

# ECONOMIC INDICATORS

09 - 09 - 2010

## EXCHANGE RATES (Rs. per unit)

|   | Week ending Sep 09 | Week ending Sep 09 | Year ago |
|---|--------------------|--------------------|----------|
| Commercial Bank Avg. Middle Rate (prevailing at 1:30 a.m.)  | 112.69             | 112.62             | 114.80   |
| USD   | 112.69             | 112.62             | 114.80   |
| STO   | 174.20             | 172.86             | 181.80   |
| Yen   | 1.35               | 1.34               | 1.24     |
| Euro  | 143.42             | 144.46             | 160.40   |
| INR (1)   | 2.44               | 2.45               | 2.38     |
| SDR (As at 08 Sep '10)  | 170.20             | 170.86             | 180.77   |
| Central Bank purchases and sales of foreign exchange from commercial banks at market rates (US\$ Mn.) - total for Month | 87.00              | 101.10             | 1,130.75 |
| Purchases   | 65.40              | 9.75               | 0.00     |
| Sales   |                    |                    |          |
| Week ending Sep 09  | Week ending Sep 09 | Week ending Sep 09 | Year ago |
| Average Daily Interbank Volume (US\$ Mn.) (Spot, bin and cash transactions among commercial banks)                      | 43.93              | 51.97              | 42.42    |

### BUYING AND SELLING PRICES OF TREASURY BONDS Quoted by primary dealers on 08/09/2010

| Bond Series   | Maturity Period (Years) | Maturity DMY | Average Bidding Price* | Yield** | Average Selling Price* | Yield** |
|---------------|-------------------------|--------------|------------------------|---------|------------------------|---------|
| 15.05% 2010 D | 2                       | 15/09/10     | 100.14                 | 7.64    | 100.14                 | 7.53    |
| 15.05% 2010 E | 2                       | 15/10/10     | 101.93                 | 7.88    | 101.96                 | 7.76    |
| 15.05% 2010 F | 2                       | 15/07/11     | 102.51                 | 7.82    | 102.55                 | 7.65    |
| 15.05% 2011 B | 2                       | 01/03/11     | 103.55                 | 7.81    | 103.62                 | 7.66    |
| 12.00% 2011 A | 2                       | 15/07/11     | 103.32                 | 7.86    | 103.41                 | 7.75    |
| 06.00% 2014 A | 2                       | 01/09/12     | 105.36                 | 7.63    | 105.37                 | 7.59    |
| 06.00% 2014 A | 2                       | 01/09/14     | 94.75                  | 8.41    | 95.03                  | 8.31    |
| 14.50% 2011 A | 3                       | 15/02/11     | 102.77                 | 7.83    | 102.81                 | 7.74    |
| 14.50% 2011 B | 3                       | 15/09/11     | 104.79                 | 7.90    | 104.87                 | 7.79    |
| 14.50% 2011 C | 3                       | 15/09/11     | 106.28                 | 7.98    | 106.40                 | 7.84    |
| 14.50% 2012 A | 3                       | 15/01/12     | 105.36                 | 7.83    | 105.31                 | 7.72    |
| 14.50% 2012 B | 3                       | 15/02/12     | 105.55                 | 8.06    | 106.41                 | 7.94    |
| 07.20% 2010 B | 4                       | 01/11/10     | 99.89                  | 7.74    | 99.91                  | 7.60    |
| 13.50% 2010 A | 4                       | 01/04/12     | 103.88                 | 7.96    | 104.10                 | 7.86    |
| 13.50% 2010 B | 4                       | 01/07/12     | 105.87                 | 8.12    | 105.08                 | 8.00    |
| 13.50% 2010 A | 4                       | 01/02/13     | 111.42                 | 8.15    | 111.73                 | 8.01    |

### INTEREST RATES (%)

|   | Week ending Sep 09 | Week ending Sep 09 | Year ago   |
|---|--------------------|--------------------|------------|
| Commercial Bank Average Weighted Prime Lending Rate (AWPR)* | 9.85               | 9.83               | 10.06      |
| Treasury Bill Yield (Excluding 10% withholding tax)         |                    |                    |            |
| - 91 days   | 7.13               | 7.13               | 10.55      |
| - 182 days  | 7.28               | 7.80               | 11.42      |
| - 364 days  | 7.42               | 7.87               | 11.98      |
| Central Bank Overnight Repurchase rate (Repo)               | 7.25               | 7.25               | 8.50       |
| Central Bank Overnight Reverse Repurchase rate              | 9.00               | 9.00               | 11.00      |
| Call Money Weekly Average (CMW)                             | 8.32               | 8.00               | 9.80       |
| Sri Lanka Inter Bank Offer Rate (SLIOR)                     |                    |                    |            |
| 1 day   | 8.81               | 8.92               | 9.89       |
| 7 days  | 9.00               | 9.06               | 10.25      |
| 1 month   | 9.18               | 10.88              | 11.80      |
| 3 months  | 9.28               | 9.31               | 11.36      |
| 6 months  | 9.53               | 9.55               | 11.83      |
| 12 months   | 9.78               | 9.81               | 12.82      |
| June  | Month ago          | Year ago           |            |
| Saving Deposits - Commercial Banks                          | 1.50-10.50         | 1.50-10.50         | 1.50-13.50 |
| One Year Fixed Deposits - Commercial Banks                  | 6.50-19.00         | 6.50-19.00         | 6.00-19.00 |
| Commercial Bank Average Weighted Deposit (AWDR)             | 6.86               | 6.92               | 10.84      |
| Commercial Bank Average Weighted Fixed Deposit (AWFD)       | 9.17               | 9.28               | 14.64      |
| Saving Deposits - NSB                                       | 5.00               | 5.00               | 5.00       |
| One Year Fixed Deposits - NSB                               | 9.50               | 9.50               | 13.00      |

