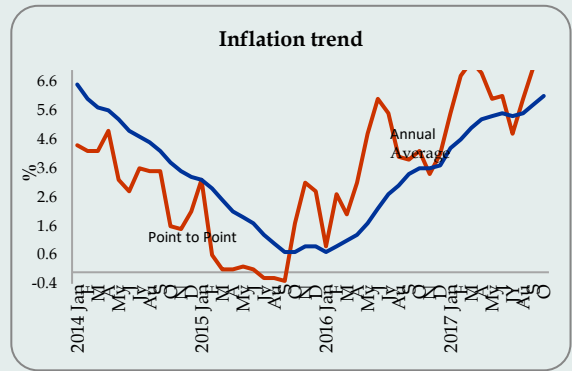
*Global output is projected to grow by 3.5 percent in 2017 and 3.6 percent in 2018.*

*China's growth is expected to remain at 6.7 percent in 2017.*

*The growth forecast for the United States has been revised to 2.1 percent from 2.3 percent.*

*Japan's economy grew by 4.0 percent in the second quarter of 2017.*

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
Dec-15	4.6	0.9*	6.7	3.1*	1.1	4.2
Jan-16	1.7	2.1	3.6	4.9	-1.1	-0.7
Feb	2.9	2.1	4.4	5.0	-1.1	1.7
Mar	2.6	2.2	3.7	5.0	-0.7	2.2
Apr	3.4	2.4	3.5	4.9	1.5	4.3
May	4.8	2.7	5.6	5.0	1.9	5.3
Jun	5.5	3.0	5.4	5.1	2.1	6.4
Jul	5.8	3.4	5.0	5.1	-0.8	5.8
Aug	4.4	3.7	3.8	4.9	-1.6	4.5
Sep	4.2	3.9	3.7	4.8	0.2	4.7
Oct	4.1	4.0	3.8	4.6	4.0	5.0
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



Source: Department of Census and Statistics , \* Base year - 2006/2007 = 100

The point to point inflation of CCPI increased to 7.8 per cent in October 2017. The annual average of CCPI increased to 6.1 per cent in October 2017. Core inflation that measures the price movements of the items in the CCPI basket excluding fresh food, energy, transport, rice and coconut, decreased to 5.8 per cent, on point to point basis, while annual average core inflation increased to 6.0 per cent, in October 2017. The National Consumer Price Index (NCPI) covering price movements in all provinces of the country increased to 8.8 percent in September 2017, on year on year basis.

**Contribution of Food Items to CCPI from September 2017 to October 2017**

Commodity	Value Change Rs.	Change %
<b>Food</b>	<b>568.27</b>	<b>0.79</b>
Rice	59.35	0.08
Chicken	-28.16	-0.04
Dried Fish	-23.68	-0.03
Coconut	263.36	0.36
Sugar	8.48	0.01
Vegetables	189.85	0.26
Red Onions	38.21	0.05
Big Onions	-40.03	-0.06
Green chilies	14.89	0.02
Potatoes	-4.31	-0.01
Banana	44.96	0.06
Papaw	28.44	0.04
Mangoes	8.42	0.01

Source: Department of Census and Statistics

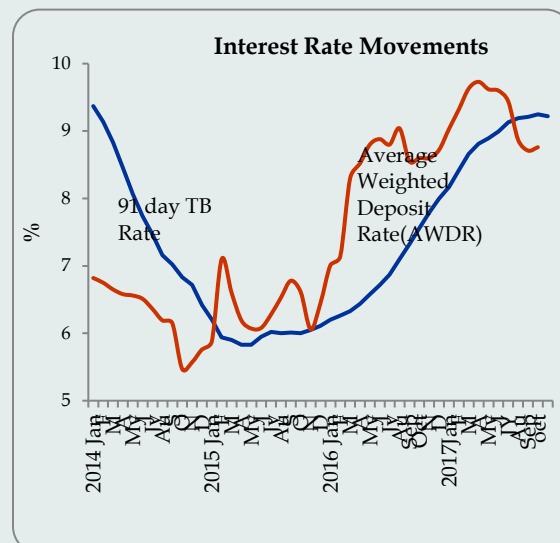
**Movements of the CCPI in Food Item (2013=100)**

Month	% Change Month to Month	Inflation	
		Point to Point	Annual Average
Apr-16	2.3	7.3	3.5
May	1.6	7.4	3.7
Jun	5.0	9.8	4.2
Jul	2.3	11.7	5.0
Aug	-4.5	8.3	5.5
Sep	-1.6	7.5	5.9
Oct	0.6	6.9	6.2
Nov	0.6	4.3	6.1
Dec	0.8	4.1	6.1
Jan-17	1.6	4.5	6.4
Feb	1.2	7.7	6.9
Mar	-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

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)
Apr	109.5	3.4	2.4	8.45	5.05	6.05
May	111.5	4.8	2.7	8.80	4.00	6.10
June	113.2	5.5	3.0	8.86	3.36	5.86
Jul	113.9	5.8	3.4	8.80	3.00	5.40
Aug	112.1	4.4	3.7	9.04	4.64	5.34
Sep	111.8	4.2	3.9	8.55	4.35	4.65
Oct	112.1	4.1	4.0	8.60	4.50	4.60
Nov	113.6	4.0	4.0	8.60	4.60	4.60
Dec	114.7	4.5	4.0	8.72	4.22	4.72
Jan-17	116.1	5.5	4.3	9.03	3.53	4.73
Feb	116.7	6.8	4.6	9.32	2.52	4.73
Mar	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

