EXCHANGE RATES (Rs. per unit)

	Week ending April 23	Week ago	Year ago
Commercial Bank Avg. Middle Rate (prevailing at 9.30 a.m.)			
US$	113.98	113.92	119.28
STG	174.86	175.75	172.53
Yen	1.22	1.23	1.22
Euro	150.69	154.30	154.96
INR (1)	2.57	2.56	2.38
SDR (As at 22 Apr. '10)	172.92	173.52	174.84

Central Bank purchases and sales of foreign exchange from commercial banks at market rates

(US$ Mn.) - total for Month	March	Month Ago	Year Ago
Purchases	44.55	28.50	73.50
Sales	4.00	80.85	127.50

	Week ending Apr. 23	Week Ago	Week Year
Average Daily Interbank Volume (US$ Mn.) (spot, tom and cash transactions among commercial banks)	61.20	39.66	41.11
Forward Transactions			
Forward Rates (US$)(2)			
1 month	114.54	114.42	118.43
3 months	115.64	115.45	119.26
Average Daily Interbank Forward Volume (US$ Mn)	16.97	9.45	14.75
Outstanding Forward Volume (US$ Mn) (As at 22 Apr. '10)	628.38	618.46	719.29

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

INTEREST RATES (%)

	Week ending Apr. 23	Week ago	Year ago
Commercial Bank Average			
Weighted Prime Lending Rate (AWPR)*	10.59	10.42	18.83
Treasury Bill Yield (Excluding 10% withholding tax)			
- 91 days	8.46	8.52	14.09
- 182 days	9.21	9.24	15.88
- 364 days	9.46	9.47	16.40
Central Bank Overnight Repurchase rate (Repo)	7.50	7.50	10.25
Central Bank Overnight Reverse Repurchase rate	9.75	9.75	11.75
Call Money Weekly Average (CMR)	8.90	8.97	10.81
Sri Lanka Inter Bank Offer Rate (SLIBOR)			
1 day	9.01	9.03	9.93
7 days	9.25	9.25	11.52
1 month	9.52	9.48	13.10
3 months	9.72	9.71	14.02
6 months	10.01	9.97	15.44
12 months	10.32	10.24	16.23

	Jan. 2010	Month ago	Year ago
Saving Deposits - Commercial Banks	1.50-10.50	1.50-10.50	3.00-16.50
One Year Fixed Deposits - Commercial Banks	7.00-19.00	7.25-19.00	8.50-20.50

	March 2010	Month Ago	Year Ago
Commercial Bank Average Weighted Deposit (AWDR)	7.22	7.40	11.53
Commercial Bank Average Weighted Fixed Deposit (AWFDR)	9.71	9.99	16.32
Saving Deposits - NSB	5.00	5.00	5.00
One Year Fixed Deposits - NSB	9.50 (2 Y & 01 Mnts)	9.50 (04 Y & 03 Mnts)	15.00 (05 Y & 08 Mnts)
Treasury Bonds Auction	11.01.10	11.01.10	11.01.10
Coupon rate	14.50	11.75	11.00
Weighted Average Yield (Excluding 10% withholding tax)	9.55	9.78	9.92

Call money rates remained between 8.50 to 9.13 percent during the week.
AWPR- Average for the month of March 2010 - 10.54

Bankwise-AWPR	Week ending 23.04.10	Week ending 08.04.10
Bank of Ceylon	11.81	14.00
People's Bank	12.21	12.34
Hatton National Bank	10.15	9.90
Commercial Bank of Ceylon	10.18	10.00
Sampath Bank	10.63	10.86
Seylan Bank	11.49	12.38
Union Bank of Colombo	14.97	13.91
Pan Asia Banking Corporation	10.58	11.28
Nations Trust Bank	9.53	9.66
DFCC Vardhana Bank	12.38	13.00
NDB Bank	10.73	10.48
HSBC	10.16	10.39
Standard Chartered Bank	10.36	10.63
Citi Bank	11.61	12.77
Deutsche Bank	9.78	10.00
Habib Bank	11.00	11.00
Indian Bank	13.50	12.03
Indian Overseas Bank	12.75	12.75
MCB Bank	16.00	15.00
State Bank of India	12.70	12.70
Public Bank	15.15	15.15
ICICI Bank	11.56	11.56

