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Highlights

- ⇒ **CCPI** decreased to **7.6%** in November 2017
- ⇒ **Exchange rate** depreciated to **US\$1=Rs. 152.83**
- ⇒ **Brent crude oil** increased to: **US\$ 63.34** per bbl
- ⇒ **Credit to private sector** decreased by **17.5%** in September 2017
- ⇒ **Tourist arrivals** up by **2.5%** during Jan-Nov 2017

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WEEK IN REVIEW

Domestic Economy

The GDP grew by 3.3 per cent in real terms in the third quarter of 2017, mainly due to the expansion of construction and financial activities coupled with the contraction of Agriculture sector.

NCPI increased to 8.4% in November 2017.

The total outstanding market liquidity decreased to a surplus of Rs. 29.94 bn by end of 22 December 2017, compared to Rs. 36.67 bn by the end of last week.

All Share Price Index (ASPI) decreased by 0.45% to 6,324 points and the S&P SL20 Index decreased by 1.16% to 3,650 points, compared to the previous week.

International Developments

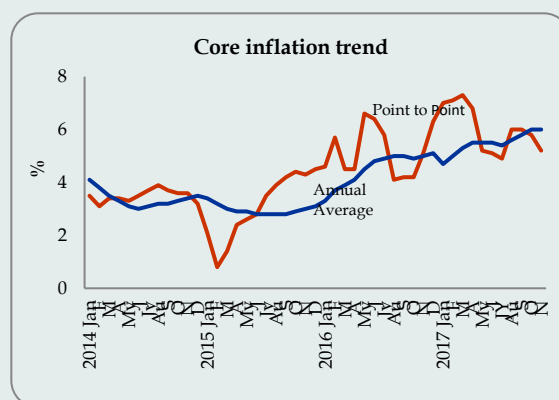
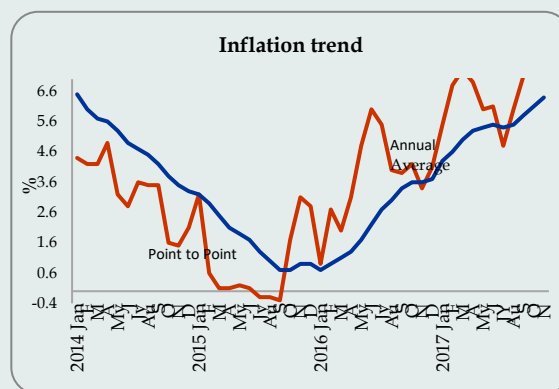
Global output is projected to grow by 3.5 percent in 2017 and 3.6 percent in 2018.

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
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
Nov	7.6	6.4	5.2	6.0	1.3	8.4



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

The point to point inflation of CCPI decreased to 7.6 per cent in November 2017. The annual average of CCPI increased to 6.4 per cent in November 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 5.2 per cent, on point to point basis, while annual average core inflation remain unchanged to 6.0 per cent, in November 2017. The National Consumer Price Index (NCPI) covering price movements in all provinces of the country increased to 8.4 percent in November 2017, on year on year basis.

Contribution of Food Items to CCPI from October 2017 to November 2017

Commodity	Value Change Rs.	Change %
Food	303.15	0.41
Rice	20.66	0.03
Chicken	28.87	0.04
Dried Fish	-5.04	-0.01
Coconut	24.03	0.03
Sugar	5.34	0.01
Vegetables	264.42	0.36
Red Onions	14.35	0.02
Dhal	-31.75	-0.04
Green chilies	8.37	0.01
Potatoes	-17.91	-0.02
Banana	-41.74	-0.06
Papaw	11.98	0.02
Pineapple	-6.36	-0.01

Source: Department of Census and Statistics

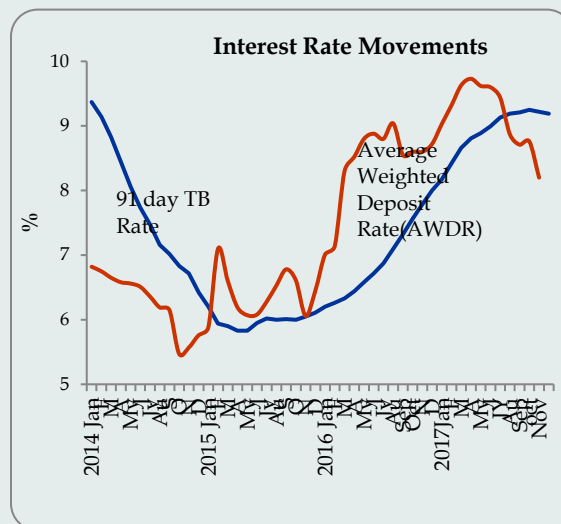
Movements of the CCPI in Food Item (2013=100)

