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## Highlights

- ⇒ **CCPI** decreased to **4.8%** in July 2017
- ⇒ **Exchange rate** depreciated to **US\$1=Rs. 153.24**
- ⇒ **Brent crude oil** decreased to: **US\$ 52.12** per bbl
- ⇒ **Credit to private sector** decreased by 18.6% in June 2017
- ⇒ **Tourist arrivals** up by **3.6%** during Jan-July 2017

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## WEEK IN REVIEW

### **Domestic Economy**

*The GDP grew by 3.8 per cent in real terms in the first quarter of 2017, mainly due to the expansion of construction and financial activities coupled with the contraction of Agriculture sector.*

*Inflation, as measured by the change in the Colombo Consumer Price Index (CCPI) (2013=100), decreased to 4.8 per cent in July on year-on-year basis.*

### **International Developments**

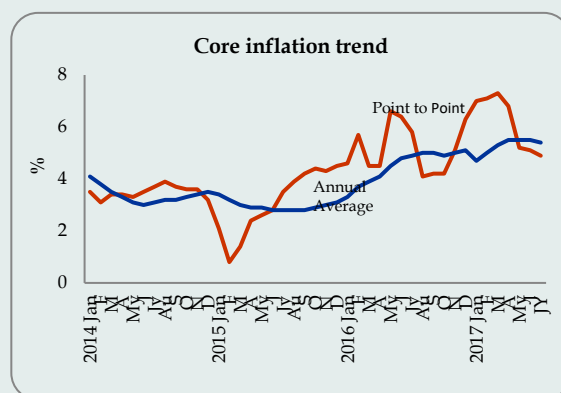
*Global output is projected to grow by 3.5 percent in 2017 and 3.6 percent in 2018.*

*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
Sep-15	1.1	0.7*	5.6	2.8*	0.0	1.9
Oct	2.9	0.7*	5.5	2.9*	0.7	3.0
Nov	4.4	0.9*	6.5	3.0*	2.6	4.8
Dec	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	-	-



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

The point to point inflation of CCPI increased to 4.8 per cent in July 2017. The annual average of CCPI increased to 5.4 per cent in July 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 4.9 per cent, on point to point basis, while annual average core inflation increased to 5.4 per cent, in July 2017. The National Consumer Price Index (NCPI) covering price movements in all provinces of the country decreased to 6.3 per cent in June 2017, on year on year basis.

**Contribution of Food Items to CCPI from June 2017 to July 2017**

Commodity	Value Change Rs.	Change %
<b>Food</b>	<b>-392.21</b>	<b>-0.54</b>
Rice	25.91	0.04
Chicken	-5.58	-0.01
Dried Fish	8.03	0.01
Coconut	-96.85	-0.13
Potatoes	-13.03	-0.02
Vegetables	-161.92	-0.22
Red Onions	4.04	0.01
Green chilies	-44.84	-0.06
Garlic	-34.79	-0.05
Pineapple	5.17	0.01
Banana	21.87	0.03
Papaw	26.55	0.04
Mangoes	9.06	0.01

Source: Department of Census and Statistics

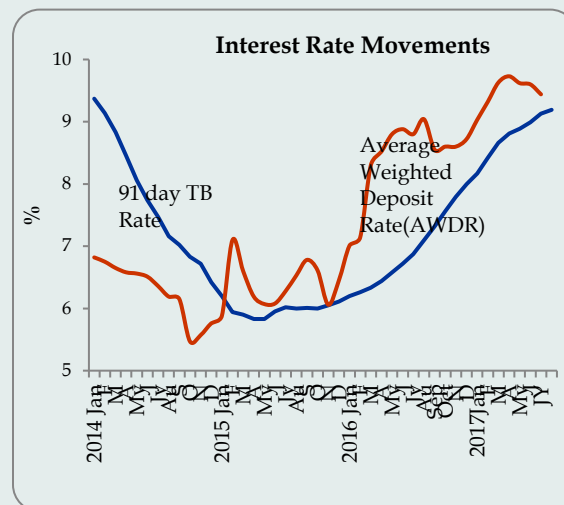
**Movements of the CCPI in Food Item (2013=100)**

Month	% Change Month to Month	Inflation	
		Point to Point	Annual Average
Jan-16	1.2	0.9	4.4
Feb	-1.7	2.0	3.7
Mar	-2.1	3.1	3.3
Apr	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
June	4.8	9.1	7.6
July	-1.7	4.8	7.0

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)
Jan-16	110.0	1.7	2.1	7.01	5.31	4.91
Feb	109.3	2.9	2.1	7.14	4.24	5.04
Mar	108.6	2.6	2.2	8.30	5.70	6.10
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

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



## Interest Rate Movements

Category	Week Ending 04 <sup>th</sup> Aug 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	8.74	8.73	8.50	8.40
Treasury Bill (Yield rate)				
91 Days	9.03	9.44	-	8.99
182 Days	9.16	9.71	9.39	9.90
364 Days	9.48	9.99	10.11	10.73
Prime Lending Rate	11.98	12.26	11.98	10.98
	July-17		Month Ago	Year Ago
Commercial Bank Average Weighted Deposit Rate (AWDR)	9.19		9.13	7.10