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



## Interest Rate Movements

Category	Week Ending 24 <sup>th</sup> Nov 2017	Week Ago	Month Ago	Year Ago
Standing Deposit Facility	7.25	7.25	7.00	7.00
Standing Lending Facility	8.75	8.75	8.00	8.50
Call Money Weekly Average	8.13	8.14	8.50	8.44
Treasury Bill (Yield rate)				
91 Days	8.40	8.54	-	8.60
182 Days	8.90	8.93	9.39	9.71
364 Days	9.6	9.46	10.11	10.25
Prime Lending Rate	11.48	11.29	11.98	12.38
	<b>Oct-17</b>		<b>Month Ago</b>	<b>Year Ago</b>
Commercial Bank Average Weighted Deposit Rate (AWDR)	9.22		9.25	7.79

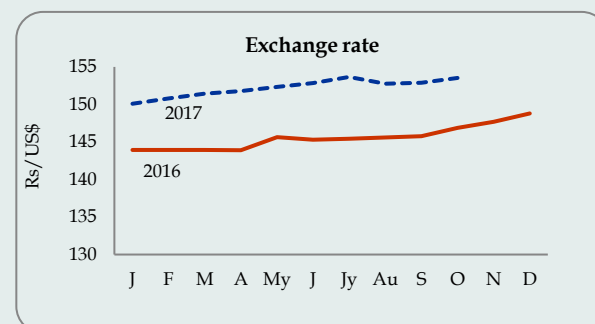
Source : Central Bank of Sri Lanka

Central Bank Standing Deposit Facility rate (SDF) and Standing Lending Facility rate (SLF) increased to 7.25 percent and 8.75 percent, respectively during this week.

The Prime Lending rate decreased to 11.48 per cent by week ending 24<sup>th</sup> November 2017 and Commercial Bank Average Weighted Deposit Rate (AWDR) for the month of October 2017 was 9.22 percent.

## Exchange Rates

Currency	Week Ending 24 <sup>th</sup> Nov 2017	Week Ago	Year Ago	% Change 2016/17
US Dollar	153.54	153.52	148.40	3.5
Sterling Pound	204.33	203.34	184.49	10.7
Euro	181.97	181.38	156.30	16.4
Japanese Yen	1.38	1.37	1.32	4.6
Indian Rupee	2.38	2.36	2.15	10.7



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	Sep 2017	Aug 2017	Jul 2017	Sep 2016	Aug 2016	Jul 2016	Growth 2016 Sep/2017 Sep (%)
M <sub>1</sub> (Rs Bn)	754.62	759.14	768.43	729.32	714.18	716.58	3.5
M <sub>2</sub> (Rs Bn)	5,503.15	5,423.04	5,367.00	4,551.94	4,434.84	4,394.70	20.9
M <sub>2b</sub> (Rs Bn)	6,132.13	6,050.58	5,986.62	5,096.24	4,988.56	4,940.43	20.3

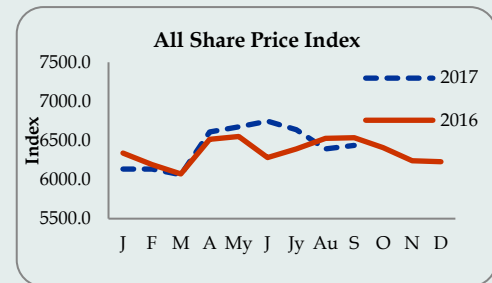
Item	Sep 2017	Month Ago	Year Ago	Growth 2016 Sep/2017 Sep (%)
<b>Credit to Private Sector (Rs.bn)</b>	<b>4,659.12</b>	<b>4,609.05</b>	<b>3,965.42</b>	<b>17.5</b>
DBUs	4,335.42	4,281.67	3,678.28	17.9
OBU's	323.71	327.38	287.14	12.7

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

## Share Market

Indicator	Week Ending 24 <sup>th</sup> Nov 2017	Week Ago	Year Ago
All Share Price Index (1985 = 100) (ASPI)	6,414	6,484	6,253
S & P Sri Lanka 20 Index (S & P SL20)	3,733	3,798	3,479
Average Daily Turnover (Rs.Mn)	939	924	424
Market Capitalization (Rs.Bn.)	2,924	2,949	2,665

Source: Colombo Stock Exchange



All Share Price Index (ASPI) decreased by 70 index points and closed at 6,414 points compared to the third week of November 2017. The S & P Sri Lanka 20 Index (S & P SL20) decreased by 65 to 3,733 index points. The Average Daily Turnover increased by Rs. 15 million and stationed at Rs. 939 million. Market capitalization reached Rs. 2,924 billion in the fourth week of November 2017.

## Equity Trading Statistics

Indicator	Oct 2017	Oct 2016	Jan-Oct 2017	Jan-Oct 2016
<b>Turnover -Equity (Rs. Mn.)</b>	<b>23,828.9</b>	<b>9,851.6</b>	<b>189,402.7</b>	<b>145,236.2</b>
Domestic (Rs. Mn.)	12,728.1	6,227.9	101,757.2	90,319.1
Foreign (Rs. Mn.)	11,100.8	3,623.6	87,645.5	54,917.1
Market Days	20	21	201	200
Daily Turnover Avg. Equity (Rs. Mn.)	1,191.4	469.1	942.3	726.2
<b>Trade Equity</b>	<b>129,101</b>	<b>76,149</b>	<b>856,165</b>	<b>958,350</b>
Domestic	123,475	73,069	809,805	910,549
Foreign	5,626	3,080	46,360	47,801
<b>Shares Traded -Equity</b>	<b>752.4</b>	<b>478.9</b>	<b>7,550.0</b>	<b>6,499.1</b>
Domestic (Rs. Mn.)	611.9	422.5	5,898.8	5,328.9
Foreign (Rs. Mn.)	140.4	56.3	1,651.2	1,170.3
Companies Traded	274	269	278	275
Companies Listed	295	295	295	295