GOVERNMENT DEBT SECURITIES MARKET

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

Item/Week ended		Week ending Apr.21 2010	Week ending Apr.14 2010
Outstanding Stock of Government Securities		**Rs. Mn.**	**Rs.Mn.**
T-bills	Outstanding	568,557	567,482
	o/w, amounts held by PDs	35,094	35,456
	o/w, amounts held by Foreign Investors	51,890	51,990
T-bonds	Outstanding	1,686,581	1,684,216
	o/w, amounts held by PDs	40,037	40,647
Primary Issues	o/w, amounts held by Foreign Investors	162,080	160,260
T-bills	Amount offered	8,500	5,500
	Total bids received	29,322	13,220
	Total bids accepted	12,490	5,184
T-bonds	Amount offered	0	0
	Total bids received	0	0
	Total bids accepted	0	0
Latest Primary Issues			
T-bills	= 91 days	8.46%	8.52%
	182 days	9.21%	9.24%
	364 days	9.46%	9.47%
T-bonds			
2 year	Last Issue 04.11.08	20.43%	20.43%
2 year	Last Issue 15.01.10	9.55%	9.55%
3 year	Last Issue 03.08.09	12.83%	12.83%
4 year	Last Issue 15.01.10	9.78%	9.78%
5 year	Last Issue 23.10.09	10.32%	10.32%
6 year	Last Issue 15.01.10	9.92%	9.92%
10 year	Last Issue 03.08.09	13.09%	13.09%
15 year	Last Issue 15.08.03	7.63%	7.63%
20 year	Last Issue 23.10.03	6.08%	6.08%
Secondary Market Activities			
T-Bills			
Outright transactions	**Purchased**	**1,402**	**2,844**
	Sold	**7,595**	**4,514**
Repo transactions	Repurchase	13,545	6,679
	Reverse Repurchase	2,056	1,339
T-bonds			
Outright transactions	Purchased	1,200	2,713
	Sold	1,006	3,536
Repo transactions	Repurchase	45,066	154,187
	Reverse Repurchase	15,964	31,693
Item/Week Ended Secondary Market		**Week ending** Apr. 21 2010 After tax	**Week ending** Apr. 14 2010 After tax
Weighted Average Yield Rates Treasury Bills			
Purchased	= 91 days	8.50%	8.55%
	= 182 days	9.30%	9.30%
	= 364 days	9.50%	9.55%
Sold	= 91 days	8.40%	8.50%
	= 182 days	9.20%	9.20%
	= 364 days	9.30%	9.45%
Treasury Bonds			
Purchased	= 1 year	9.40%	9.50%
	= 2 year	10.32%	10.52%
	= 3 year	10.57%	10.80%
	= 4 year	11.50%	11.80%
	= 5 year	11.75%	11.95%
	= 10 year	0.00%	0.00%
	= 15 year	0.00%	0.00%
	15 year	0.00%	0.00%
Sold	= 1 year	9.30%	9.40%
	= 2 year	10.25%	10.42%
	= 3 year	10.50%	10.70%
	= 4 year	11.40%	11.60%
	= 5 year	11.60%	11.85%
	= 10 year	0.00%	0.00%
	= 15 year	0.00%	0.00%
	15 year	0.00%	0.00%

Source: Primary Auctions and Primary Dealer Weekly Reporting System

BUYING AND SELLING PRICES OF TREASURY BONDS
Quoted by primary dealers on 22/04/2010