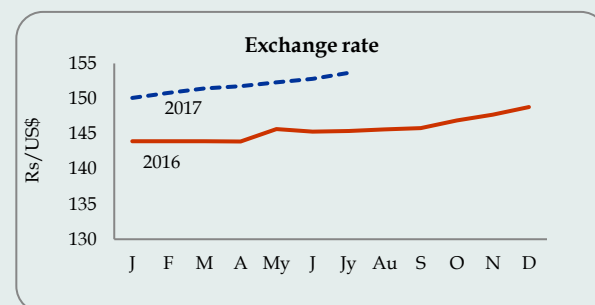
Source : Central Bank of Sri Lanka

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 increased to 11.98 per cent by week ending 04<sup>th</sup> August 2017 and Commercial Bank Average Weighted Deposit Rate (AWDR) for the month of July 2017 was 9.19 percent.

## Exchange Rates

Currency	Week Ending 04 <sup>th</sup> Aug 2017	Week Ago	Year Ago	% Change 2016/17
US Dollar	153.24	153.56	145.85	5.1
Sterling Pound	201.42	200.96	194.65	3.5
Euro	182.02	179.45	162.62	11.9
Japanese Yen	1.39	1.38	1.45	-4.1
Indian Rupee	2.41	2.40	2.18	10.5



Source : Central Bank of Sri Lanka

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

Item	Jun 2017	May 2017	Apr 2017	Jun 2016	May 2016	Apr 2016	Growth 2016 Jun/2017 Apr (%)
M <sub>1</sub> (Rs Bn)	753.9	741.8	765.2	705.6	701.8	715.5	6.8
M <sub>2</sub> (Rs Bn)	5,281.4	5,214.4	5,146.8	4,310.5	4,241.1	4,242.1	22.5
M <sub>2b</sub> (Rs Bn)	5,872.5	5,803.2	5,730.8	4,843.7	4,781.2	4,772.1	21.2

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

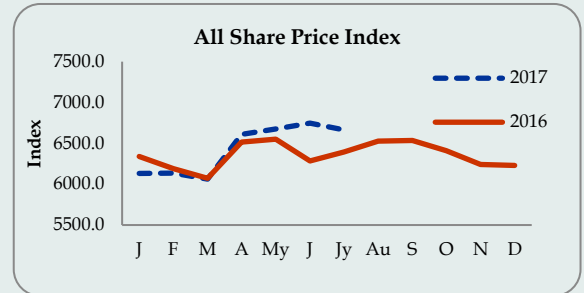
Item	Jun 2017	Month Ago	Year Ago	Growth 2016 Jun /2017 Jun (%)
<b>Credit to Private Sector (Rs.bn)</b>	<b>4,505.3</b>	<b>4,425.0</b>	<b>3,798.1</b>	<b>18.6</b>
DBUs	4,186.8	4,119.4	3,523.3	18.8
OBU's	318.5	305.6	274.8	15.9

Share Market

Indicator	Week Ending 04 <sup>th</sup> Aug 2017	Week Ago	Year Ago
All Share Price Index (1985 = 100) (ASPI)	6,567	6,666	6,478
S & P Sri Lanka 20 Index (S & P SL20)	3,784	3,823	3,511
Average Daily Turnover (Rs.Mn)	699	518	852
Market Capitalization (Rs.Bn.)	2,979	3,023	2,761

Source: Colombo Stock Exchange

All Share Price Index (ASPI) decreased by 99 index points and closed at 6,567 points compared to the fourth week of July 2017. The S & P Sri Lanka 20 Index (S & P SL20) decreased by 39 to 3,784 index points. The Average Daily Turnover increased by Rs. 181 million and stationed at Rs. 699 million. Market capitalization reached Rs. 2,979 billion in the first week of August 2017.



Equity Trading Statistics

Indicator	June 2017	June 2016	Jan-June 2017	Jan-June 2016
<b>Turnover -Equity (Rs. Mn.)</b>	<b>22,312.1</b>	<b>11,061.2</b>	<b>110,531.2</b>	<b>87,377.8</b>
Domestic (Rs. Mn.)	10,462.8	7,163.8	58,670.4	52,728.1
Foreign (Rs. Mn.)	10,849.3	3,897.4	51,860.9	52,728.1
Market Days	20	22	119	118
Daily Turnover Avg. Equity (Rs. Mn.)	1,065.6	502.8	928.8	740.5
<b>Trade Equity</b>	<b>100,413</b>	<b>81,370</b>	<b>458,116</b>	<b>533,657</b>
Domestic	94,970	76,438	431,791	504,048
Foreign	5,443	4,932	26,325	29,609
<b>Shares Traded_Equity</b>	<b>835.3</b>	<b>483.7</b>	<b>4,402.8</b>	<b>3,734.7</b>
Domestic (Rs. Mn.)	701.6	415.7	3,298.8	2,970.8
Foreign (Rs. Mn.)	133.7	68.1	1,104.0	763.7
Companies Traded	276	270	278	274
Companies Listed	296	294	296	294

