

EXCHANGE RATES (Rs. per unit)

	Week ending Mar. 05	Week ending Mar. 05	Year ago
Commercial Bank Avg. Middle Rate (prevailing at 13:30 a.m.)			
US\$	114.27	114.64	114.25
YTD	172.04	175.01	161.78
£	1.28	1.28	1.16
Euro	155.83	155.66	143.48
INR (1)	2.51	2.48	2.22
SDR (As at 04 Mar. 10)	175.82	174.76	166.79

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

	Jan. Month	Year Ago	Year Ago
Purchases	27.25	59.40	20.50
Sales	34.15	33.35	272.20

Average Daily Interbank Volume (US\$ Mn.)

	Week ending Mar. 05	Week ending Mar. 05	Year ago
(Spot, bin and cash transactions among commercial banks)	47.04	31.02	61.61

Forward Transactions (US\$2)

	1 month	3 months	6 months	12 months
Forward Volume (US\$ Mn.)	115.02	114.90	116.01	116.01
Outstanding Forward Volume (US\$ Mn.) (As at 04 Mar. 10)	16.08	11.42	23.52	69.63

In nominal terms the Rupee depreciated against the INR and SDR while it appreciated against the US, STG, and Euro. (1) Central bank indicative rate. (2) Weekly average based on actual transactions.

GOVERNMENT DEBT SECURITIES MARKET

Weekly Summary of Primary and Secondary Market Transactions and Weighted Average Yields Rates

Item/Week ended	Week ending Mar. 05	Week ending Mar. 05	2009* End Dec.	2009* End Dec.	2009* End Dec.
Outstanding Stock of Government Securities					
T-bills	543,520	539,280	539,280	539,280	539,280
o/w, amounts held by Foreign Investors	50,375	53,528			
T-bonds	43,070	42,990			
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Primary Issues	153,820	149,650			
T-bills	11,000	12,500			
T-bonds	142,820	137,150			

Latest Primary Issues

T-bills	2 year	3 year	5 year	10 year	15 year	20 year
8.91%	8.38%	8.26%	9.12%	9.06%	9.47%	9.47%

Secondary Market Activities

Repo transactions	Outright transactions
Purchased 1,710	2,692
Sold 15,197	9,948

Item/Week Ended

Secondary Market	Week ending Mar. 05	Week ending Mar. 05	2009* End Dec.	2009* End Dec.	2009* End Dec.
M1 (Rs. bn)	336.7	313.5	277.3		
M2 (Rs. bn)	1,536.8	1,487.0	1,282.2		

Weighted Average Yield Rates

Treasury Bills	91 days	182 days	364 days
8.35%	8.20%	8.20%	9.05%

Treasury Bonds

91 days	182 days	364 days
8.25%	8.10%	9.05%

WAGE RATE INDICES

2010*	2009*	2008*
115.5%	115.5%	115.5%

AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION

2010*	2009*	2008*
136.9	129.2	6.0

INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION

2010*	2009*	2008*
109.8	109.8	6.1

BUYING AND SELLING PRICES OF TREASURY BONDS

Bond Series	Maturity Period (Years)	Maturity Date	Average Buying Price*	Yield**	Average Selling Price*	Yield**
15.50% 2010 F	2	15/05/10	101.23	8.79	101.30	8.47

AVERAGE WHOLESALE PRICE OF RICE

Item	Week ending Mar. 05	Week ending Mar. 05	Month Ago	Year Ago
Samba	66.00	67.16	66.00	64.12

MONEY MARKET ACTIVITY - VOLUMES (Rs. Mn)

(Rs. Mn)	Week ending Mar. 05	Week ending Mar. 05	Year ago
Inter-Bank Call Money	4,024	4,165	12,765

CREDIT CARDS *

Total number of Active Cards	2009* End Dec.	2009* End Dec.	2009* End Dec.
Local (accepted only locally)	840,509	844,732	917,418

SHARE MARKET

All Share Price Index (1985=100) (ASPI)	2009* End Dec.	2009* End Dec.	2009* End Dec.
3,906	3,782	1,629	

GDP by Industrial Origin at Constant (2002) Prices

2009*	2009*	2009*
400.0	400.0	390.1

MONEY SUPPLY

2009(a)	Month Ago	Year Ago
336.7	313.5	277.3

PRICE INDICES

2010*	2009*	2008*
115.5%	115.5%	115.5%

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EXTERNAL FINANCE

External Assets	2009 End Dec.	2008 End Dec.	% Change
Total Reserves (b)(c)	US\$ Mn 6,769.6	2,991.5	126.3

INTERNATIONAL COMMODITY PRICES

Commodity	2009 Dec.	2008 Dec.	% Change
Colombo Auction Price	375.71	213.01	76.4

TOURISM

2009* Jan.-Dec.	2008* Jan.-Dec.	% Change
447,890	438,475	2.1

GOVERNMENT DEBT

2009* End Nov.	Month Ago	Year Ago
2,365.5	2,386.2	2,052.5

GOVERNMENT FINANCE

2009* Jan.-Nov.	2008* Jan.-Nov.	2009
633.2	514.5	855.0

TRADE INDICES** (1997 = 100)

2009* Month Ago	Year Ago
162.3	146.7

AVERAGE CRUDE OIL PRICES

2009 Spot Import prices (New York Closing price) (US\$/bbl)	2008 Spot Import prices (New York Closing price) (US\$/bbl)	2007 Spot Import prices (New York Closing price) (US\$/bbl)
42.99	41.36	41.71

INDUSTRIAL EXPORTS

2009 Jan.-Dec.	2008 Jan.-Dec.	% Change
609,513	667,187	-8.6

EXTERNAL TRADE

Exports	2009 Jan.-Dec.	2008 Jan.-Dec.	% Change
609,513	667,187	-8.6	

INTEREST RATES (%)

Commercial Bank Average Weighted Prime Lending Rate (AWPR) (Excluding 10% withholding tax)	2009 Mar. 05	Week Ago	Year Ago
10.52	10.77	19.81	

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