

ECONOMIC INDICATORS

EXCHANGE RATES (Rs. per unit)

Week ending Dec. 04	Week ending Dec. 11	Year Ago
Commercial Bank Avg. Middle East (prevailing at 8.30 a.m.)		
US\$	114.34	114.48
UK	188.11	187.72
SG	1.38	1.28
EURO	172.18	170.94
INR (1)	2.48	2.47
SG\$ (at 03 Dec. 09)	184.10	186.16

Nov. Month Ago	Year Ago
Purchases	286.90
Sales	28.10

Week ending Dec. 04	Week ending Dec. 11	Year Ago
Average Daily Interbank Volume (US\$ Mn.)	67.56	52.18

BUYING AND SELLING PRICES OF TREASURY BONDS Quoted by primary dealers on 03/12/2009

Bond Series	Maturity (Years)	Maturity DMY	Average Buying Price*	Yield**	Average Selling Price*	Yield**
15.50% 2010 A	2	15/01/10	100.68	9.12	100.71	8.83
15.50% 2010 B	2	15/07/10	100.60	9.40	100.71	9.17
15.50% 2010 C	2	01/07/10	100.32	9.60	100.35	9.38
15.50% 2010 D	2	01/08/10	100.37	9.80	100.38	9.58
15.50% 2010 E	2	15/08/10	100.38	9.50	100.46	9.27
15.50% 2010 F	2	15/10/10	100.44	9.80	100.71	9.55
15.50% 2011 A	2	15/01/11	100.68	9.37	100.63	9.74
15.50% 2011 B	2	01/03/11	100.35	9.91	100.64	9.67
15.50% 2011 C	2	15/07/11	100.36	9.89	100.40	9.66
10.50% 2010 A	3	01/07/10	100.77	9.42	100.90	9.18
14.50% 2011 A	3	15/02/11	104.95	9.99	106.19	9.78
14.50% 2011 B	3	15/05/11	105.21	10.02	106.33	9.80
14.50% 2011 C	3	15/08/11	107.09	10.03	107.47	9.80
14.50% 2011 D	3	15/01/12	107.80	10.29	107.10	10.13
14.50% 2011 E	3	15/02/12	108.31	10.17	108.63	10.01
07/20% 2010 A	4	01/02/10	99.62	9.33	99.68	8.97

SHARE MARKET

Week ending 03 Dec. 09	Week ending 10 Dec. 09	Year Ago
All Share Price Index (1983=100) (ASPI)	3,005	2,850
Milanka Price Index (1983=100) (MPI)	3,415	3,247
Average Daily Turnover (Rs. Mn.)	1,563	380
Market Capitalization (Rs. Mn.)	928.7	918.9

OPEN MARKET OPERATIONS

30.11.2009	02.12.2009	03.12.2009	04.12.2009
Rupee Auction (Rs. Mn.)	23.00	19.00	24.00
Amount offered (Rs. Mn.)	21.30	18.75	24.43
Amount accepted (Rs. Mn.)	21.30	14.77	21.43
Weighted Average Yield (%) (a)	8.36	8.36	8.34
Standing Facilities (Rs. Mn.)	0.72	4.04	4.58
Reverse Repo (Rs. Mn.)			

COMMERCIAL PAPER ISSUES (1)

2009	2008	2007
End Sep.	End Sep.	End Dec.
Total issues (Rs. Mn.)	17.7	15.7
Outstanding (at the end of the period) (Rs. Mn.)	6.1	6.1
* Provisional		

WEEKLY CHANGE IN RESERVE MONEY

03 Dec. 09	Week ending 03 Dec. 09	Week ending 10 Dec. 09
Total Reserve Money (Rs. Mn.)	292,650	291,080

MONEY SUPPLY

2009	2008	2007
End Sep.	End Sep.	End Dec.
M1 (Rs. Mn.)	293.3	285.5
M2 (Rs. Mn.)	1,461.3	1,348.6
M3 (Rs. Mn.)	1,736.0	1,702.9