## Market Indicators

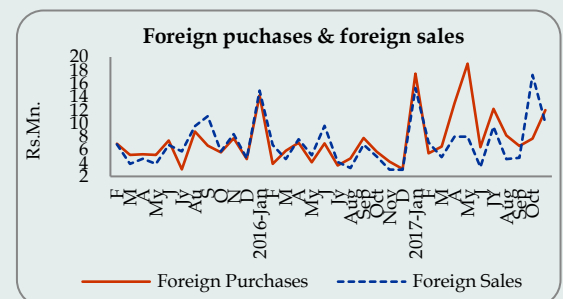
Price Indices	Oct 2017	Sep 2017
ASPI	6,617.36	6,438.24
S&P SL 20	3,899.63	3,687.97
<b>Total Return Indicators</b>		
ASTRI	8,781.65	8,542.52
S&P SL20 (TRI)	5,547.68	5,243.69
Market PER	10.99	10.71
Dividend Yield	2.90	2.94
Market Capitalization (Rs.Bn.)	3,008.75	2,919.70

Source: Colombo Stock Exchange

## Stock Market - Foreign Purchases and Foreign Sales

Indicator	October 2017	Jan-Oct 2017
Purchases by Foreigners (Rs. Mn)	12,083.0	97,221.8
Sales by Foreigners (Rs. Mn)	10,118.5	78,071.9
Net Foreign Purchases (Rs. Mn)	1,964.6	19,149.9

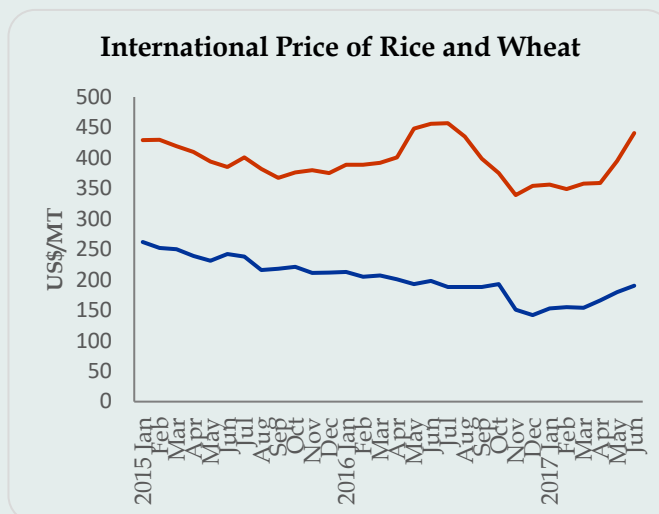
Source: Colombo Stock Exchange



# COMMODITY PRICES

## International Commodity Prices

Month	Rice Thai,100% US\$/MT	Wheat (HRW) US\$/MT
Dec	375	212
Jan-2016	389	213
Feb	389	205
Mar	392	207
Apr	401	201
May	448	193
Jun	456	198
Jul	457	188
Aug	435	188
Sep	399	188
Oct	375	193
Nov	339	151
Dec	354	142
Jan-2017	356	153
Feb	349	155
Mar	358	154
Apr	359	166
May	395	180
Jun	440	190



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	Apr	May	Jun
		2014	2015	2016	2017	2017	2017
<b>Non Energy, Agriculture, Beverages</b>							
Cocoa	\$/kg	3.06	3.14	2.89	1.96	1.98	2.00
Coffee, Arabica	\$/kg	4.42	3.53	3.61	3.43	3.31	3.16
Tea, auctions (3) average	\$/kg	2.72	2.71	2.64	3.06	3.18	3.19
Tea, Colombo auctions	\$/kg	3.54	2.96	3.24	4.27	4.12	3.90
<b>Food, Fats &amp; Oils</b>							
Coconut Oil	\$/mt	1,280	1,110	1,475	1,580	1,687	1,697
Copra	\$/mt	854	735	982	1,044	1,113	1,119
Palm Oil	\$/mt	821	623	700	685	727	677
<b>Grains</b>							
Barley	\$/mt	138.2	194.3	158.5	137.0	138.0	138.0
Maize	\$/mt	192.9	169.8	159.2	156.4	158.6	157.9
Wheat, US HRW	\$/mt	284.9	204.5	166.6	166.1	180.4	189.6
<b>Other Food</b>							
Meat, Beef	\$/kg	4.95	4.42	3.93	4.25	4.41	4.53
Meat, Chicken	\$/kg	2.43	2.53	2.46	...	...	...
Sugar, World	\$/kg	0.37	0.30	0.40	0.36	0.35	0.31
<b>Raw Materials, Timber</b>							
Plywood	¢/sheets	517.3	451.2	503.3	495.9	486.6	492.3
Wood pulp	\$/mt	876.9	875.0	875.0	875.0	875.0	875.0
<b>Other Raw Materials</b>							
Rubber RSS3, US	\$/kg	1.95	1.57	1.61	2.21	2.10	1.72
<b>Fertilizers</b>							
Phosphate Rock	\$/mt	110.2	117.5	112.2	96.0	93.0	93.0
TSP	\$/mt	388.3	385.0	290.5	276.0	273.0	277.0
Urea	\$/mt	316.2	272.9	199.3	205.0	180.0	185.0
<b>Metals and Minerals</b>							
Aluminum	\$/mt	1,867	1,665	1,604	1,921	1,913	1,885
Gold	\$/toz	1,266	1,161	1,249	1,267	1,246	1,260
Iron ore	\$/dmt	96.9	55.8	58.4	70.2	62.4	57.5

