

EXCHANGE RATES
(Rs. per unit)

Exchange Rates	Rs. per unit	Week ending	Week ago	Year ago
Commercial Bank Avg. Middle Rate (prevailing at 9.30 AM)		Dec. 18		
US\$	114.29	114.35	111.85	
STG	186.14	186.30	173.47	
Yen	1.28	1.29	1.28	
Euro	164.62	166.30	161.34	
INR (1)	2.44	2.46	2.37	
SOR (As at 17 Dec. 09)	176.82	181.82	174.10	

Central Bank purchases and sales of foreign exchange from commercial banks at market rates (US\$ Mn.) - total for Month

	Nov.	Month Ago	Year Ago
Purchases	286.90	363.95	0.00
Sales	28.10	118.45	266.48

Average Daily Interbank Volume (US\$ Mn.)

	Week ending	Week ago	Year ago
Volume (US\$ Mn.)	31.24	49.80	36.78
(Spot, tom and cash transactions banks)			
Forward Transactions			
Forward Rates (USD/INR)			
1 month	114.72	114.70	112.86
3 months	115.46	115.31	-
Average Daily Interbank Forward Volume (US\$ Mn)	9.46	21.16	13.46
Outstanding Forward Volume (US\$ Mn)	327.61	354.53	1,038.89
(As at 17 Dec. 09)			
In normal terms the Rupee appreciated against the US\$, STG, Yen Euro, INR and SOR.			
(1) Central Bank indicative rate (2) Weekly average based on actual transactions.			

INTEREST RATES (%)

Week ending	Week ago	Year ago	
Commercial Bank Average Dec. 18	11.06	11.29	18.87
Weighted Prime Lending Rate (including 10% withholding tax)			
-91 days	7.60	7.51	17.40
-182 days	8.59	8.56	18.88
-364 days	9.32	9.26	19.06
Central Bank Overnight Repurchase rate (Repo)	7.50	7.50	10.00
Central Bank Overhead Reserve Repurchase rate	9.75	9.75	12.00
Call Money Weekly Average (CM)	9.04	8.97	15.59
SR Lanka Inter Bank Offered Rate (SIBOR)			
1 day	9.10	9.13	13.92
7 days	9.35	9.38	16.83
1 month	9.58	9.56	18.08
3 months	9.71	9.69	18.88
6 months	9.86	9.86	19.31
12 months	10.19	10.23	19.73
Saving deposits - 1.50-12.50 1.50-13.00 3.00-16.50			
One Year Fixed Deposits - 8.00-19.00 8.00-19.50			
Commercial Bank Average Weighted Deposit (AWD)	8.51	8.76	11.39
Commercial Bank Average Weighted Fixed Deposit (AWFD)	11.17	13.05	16.57
Saving Deposits - NSB	5.00	5.00	5.00
NSB	9.50	10.00	10.00

TREASURY BONDS AUCTION

COUPON rate	Month	Year
6.85%	21.09	20.10
7.10%	21.09	20.10
7.35%	21.09	20.10

Banking - AWPB

Bank	Week ending	Week ago
Bank of Ceylon	11.89	12.03
Peoples Bank	11.00	12.00
Hatton National Bank	10.32	11.18
Commercial Bank of Ceylon	10.27	10.68
Sampath Bank	10.60	10.34
Union Bank of Colombo	15.82	15.62
Par Asia Banking Corporation (PABC)	11.30	10.86
DPOC (Parwana Bank)	13.63	13.35
NDB Bank	11.81	11.33
HSCB	11.41	11.65
Standard Chartered Bank	10.41	10.54
Cal Bank	11.28	11.92
Deutsche Bank	10.24	11.03
Habit Bank	15.00	15.00
Indian Bank	13.29	13.29
Indian Overseas Bank	12.75	12.75
MCI	16.00	16.00
State Bank of India	14.26	14.26
ICICI Bank	11.60	11.60