NARAHENPITA ECONOMIC CENTRE

Item	Average Retail Prices 2009	Week ago	Year ago
Rice (Rs/Kg)	70.00	70.00	70.00
Samba (Rs/Kg)	60.00	60.00	60.00
Keluru (Red) (Rs/Kg)	60.00	60.00	60.00
Beans (Rs.)	n.a.	150.00	150.00
Cabbage (Rs.)	n.a.	50.00	50.00
Carrots (Rs.)	n.a.	60.00	60.00
Pumpkins (Rs.)	n.a.	60.00	60.00
Spinach (Rs.)	n.a.	60.00	60.00
Snakegourd (Rs.)	n.a.	60.00	60.00
Asp-Plantains (Rs.)	n.a.	85.00	85.00
Red-Onions (Imported) (Rs.)	110.00	105.00	100.00
Big-Onions (Imported) (Rs.)	110.00	105.00	100.00
Potatoes (Imported) (Rs.)	110.00	105.00	100.00
Dried Chillies (Rs.)	110.00	105.00	100.00
Eggs (Red) (Each) (Rs.)	14.00	12.65	11.00
Chicken (Each) (Rs.)	28.00	27.50	27.50
Fish (Kilogram) (Rs.)	545.00	490.00	480.00
Banana (Each) (Rs.)	285.00	250.00	250.00
Savaya (Each) (Rs.)	185.00	120.00	120.00
Paraw (Small) (Rs.)	320.00	300.00	300.00

EXTERNAL FINANCE

End Sep. 09	End Dec. 08	Change %
External Assets		
Total Reserves (b) (c)	US\$ Mn. 5,920.0	2,991.5
Reserves in US\$	US\$ Mn. 480,721.6	208,453.5
Gross Official Reserves (b)	US\$ Mn. 4,213.7	1,753.0
Reserves in US\$	US\$ Mn. 483,765.6	188,380.7
Private Remittances	US\$ Mn. 2,481.4	2,248.0
Inflows	US\$ Mn. 285,962.9	242,522.5
Outflows	US\$ Mn. 234.7	226.8
Net	US\$ Mn. 26,965.3	24,242.1
Reserves in US\$	US\$ Mn. 2,645.7	2,024.1
Reserves in US\$	US\$ Mn. 258,603.5	218,280.4

INTERNATIONAL COMMODITY PRICES

2009	2008	2007
End Sep.	End Sep.	End Dec.
Colombo Auction Price (C & F)	Rs/Kg 432.16	320.47
Imports (C & F)	US\$ Mn. 483,655.6	59,059.3
Rice	US\$ MT 727.8	547.5
White Sugar	Rs/MT 58,176.1	40,777.2
Crude Oil	Rs/Barel 6,872.1	10,659.9
Wheat	Rs/MT 30,866.5	45,540.9

GOVERNMENT DEBT

2009	2008	2007
End Sep.	End Sep.	End Dec.
Total domestic debt	Rs. Mn. 2,328.8	2,380.9
Treasury bills	410.4	427.4
Treasury bonds	1,466.7	1,450.5
Total foreign debt	Rs. Mn. 1,694.8	1,639.7
Total Government debt	Rs. Mn. 4,023.6	4,020.6

GOVERNMENT FINANCE

2009	2008	2007
Jan-Sep.	Jan-Sep.	Jan-Sep.
Budget Revenue (Rs. Mn.)	522.0	465.6
Expenditure (Rs. Mn.)	457.0	419.9
Non tax Revenue (Rs. Mn.)	65.0	45.8
Capital & Lending (Rs. Mn.)	844.7	712.5
Current (Rs. Mn.)	661.5	524.1
Capital & Lending (Rs. Mn.)	183.2	188.3

TRADE INDICES** (1997 = 100)

2009	2008	2007
Month	Month	Month
Total Exports	183.4	168.4
Imports	129.1	116.3
Total Imports	180.0	168.0
Value Added	136.2	166.6
Terms of Trade	124.1	112.1

PRICE INDICES

Nov. 2009	Month Ago	Year Ago
Colombo Consumers' Price Index (CPI) (2002 = 100)	211.0	209.4
Annual Average Change %	4.1	9.2
Point to Point Change %	2.8	1.4
Core Inflation - (CPI) (2002 = 100)	192.9	182.0
Annual Average Change %	9.9	11.0
Point to Point Change %	5.1	5.1
Wholesale Price Index (WPI) (1974 = 100)	3,550.3	3,483.3
Annual Average Change %	0.2	0.4

AVERAGE CRUDE OIL PRICES

Month	2008	2007	2006
Month	Spot price (New York Market) (US\$/bbl)	WTI (European Market) (US\$/bbl)	Brent (European Market) (US\$/bbl)
January	92.80	93.05	92.71
February	90.69	90.18	90.34
March	104.04	104.44	100.83
April	131.97	132.63	98.86
May	122.75	125.72	97.48
June	133.88	133.88	98.85
July	132.69	133.37	134.34
August	113.89	116.87	127.96
September	98.45	104.60	67.52
October	71.99	76.03	69.34
November	52.73	57.04	69.76
December	40.34	40.81	46.91
27 November	50.41	54.04	
30 November	47.93	49.34	
01 December	46.00	47.06	
03 December	44.75	46.79	