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

¢= US cent

\$= US dollar

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

Item	Nov 20	Nov 21	Nov 22	Nov 23	Nov 24	Week Ago	Month Ago	Year Ago
Brent (New York Closing Prices) (US \$/bbl.)	62.56	62.25	63.07	63.18	63.49	61.28	57.36	48.94
WTI (US\$/bbl.)	56.67	56.42	57.64	57.95	58.47	55.53	51.88	48.00
Petrol	72.25	72.90	73.45	72.90	73.90	71.50	66.90	58.95
Diesel	72.62	72.76	73.53	72.81	73.42	71.07	66.58	57.28
Kerosene	74.50	74.55	75.17	74.67	75.45	73.16	67.96	58.46

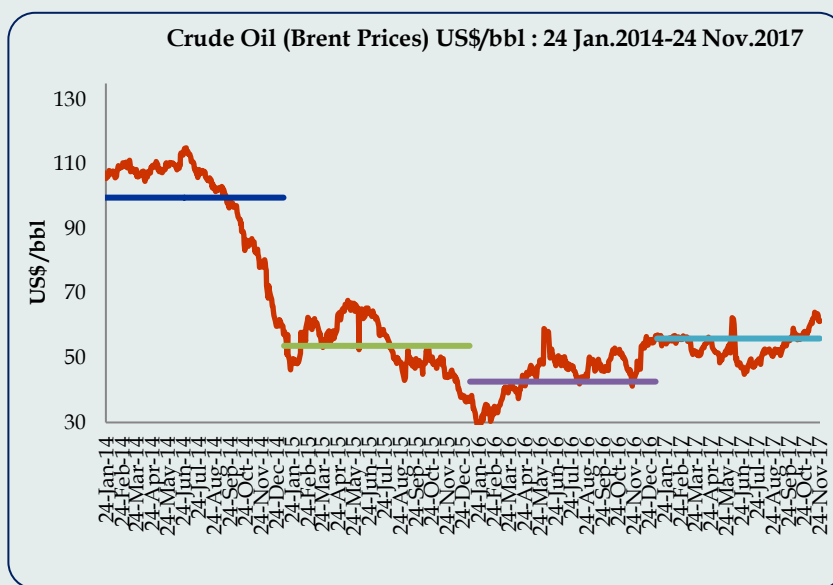
Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

## Crude Oil Prices (Monthly Average)

Month	WTI European Market (US\$/bbl)	Brent (US\$/bbl)
Mar-16	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	45.85	45.96
Dec	54.74	52.04
Jan-17	52.83	55.67
Feb	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*	62.63	56.41

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

\*up to 24<sup>th</sup> Nov 2017

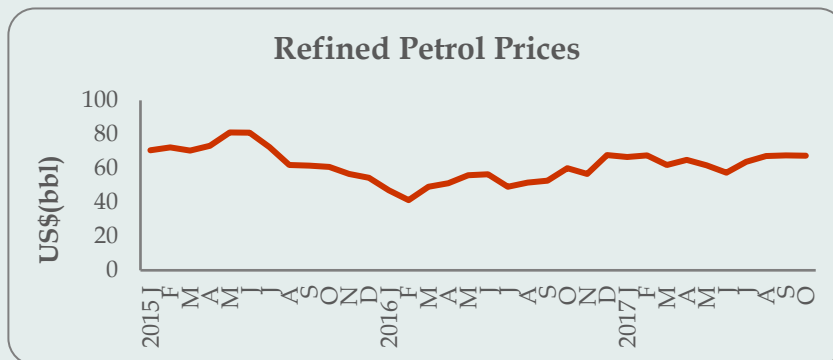


## Monthly Average Refined Product Prices -Singapore Plattes Prices (US\$/bbl)

Month	Petrol	Diesel	Kerosene
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	56.63	56.03	56.62
Dec	67.80	66.34	64.87
Jan-17	66.75	64.70	65.13
Feb	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*	72.98	71.55	73.93

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

\*up to 24<sup>th</sup> Nov 2017



## Local Market Prices of Petroleum Products

Item	Unit	End 2014	End 2015	End 2016	Current Price 2017
Auto Diesel	1 liter	111.00	95.00	95.00	95.00
Petrol (Octane 92)	1 liter	150.00	117.00	117.00	117.00
Kerosene oil	1 liter	81.00	49.00	49.00	44.00
L P Gas	12.5 kg	1,896.00	1,346.00	1,321.00	1,321.00

Wholesale Prices  
Week Ending -24<sup>th</sup> November 2017(Rs /Kg)

Pettah Market

Dambulla Market

Average Wholesale Prices	Week Ending 24/11/2017	Week Ago	% Change	Year Ago Annual Avg.
<b>Rice (Rs/Kg)</b>				
Samba	104.00	103.00	1.0	80.97
Kekulu (Red)	81.00	83.00	-2.4	60.29
<b>Vegetable</b>				
Beans	93.00	163.00	-42.9	147.16
Cabbage	110.00	130.00	-15.4	76.62
Carrots	126.00	203.00	-37.9	121.42
Tomatoes	63.00	65.00	-3.1	75.00
Pumpkins	66.00	66.00	0.0	60.29
Snake Gourd	133.00	118.00	12.7	76.18
Brinjals	130.00	150.00	13.3	66.57
Ash Plantains	90.00	83.00	8.4	67.65
<b>Other Foods</b>				
Red-Onions (Local)	407.00	407.00	0.0	92.66
Big Onions (Local)	130.00	n.a	-	74.50
Potatoes (N'Eliya)	112.00	100.00	12.0	122.58
Dried Chilies (Imported)	210.00	213.00	-1.4	293.68
Dhal (Indian)	123.00	124.00	-0.8	160.16
Eggs (Red) (Each)	13.00	13.00	0.0	14.30
Coconut (Each)	80.00	81.00	-1.2	34.69
<b>Fish (Rs/Kg)</b>				
Kelawalla	500.00	550.00	9.1	508.20
Balaya	220.00	220.00	0.0	327.29
Salaya	100.00	100.00	0.0	141.43
Paraw (Small)	480.00	n.a	-	540.36