MONEY SUPPLY

2009(a)	Month	Year
M1 (Rs. bn)	294.5	293.3
M2 (Rs. bn)	1,461.3	1,461.3
M2b (Rs. bn)	1,755.4	1,736.0
Net Foreign Assets of the Banking System (Rs. bn)	427.8	323.9
Net Domestic Assets of the Banking System (Rs. bn)	1,327.6	1,412.2
Net Credit to Government (Rs. bn)	642.1	648.0
Credit to Corporations (Rs. bn)	70.6	70.4
Credit to the Private Sector (Rs. bn)	1,176.4	1,160.1
Reserve Money (Rs. bn)	288.8	274.5
Annual Change (%)		
M1	10.5	6.6
M2	17.0	17.0
M2b	17.8	15.6
Net Foreign Assets of the Banking System (b)	202.4	51.3
Net Domestic Assets of the Banking System (b)	-1.5	9.7
Net Credit to Government	32.0	50.0
Credit to Corporations	71.6	64.3
Credit to the Private Sector	-6.5	-5.2
Reserve Money	4.5	2.0

NOMINAL WAGES

2009(a)	Month	Year
General Government Employees (1978=100)	4,473.1	4,235.1
Workers in Wages Boards (1978=100)	2,171.5	2,171.4
Agriculture	2,349.5	2,349.4
Industry & Commerce	2,054.0	2,054.0
Services	1,545.8	1,545.8
(a) Provisional		
(b) In relation to M2b		

BUYING AND SELLING PRICES OF TREASURY BONDS
Quoted by primary dealers on 17/12/2009

Bond Series	Maturity Period (Years)	Maturity D/M/Y	Average Buying Price	Yield**	Average Selling Price	Yield**
15.50% 2010 A	2	15/01/10	100.43	9.34	100.46	9.08
15.50% 2010 F	2	15/05/10	101.99	10.31	102.11	10.03
15.50% 2010 B	2	01/07/10	102.86	9.92	103.11	9.63
15.50% 2010 C	2	01/08/10	102.88	10.40	103.15	10.11
15.50% 2010 E	2	15/09/10	103.49	10.43	103.70	10.14
15.50% 2010 G	2	15/12/10	104.80	10.29	105.04	10.05
15.50% 2011 A	2	15/01/11	105.26	10.21	105.48	9.99
15.50% 2011 B	2	15/03/11	105.43	10.54	105.69	10.26
12.00% 2011 A	2	15/07/11	102.04	10.55	102.39	10.31
10.85% 2010 A	3	01/07/10	100.24	10.37	100.39	10.07
14.50% 2011 A	3	15/02/11	104.36	10.38	104.64	10.14
14.50% 2011 B	3	15/09/11	105.43	10.46	105.74	10.26
14.50% 2011 C	3	15/09/11	106.20	10.49	106.57	10.26
14.50% 2012 A	3	15/01/12	106.82	10.74	107.16	10.58
14.50% 2012 B	3	15/09/12	107.08	10.73	107.48	10.58
07.20% 2010 A	4	01/02/10	99.67	9.58	99.71	9.28

AVERAGE WHOLESALE PRICE OF RICE MANDAGAHAMULA

Rs/Kg	Week ending	Week ago	Month ago	Year ago
Item	Dec. 18	Dec. 11	Nov. 18	Nov. 11
Samba	73.64	72.90	68.21	65.21
Suro Kelukula	62.30	62.30	58.69	55.77
Raw Red	59.60	57.50	56.32	57.08
Raw	61.70	61.10	59.39	56.87

MONEY MARKET ACTIVITY - VOLUMES (Rs. Mn.)

(Rs. Mn.)	Week ending	Week ago	Year ago
Inter-Bank Call Money turnover(a)	2,159	4,529	7,453
Central Bank Holdings (a)	24,300	22,833	65,956
(a) Daily average for week			

CREDIT CARDS *

2009**	2009	2008	End	End	End
Total number of Active Cards	848,259	852,275	917,418		
Local (accepted locally)	58,226	55,541	57,641		
Global (accepted globally)	789,933	796,734	859,777		
Outstanding balance (Rs. Mn.)	31,730	32,089	34,212		
Local (accepted locally)	745	787	856		
Global (accepted globally)	30,985	31,302	33,356		
** Provisional					

GOVERNMENT FINANCE

2009*	2008	2009	Jan-Sep	Jan-Sep	Budget
Revenue (Rs.bn)	457.0	419.9	779.1	855.0	
Expenditure (Rs.bn)	65.0	45.8	119.7	83.3	
Minis Repayments (Rs.bn)	64.7	71.25	71.91	71.91	
Capital & Lending Mgmt	183.2	188.3	368.2		
Total Revenue increased by 12.1 percent over the period.					