### AVERAGE WHOLESALE PRICE OF RICE MARADAGAHAMULA

| Item      | Week Ending 09.09.10 | Week Ago | Month Ago | Rs/Kg Year Ago |
|-----------|----------------------|----------|-----------|----------------|
| Samba     | 50.96                | 51.76    | 55.71     | 64.12          |
| Suro/Koku | 38.50                | 38.76    | 46.21     | 55.92          |
| Raw Red   | 39.50                | 40.20    | 48.75     | 54.55          |
| White     | 39.63                | 39.62    | 49.24     | 56.31          |

### MONEY MARKET ACTIVITY - VOLUMES (Rs. Mn)

| (Rs. Mn.)                         | Week ending 08 Sep 10 | Week ago | Year ago |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|----------|----------|
| Inter-Bank Call Money turnover(a) | 6,121                 | 6,496    | 2,867    |
| Central Bank Holdings (a)         | 34,868                | 30,997   | 29,453   |
| * Treasury Bills                  |                       |          |          |
| (b) Daily average for week        |                       |          |          |

### CREDIT CARDS \*

|  | 2010*   | 2010    | 2009    |
|--|---------|---------|---------|
|  | End     | End     | End     |
|  | 2010    | 2010    | 2009    |
|  | Dec.    | Dec.    | Dec.    |
| Total number of Active Cards   | 629,716 | 834,206 | 840,509 |
| Local (accepted only locally)  | 59,198  | 59,138  | 58,302  |
| Global (accepted globally)   | 770,518 | 775,790 | 782,207 |
| Outstanding balance (Rs. Mn.)  | 28,835  | 29,239  | 31,375  |
| Local (accepted only locally)  | 680     | 702     | 762     |
| Global (accepted globally)   | 28,155  | 28,537  | 30,613  |
| * Issued by commercial banks   |         |         |         |
| (b) The indices were updated to reflect wages rates given in the Public Administration Circular 02/06. |         |         |         |

### WAGE RATE INDICES

|  | 2010(a) | 2009    | % Change |
|--|---------|---------|----------|
|  | August  | August  |          |
| Central Government Employees (1978+100)(b)   | 4,651.6 | 4,473.1 | 4.0      |
| Private Sector Wage Rates (1978+100)   | 2,935.2 | 2,171.5 | 35.2     |
| Agriculture & Commerce   | 2,402.1 | 2,054.0 | 16.9     |
| Industry & Services  | 1,851.8 | 1,545.9 | 19.8     |
| (a) Provisional  |         |         |          |
| (b) Non-executive officers and minor employees   |         |         |          |
| (c) The indices were updated to reflect wages rates given in the Public Administration Circular 02/06. |         |         |          |

### TOURISM

|                       | 2010*    | 2009     | % Change |
|-----------------------|----------|----------|----------|
|                       | Jan-July | Jan-July |          |
| Tourist Arrivals      | 341,991  | 229,952  | 48.7     |
| Earnings from Tourism | 30.1     | 17.4     | 68.3     |
| Provisional           | 34,284   | 20,083   | 69.2     |
| * Provisional         |          |          |          |

### SHARE MARKET

|  | Week ending 08 Sep. | Week ago | Year ago |
|--|---------------------|----------|----------|
| All Share Price Index (1985=100) (ASPI)  | 5,963               | 5,785    | 2,724    |
| Milanka Price Index (D1 12-1989 + 1000) (MPI)  | 6,153               | 5,961    | 3,069    |
| Average Daily Turnover (Rs. Mn.)   | 4,248               | 2,524    | 83.2     |
| Net Foreign Assets of the Banking System (Rs. Mn.)   | 1,963.0             | 1,904.6  | 874.3    |
| The All Share Price Index and Milanka Price Index have increased by 178 and 192 index points respectively. The Average Daily Turnover has increased by Rs 1724 mn. |                     |          |          |

### COMMERCIAL PAPER ISSUES (1)

|  | 2010*    | 2010     | 2009     |
|--|----------|----------|----------|
|  | End July | End June | End Dec. |
| Total Issues (Rs. bn.)                                     | 6.3      | 5.9      | 21.5     |
| Outstanding (at the end of the period) (Rs. bn.)           | 3.9      | 4.6      | 5.8      |
| * Provisional  |          |          |          |
| (1) Based on the information provided by commercial banks. |          |          |          |