Month	% Change Month to Month	Inflation	
		Point to Point	Annual Average
May-16	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
Nov	1.7	13.8	8.4

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)
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
Nov	122.2	7.6	6.4	8.20	0.60	1.80

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



Interest Rate Movements

Category	Week Ending 22 nd Dec 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	8.12	8.12	8.50	8.42
Treasury Bill (Yield rate)				
91 Days	7.69	-	-	8.65
182 Days	8.40	8.48	9.39	9.61
364 Days	8.92	9.04	10.11	10.14
Prime Lending Rate	10.92	11.26	11.98	11.92
	Nov-17		Month Ago	Year Ago
Commercial Bank Average Weighted Deposit Rate (AWDR)	9.19		9.22	8.00

Source : Central Bank of Sri Lanka

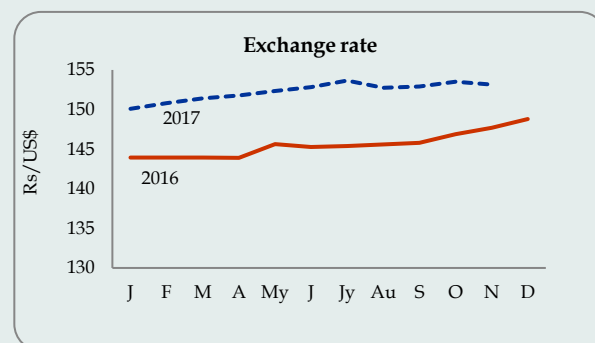
Central Bank Standing Deposit Facility rate (SDF) and Standing Lending Facility rate (SLF) increased to 7.25 percent and 8.75 percent, respectively during this week.

The Prime Lending rate decreased to 10.92 per cent by week ending 22nd December 2017 and Commercial Bank Average Weighted Deposit Rate (AWDR) for the month of November 2017 was 9.19 percent.

Exchange Rates

Currency	Week Ending 22 nd Dec 2017	Week Ago	Year Ago	% Change 2016/17
US Dollar	152.83	153.07	150.24	1.7
Sterling Pound	204.53	205.84	185.93	10.0
Euro	181.05	180.43	156.88	15.4
Japanese Yen	1.35	1.37	1.28	5.5
Indian Rupee	2.39	2.38	2.20	8.6

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

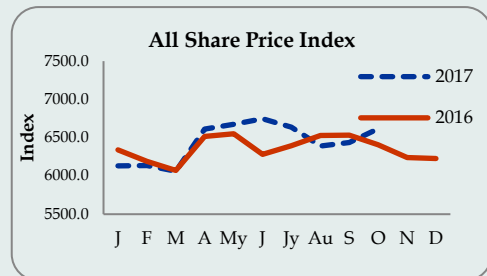
Item	Sep 2017	Aug 2017	Jul 2017	Sep 2016	Aug 2016	Jul 2016	Growth 2016 Sep/2017 Sep (%)
M ₁ (Rs Bn)	754.62	759.14	768.43	729.32	714.18	716.58	3.5
M ₂ (Rs Bn)	5,503.15	5,423.04	5,367.00	4,551.94	4,434.84	4,394.70	20.9
M _{2b} (Rs Bn)	6,132.13	6,050.58	5,986.62	5,096.24	4,988.56	4,940.43	20.3

Item	Sep 2017	Month Ago	Year Ago	Growth 2016 Sep /2017 Sep (%)
Credit to Private Sector (Rs.bn)	4,659.12	4,609.05	3,965.42	17.5
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 22 nd Dec 2017	Week Ago	Year Ago
All Share Price Index (1985 = 100) (ASPI)	6,324	6,352	6,210
S & P Sri Lanka 20 Index (S & P SL20)	3,650	3,693	3,478
Average Daily Turnover (Rs.Mn)	348	708	376
Market Capitalization (Rs.Bn.)	2,879	2,892	2,650



Source: Colombo Stock Exchange

All Share Price Index (ASPI) decreased by 28 index points and closed at 6,324 points compared to the second week of December 2017. The S & P Sri Lanka 20 Index (S & P SL20) decreased by 43 to 3,650 index points. The Average Daily Turnover decreased by Rs. 360 million and stationed at Rs. 348 million. Market capitalization reached Rs. 2,879 billion in the third week of December 2017.