GOVERNMENT DEBT SECURITIES MARKET

Item/Week ending	Week ending Dec. 18	Week ending Dec. 11	Week ending Nov. 18
Outstanding Stock of Government Securities	Rs. Mn.	Rs. Mn.	Rs. Mn.
T-bills	Outstanding	471,708	465,388
o/w amounts held by PDs	33,678	35,857	
T-bonds	Outstanding	1,642,732	1,636,266
o/w amounts held by PDs	47,428	48,619	
Notes	Outstanding	144,840	144,840
o/w amounts held by PDs	7,000	8,500	
Total Issued	1,690,280	1,650,000	
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DAUMBULLA MARKET

Week Ending - 18 Dec. 2009 (Rs. Kg)	Wholesale	Retail
Rice (Rs/Kg)	70.00	75.50
Samba	65.00	70.00
Kelukula (Red)	65.00	70.00
Beans	90.00	100.00
Cabbage	100.00	120.00
Pumpkins	60.00	80.00
Tomatoes	60.00	80.00
Carrots	60.00	80.00
Onions	60.00	80.00
Spinach	60.00	80.00
Broad Beans	60.00	80.00
Alph-Pistans	60.00	80.00
Red-Onions (Local)	130.00	160.00
Big-Onions (Local)	n.a.	n.a.
Red-Onions (Imported)	230.00	230.00
Direct Chillies (Imported)	160.00	160.00
Direct Chillies (Local)	30.00	30.00
Coconut (Each)	30.00	30.00

PRICE INDICES

Nov.	Month	Year	Year
Nov. <td>2009</td> <td>2008</td> <td>2008</td>	2009	2008	2008
Colombo Consumer Price Index (CPI) (2002=100)	211.0	209.4	209.2
Annual Average Change %	4.1	5.2	23.0
Point to Point Change %	2.8	1.4	16.3
Core Inflation - (CPI) (2002=100)	192.9	198.5	193.6
Annual Average Change %	9.9	11.0	13.0
Point to Point Change %	5.1	5.1	18.2
Wholesale Price Index (WPI) (1974=100)	3,668.5	3,565.5	3,689.8
Annual Average Change %	-5.3	-2.8	30.1

INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION

2009	2008	%
Private Sector Industrial Production Index (1997=100)	164.6	159.3
Public Sector Major Industrial Output Index (1997=100)	94.2	91.8
* Provisional		

AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION

2009*	2008*	%
Jan-Oct	234.8	274.4
Tea (Mn Kg)	234.8	274.4
Rubber (Mn Kg)	113.8	109.8
Coconuts (Mn Nuts)	2,407.7	2,245.7
* Provisional		

EXTERNAL FINANCE

2009	2008	End Oct(a)	End Dec.	Change
External Assets				
Total Reserves (b)	US\$ Mn	6,797.1	2,991.5	125.2
Reserves in Foreign Currency	US\$ Mn	773,448.8	338,465.3	128.8
Gross Official Reserves (b)(c)	US\$ Mn	4,821.5	1,753.4	179.0
Reserves in US\$	US\$ Mn	513,325.4	188,307.0	179.0
Private Remittances	US\$ Mn	2,481.4	2,248.9	10.3
Inflows	US\$ Mn	285,969.2	242,522.5	17.7
Outflows	US\$ Mn	236,533.7	242,421.2	11.0
Net	US\$ Mn	285,969.2	242,522.5	17.7
(a) Provisional				
(b) End of October 2008, the total level of foreign reserves was sufficient to finance 81 months of imports and the gross official reserves were sufficient to finance 8 months of imports.				

INTERNATIONAL COMMODITY PRICES

2009	2008	Jan.	Jan.	Change
Colombo Auction Price	Rs/Kg	432.16	320.47	36.6
Tea Prices	US\$ lb	3.76	2.97	0.6
Imports (C & F)	US\$ Mn	8,555.2	9,055.7	41.5
White Sugar	US\$MT	727.8	547.9	32.9
Cocoa Oil	US\$MT	508.8	377.6	34.2
Wheat	US\$Barril	75.9	99.2	-23.3
Other	US\$MT	208.4	422.2	-36.4

GOVERNMENT DEBT

2009*	Month	Year	Year
2009* <td>2009</td> <td>2008</td> <td>2008</td>	2009	2008	2008
Total domestic debt	Rs. bn	3,238.8	2,309.9
Treasury bills	410.4	437.4	338.0
Repo bills	1,467.7	1,503.0	1,164.0
Total foreign debt	Rs. bn	1,694.8	1,639.7
Total outstanding govt. debt	Rs. bn	4,933.6	3,949.6