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

Food Item	Wholesale (Average)
<b>Rice (Rs/Kg)</b>	
Samba	106.20
Kekulu (Red)	85.80
<b>Vegetables</b>	
Pumpkins	60.50
Snake Gourd	100.50
Ash Plantains	71.00
Beans	94.500
Carrots	164.50
Tomatoes	67.00
<b>Other Foods</b>	
Potatoes (N'Eliya)	79.00
Dried Chilies (Imported)	206.00
Big-Onions (Local)	n.a
Red-Onions (Local)	345.00
Coconut (Each)	75.30

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

Marandaghamula Average Price of Rice  
(Rs /Kg)

Item	Week Ending 24/11/2017	Week Ago	Month Ago	Year Ago
Samba	102.80	101.20	101.13	77.58
Sudu Kekulu	87.70	84.30	87.13	62.91
Raw Red	83.90	82.50	81.61	59.59
Nadu	94.80	92.50	94.08	66.62

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

Weekly Retail Commodity Prices -1<sup>st</sup> Week of November 2017

Rs.

Item	Unit	This Week	Week Ago	% Change	Year Ago
Rice					
Samba(Avg.)	1 kg	105.53	107.77	-2.1	90.98
No. 1	1 kg	111.75	113.27	-1.3	94.50
No. 2	1kg	99.30	102.26	-2.9	87.45
Nadu Red	1kg	104.74	102.63	2.1	81.73
Raw Red (Avg)	1kg	91.38	92.02	-0.7	72.09
No. 1	1kg	93.75	95.75	-2.1	75.03
No. 2	1kg	89.00	88.28	0.8	69.14
Wheat Flour	1 kg	90.47	90.41	0.1	88.54
Bread	450g	58.31	58.31	0.0	58.14
Sugar	1 kg	110.74	110.51	0.2	96.90
Lakspray	400g	325.00	325.00	0.0	325.00
Potatoes (Import)	1 kg	117.92	120.96	-2.5	110.90
Potatoes (Local)	1kg	165.63	159.50	3.8	142.36
Red Dhal(Avg)	1kg	177.88	181.26	-1.9	193.57
Cowpea (Avg)	1kg	327.86	323.48	1.4	258.54
Green Gram(Avg)	1kg	259.96	257.62	0.9	228.73
Kadalai (Avg)	1kg	351.18	351.33	0.0	276.59
Meat					
Beef	1kg	946.19	943.53	0.3	839.83
Chicken					
Fresh	1kg	520.00	522.14	-0.4	562.22
Broiler	1kg	420.00	420.00	0.0	410.00
Fresh Fish					
Paraw	1 kg	976.11	1,053.00	-7.3	918.38
Balaya	1 kg	551.11	538.89	2.3	652.56
Kelawalla	1 kg	852.86	974.44	-12.5	890.03
Salaya	1 kg	177.37	180.95	-2.0	172.00
Dried Fish					
Sprats	1 kg	741.97	715.16	3.7	589.99
Eggs	Each	14.27	11.51	23.9	14.42
Coconut	Each	86.49	78.70	9.9	45.82
Coconut Oil	750ml	284.71	281.62	1.1	222.98
Red Onions	1 kg	439.60	362.68	21.2	124.48
B- Onions (Import)	1 kg	192.33	151.89	26.62	79.85
Brinjal	1kg	214.23	200.22	7.0	124.34
Beans Green	1 kg	183.45	204.80	-10.4	185.84
Cabbage	1 kg	174.70	189.23	-7.7	128.85
Leeks	1 kg	238.89	205.26	16.4	140.16
Beet Root	1kg	151.16	155.43	-2.7	111.92
Carrot	1kg	216.10	202.05	7.0	134.94
Tomatoes	1kg	195.37	214.29	-8.8	102.34
Radish	1kg	152.19	140.71	8.2	106.88
Vetakolu	1kg	183.52	178.37	2.9	139.92
Snake Gourd	1kg	181.17	169.63	6.8	122.56
Bandakka	1kg	148.78	146.38	1.6	120.55
Kolikuttu	1kg	201.71	214.40	-5.9	248.16
Papaw	1kg	95.17	101.48	-6.2	122.81
Pineapple	1kg	163.10	171.67	-5.0	301.55

Source: Department of Census and Statistics



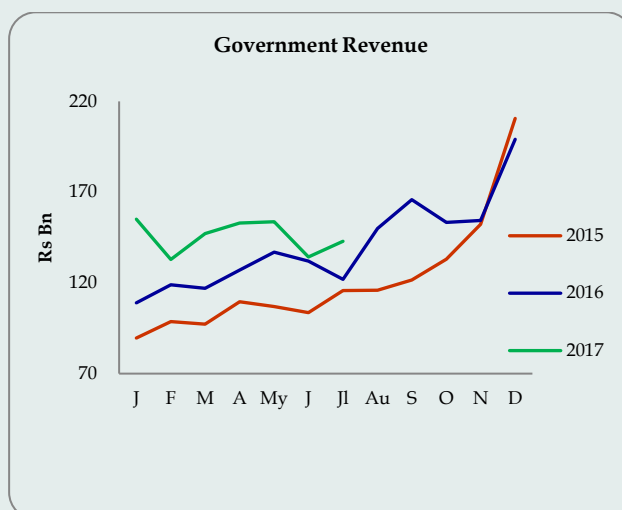
# FISCAL SECTOR AND GOVERNMENT DEBT

## Summary of Government Revenue

Item	2015	2016	2017 (Jan-Aug)
<b>Tax Revenue</b>	<b>1,355,779</b>	<b>1,463,689</b>	<b>1,094,948</b>
Income Tax	262,583	258,857	171,038
VAT	219,700	283,470	290,049
Excise Duty	497,623	454,952	312,524
Nation Building Tax	45,004	57,424	45,025
PAL	58,644	88,823	65,619
Customs Duty	132,189	156,487	92,514
SCL	52,276	55,825	49,175
Cess	46,289	61,730	39,530
License Fee and Other	41,471	46,121	29,474
<b>Non Tax Revenue</b>	<b>99,099</b>	<b>222,372</b>	<b>77,426</b>
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>1,454,878</b>	<b>1,686,061</b>	<b>1,172,374</b>