Equity Trading Statistics

Indicator	Nov 2017	Nov 2016	Jan-Nov 2017	Jan-Nov 2016
Turnover -Equity (Rs. Mn.)	20,245.8	8,269.4	209,648.5	153,505.7
Domestic (Rs. Mn.)	10,334.3	5,199.3	112,091.5	95,518.4
Foreign (Rs. Mn.)	9,911.5	3,070.2	97,557.0	57,987.3
Market Days	21	21	222	221
Daily Turnover Avg. Equity (Rs. Mn.)	964.1	393.8	944.4	694.6
Trade Equity	74,562	54,791	930,727	1,013,141
Domestic	70,472	51,383	880,276	961,932
Foreign	4,090	3,408	50,451	51,209
Shares Traded -Equity	584.3	296.7	8,134.3	6,795.8
Domestic (Rs. Mn.)	362.6	259.1	6,261.4	5,587.9
Foreign (Rs. Mn.)	221.7	37.6	1,872.9	1,207.8
Companies Traded	276	269	279	275
Companies Listed	296	294	296	294

Market Indicators

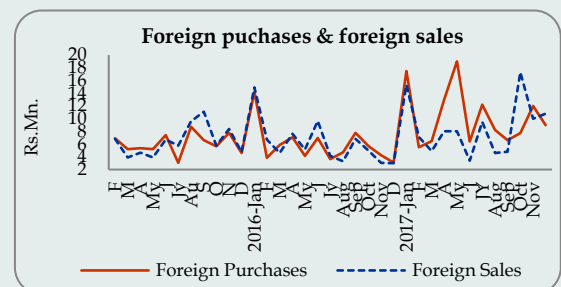
Price Indices	Nov 2017	Oct 2017
ASPI	6,411.84	6,617.36
S&P SL 20	3,724.96	3,899.63
Total Return Indicators		
ASTRI	8,511.89	8,781.65
S&P SL20 (TRI)	5,325.85	5,547.68
Market PER	10.71	10.99
Dividend Yield	3.08	2.90
Market Capitalization (Rs.Bn.)	2,922.66	3,008.75

Source: Colombo Stock Exchange

Stock Market - Foreign Purchases and Foreign Sales

Indicator	November 2017	Jan-Nov 2017
Purchases by Foreigners (Rs. Mn)	9,032.6	106,254.5
Sales by Foreigners (Rs. Mn)	10,790.4	88,862.4
Net Foreign Purchases (Rs. Mn)	(1,757.8)	17,392.1

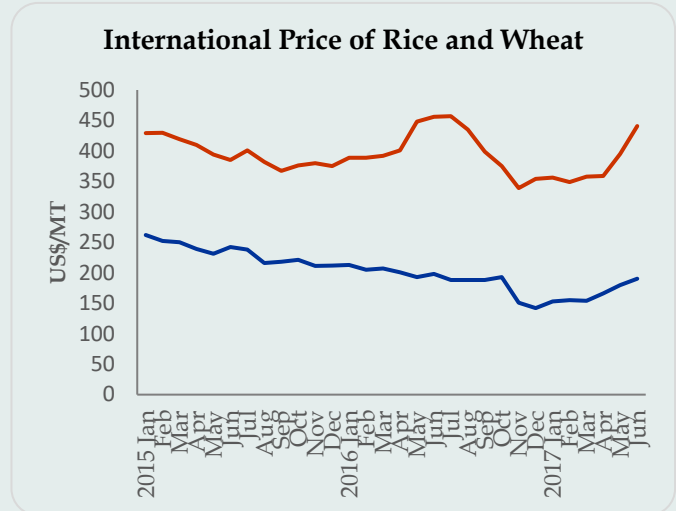
Source: Colombo Stock Exchange



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

Commodity	Unit	Annual Averages			Monthly Averages		
		Jan-Dec	Jan-Dec	Jan-Dec	Apr	May	Jun
		2014	2015	2016	2017	2017	2017
Non Energy, Agriculture, Beverages							
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
Food, Fats & Oils							
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
Grains							
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
Other Food							
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
Raw Materials, Timber							
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
Other Raw Materials							
Rubber RSS3, US	\$/kg	1.95	1.57	1.61	2.21	2.10	1.72
Fertilizers							
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
Metals and Minerals							
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/EXTDECPROPECTS