EXTERNAL TRADE

2009	2008	2007
Jan-Sep.	Jan-Sep.	Jan-Sep.
Exports	US\$ Mn. 137,975	156,371
Imports	US\$ Mn. 442,917	493,211
Trade Balance	US\$ Mn. -304,942	-336,840

INDUSTRIAL EXPORTS

2009	2008	2007
Jan-Sep.	Jan-Sep.	Jan-Sep.
Total Industrial Exports	US\$ Mn. 45,957	49,311
Textiles and Apparel	32.3	34.7
Food, Beverages and Tobacco	2.0	2.3
Chemicals and Allied Products	0.8	0.8
Others	10.8	11.9

EMPLOYMENT

2009	2008	2007
Quarter	Quarter	Quarter
Labour Force	48.3	49.0
Unemployment rate	6.2	5.5
Employed Persons	45.1	43.5
By Sector %		
Agriculture	31.9	29.9
Industry	25.8	27.4
Services and Other	42.4	42.7

TOURISM

2009	2008	2007
Jan-Oct.	Jan-Oct.	Jan-Oct.
Tourist Arrivals	346,717	352,649
From Tourism	270.4	275.1

GDP by Industrial Origin at Constant (2002) Prices

2009	2008	2007
2nd quarter	2nd quarter	2nd quarter
Agriculture	0.9	0.9
Industry	1.4	1.4
Services	7.1	7.1
GDP	9.4	9.4

Wage Rate Indices

2009	2008	2007
Month	Month	Month
Central Government Employees (1978=100)	4,473.1	4,235.1
Workers in Wage Boards (1978=100)	2,171.5	2,171.4
Industry & Commerce Services	1,545.8	1,545.8



PEOPLE'S BANK

Regional Head Office
Puttalam

REGISTRATION OF CONTRACTORS - 2010 (MAINTENANCE AND MINOR WORKS)

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Duly perfected applications with all supporting documents enclosed in an envelope marked "Registration of Contractors - 2010 (Maintenance and minor works)" clearly on the left-hand corner should be sent to reach the Regional Manager, Puttalam by registered post to the address given below on or before 29th December 2009.

Regional Manager
People's Bank,
Regional Head Office,
No. 79, Marawala Road,
Nattandiya.



PEOPLE'S BANK

Zonal Head Office
Western Zone II

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Asst. General Manager
Western Zone II
People's Bank,
Zonal Office - Western Zone II
No. 102, Stanley Thilakaratte Mawatha,
Nugodaga.

DAUMBULLA MARKET

Week Ending - 04 Dec. 2009 (Rs. Kg)

Food Items	Wholesale (Average)	Retail (Average)
Rice (Ra/Kg)	68.50	72.50
Samba	68.50	72.50
Keluru (Red)	68.50	72.50
Vegetables	34.25	47.50
Pumpkins	40.63	65.00
Snakegourd	53.50	75.25
Asp-Plantains	87.50	100.38
Beans	21.50	40.00
Carrots	117.50	141.88
Dried Chillies (Imported)	188.13	225.63
Big-Onions (Local)	n.a.	n.a.
Big-Onions (Local)	101.25	133.33
Coconut (Each)	24.63	29.63

AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION

2009	2008	2007
Jan-Oct.	Jan-Oct.	Jan-Oct.
Tea (Mn. Kg.)	224.4	274.4
Rubber (Mn. Kg.)	101.6	100.4
Coconuts (Mn. Nuts)	2,158.9	1,899.4

CREDIT CARDS *

2009	2008	2007
End Sep.	End Sep.	End Dec.
Total number of Active Cards	852,275	857,688
Local (accepted only locally)	55,541	55,558
Global (accepted globally)	796,734	802,130
Outstanding balance (Rs. Mn.)	32,889	32,216
Local (accepted only locally)	787	856
Global (accepted globally)	31,302	31,439

INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION

2009	2008	2007
End Sep.	End Sep.	End Dec.
Private Sector Industrial Production Index (1987=100)	164.6	159.3
Public Sector Major Industrial Output Index (1987=100)	94.2	91.0