Source: Department of Fiscal Policy

(a) provisional



## Government Debt

Government Debt (Rs.bn)	End 2016	Jan-Jun 2017(a)
Total Domestic Debt	5,341.5	5,666.5
Total Foreign Debt	4,045.8	4,497.4
<b>Total Government Debt</b>	<b>9,387.3</b>	<b>10,163.9</b>

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

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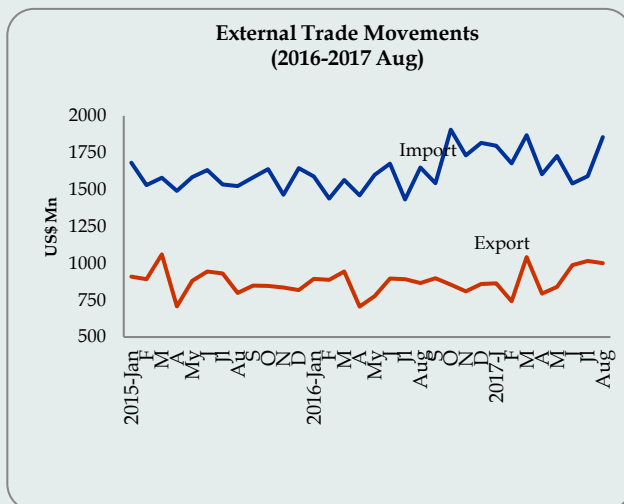
## Key Fiscal Indicators 2015-2016-2017

Indicator	Unit	2015	2016	2017 Jan-Aug
Budget Deficit	Rs Mn	-829,502	-640,326	-520,220
	% of GDP	-7.4	-5.4	-4.0
Total Revenue	Rs Mn	1,454,878	1,686,061	1,172,374
	% of GDP	13.0	14.2	9.0
Tax Revenue	Rs Mn	1,355,779	1,463,689	1,094,948
	% of GDP	12.1	12.4	8.4
Non Tax Revenue	Rs Mn	99,099	222,372	77,426
	% of GDP	0.9	1.9	0.6
Recurrent Expenditure	Rs Mn	1,701,657	1,757,782	1,294,354
	% of GDP	15.2	14.8	10.0
Public Investment	Rs Mn	602,768	594,012	404,859
	% of GDP	5.4	5.0	3.1
Government Debt	Rs Mn	8,503,227	9,387,303	-
	% of GDP	77.6	79.3	-

Compiled by Department of Fiscal Policy

Category	Aug 2016 (US\$ Mn)	Aug 2017 (US\$ Mn)	Growth Rate (%)	Jan-Aug 2016 (US\$ Mn)	Jan-Aug 2017 (US\$ Mn)	Growth Rate (%)
<b>Exports</b>	<b>866.3</b>	<b>1,000.6</b>	<b>15.5</b>	<b>6,888.1</b>	<b>7,413.1</b>	<b>7.6</b>
<b>Agricultural</b>	<b>208.0</b>	<b>255.4</b>	<b>22.8</b>	<b>1,520.6</b>	<b>1,815.0</b>	<b>19.4</b>
Tea	108.9	131.3	20.6	835.0	1,002.7	20.1
Other	99.1	124.1	25.2	685.6	812.3	18.5
<b>Industrial</b>	<b>654.3</b>	<b>740.1</b>	<b>13.1</b>	<b>5,337.6</b>	<b>5,562.3</b>	<b>4.2</b>
Rubber Products	68.2	71.0	4.1	508.4	538.1	5.8
Textiles and Garments	393.4	433.2	10.1	3,333.7	3,283.4	-1.5
Food, Beverage and Tobacco	25.6	34.8	35.8	222.4	259.1	16.5
Other	167.1	201.1	20.4	1,273.1	1,481.7	16.4
<b>Mineral</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>3.8</b>	<b>50.0</b>	<b>19.7</b>	<b>24.5</b>	<b>24.6</b>
<b>Unclassified</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>-6.6</b>	<b>10.2</b>	<b>11.3</b>	<b>10.1</b>
<b>Imports</b>	<b>1,649.1</b>	<b>1,856.9</b>	<b>12.6</b>	<b>12,402.9</b>	<b>13,599.1</b>	<b>9.6</b>
<b>Consumer Goods</b>	<b>393.7</b>	<b>393.8</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>2,824.9</b>	<b>2,952.1</b>	<b>4.5</b>
Food and Beverages	142.6	147.9	3.7	1,039.1	1,204.5	15.9
Other Consumer Goods	251.1	245.9	-2.1	1,785.8	1,747.6	-2.1
<b>Intermediate Goods</b>	<b>824.0</b>	<b>1,020.8</b>	<b>23.9</b>	<b>6,309.0</b>	<b>7,271.7</b>	<b>15.3</b>
Petroleum	180.6	312.5	73.0	1,500.8	2,152.8	43.4
Textiles & Textile Articles	220.0	237.4	7.9	1,764.7	1,781.3	0.9
Other Intermediate Goods	423.4	470.9	11.2	3,043.5	3,337.6	9.7
<b>Investment Goods</b>	<b>429.7</b>	<b>438.7</b>	<b>2.1</b>	<b>3,259.6</b>	<b>3,237.7</b>	<b>-0.7</b>
Machinery and Equipment	218.9	224.3	2.5	1,815.4	1,738.3	-4.2
Transport Equipment	66.3	59.7	-10.0	414.3	438.6	5.9
Building Material	144.1	153.9	6.8	1,025.7	1,054.8	2.8
Other Investment Goods	0.3	0.8	129.7	4.1	6.0	45.8
<b>Unclassified</b>	<b>1.7</b>	<b>3.6</b>	<b>112.1</b>	<b>9.4</b>	<b>137.5</b>	<b>1,358.3</b>
<b>Trade Balance</b>	<b>-782.8</b>	<b>-856.3</b>	<b>9.4</b>	<b>-5,514.8</b>	<b>-6,186.0</b>	<b>12.2</b>