Bond Series	Maturity Period (Years)	Maturity D/M/Y	Average Buying Price*	Yield**	Average Selling Price*	Yield**
15.50% 2010 F	2	15/05/10	100.38	8.83	100.40	8.58
15.50% 2010 B	2	01/07/10	101.15	9.04	101.22	8.69
15.50% 2010 C	2	01/08/10	101.59	9.33	101.68	9.02
15.50% 2010 D	2	15/09/10	102.34	9.25	102.45	8.95
15.50% 2010 E	2	15/12/10	103.71	9.40	103.79	9.28
15.50% 2011 A	2	15/01/11	104.05	9.58	104.17	9.41
15.50% 2011 B	2	01/03/11	104.62	9.72	104.73	9.58
12.00% 2011 A	2	15/07/11	102.44	9.82	102.61	9.67
14.50% 2011 A	3	15/02/11	103.77	9.55	103.89	9.40
14.50% 2011 B	3	15/06/11	105.09	9.67	105.22	9.56
14.50% 2011 C	3	15/09/11	105.97	9.80	106.12	9.69
14.50% 2012 A	3	15/01/12	106.55	10.25	106.81	10.09
14.50% 2012 B	3	15/02/12	106.76	10.30	107.03	10.14
07.20% 2010B	4	01/11/10	98.93	9.33	99.09	9.00
13.50% 2012 A	4	01/04/12	105.40	10.35	105.62	10.23
13.50% 2012 B	4	01/07/12	105.41	10.65	105.70	10.50

AVERAGE WHOLESALE PRICE OF RICE MARANDAGAHAMULA

Item	Week Ending 23.04.10	Week Ago Avg	Month Ago	Rs/Kg Year Ago
Samba	55.75	55.53	59.80	64.12
Sudu Kekulu	46.25	46.50	46.80	55.62
Raw Red	49.50	49.50	57.43	54.35
Nadu	49.63	48.80	47.95	56.31

MONEY MARKET ACTIVITY - VOLUMES (Rs. Mn)

(Rs. Mn)	Week ending 22 Apr.10	Week ago	Year ago
Inter-Bank Call Money turnover(a)	1,654	3,234	12,528
Central Bank Holdings (a) - Treasury Bills	30,712	39,477	219,672

(a) Daily average for week

CREDIT CARDS *

	2010** Jan.	2010 End Jan.	2009 End Dec.
Total number of Active Cards	843,506	836,156	840,509
Local (accepted only locally)	58,475	58,342	58,302
Global (accepted globally)	785,031	777,814	782,207
Outstanding balance (Rs. Mn.)	30,642	31,346	31,375
Local (accepted only locally)	728	732	762
Global (accepted globally)	29,913	30,614	30,613

* Issued by commercial banks
** Provisional

SHARE MARKET

	Week ending 22 Apr.	Week ago	Year ago
All Share Price Index (1985=100) (ASPI)	4,078	3,956	1,778
Milanka Price Index (31.12.1998 = 1000) (MPI)	4,677	4,520	1,868
Average Daily Turnover (Rs. Mn)	1,852	1,593	146
Market Capitalisation (Rs. bn)	1,326.4	1,286.7	579.2

The All Share Price Index and Milanka Price index have increased by 122 and 157 index points respectively. The Average Daily Turnover has increased by Rs. 259 mn.

COMMERCIAL PAPER ISSUES (1)

	2010* End Feb	2010 End Jan	2008 End Dec.
Total issues (Rs. bn.)	1.7	0.8	21.5
Outstanding (at the end of the period) (Rs. bn.)	4.8	5.4	5.8

* Provisional
(1) Based on the information provided by commercial banks.

MONEY SUPPLY

	2010(a) Feb.	Month ago	Year ago
M1 (Rs. bn)	340.9	339.8	265.6
M2 (Rs. bn)	1,565.4	1,551.7	1,304.6
M2b (Rs. bn)	1,814.8	1,800.6	1,546.5
Net Foreign Assets of the Banking System (Rs. bn) (b)	355.7	377.3	52.7
Net Domestic Assets of the Banking System (Rs. bn) (b)	1,459.2	1,423.3	1,493.8
Net Credit to Government (Rs. bn)	669.1	656.9	671.7
Credit to Corporations (Rs. bn)	90.1	76.3	54.0
Credit to the Private Sector (Rs. bn)	1,212.3	1,195.8	1,247.0
Reserve Money (Rs. bn)	310.8	309.2	258.1
Annual Change(%)			
M1	28.3	27.9	-0.1
M2	20.0	20.5	12.9
M2b	17.4	17.8	9.9
Net Foreign Assets of the Banking System (b)	575.0	696.6	-78.1
Net Domestic Assets of the Banking System (b)	-2.3	-3.9	28.1
Net Credit to Government	-0.4	3.1	89.8
Credit to Corporations	66.9	42.0	13.8
Credit to the Private Sector	-2.8	-4.6	4.6
Reserve Money	20.4	17.2	-5.5