¢= US cent
\$= US dollar

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

Item	Dec 18	Dec 19	Dec 20	Dec 21	Dec 22	Week Ago	Month Ago	Year Ago
Brent (New York Closing Prices) (US \$/bbl.)	63.27	63.35	63.89	64.45	64.67	63.30	63.07	54.64
WTI (US\$/bbl.)	57.33	57.22	57.75	58.06	58.16	57.11	57.64	52.63
Petrol	73.10	73.10	73.05	72.90	73.40	73.40	73.45	65.20
Diesel	73.73	74.22	74.80	75.75	75.31	74.10	73.53	62.19
Kerosene	74.75	75.30	75.82	76.81	76.18	74.53	75.17	63.98

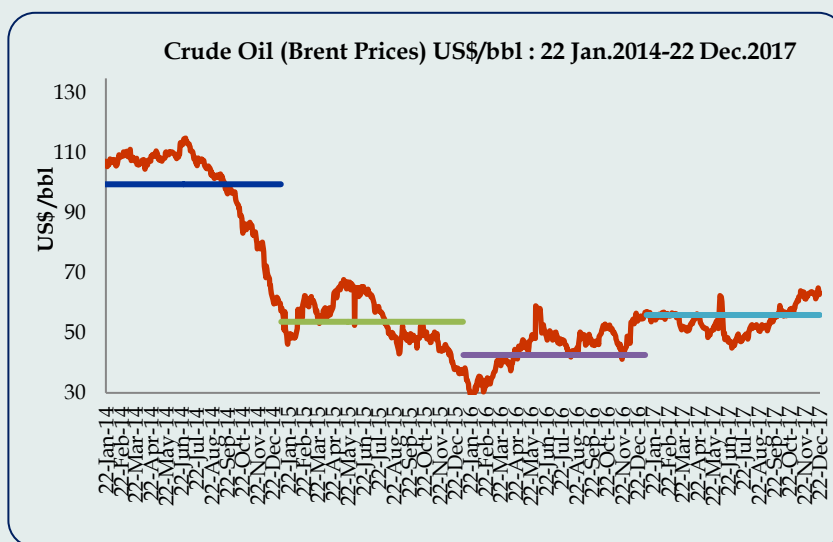
Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

Crude Oil Prices (Monthly Average)

Month	WTI European Market (US\$/bbl)	Brent (US\$/bbl)
Apr-16	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	56.68	62.80
Dec*	57.40	63.34

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

*up to 22nd Dec 2017

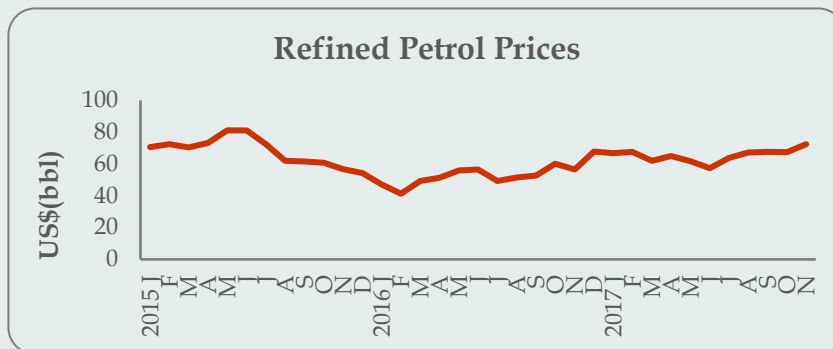


Monthly Average Refined Product Prices -Singapore Plattes Prices (US\$/bbl)

Month	Petrol	Diesel	Kerosene
Apr-16	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	73.05	71.80	74.06
Dec*	73.26	73.74	74.81

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

*up to 22nd Dec 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 -22nd December 2017(Rs /Kg)

Pettah Market

Dambulla Market

Average Wholesale Prices	Week Ending 22/12/2017	Week Ago	% Change	Year Ago Annual Avg.
Rice (Rs/Kg)				
Samba	106.00	106.00	0.0	80.97
Kekulu (Red)	81.00	81.00	0.0	60.29
Vegetable				
Beans	157.50	230.00	-31.5	147.16
Cabbage	90.00	88.00	2.3	76.62
Carrots	93.33	106.00	-11.9	121.42
Tomatoes	103.33	66.00	56.6	75.00
Pumpkins	51.67	53.00	-2.5	60.29
Snake Gourd	130.00	125.00	4.0	76.18
Brinjals	166.67	130.00	28.2	66.57
Ash Plantains	95.00	100.00	5.0	67.65
Other Foods				
Red-Onions (Local)	510.00	457.00	11.6	92.66
Big Onions (Local)	n.a.	n.a.	-	74.50
Potatoes (N'Eliya)	121.67	125.00	-2.7	122.58
Dried Chilies (Imported)	235.00	210.00	9.5	293.68
Dhal (Indian)	112.50	115.00	2.2	160.16
Eggs (Red) (Each)	13.00	13.00	0.0	14.30
Coconut (Each)	78.33	81.00	-3.3	34.69
Fish (Rs/Kg)				
Kelawalla	n.a.	470.00	-	508.20
Balaya	360.00	230.00	56.5	327.29
Salaya	160.00	100.00	60.0	141.43
Paraw (Small)	550.0	450.00	22.2	540.36