Market Indicators

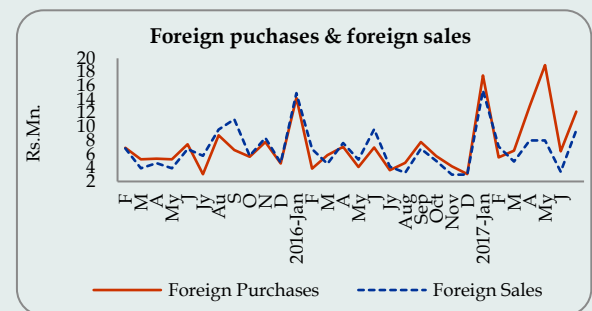
Price Indices	June 2017	May 2017
ASPI	6,747.07	6,674.32
S&P SL 20	3,933.51	3,818.90
<b>Total Return Indicators</b>		
ASTRI	8,944.78	8,845.93
S&P SL20 (TRI)	5,570.76	5,398.10
Market PER	11.48	11.70
Dividend Yield	2.58	2.58
Market Capitalization (Rs.Bn.)	3,041.23	2,952.54

Source: Colombo Stock Exchange

Stock Market - Foreign Purchases and Foreign Sales

Indicator	June 2017	Jan-June 2017
Purchases by Foreigners (Rs. Mn)	12,181.5	62,592.3
Sales by Foreigners (Rs. Mn)	9,517.5	41,132.2
Net Foreign Purchases (Rs. Mn)	2,664.0	21,460.1

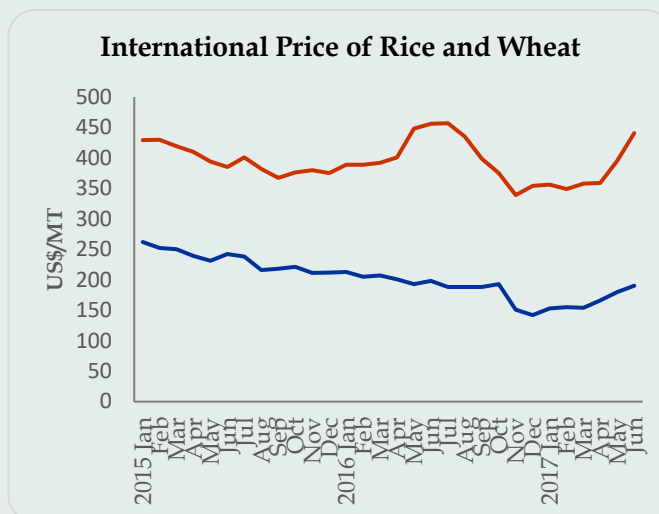
Source: Colombo Stock Exchange



# 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](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/EXTDECPROPECTS](http://worldbank.org/WBSITE/EXTERNAL/EXTDEC/EXTDECPROPECTS)

¢= US cent

\$= US dollar

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

Item	Jul 31	Aug 01	Aug 02	Aug 03	Aug 04	Week Ago	Month Ago	Year Ago
Brent (New York Closing Prices) (US \$/bbl.)	52.59	52.77	51.48	52.23	52.01	51.44	49.44	43.39
WTI (US\$/bbl.)	49.78	50.27	48.86	49.48	49.03	48.99	46.86	41.15
Petrol	63.80	64.35	63.30	63.50	63.30	63.75	58.25	47.15
Diesel	64.07	64.78	62.96	63.50	62.04	62.78	60.19	48.46
Kerosene	64.25	65.05	63.30	63.89	62.80	62.88	60.59	49.09

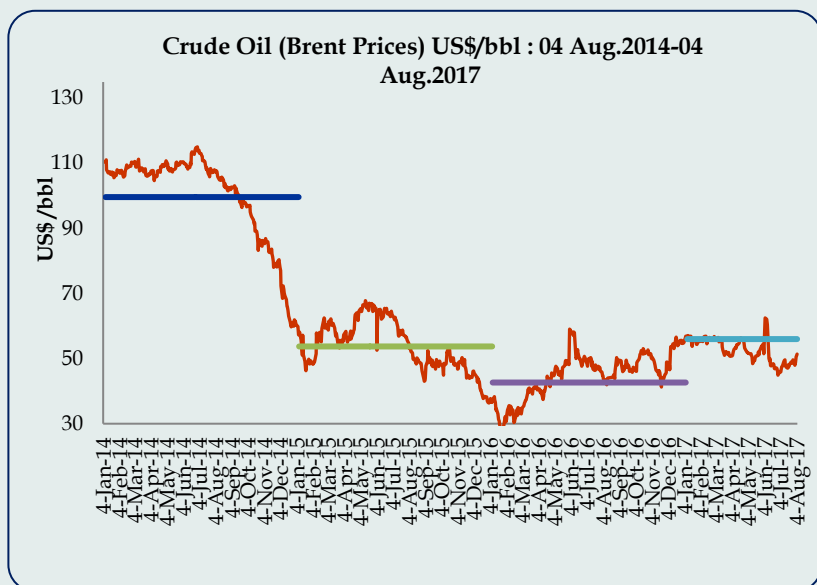
Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