(a) Provisional
(b) In relation to M2b

NOMINAL WAGES

	2010(a) Feb.	2009 Feb.	% Change
Central Government Employees (1978=100)(b)	4,651.6	4,473.1	4.0
Workers in Wages Boards			
Trades (1978=100)	2,813.8	2,171.3	29.6
Agriculture	3,319.8	2,349.3	41.3
Industry & Commerce	2,054.0	2,054.0	0.0
Services	1,545.8	1,545.8	0.0

(a) Provisional
(b) Non-executive officers and minor employees
(c) The indices were updated to reflect wages rates given in the Public Administration Circular 6/2006.

INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION

	2010 Jan.	2009 Jan.	% Change
Private Sector Industrial Production Index (1997=100)	180.6	172.8	4.5
Public Sector Major Industrial Output Index (1997=100)	91.6	94.2	-2.8

* Provisional

OPEN MARKET OPERATIONS

	19.04. 2010	20.04. 2010	21.04. 2010	22.04. 2010	23.04 2010
Repo Auction					
Amount offered (Rs.bn)	41.50	36.50	48.50	43.50	32.00
Bids received (Rs.bn)	41.17	32.32	47.45	40.75	31.37
Amount accepted (Rs.bn)	41.17	32.32	47.45	40.75	31.37
Weighted Average Yield (% p.a.)	8.11	8.11	8.12	8.13	8.13
Standing Facilities (Volumes)					
Repo (Rs.bn.)	1.78	3.92	0.26	2.92	0.77
Reverse Repo (Rs.bn)	-	-	-	-	-

AVERAGE WHOLESALE PRICES PETTAH MARKET

	Week Ending 23.04.10	Week Ago	Month Ago	Year Ago
Rice (Rs/Kg)				
Samba	61.50	62.50	69.38	68.11
Kekulu (Red)	51.50	54.00	55.50	58.13
Beans	95.00	50.00	75.63	76.86
Cabbage	27.50	30.00	40.00	42.55
Carrots	50.00	55.00	75.00	75.73
Tomatoes	60.00	35.00	53.13	56.23
Pumpkins	28.00	22.00	30.38	30.55
Snakegourd	27.50	17.50	32.50	38.77
Brinjals	40.00	30.00	35.63	43.87
Ash-Plantains	60.00	57.50	60.00	48.17
Red-Onions (Local)	47.50	45.00	47.12	78.24
Big-Onions (Local)	n.a.	n.a	n.a.	54.03
Potatoes (N'Eliya)	n.a.	75.00	70.00	80.54
Dried Chillies (Imported)	150.00	150.00	155.00	180.89
Dhal (Indian)	145.00	135.00	137.50	172.90
Eggs (Red) (Each)	12.00	n.a.	13.88	9.96
Coconut (Each)	24.50	24.50	25.13	21.74
Fish (Rs/Kg)				
Kelawalla	400.00	390.00	315.00	289.90
Balaya	280.00	n.a.	188.75	210.94
Salaya	100.00	140.00	70.00	82.65
Paraw (Small)	350.00	350.00	292.50	321.60

AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES PETTAH MARKET

	Week Ending 23.04.10	Week Ago	Month Ago	Year Ago
Rice (Rs/Kg)				
Samba	70.00	70.00	74.75	72.90
Kekulu (Red)	60.00	60.00	61.25	62.45
Beans	120.00	70.00	90.00	91.96
Cabbage	50.00	50.00	65.00	65.20
Carrots	70.00	70.00	87.50	93.14
Tomatoes	80.00	60.00	70.00	76.96
Pumpkins	40.00	35.00	45.00	42.25
Snakegourd	50.00	40.00	50.00	54.41
Brinjals	60.00	50.00	52.50	58.14
Ash-Plantains	80.00	70.00	80.00	62.45
Red-Onions (Local)	60.00	65.00	75.00	101.89
Big-Onions (Local)	n.a.	n.a.	0.00	69.69
Potatoes (N'Eliya)	90.00	90.00	80.00	93.90
Dried Chillies (Imported)	190.00	190.00	192.50	215.39
Dhal (Indian)	145.00	140.00	143.75	187.86
Eggs (Red) (Each)	12.00	n.a.	14.38	10.23
Coconut (Each)	28.00	28.00	29.00	26.14
Fish (Rs/Kg)				
Kelawalla	480.00	420.00	400.00	390.51
Balaya	300.00	n.a.	245.00	257.20
Salaya	130.00	170.00	100.00	112.24
Paraw (Small)	400.00	380.00	365.00	372.50