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

Food Item	Wholesale (Average)
Rice (Rs/Kg)	
Samba	108.80
Kekulu (Red)	85.90
Vegetables	
Pumpkins	37.00
Snake Gourd	92.00
Ash Plantains	76.00
Beans	169.00
Carrots	119.00
Tomatoes	97.00
Other Foods	
Potatoes (N'Eliya)	111.50
Dried Chilies (Imported)	211.00
Big-Onions (Local)	n.a.
Red-Onions (Local)	372.00
Coconut (Each)	69.70

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

Marandagahamula Average Price of Rice (Rs /Kg)

Item	Week Ending 22/12/2017	Week Ago	Month Ago	Year Ago
Samba	104.80	104.25	102.00	77.58
Sudu Kekulu	90.90	89.75	86.50	62.91
Raw Red	83.10	84.63	82.90	59.59
Nadu	96.40	96.63	94.24	66.62

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

Weekly Retail Commodity Prices -1st Week of December 2017

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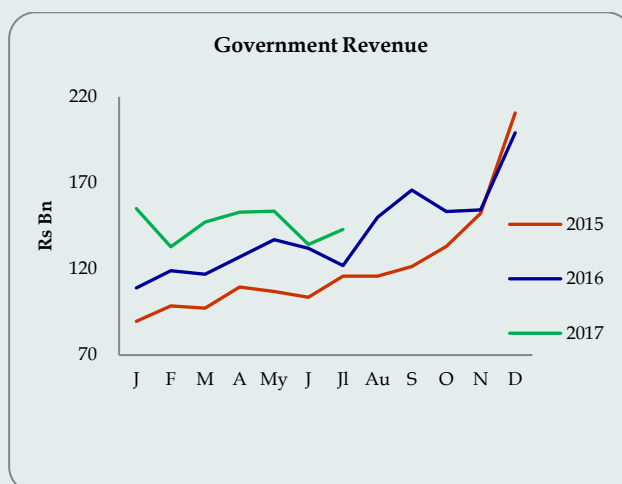
Item	Unit	This Week	Week Ago	% Change	Year Ago
Rice					
Samba(Avg.)	1 kg	104.38	102.90	1.4	95.90
No. 1	1 kg	112.59	112.63	0.0	98.38
No. 2	1kg	96.17	93.17	3.2	93.41
Nadu Red	1kg	104.73	103.90	0.8	92.40
Raw Red (Avg)	1kg	91.07	92.83	-1.9	84.08
No. 1	1kg	94.77	95.83	-1.1	87.12
No. 2	1kg	87.37	89.82	-2.7	81.03
Wheat Flour	1 kg	88.88	89.15	-0.3	89.10
Bread	450g	58.38	58.38	0.0	58.14
Sugar	1 kg	113.05	112.21	0.8	97.68
Lakspray	400g	325.00	325.00	0.0	325.00
Potatoes (Import)	1 kg	91.25	84.17	8.4	122.56
Potatoes (Local)	1kg	153.04	144.94	5.6	161.83
Red Dhal(Avg)	1kg	159.78	161.44	-1.0	196.08
Cowpea (Avg)	1kg	308.87	310.16	-0.4	264.21
Green Gram(Avg)	1kg	247.93	248.14	-0.1	228.63
Kadalai (Avg)	1kg	360.71	356.84	1.1	302.34
Meat					
Beef	1kg	949.44	949.44	0.0	845.36
Chicken					
Fresh	1kg	532.35	528.75	0.7	488.65
Broiler	1kg	420.00	420.00	0.0	410.00
Fresh Fish					
Paraw	1 kg	1,008.00	953.91	5.7	847.70
Balaya	1 kg	552.86	540.00	2.4	581.41
Kelawalla	1 kg	933.53	865.00	7.9	876.66
Salaya	1 kg	153.33	153.08	0.2	163.76
Dried Fish					
Sprats	1 kg	712.84	712.14	0.1	633.81
Eggs	Each	14.83	14.81	0.2	15.63
Coconut	Each	88.71	86.02	3.1	48.90
Coconut Oil	750ml	288.53	287.00	0.5	237.84
Red Onions	1 kg	472.72	475.61	-0.6	133.82
B- Onions (Import)	1 kg	146.62	154.64	-5.2	97.66
Brinjal	1kg	210.00	206.15	1.9	110.60
Beans Green	1 kg	288.00	216.76	32.9	233.86
Cabbage	1 kg	211.49	222.16	-4.8	107.82
Leeks	1 kg	290.42	296.90	-2.2	141.11
Beet Root	1kg	228.42	219.43	4.1	133.06
Carrot	1kg	239.23	252.22	-5.2	154.80
Tomatoes	1kg	139.49	141.08	-1.1	86.36
Radish	1kg	164.57	170.37	-3.4	123.35
Vetakolu	1kg	222.61	215.11	3.5	162.69
Snake Gourd	1kg	202.59	209.41	-3.3	145.40
Bandakka	1kg	171.80	162.78	5.5	129.26
Kolikuttu	1kg	184.84	183.21	0.9	226.14
Papaw	1kg	101.67	97.83	3.9	96.77
Pineapple	1kg	131.15	126.80	3.4	176.04