## Crude Oil Prices (Monthly Average)

Month	WTI European Market (US\$/bbl)	Brent (US\$/bbl)
Dec-15	37.55	39.36
Jan-16	32.09	32.23
Feb	31.13	33.63
Mar	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*	52.12	49.41

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

\*up to 04<sup>th</sup> Aug 2017

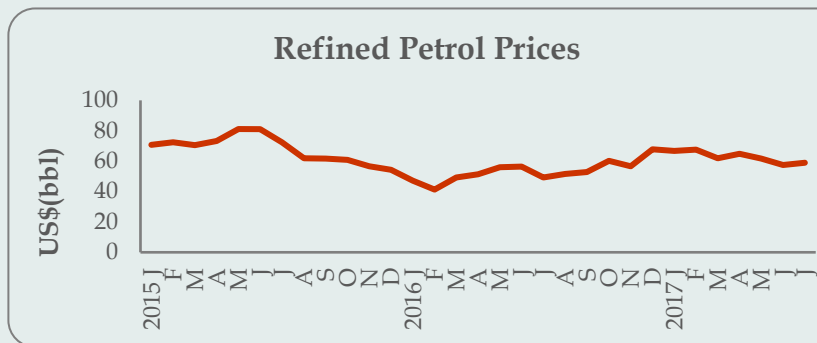


## Monthly Average Refined Product Prices -Singapore Plattes Prices (US\$/bbl)

Month	Petrol	Diesel	Kerosene
Dec-15	54.36	48.30	47.38
Jan-16	47.08	35.76	38.07
Feb	41.29	38.11	41.00
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*	63.61	63.32	63.76

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

\*up to 04<sup>th</sup> Aug 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

**Pettah Market**

**Dambulla Market**

Average Wholesale Prices	Week Ending 04/08/2017	Week Ago	% Change	Year Ago Annual Avg.
<b>Rice (Rs/Kg)</b>				
Samba	93.00	96.00	-3.1	80.97
Kekulu (Red)	79.00	80.00	-1.2	60.29
<b>Vegetable</b>				
Beans	93.00	96.00	-3.1	147.16
Cabbage	73.00	90.00	-18.9	76.62
Carrots	157.00	142.00	10.6	121.42
Tomatoes	100.00	104.00	-3.8	75.00
Pumpkins	73.00	101.00	-27.7	60.29
Snake Gourd	117.00	100.00	17.0	76.18
Brinjals	110.00	102.00	7.8	66.57
Ash Plantains	75.00	103.00	-27.2	67.65
<b>Other Foods</b>				
Red-Onions (Local)	110.00	138.00	20.3	92.66
Big Onions (Local)	n.a.	n.a.	-	74.50
Potatoes (N'Eliya)	148.00	148.00	0.0	122.58
Dried Chillies (Imported)	170.00	163.00	4.3	293.68
Dhal (Indian)	133.00	133.00	0.0	160.16
Eggs (Red) (Each)	13.00	12.75	2.0	14.30
Coconut (Each)	60.00	51.00	17.6	34.69
<b>Fish (Rs/Kg)</b>				
Kelawalla	500.00	400.00	25.0	508.20
Balaya	200.00	160.00	25.0	327.29
Salaya	80.00	80.00	0.0	141.43
Paraw (Small)	520.00	480.00	8.3	540.36

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

Food Item	Wholesale (Average)
<b>Rice (Rs/Kg)</b>	
Samba	94.00
Kekulu (Red)	80.50
<b>Vegetables</b>	
Pumpkins	80.50
Snake Gourd	68.50
Ash Plantains	68.00
Beans	105.00
Carrots	141.50
Tomatoes	97.00
<b>Other Foods</b>	
Potatoes (N'Eliya)	134.50
Dried Chillies (Imported)	159.50
Big-Onions (Local)	n.a.
Red-Onions (Local)	110.50
Coconut (Each)	50.60

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

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

Item	Week Ending 04/08/2017	Week Ago	Month Ago	Year Ago
Samba	91.00	91.00	91.58	77.58
Sudu Kekulu	82.50	82.30	82.38	62.91
Raw Red	80.75	80.30	80.30	59.59
Nadu	85.50	87.30	88.75	66.62

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

Wholesale prices of some of vegetable varieties and some of rice varieties decreased during this week. Some of fish varieties and other foods such as red-onions, dried Chillies and coconut increased in this week.

Rs.

