

EXCHANGE RATES
(Rs. per unit)

	Week ending May 21	Week ago	Year ago
Commercial Bank Avg. Middle Rate (prevailing at 3.30 a.m.)			
USD	113.64	113.76	113.00
STG	163.74	166.26	161.37
EUR	1.26	1.23	1.22
Jan	147.07	142.71	156.81
INR (1)	2.43	2.53	2.44
INR (As at 20 May '10)	163.04	168.24	175.55

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

	April 2010	Month ago	Year ago
Purchases	199.40	44.55	37.25
Sales	79.65	4.00	0.00

Average Daily Interbank Foreign Value (US\$ Mn.) (spot, ton and cash transactions among commercial banks)

	Week ending May 21	Week ago	Year ago
Forward Transactions (US\$12)	114.28	114.23	117.06
1 month	114.28	114.23	117.06
3 months	114.28	114.23	117.06
Average Daily Interbank Forward Value (US\$ Mn) (As at 20 May '10)	573.40	578.74	703.54

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

INTEREST RATES (%)

	Week ending May 21	Week ago	Year ago
Commercial Bank Average			
Weighted Prime Lending Rate (AWPR)*	10.55	10.50	10.65
3 months			
- 91 days	8.13	8.18	12.20
- 182 days	8.88	8.88	13.30
- 364 days	9.23	9.23	13.73
Central Bank Overnight Repurchase rate (Repo)	7.50	7.50	9.00
Central Bank Reverse Repo Rate (RR)	9.75	9.75	11.75
Call Money Weekly Average (CMR)	8.84	9.07	11.27
St Lanka Inter Bank Offer Rate (SLBOR)	9.06	9.07	10.62
1 day	9.22	9.21	11.83
7 days	9.40	9.40	12.75
3 months	9.55	9.54	13.65
6 months	9.84	9.92	14.71
12 months	10.10	10.23	15.56

SAVING DEPOSITS - COMMERCIAL BANKS

	Feb. 2010	Month ago	Year ago
One Year Fixed Deposits - Commercial Banks	6,50-19,007-19,008	5,500-20,500	5,000-20,500
Commercial Bank Average Weighted Deposit (AWDR)	7.13	7.22	11.52
Commercial Bank Average Weighted Fixed Deposit (AWFR)	9.61	9.71	16.27
Saving Deposits - NSB	9.50	9.50	15.00

AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION

	2010 ^(a) Jan-Mar	2009 ^(b) Jan-Mar	% Change
Tea (Mn Kg)	73.3	49.8	47.2
Rubber (Mn Kg)	42.3	37.9	11.6
Coconuts (Mn. Nuts)	236.8	247.7	-4.4

PRICE INDICES

	Apr. 2010	Month ago	Year ago
Colombo Consumer Price Index (CPI) (2002 = 100)	217.6	214.8	201.0
Annual Average Change %	3.4	18.2	6.3
Point to Point Change %	5.8	6.3	2.9
Core Inflation - (CPI) (2002 = 100)	199.7	199.6	187.6
Annual Average Change %	15.0	15.5	7.0
Point to Point Change %	6.4	6.7	13.3

INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION

	2010 ^(a) Mar	2009 ^(b) Mar	% Change
Private Sector Industrial Production Index (1997=100)	195.6	184.5	6.0
Public Sector Major Industrial Output Index (1997=100)	5.9	86.8	-93.2

WAGE RATE INDICES

	2010 ^(a) Mar	2009 ^(b) Mar	% Change
Central Government Employees (1978=100)	4,651.6	4,473.1	4.0
Trades (1978=100)	2,813.8	2,171.3	29.6
Industry & Commerce Services	3,319.8	2,349.3	41.3
Agriculture	2,954.0	2,854.0	0.0
Industry & Commerce Services	1,545.8	1,545.8	0.0

TOURISM

	2010 ^(a) Jan-Mar	2009 ^(b) Jan-Mar	% Change
Arrivals	189,709	132,766	42.1
Earnings from Tourism	US\$ Mn 174.9	103.5	68.8
	Rs. Mn 19,819.1	11,877.8	66.2

BUYING AND SELLING PRICES OF TREASURY BONDS
Quoted by primary dealers on 20/05/2010

Bond Series	Maturity Period (Years)	Maturity DMY	Average Buying Price	Yield**	Average Selling Price	Yield**
15.50% 2010 B	2	01/07/10	100.71	8.78	100.75	8.48
15.50% 2010 C	2	01/08/10	101.28	8.86	101.32	8.48
15.50% 2010 D	2	01/09/10	101.85	8.94	101.89	8.38
15.50% 2010 E	2	15/12/10	103.38	9.25	103.47	8.09
15.50% 2011 A	3	15/01/11	103.81	9.30	103.81	8.16
15.50% 2011 B	3	01/03/11	104.53	9.31	104.65	8.15
15.50% 2011 C	3	01/07/11	105.81	9.35	105.86	8.17
14.50% 2011 A	3	15/02/11	103.56	8.35	103.68	8.01
14.50% 2011 B	3	15/05/11	105.13	9.33	105.27	9.21
14.50% 2011 C	3	15/09/11	105.92	9.59	106.14	9.41
14.50% 2011 D	3	15/12/12	107.20	9.60	107.64	9.38
14.50% 2011 E	3	15/12/12	107.54	9.66	107.83	9.49
97.20% 2010B	4	01/11/10	99.27	8.87	99.36	8.65
13.50% 2012 A	4	01/04/12	106.18	9.78	106.21	9.69
13.50% 2012 B	4	01/07/12	107.14	9.88	107.46	9.51
14.50% 2012 C	4	01/02/13	108.19	9.95	108.47	9.84