Source: Department of Census and Statistics

FISCAL SECTOR AND GOVERNMENT DEBT

Summary of Government Revenue

Item	2015	2016	2017 (Jan-Aug)
Tax Revenue	1,355,779	1,463,689	1,094,948
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
Non Tax Revenue	99,099	222,372	77,426
Total Revenue	1,454,878	1,686,061	1,172,374



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
Total Government Debt	9,387.3	10,163.9

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

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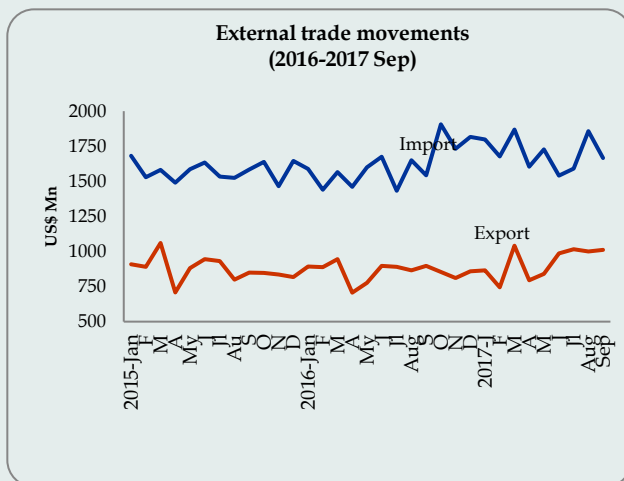
Key Fiscal Indicators 2015-2016-2017

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	Sep 2016 (US\$ Mn)	Sep 2017 (US\$ Mn)	Growth Rate (%)	Jan-Sep 2016 (US\$ Mn)	Jan-Sep 2017 (US\$ Mn)	Growth Rate (%)
Exports	897.9	1,011.0	12.6	7,786.0	8,424.1	8.2
Agricultural	224.0	262.7	17.3	1,744.6	2,077.8	19.1
Tea	114.9	136.9	19.2	949.9	1,139.6	20.0
Other	109.1	125.8	15.3	794.7	938.2	18.1
Industrial	669.9	744.5	11.1	6,007.5	6,306.8	5.0
Rubber Products	67.5	76.5	13.3	575.9	614.6	6.7
Textiles and Garments	382.2	431.5	12.9	3,715.8	3,715.0	0.0
Food, Beverage and Tobacco	30.7	37.2	21.2	253.1	296.3	17.1
Other	189.5	199.3	5.2	1,462.7	1,680.9	14.9
Mineral	3.1	2.5	-18.3	22.7	27.0	18.8
Unclassified	1.0	1.3	31.6	11.2	12.6	12.0
Imports	1,508.3	1,666.7	10.5	13,911.1	15,263.7	9.7
Consumer Goods	374.8	328.9	-12.2	3,199.7	3,279.0	2.5
Food and Beverages	144.8	131.2	-9.4	1,183.9	1,335.7	12.8
Other Consumer Goods	230.0	197.7	-14.0	2,015.8	1,943.3	-3.6
Intermediate Goods	775.6	949.4	22.4	7,084.6	8,221.2	16.0
Petroleum	176.3	298.5	69.3	1,677.2	2,451.3	46.2
Textiles & Textile Articles	221.5	217.3	-1.9	1,986.2	1,998.5	0.6
Other Intermediate Goods	377.8	433.6	14.8	3,421.2	3,771.4	10.2
Investment Goods	357.5	385.9	7.9	3,617.1	3,623.6	0.2
Machinery and Equipment	194.7	203.5	4.5	2,010.1	1,941.8	-3.4
Transport Equipment	51.1	59.2	15.8	465.4	497.8	7.0
Building Material	111.3	122.9	10.5	1,137.0	1,177.7	3.6
Other Investment Goods	0.4	0.3	-34.5	4.5	6.3	38.9
Unclassified	0.4	2.4	574.0	9.8	139.9	1,329.9
Trade Balance	(610.4)	(655.7)	7.4	(6,125.1)	(6,839.6)	11.7