Item	Unit	This Week	Week Ago	% Change	Year Ago
Rice					
Samba(Avg.)	1 kg	98.79	100.03	-1.2	91.71
No. 1	1 kg	102.27	103.67	-1.4	95.65
No. 2	1kg	95.31	96.39	-1.1	87.76
Nadu Red	1kg	99.44	99.64	-0.2	76.64
Raw Red (Avg)	1kg	88.21	87.60	0.7	65.74
No. 1	1kg	91.43	90.45	1.1	69.40
No. 2	1kg	85.00	84.75	0.3	62.08
Wheat Flour	1 kg	89.65	89.17	0.5	91.44
Bread	450g	58.18	58.18	0.0	58.07
Sugar	1 kg	106.34	106.15	0.2	107.93
Lakspray	400g	325.00	325.00	0.0	325.00
Potatoes (Import)	1 kg	116.85	114.38	2.2	114.32
Potatoes (Local)	1kg	180.33	179.84	0.3	181.28
Red Dhal(Avg)	1kg	182.80	182.75	0.0	195.28
Cowpea (Avg)	1kg	319.73	317.27	0.8	256.32
Green Gram(Avg)	1kg	255.40	258.95	-1.4	246.27
Kadalai (Avg)	1kg	320.93	327.55	-2.0	238.80
Meat					
Beef	1kg	931.18	928.67	0.3	806.58
Chicken					
Fresh	1kg	564.00	566.15	-0.4	588.74
Broiler	1kg	420.00	420.00	0.0	
Fresh Fish					
Paraw	1 kg	987.14	1,073.5	-8.0	985.37
Balaya	1 kg	566.0	593.33	-4.6	650.17
Kelawalla	1 kg	881.05	948.75	-7.1	918.21
Salaya	1 kg	190.91	199.60	-4.4	207.99
Dried Fish					
Sprats	1 kg	776.52	753.81	3.0	646.15
Eggs	Each	14.75	14.84	-0.6	17.05
Coconut	Each	60.85	60.41	0.7	45.51
Coconut Oil	750ml	284.09	283.59	0.2	218.81
Red Onions	1 kg	197.00	293.26	-32.8	160.03
B- Onions (Import)	1 kg	96.09	94.14	2.1	80.36
Brinjal	1kg	172.00	168.89	1.8	148.49
Beans Green	1 kg	170.46	178.08	-4.3	227.66
Cabbage	1 kg	174.32	174.74	-0.2	189.72
Leeks	1 kg	133.00	134.87	-1.4	188.89
Beet Root	1kg	138.24	141.67	-2.4	214.71
Carrot	1kg	230.77	228.89	0.8	219.80
Tomatoes	1kg	185.00	180.51	2.5	249.47
Radish	1kg	126.63	131.35	-3.6	137.31
Vetakolu	1kg	180.57	185.94	-2.9	183.76
Snake Gourd	1kg	194.71	199.25	-2.3	170.18
Bandakka	1kg	138.00	145.79	-5.3	136.69
Kolikuttu	1kg	200.71	197.00	1.9	218.46
Papaw	1kg	101.48	103.93	-2.4	96.51
Pineapple	1kg	185.75	183.90	1.0	132.31

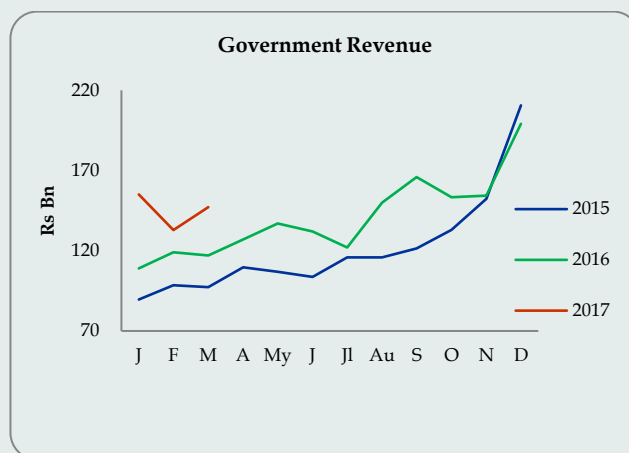
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Item	2015	2016	2017 (Jan-Apr)
<b>Tax Revenue</b>	<b>1,355,779</b>	<b>1,463,689</b>	<b>554,294</b>
Income Tax	262,583	258,857	84,475
VAT	219,700	283,470	152,570
Excise Duty	497,623	454,952	155,697
Nation Building Tax	45,004	57,424	22,763
PAL	58,644	88,823	32,353
Customs Duty	132,189	156,487	47,392
SCL	52,276	55,825	24,091
Cess	46,289	61,730	20,214
License Fee and Other	41,471	46,121	14,739
<b>Non Tax Revenue</b>	<b>99,099</b>	<b>222,372</b>	<b>34,725</b>
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>1,454,878</b>	<b>1,686,061</b>	<b>589,019</b>

Source: Department of Fiscal Policy

(a) provisional



## Government Debt

Government Debt (Rs.bn)	End 2016	Jan-Mar 2017(a)
Total Domestic Debt	5,341.5	5,625.8
Total Foreign Debt	4,045.8	4,076.6
<b>Total Government Debt</b>	<b>9,387.3</b>	<b>9,702.5</b>