DAUMBULLA MARKET

Week Ending - 23 Apr. 2010 (Rs.Kg)

Food Item	Wholesale (Average)	Retail (Average)
Rice (Rs/Kg)		
Samba	63.50	67.50
Kekulu (Red)	53.00	57.50
Vegetables		
Pumpkins	15.38	28.75
Snakegourd	9.75	26.25
Ash-Plantains	46.25	63.75
Beans	51.88	71.25
Carrots	47.88	70.63
Tomatoes	14.00	30.00
Other Foods		
Potatoes (N/Eliya)	61.25	77.50
Dried Chillies (Imported)	190.00	167.50
Big-Onions (Local)	n.a.	n.a.
Red-Onions (Local)	39.75	65.00
Coconut (Each)	23.13	28.25

PRICE INDICES

	Mar. 2010	Month Ago	Year Ago
Colombo Consumers' Price Index (CCPI) (2002 = 100)	214.8	216.9	202.0
Annual Average Change %	3.2	3.1	18.6
Point to Point Change %	6.3	6.9	5.3
Core Inflation - (CCPI) (2002 = 100)	199.6	199.4	187.1
Annual Average Change %	7.5	8.1	15.2
Point to Point Change %	6.7	8.0	14.2

	Dec. 2009	Month Ago	Year Ago
Wholesale Price Index (WPI) (1974 = 100)	3,754.4	3,716.9	3,313.4
Annual Average Change %	-4.2	-5.1	24.9

AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION

	2010* Jan-Feb	2009* Jan-Feb	% Change
Tea (Mn Kg)	52.00	30.8	68.9
	Jan.	Jan.	
Rubber (Mn. Kg.)	12.9	12.2	5.7
Coconuts (Mn. Nuts)	236.8	247.7	-4.4

* Provisional

GDP by Industrial Origin at Constant (2002) Prices

GDP by Industrial Origin at Constant (2002) Prices Growth Rate	2009* 4th quarter	2008 4th quarter	2009* Annual
Agriculture	5.3	4.00	3.2
Industry	7.3	5.2	4.2
Services	5.7	3.8	3.3
GDP	**6.2**	**4.2**	**3.5**

* Provisional
Source: Department of Census and Statistics

EXTERNAL FINANCE

		2010 End Jan.(a)	2009 End Dec.	% Change
External Assets				
Total Reserves (b)(c)	US$ Mn	6,699.5	6,769.6	-1.0
	Rs Mn	767,434.4	774,336.3	-0.9
Gross Official Reserves (b)(c)	US$ Mn	5,135.3	5,096.5	0.8
	Rs Mn	588,246.7	582,962.9	0.9
Workers Remittances		2010(a) Jan.	2009 Jan.	% Change
Inflows	US$ Mn	289.8	258.0	12.3
	Rs Mn	33,141.6	29,347.7	12.9
Outflows	US$ Mn	34.0	28.8	18.1
	Rs Mn	3,891.7	3,278.1	18.7
Net	US$ Mn	255.8	229.2	11.6
	Rs Mn	29,250.0	26,069.6	12.2

(a) Provisional
(b) Excluding ACU receipts
(c) By end January 2010, the total level of foreign reserves were sufficient to finance 7.5 months of imports and the gross official reserves were sufficient to finance 5.8 months of imports.