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka



- Export earnings during January to August 2017 increased by 7.6 percent mainly due to the expansion of earnings from agriculture, industry and mineral exports. The earnings for the month of August 2017 increased by 15.5 percent, compared to the respective period of 2016.
- On a cumulative basis, expenditure on imports increased by 9.6 percent for the period during January to August 2017. Expenditure on imports for the month of August 2017 increased by 12.6 percent reflecting the performance of imports of intermediate goods and consumer goods.
- Trade deficit widened to US\$ 856.3 Mn in August 2017 over the same period of 2016.

Month	Arrivals				Earnings US\$ Mn			
	2015	2016	2017	% change 2016/17	2015	2016	2017	% change 2016/17
Jan	156,246	194,280	219,360	12.9	248.7	333.3	376.3	12.9
Feb	165,541	197,697	197,517	0.0	274.4	339.0	339.0	0.0
Mar	157,051	192,841	188,076	-2.5	260.3	330.8	322.7	-2.5
Apr	122,217	136,367	160,249	17.5	202.6	226.0	274.9	21.6
May	113,529	125,044	121,891	2.5	188.2	214.5	209.1	-2.5
Jun	115,467	118,038	123,351	4.5	191.4	195.6	211.6	8.2
July	175,804	209,351	205,482	-1.9	291.4	359.2	352.5	-1.9
Aug	166,610	186,288	190,928	2.5	276.1	319.6	327.6	2.5
Sep	143,374	148,499	145,077	-2.3	237.6	254.8	248.9	-2.3
Oct	132,280	150,419	152,429	1.3	219.2	249.3	261.5	4.8
Nov	144,147	167,217			238.9	277.1		
Dec	206,114	224,791			341.6	372.6		
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,798,380</b>	<b>2,050,832</b>	<b>1,704,360*</b>	<b>2.7 *</b>	<b>2,980.7</b>	<b>3,399.1</b>	<b>2,924.07*</b>	<b>2.7*</b>

Source: Sri Lanka Tourism Development Authority

\*Jan-June



### Tourism

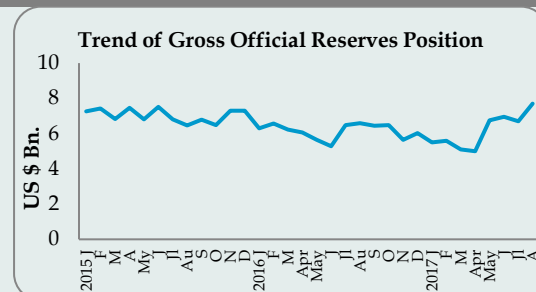
Earnings from tourism increased to US \$ 2,924.07 Mn. during Jan-Oct 2017 with an increase of 2.7 per cent over the same period of 2016.

The number of tourist arrivals decreased to 152,429 in October 2017.

### External Assets

External Assets (US\$ Mn)	Aug 2017	Jul 2017	Jun 2017
Total Reserves	n.a.	8,993.7	7,534.3
Gross Official Reserves	7,693.6	6,710.5	5,048.1

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka



### Official reserves

The total reserves and gross official reserves were US\$ 9.0 Bn and US\$ 6.7 Bn, respectively by end July 2017. Total foreign reserves were sufficient to 5.3 months of imports and the gross official reserves were equivalent to 3.9 months of imports. Workers' remittances decreased by 16.7 per cent in dollar terms to US \$ 481.4 Mn. in September 2017.

### Private Remittances

Category	2016 Sep	2017 Sep(a)	2016 Jan-Sep	2017 Jan-Sep(a)	% Change
Inflow US\$ Mn	577.9	481.4	5,382.0	4,984.7	-7.4
Rs. Bn	84.2	73.6	779.5	758.2	-2.7

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

(a) Provisional

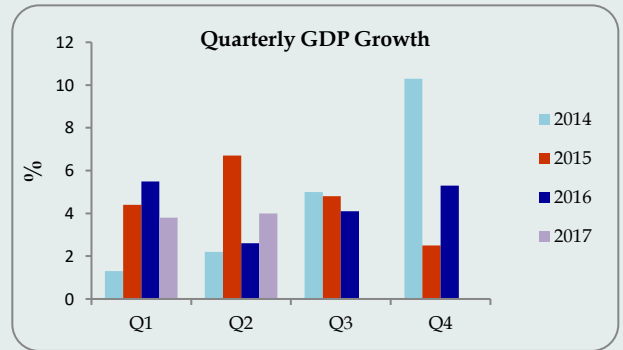
## PRODUCTION

### 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>2013</b>	<b>3.6</b>	<b>5.9</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>3.4</b>
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
<b>2014</b>	<b>1.3</b>	<b>2.2</b>	<b>5.0</b>	<b>10.3</b>	<b>4.9</b>
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
<b>2015</b>	<b>4.4</b>	<b>6.7</b>	<b>4.8</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>4.8</b>
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
<b>2016</b>	<b>5.5</b>	<b>2.6</b>	<b>4.1</b>	<b>5.3</b>	<b>4.4</b>
Agriculture	1.9	-5.6	-1.9	-8.4	-4.2
Industry	8.3	2.2	6.8	9.2	6.7
Service	4.9	4.9	4.7	4.6	4.2
<b>2017</b>	<b>3.8</b>	<b>4.0</b>			
Agriculture	-3.2	-2.9			
Industry	6.3	5.2			
Service	3.5	4.5			