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka



- Export earnings during January to September 2017 increased by 8.2 percent mainly due to the expansion of earnings from agriculture, industry and mineral exports. The earnings for the month of September 2017 increased by 12.6 percent, compared to the respective period of 2016.
- On a cumulative basis, expenditure on imports increased by 9.7 percent for the period during January to September 2017. Expenditure on imports for the month of September 2017 increased by 10.5 percent reflecting the performance of imports of intermediate goods and consumer goods.
- Trade deficit widened to US\$ 655.7 Mn in September 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	167,511	0.2	238.9	277.1	287.4	3.7
Dec	206,114	224,791			341.6	372.6		
Total	1,798,380	2,050,832	1,871,871 *	2.75*	2,980.7	3,399.1	3,211.5 *	2.5*

Source: Sri Lanka Tourism Development Authority

*Jan-June



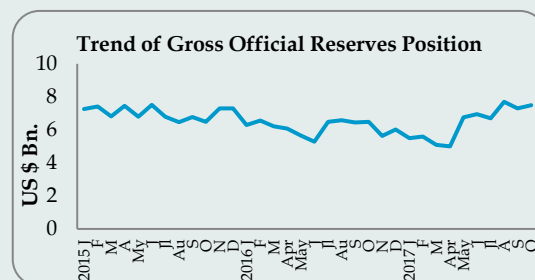
Tourism

Earnings from tourism increased to US \$ 3,211.5Mn. during Jan-Nov 2017 with an increase of 2.5 per cent over the same period of 2016.

The number of tourist arrivals decreased to 167,511 in November 2017.

External Assets

External Assets (US\$ Mn)	Oct 2017	Sep 2017	Aug 2017
Total Reserves	9,771.61	9,607.83	9,831.41
Gross Official Reserves	7,500.79	7,279.84	7,693.55



Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

Official reserves

The total reserves and gross official reserves were US\$ 9.8 Bn and US\$ 7.5 Bn, respectively by end October 2017. Total foreign reserves were sufficient to 5.7 months of imports and the gross official reserves were equivalent to 4.4 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 Oct	2017 Oct(a)	2016 Jan-Oct	2017 Jan-Oct(a)	% Change
Inflow US\$ Mn	607.5	533.5	5,989.6	5,518.2	-7.9
Rs. Bn	89.2	81.9	868.7	840.1	-3.3

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

(a) Provisional

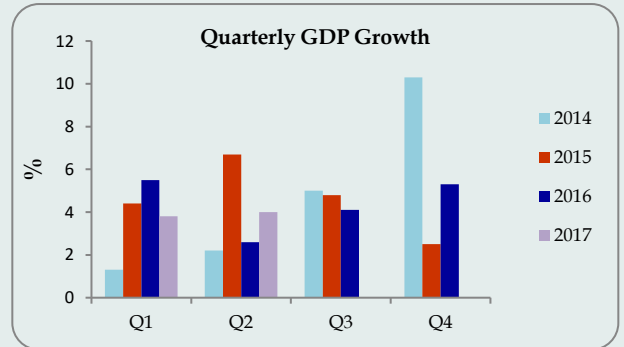
PRODUCTION

QUARTERLY GDP GROWTH (%)

	1 st Q	2 nd Q	3 rd Q	4 th Q	Annual
2013	3.6	5.9	4.0	0.5	3.4
Agriculture	2.2	3.9	4.5	2.5	3.2
Industry	6.7	6.0	2.8	0.6	4.1
Service	2.9	7.7	5.5	-0.8	3.8
2014	1.3	2.2	5.0	10.3	4.9
Agriculture	7.3	4.1	3.2	5.0	4.9
Industry	-1.5	-2.8	7.8	11.7	3.5
Service	1.9	4.0	3.0	11.7	5.2
2015	4.4	6.7	4.8	2.5	4.8
Agriculture	5.9	10.4	7.3	-0.5	5.5
Industry	1.4	3.9	4.9	1.9	3.0
Service	5.4	6.9	6.5	2.7	5.3
2016	5.5	2.6	4.1	5.3	4.4
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
2017	3.8	4.0	3.3		
Agriculture	-3.2	-2.9	-3.3		
Industry	6.3	5.2	1.9		
Service	3.5	4.5	4.3		