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

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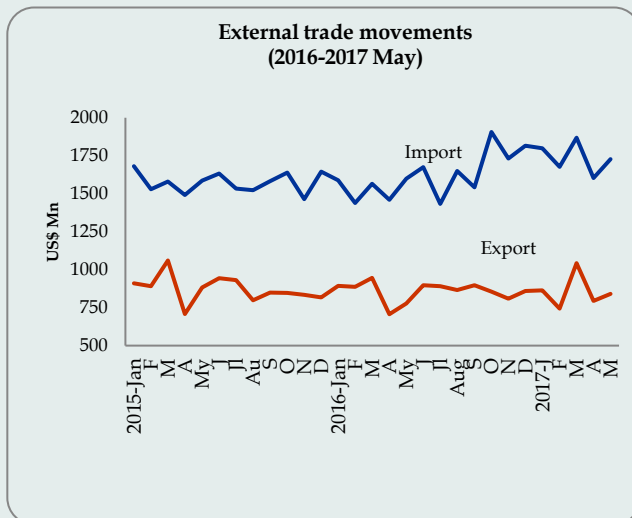
## Key Fiscal Indicators 2015-2016

Indicator	Unit	2015	2016	2017 Jan-Apr
Budget Deficit	Rs Mn	-829,502	-640,326	-233,171
	% of GDP	-7.4	-5.4	-
Total Revenue	Rs Mn	1,454,878	1,686,061	589,019
	% of GDP	13.0	14.2	-
Tax Revenue	Rs Mn	1,355,779	1,463,689	554,294
	% of GDP	12.1	12.4	-
Non Tax Revenue	Rs Mn	99,099	222,372	34,725
	% of GDP	0.9	1.9	-
Recurrent Expenditure	Rs Mn	1,701,657	1,757,782	822,840
	% of GDP	15.2	14.8	-
Public Investment	Rs Mn	602,768	594,012	201,012
	% of GDP	5.4	5.0	-
Government Debt	Rs Mn	8,503,227	9,387,303	-
	% of GDP	77.6	79.3	-

Compiled by Department of Fiscal Policy

Category	Apr 2016 (US\$ Mn)	Apr 2017 (US\$ Mn)	Growth Rate (%)	Jan-Apr 2016 (US\$ Mn)	Jan-Apr 2017 (US\$ Mn)	Growth Rate (%)
<b>Exports</b>	<b>780.1</b>	<b>841.2</b>	<b>7.8</b>	<b>4,229.7</b>	<b>4,410.2</b>	<b>4.3</b>
<b>Agricultural</b>	<b>168.7</b>	<b>222.7</b>	<b>32.0</b>	<b>890.5</b>	<b>1,074.4</b>	<b>20.6</b>
Tea	90.2	131.6	45.9	496.5	589.8	18.8
Other	78.5	91.1	16.1	394.0	484.6	23.0
<b>Industrial</b>	<b>608.0</b>	<b>614.5</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>3,321.5</b>	<b>3,316.0</b>	<b>-0.2</b>
Rubber Products	57.1	67.0	17.5	308.7	315.5	2.2
Textiles and Garments	374.7	359.2	-4.1	2,084.5	1,985.5	-4.7
Food, Beverage and Tobacco	27.9	30.5	9.3	145.3	131.9	-9.2
Other	148.3	157.8	6.4	783.0	883.1	12.8
<b>Mineral</b>	<b>2.3</b>	<b>2.7</b>	<b>17.8</b>	<b>11.5</b>	<b>12.6</b>	<b>9.9</b>
<b>Unclassified</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>23.4</b>	<b>6.2</b>	<b>7.3</b>	<b>17.4</b>
<b>Imports</b>	<b>1,589.8</b>	<b>1,726.8</b>	<b>8.6</b>	<b>7,645.2</b>	<b>8,610.1</b>	<b>12.6</b>
<b>Consumer Goods</b>	<b>328.1</b>	<b>385.6</b>	<b>17.5</b>	<b>1,753.6</b>	<b>1,901.2</b>	<b>8.4</b>
Food and Beverages	121.5	162.9	34.1	638.3	792.1	24.1
Other Consumer Goods	206.7	222.7	7.7	1,115.3	1,109.1	-0.6
<b>Intermediate Goods</b>	<b>851.4</b>	<b>864.7</b>	<b>1.6</b>	<b>3,870.7</b>	<b>4,556.9</b>	<b>17.7</b>
Petroleum	187.1	215.7	15.3	873.6	1,423.9	63.0
Textiles & Textile Articles	234.6	227.3	-3.1	1,131.3	1,087.9	-3.8
Other Intermediate Goods	429.7	421.7	-1.9	1,865.8	2,045.1	9.6
<b>Investment Goods</b>	<b>408.8</b>	<b>427.3</b>	<b>4.5</b>	<b>2,016.7</b>	<b>2,041.9</b>	<b>1.3</b>
Machinery and Equipment	222.0	226.9	2.2	1,147.2	1,098.8	-4.2
Transport Equipment	49.0	62.9	28.3	244.1	278.1	13.9
Building Material	137.5	137.0	-0.3	622.8	661.1	6.2
Other Investment Goods	0.3	0.4	36.0	2.6	3.9	51.4
<b>Unclassified</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>49.2</b>	<b>3,329.0</b>	<b>4.3</b>	<b>110.1</b>	<b>2,489.3</b>
<b>Trade Balance</b>	<b>-809.7</b>	<b>-885.6</b>	<b>9.4</b>	<b>-3,415.5</b>	<b>-4,199.9</b>	<b>23.0</b>