Source: Department of Census & Statistics

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



### GDP grew by 4.0%

The Sri Lankan economy grew by 4.0% during the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter 2017 compared to 2.6% growth recorded in same period of 2016. The growth was mainly supported by expands of Industry sector by 5.2% and Service sector by 4.5%. However, Agriculture sector contracted by 2.9%.

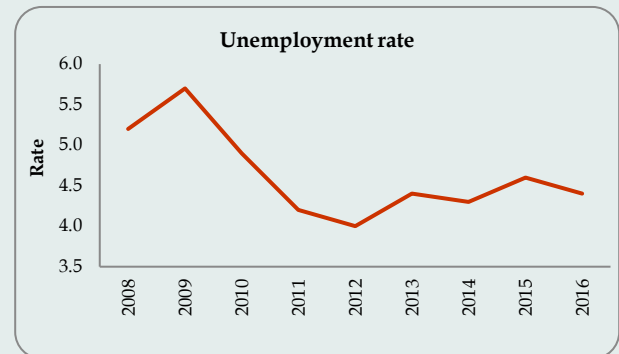
## Labour Force Statistics

Employment	2017 2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter* (a)	2017 1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter* (a)	2016 Annual (a)	2015 Annual
Labour Force Participation Rate	53.9	54.7	53.8	53.8
Unemployment Rate	4.5	4.1	4.4	4.7
<b>By Gender</b>				
Male	3.0	2.7	2.9	3.0
Female	7.1	6.5	7.0	7.6
<b>By Age Group</b>				
20-29	14.6	12.5	14.2	14.2
20-24	18.4	17.4	19.9	19.7
25-29	11.3	8.0	9.2	9.4

Source: Department of Census & Statistics

(a) Data cover the entire island

\* Provisional



## Paddy Production

Category	2016			2017		
	2015/2016 Maha	2016 Yala	Total	2016/2017 Maha	2017 Yala	Total
<b>Production</b>						
Mn.Mt	2.90	1.55	4.45	1.48	1.02	2.50
Bushels Mn.	139	73	212	71.2	48.8	120.0
<b>Net Extent Harvested</b>						
Hectares ('000)	667	344	1,011	-	-	-
Acres ('000)	1,649	849	2,498	-	-	-
<b>Average Yield kg per ha</b>	4,349	4,417	8,766	-	-	-

Source: Department of Census & Statistics

(a)provisional

The paddy production in 2017 Yala season decreased by 34.2 percent to around 1.0 million mt. compared to the 1.6 million mt recorded in 2016. The total paddy production in 2017 decreased by 43.8 percent to around 2.5 million mt, compared to the 4.5 million mt recorded in 2016.

## Tea, Rubber & Coconut Production

Category	2016 Jan-Sep	2017 Jan-Sep	% Change
<b>Production</b>			
Tea (Mn. Kg)	218.98	231.24	5.6
Rubber (Mn. Kg)	63.89	65.05	1.8
Coconut (Mn. Nuts)	2,257.67	1,908.14	-15.5
<b>Exports (US\$ Mn)</b>			
	<b>2016 Aug</b>	<b>2017 Aug</b>	
Tea	108.9	131.3	20.6
Rubber	2.3	2.6	15.3
Coconut	32.3	33.8	4.5
<b>Colombo Auction Prices</b>			
	<b>2016 July</b>	<b>2017 July</b>	
Tea (Rs./ Kg)	452.28	592.46	30.9
Rubber (Rs./ Kg)	254.38	352.50	38.6
Coconut (Rs/nut)	23.25	42.88	84.4

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

## Factory Industrial Production Index (2010=100)

Item (a)	2016 July (b)	2017 July (c)	Growth %
Manufacture of Food Products	101.8	104.2	2.3
Manufacture of Beverages	102.8	91.8	-10.7
Manufacture of Tobacco Products	114.8	111.3	-3.0
Manufacture of Textiles	108.8	110.7	1.8
Manufacture of Wearing Apparel	106.1	109.4	3.1
Manufacture of Leather and Related Products	103.6	113.1	9.2
Manufacture of Wood products ,except Furniture	98.5	108.3	9.9
Manufacture of Paper and Paper Products	103.4	108.5	4.9
Printing and Reproduction of Recorded Media	101.2	108.6	7.4
Manufacture of Coke and Refined Petroleum Products	106.7	83.2	-22.0
Manufacture of Chemicals and Chemical Products	105.3	97.4	-7.5
Manufacture of Pharmaceuticals, Medicinal Chemicals	120.4	132.5	10.0
Manufacture of Rubber and Plastic Products	105.2	108.0	2.6
Manufacture of Other Non-Metallic Mineral Products	102.5	109.2	6.6
Manufacture of Basic Metals	102.7	123.2	20.0
Manufacture of Fabricated Metal Products	106.8	123.7	15.8
Manufacture of Electrical Equipment	95.6	104.2	9.0
Manufacture of Machinery and Equipment n.e.c	113.7	117.8	3.6
Manufacture of Furniture	120.9	113.1	-6.4
Manufacture of other Manufacturing	96.0	103.7	8.0
<b>Factory Industry Production Index</b>	<b>104.1</b>	<b>104.9</b>	<b>0.8</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