INTERNATIONAL COMMODITY PRICES

		2010 Jan.	2009 Jan.	% Change
Colombo Auction Price				
Tea Prices	Rs/Kg	390.00	279.82	39.4
	US$/Kg	3.41	2.46	38.6
Imports (C & F)				
Rice	Rs/MT	48,683.0	79,820.0	-39.0
	US$/MT	425.7	701.8	-39.3
White Sugar	Rs/MT	76,537.0	43,559.0	75.7
	US$/MT	669.3	383.0	74.8
Crude Oil	Rs/Barrel	8,929.0	4,744.0	88.2
	US$/Barrel	78.1	41.7	87.3
Wheat	Rs/MT	29,642.0	33,133.0	-10.5
	US$/MT	259.2	291.3	-11.0

GOVERNMENT DEBT

		2009* End Jan.	Month Ago	Year Ago
Total domestic debt	**Rs. bn**	2,449.4	2,401.0	2,202.9
of which				
Treasury bills		465.6	441.0	396.9
Treasury bonds		1,518.4	1,513.5	1,334.0
Rupee loans		106.8	112.9	118.5
Total foreign debt	**Rs. bn**	1,780.0	1,760.5	1,432.4
Total outstanding Govt. debt	**Rs. bn**	4,229.4	4,161.4	3,635.3

* Provisional
The total outstanding Government debt increased by 1.6 percent compared to the end 2009.

GOVERNMENT FINANCE

	2010* Jan.	2009 Jan.
Revenue and Grants (Rs.bn)	48.5	46.5
Revenue (Rs.bn)	48.3	45.8
Tax	46.3	42.9
Non tax	2.0	2.9
Grants	**0.2**	**0.7**
Expenditure & Lending Minus Repayments (Rs.bn)	111.7	101.1
Current	94.4	87.5
Capital & Lending Minus Repayments	17.3	13.6

* Provisional
Total Revenue increased by 5.6 percent compared to January 2009.

TRADE INDICES** (1997 = 100)

	2009** Oct.	Month Ago	Year Ago
Total Exports			
Value	162.3	146.7	170.7
Quantity	146.5	142.4	153.0
Unit Value	110.8	103.1	111.6
Total Imports			
Value	204.2	161.3	249.1
Quantity	178.5	155.8	204.3
Unit Value	114.4	103.5	121.9
Terms of Trade	96.8	99.5	91.5

* In US$ Terms
** Provisional

TOURISM

		2010* Jan.-Feb.	2009 Jan.-Feb.	% Change
Tourist Arrivals		108,057	72,637	48.8
Earnings from Tourism	US$ Mn	95.1	56.7	49.0
	Rs. Mn	10,883.1	6,453.2	49.6

* Provisional

EXTERNAL TRADE

		2010 Jan.	2009 Jan.	% Change
Exports	**Rs. Mn**	**53,975**	**55,862**	**-3.4**
Agricultural		16,295	11,487	41.9
Industrial		36,587	43,797	-16.5
Mineral		1,092	577	89.3
Other		0	0	-
Imports	**Rs. Mn**	**132,753**	**77,643**	**71.0**
Consumer Goods		23,924	15,259	56.8
Intermediate Goods		74,251	40,222	84.6
Investment Goods		25,046	20,853	20.1
Other		9,530	1,308	628.6
Trade Balance	**Rs. Mn**	**-78,778**	**-21,781**	**261.7**
Exports	**US$ Mn**	**472**	**491**	**-3.9**
Agricultural		143	101	41.6
Industrial		320	385	-16.9
Mineral		10	5	100.0
Other		0	0	-
Imports	**US$ Mn**	**1,161**	**683**	**70.0**
Consumer Goods		209	134	56.0
Intermediate Goods		649	354	83.3
Investment Goods		219	183	19.7
Other		83	12	591.7
Trade Balance	**US$ Mn**	**-689**	**-191**	**260.7**

INDUSTRIAL EXPORTS

		2010 Jan.	2009 Jan.	% Change
Total Industrial Exports	Rs. Mn	36,587	43,797	-16.5
Food, Beverages and Tobacco		3,102	2,763	12.3
Textiles and Apparel		19,862	27,363	-27.4
Petroleum Products		1,537	1,010	52.2
Leather, Rubber, etc.		5,263	5,235	0.5
Other		6,823	7,426	-8.1
Total Industrial Exports	US$ Mn	320.0	385.0	-16.9
Food, Beverages and Tobacco		27.0	24.0	12.5
Textiles and Apparel		174.0	241.0	-27.8
Petroleum Products		13.0	9.0	44.4
Leather, Rubber, etc.		46.0	46.0	0.0
Other		60.0	65.0	-7.7

EMPLOYMENT

	2009(a) 4th quarter	2008(a) 4th quarter	2009(a) Annual
Labour Force			
Participation rate	48.5	49.7	48.7
Unemployment rate	5.7	5.4	5.8
Employed Persons by Sectors %			
Agriculture	32.7	33.9	32.6
Industry	25.3	25.4	25.1
Services and Other	42.0	40.6	42.3

(a) Data excludes Northern Provinces.