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka



- Export earnings during January to May 2017 increased by 4.3 percent mainly due to the expansion of earnings from agriculture, industry and mineral exports. The earnings for the month of May 2017 increased by 7.8 percent, compared to the respective period of 2016.
- On a cumulative basis, expenditure on imports increased by 12.6 percent for the period during January to May 2017. Expenditure on imports for the month of May 2017 increased by 8.6 percent reflecting the performance of imports of intermediate goods, investment goods and consumer goods.
- Trade deficit widened to US\$ 885.6 Mn in May 2017 over the same period of 2016.

## Tourist Arrivals

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			276.1	308.8		
Sep	143,374	148,499			237.6	246.1		
Oct	132,280	150,419			219.2	249.3		
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>1,215,926*</b>	<b>3.6*</b>	<b>2,980.7</b>	<b>3,399.1</b>	<b>2,086.1*</b>	<b>3.6*</b>

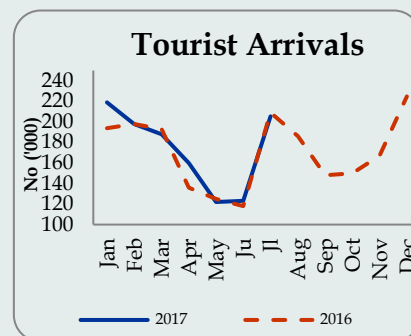
Source: Sri Lanka Tourism Development Authority

\*Jan-June

### Tourism

Earnings from tourism increased to US \$ 2,086.1 Mn. during Jan-July 2017 with an increase of 3.6 per cent over the same period of 2016.

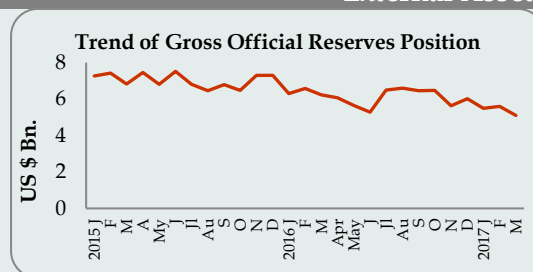
The number of tourist arrivals decreased to 205,482 in July 2017.



## External Assets

External Assets (US\$ Mn)	Mar 2017	Feb 2017	Jan 2017	Mar 2016	Feb 2016	Jan 2016	Growth 2016 Mar /2017 Mar (%)
Total Reserves	7,079.7	7,753.9	7,597.3	8,203.6	8,502.0	8,393.3	-13.7
Gross Official Reserves	5,117.3	5,634.7	5,453.2	6,221.2	6,573.4	6,294.3	-17.7

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka



### Official reserves

The total reserves and gross official reserves were US\$ 7.1 Bn and US\$ 5.1 Bn, respectively by end March 2017. Total foreign reserves were sufficient to 4.2 months of imports and the gross official reserves were equivalent to 3.1 months of imports. Workers' remittances decreased by 13.5 per cent in dollar terms to US \$ 557.6 Mn. in June 2017.

## Private Remittances

Category		2016 June	2017 June(a)	2016 Jan-June	2017 Jan-June(a)	% Change
Inflow	US\$ Mn	644.5	557.6	3,613.1	3,354.7	-7.2
	Rs. Bn	93.6	85.2	521.9	508.3	-2.6

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

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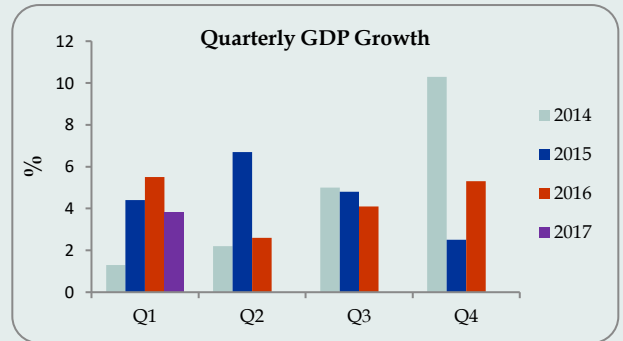
## PRODUCTION

### 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>				
Agriculture	-3.2				
Industry	6.3				
Service	3.5				

Source: Department of Census & Statistics

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



### GDP grew by 3.8%

The Sri Lankan economy grew by 3.8% during the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter 2017 compared to 5.5% growth recorded in same period of 2016. The growth was mainly supported by expands of Industry sector by 6.3% and Service sector by 3.5%. However, Agriculture sector contracted by 3.2%.