AVERAGE WHOLESALE PRICE OF RICE MARANDAGAHAMULA

Item	Week ending 21.05.10	Week ago	Month ago	Year ago
Samba	55.75	54.88	55.71	64.12
Raw Red	49.50	49.82	48.75	54.35
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MONEY MARKET ACTIVITY - VOLUMES (Rs. Mn)

	20 May 10	Week ending	Week ago	Year ago
Inter-Bank Call Money turnover	1,885	2,682	8,200	
Central Bank Holdings (a)	13,346	20,188	217,101	
Treasury Bills (a)				
(a) Daily average for week				

CREDIT CARDS *

	2010 ^(a) End Feb	2010 ^(b) End Mar	2009 ^(c) 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)	730	733	762
Global (accepted globally)	29,913	30,613	30,613

SHARE MARKET

	Feb. 2010	Month ago	Year ago
All Share Price Index (1985=100) (ASPI)	4,248	4,243	2,038
Milanka Price Index (2012=100) (MPI)	4,789	4,774	2,255
Net Foreign Assets of the Banking System (Rs. Mn)	1,278	1,814	860
Net Domestic Assets of the Banking System (Rs. Mn)	1,383.8	1,381.4	663.3

COMMERCIAL PAPER ISSUES (1)

	2010 ^(a) End Mar	2009 ^(b) End Dec	
Total Issues (Rs. bn.)	2.3	1.7	21.5
Outstanding (at the end of the period) (Rs. bn.)	4.3	4.8	5.8
Provisional			

MONEY SUPPLY

	2010 ^(a) Mar	Month ago	Year ago
M1 (Rs. bn)	362.8	340.9	272.9
M2 (Rs. bn)	1,601.0	1,565.5	1,242.7
M3 (Rs. bn)	1,815.7	1,814.8	1,581.6
Net Foreign Assets of the Banking System (Rs. Mn)	362.3	355.7	62.4
Net Domestic Assets of the Banking System (Rs. Mn)	1,448.3	1,458.9	1,519.2
Net Credit to Government (Rs. bn)	655.2	669.0	704.0
Credit to Corporations (Rs. bn)	96.9	90.1	52.6
Private Sector (Rs. bn)	1,235.1	1,212.1	1,234.0
Reserve Money (Rs. bn)	328.9	310.8	266.4
Change %			
M1	32.9	28.3	-4.5
M2	20.9	20.0	11.5
M3	17.1	17.3	10.6

AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION

	2010 ^(a) Mar	2009 ^(b) Mar	% Change
Net Foreign Assets of the Banking System (Rs. Mn)	481.0	575.1	-17.4
Net Domestic Assets of the Banking System (Rs. Mn)	-2.0	-2.3	28.2
Net Credit to Government (Rs. Mn)	6.9	-0.4	90.9
Credit to Corporations (Rs. Mn)	84.1	66.9	54.0
Private Sector (Rs. Mn)	0.1	-2.8	2.0
Reserve Money (Rs. Mn)	23.5	20.4	-8.6

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EXTERNAL FINANCE

	2010 ^(a) End Dec	2009 ^(b) End Dec	% Change
External Assets	US\$ Mn 6,367.4	6,709.8	-5.9
Total Reserves (b)(c)	US\$ Mn 726,683.5	774,206.3	-5.9
Gold	US\$ Mn 5,032.1	5,095.5	-1.2
Reserves (b)(c)	US\$ Mn 575,871.2	582,923.9	-1.2
2010(a) Jan-Feb			
2009 Jan-Feb			
Workers Remittances	US\$ Mn 66.4	499.4	13.6
US\$ Mn 64,585.6	56,811.9	13.0	
Outflows	US\$ Mn 72.4	59.8	21.0
US\$ Mn 8,281.0	6,803.1	21.7	
Net	US\$ Mn 492.0	438.6	11.9
US\$ Mn 45,369.6	50,003.5	10.2	

EXTERNAL TRADE

	2010 ^(a) Jan-Feb	2009 ^(b) Jan-Feb	% Change
Exports	US\$ Mn 124,872	118,588	5.3
Imports	US\$ Mn 244,241	146,713	66.5
Trade Balance	US\$ Mn -119,369	-91,125	-29.5

OPEN MARKET OPERATIONS

	17.05.2010	18.05.2010	19.05.2010	20.05.2010	21.05.2010
Repo Auction					
Amount offered (Rs.bn)	27.50	27.50	34.00	36.00	32.50
Amount accepted (Rs.bn)	22.27	26.75	30.40	35.06	29.95
Standing Facilities					
(Rupee) (Rs. bn)	8.16	8.16	8.16	8.16	8.17
(Yield) (%)	2.02	0.15	0.34	1.03	1.62
Reverse Repo (Rs.bn)	-	-	-	-	-

AVERAGE WHOLESALE PRICES PETTAM MARKET