Source: Department of Census & Statistics

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



GDP grew by 3.3%

The Sri Lankan economy grew by 3.3% during the 3rd quarter 2017 compared to 4.1% growth recorded in same period of 2016. The growth was mainly supported by expands of Industry sector by 1.9% and Service sector by 4.3%. However, Agriculture sector contracted by 3.3%.

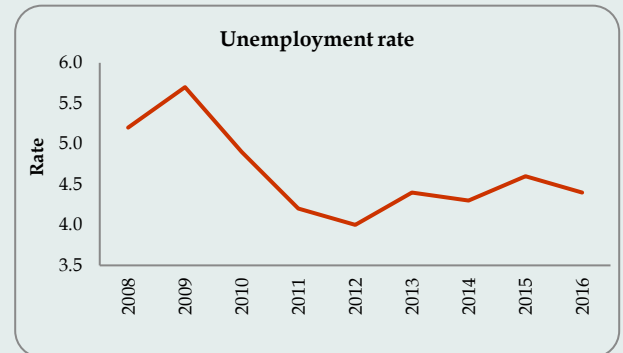
Labour Force Statistics

Employment	2017 2 nd Quarter* (a)	2017 1 st 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
By Gender				
Male	3.0	2.7	2.9	3.0
Female	7.1	6.5	7.0	7.6
By Age Group				
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
Production						
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
Net Extent Harvested						
Hectares ('000)	667	344	1,011	343	-	-
Acres ('000)	1,649	849	2,498	847	-	-

Average Yield kg per ha	4,349	4,417	8,766	4,301	-	-
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Source: Department of Census & Statistics
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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.

Category	2016 Jan-Oct	2017 Jan-Oct	% Change
Production			
Tea (Mn. Kg)	237.68	256.71	8.01
Rubber (Mn. Kg)	70.24	68.99	1.81
Coconut (Mn. Nuts)	2,097.70	2,512.22	-16.50
Exports (US\$ Mn)			
	2016 Sep	2017 Sep	
Tea	114.9	136.9	19.2
Rubber	2.3	2.9	28.8
Coconut	37.2	33.0	-11.2
Colombo Auction Prices			
	2016 Aug	2017 Aug	
Tea (Rs./ Kg)	468.81	607.19	29.52
Rubber (Rs./ Kg)	229.33	346.38	51.04
Coconut (Rs./nut)	22.68	48.84	115.35

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

Factory Industrial Production Index (2010=100)

Item (a)	2016 September (b)	2017 September (c)	Growth %
Manufacture of Food Products	100.5	107.8	7.3
Manufacture of Beverages	105.6	91.0	-13.9
Manufacture of Tobacco Products	115.5	117.2	1.5
Manufacture of Textiles	106.0	110.5	4.3
Manufacture of Wearing Apparel	103.7	107.7	3.8
Manufacture of Leather and Related Products	111.0	119.9	8.0
Manufacture of Wood products ,except Furniture	99.4	93.5	-5.9
Manufacture of Paper and Paper Products	100.3	103.7	3.4
Printing and Reproduction of Recorded Media	102.1	118.8	16.4
Manufacture of Coke and Refined Petroleum Products	96.5	105.8	9.6
Manufacture of Chemicals and Chemical Products	91.0	100.0	9.9
Manufacture of Pharmaceuticals, Medicinal Chemicals	135.5	121.1	-10.6
Manufacture of Rubber and Plastic Products	100.3	110.4	10.2
Manufacture of Other Non-Metallic Mineral Products	104.8	108.7	3.7
Manufacture of Basic Metals	113.1	135.4	19.7
Manufacture of Fabricated Metal Products	103.8	130.9	26.1
Manufacture of Electrical Equipment	84.0	88.1	4.9
Manufacture of Machinery and Equipment n.e.c	107.1	115.0	7.3
Manufacture of Furniture	118.1	100.4	-14.9
Manufacture of other Manufacturing	93.1	81.4	-12.7
Factory Industry Production Index	101.6	107.7	6.0

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