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WEEKLY CHANGE IN RESERVE MONEY

	22 Apr.10	Week ago	Change
Reserve Money (Rs.Mn)	347,590	364,730	-17140

NARAHENPITA ECONOMIC CENTRE

Item	Average Retail Prices 22/04/10 (Rs/Kg)	Week Ago (Rs/Kg)
Samba	67.00	67.00
Kekulu (Red)	56.00	56.00
Beans	100.00	75.00
Cabbage	50.00	55.00
Carrots	77.50	75.00
Tomatoes	85.00	80.00
Pumpkins	35.00	32.00
Snakegourd	65.00	60.00
Brinjals	45.00	37.50
Ash-Plantains	70.00	65.00
Red-Onions (Imported)	n.a.	55.00
Big-Onions (Imported)	50.00	52.00
Potatoes (Imported)	50.00	52.50
Dried Chillies (Imported)	185.00	185.00
Dhal (Indian)	158.00	155.00
Eggs (Red) (Each)	12.50	12.50
Coconut (Each)	25.00	25.00
Fish		
Kelawalla	500.00	450.00
Balaya	250.00	220.00
Salaya	140.00	150.00
Paraw (Small)	425.00	420.00

AVERAGE CRUDE OIL PRICES

Month	2009 Spot prices Brent (New York closing price) (US$/bbl)	WTI (European Market) (US$/bbl)	CPC import prices (C&F) (US$/bbl)(*)	2010 Spot prices Brent (New York closing price) (US$/bbl)	WTI (European Market) (US$/bbl)	CPC import prices (C&F) (US$/bbl)
(*)						
January	42.99	41.36	41.71	76.58	78.32	78.08
February	43.34	38.98	45.64	74.07	76.38	78.23
March	46.75	47.94	46.66	79.00	81.20	
April	50.17	49.62	54.45			
May	57.48	59.10	61.98			
June	68.85	69.55	72.83			
July	64.70	64.26	68.31			
August	72.79	71.04	67.52			
September	67.52	69.22	75.54			
October	73.10	75.78	72.80			
November	77.02	77.88	79.18			
December	74.76	74.47	77.58			
16 April	51.83	49.97		84.86	82.97	
19 April	-	-		83.14	81.53	
20 April	49.07	45.82		84.78	82.98	
21 April	48.70	46.65		84.60	82.78	
22 April	48.51	47.41		84.63	83.04	

Sources: Reuters, Energy Information Administration (Website), Ceylon Petroleum Corporation.
(*) CPC import prices are not directly comparable with spot prices of WTI and Brent due to: CPC prices include freight charges; CPC price is weighted average price of different type of crude oil; Part of imports of CPC are on term contract basis.

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Volcanic ash keeps Iceland airports closed

- Iceland's main airport remained closed Saturday for a second day, as ash from the volcano that shut down European airspace last week spread over the Nordic country.

Keflavik Airport will not be open "at least not today," said Hjordis Gudmundsdottir, a spokeswoman for the Civil Aviation Administration.

"We will see what it looks like tomorrow, but no one knows," she told AFP.

The widening ash cloud temporarily closed Akureyri Airport, a secondary facility in the north of the country that the carrier Icelandair is using to reroute passengers.

However flights were again able to use Akureyri for connections to Glasgow, where Icelandair has temporarily based its international fleet of aircraft. "We have a flight to Glasgow today, then we have a flight back in the afternoon," Icelandair spokesman Gudjon Arngrimsson told AFP.

Gudmundsdottir said "it's possible to fly from Akureyri" provided that aircraft are piloted visually, rather than on instruments, and she said that the forecast was positive. ***(AFP)***