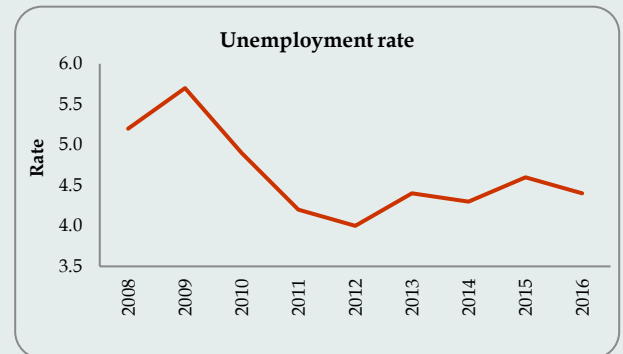
## Labour Force Statistics

Employment	2017 1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter* (a)	2016 Annual (a)	2015 Annual	2014 Annual
Labour Force Participation Rate	54.7	53.8	53.8	53.2
Unemployment Rate	4.1	4.4	4.7	4.3
<b>By Gender</b>				
Male	2.7	2.9	3.0	3.1
Female	6.5	7.0	7.6	6.5
<b>By Age Group</b>				
20-29	12.5	14.2	14.2	13.6
20-24	17.4	19.9	19.7	19.9
25-29	8.0	9.2	9.4	8.2

Source: Department of Census & Statistics

(a) Data cover the entire island

\* Provisional



## Paddy Production

Category	2015			2016		
	2014/2015 Maha	2015 Yala	Total	2015/2016 Maha	2016 Yala	Total
<b>Production</b>						
Mn.Mt	2.88	1.94	4.82	2.90	1.55	4.45
Bushels Mn.	138	93	231	139	73	212
<b>Net Extent Harvested</b>						
Hectares ('000)	659	429	1,088	667	344	1,011
Acres ('000)	1,629	1,060	2,689	1,649	849	2,498
<b>Average Yield kg per ha</b>	4,364	4,527	4,429	4,349	4,417	8,766

Source: Department of Census & Statistics

(a)provisional

The paddy production in 2016 Yala season decreased by 20.1 percent to around 1.6 million mt. compared to the 1.9 million mt recorded in 2015.

## Tea, Rubber & Coconut Production

Category	2016 Jan-May	2017 Jan-May	% Change
<b>Production</b>			
Tea (Mn. Kg)	154.30	155.50	0.8
Rubber (Mn. Kg)	47.90	45.10	-5.9
Coconut (Mn. Nuts)	1,483.80	1,288.60	-13.2
<b>Exports (US\$ Mn)</b>			
	<b>2016 May</b>	<b>2017 May</b>	
Tea	496.5	589.8	18.8
Rubber	15.1	21.9	44.5
Coconut	142.7	143.7	0.7
<b>Colombo Auction Prices</b>			
	<b>2016 Mar</b>	<b>2017 Mar</b>	
Tea (Rs./ Kg)	407.35	639.17	56.9
Rubber (Rs./ Kg)	208.68	316.21	51.5
Coconut (Rs/nut)	-	-	-

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

## Factory Industrial Production Index (2010=100)

Item	2016 May (b)	2017 May (c)	Growth %
Manufacture of Food Products	102.8	102.9	0.1
Manufacture of Beverages	93.4	88.1	-5.7
Manufacture of Tobacco Products	105.8	99.4	-6.1
Manufacture of Textiles	104.3	105.2	0.9
Manufacture of Wearing Apparel	109.0	112.1	2.8
Manufacture of Leather and Related Products	105.5	107.6	2.0
Manufacture of Wood products ,except Furniture	102.7	102.7	0.0
Manufacture of Paper and Paper Products	108.7	108.9	0.1
Printing and Reproduction of Recorded Media	105.1	109.1	3.7
Manufacture of Coke and Refined Petroleum Products	90.6	101.5	12.0
Manufacture of Chemicals and Chemical Products	101.9	80.6	-21.0
Manufacture of Pharmaceuticals, Medicinal Chemicals	93.3	97.5	4.5
Manufacture of Rubber and Plastic Products	104.3	115.0	10.2
Manufacture of Other Non-Metallic Mineral Products	102.5	109.6	6.9
Manufacture of Basic Metals	102.7	117.1	14.0
Manufacture of Fabricated Metal Products	80.0	97.4	21.6
Manufacture of Electrical Equipment	102.7	105.1	2.4
Manufacture of Machinery and Equipment n.e.c	105.6	115.7	9.6
Manufacture of Furniture	86.6	100.0	15.4
Manufacture of other Manufacturing	99.3	96.2	-3.1
<b>Factory Industry Production Index</b>	<b>102.6</b>	<b>104.9</b>	<b>2.3</b>

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

(a) FIPI based on ISIC Revision 4 Classification

(b) Revised

(c) Provisional