### MONEY SUPPLY

|  | 2010(a) | Month Ago | Year Ago |
|--|---------|-----------|----------|
|  | Aug     | Aug       | Aug      |
| M1 (Rs. bn)  | 348.4   | 354.6     | 268.9    |
| M2 (Rs. bn)  | 1,637.9 | 1,622.3   | 1,381.0  |
| M2b (Rs. bn)   | 1,881.4 | 1,875.3   | 1,458.6  |
| Net Foreign Assets of the Banking System (Rs. bn) (b)  | 342.0   | 345.6     | 123.9    |
| Net Domestic Assets of the Banking System (Rs. bn) (c) | 1,539.4 | 1,529.7   | 1,259.1  |
| Net Credit to Government (Rs. bn) (d)                  | 682.4   | 673.5     | 771.8    |
| Credit to Corporations (Rs. bn) (e)                    | 108.4   | 102.8     | 46.2     |
| Sector (Rs. bn)  | 1,268.9 | 1,249.9   | 1,195.0  |
| Annual Change**(%)                                     |         |           |          |
| M1   | 29.5    | 30.6      | 28.6     |
| M2   | 18.6    | 19.2      | 14.9     |
| M2b  | 14.3    | 15.5      | 11.9     |
| Net Foreign Assets of the Banking System (b)           | 176.0   | 220.7     | -51.1    |
| Net Domestic Assets of the Banking System (c)          | 1.2     | 0.9       | 25.0     |
| Net Credit to Government (d)                           | -11.6   | -9.2      | 97.2     |
| Credit to Corporations (e)                             | 134.8   | 92.9      | 48.8     |
| Credit to the Private Sector (Rs. bn)                  | 6.2     | 3.5       | 4.8      |
| Reserve Money  | 23.0    | 23.1      | -3.2     |
| (a) Provisional  |         |           |          |
| (b) In relation to M2b                                 |         |           |          |

### INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION

|  | 2010  | 2009  | % Change |
|--|-------|-------|----------|
|  | June  | June  |          |
| Private Sector Industrial Production Index (1997=100)  | 180.6 | 162.2 | 11.3     |
| Public Sector Major Industrial Output Index (1997=100) | 80.0  | 78.7  | 1.6      |
| * Provisional  |       |       |          |

### DAMBULLA MARKET

| Week Ending - 08 Sep 2010 (Rs.Kg) | Wholesale (Average) | Retail (Average) |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------|------------------|
| Rice (Rs/Kg)                      | 35.25               | 64.00            |
| Samba                             | 43.00               | 65.50            |
| Koku (Red)                        |                     |                  |
| Vegetables                        | 31.63               | 47.50            |
| Pumpkins                          | 20.25               | 32.50            |
| Snakegourd                        | 47.13               | 72.50            |
| Ash-Plantains                     | 92.13               | 126.55           |
| Beans                             | 59.78               | 87.50            |
| Carrots                           | 48.85               | 81.25            |
| Tomatoes                          |                     |                  |
| Other Foods                       | 66.25               | 85.00            |
| Potatoes (N/Ely)                  | 153.13              | 177.50           |
| Dried Chillies (Imported)         | 90.63               | 74.00            |
| Big-Onions (Local)                | 58.88               | 77.50            |
| Red-Onions (Local)                | 25.75               | 30.00            |

## EXTERNAL FINANCE

|   | 2010      | 2009      | % Change  |      |
|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|------|
|   | End June  | End Dec.  |           |      |
| External Assets   | US\$ Mn   | 6,691.2   | 6,709.8   | -1.2 |
| Total Reserves (b)(c)   | Rs Mn     | 770,962.2 | 774,206.3 | -1.9 |
| Gross Official Reserves (b)(c)  | US\$ Mn   | 5,428.4   | 5,095.5   | 6.5  |
| Reserves (b)(c)   | Rs Mn     | 618,225.7 | 582,929.9 | 5.7  |
| 2010(a)   | 2009      |           |           |      |
| Jan-June  | Jan-June  |           |           |      |
| Workers Remittances   | US\$ Mn   | 1,850.0   | 1,602.9   | 13.5 |
| Inflows   | Rs Mn     | 207,652.7 | 184,724.4 | 12.4 |
| Outflows  | US\$ Mn   | 186.1     | 153.0     | 21.7 |
| Net   | US\$ Mn   | 1,663.9   | 1,450.0   | 14.5 |
| Rs Mn   | 188,311.2 | 167,025.3 | 12.6      |      |
| (a) Provisional   |           |           |           |      |
| (b) Excluding A/CU receipts   |           |           |           |      |
| (c) By June 2010, the total level of foreign reserves was equivalent to 6.7 months of imports and the gross official reserves were equivalent to 5.4 months of imports. |           |           |           |      |

### INTERNATIONAL COMMODITY PRICES

|                       | 2010      | 2009     | % Change |      |
|-----------------------|-----------|----------|----------|------|
|                       | End June  | End Dec. |          |      |
| Colombo Auction Price | Rs/Kg     | 340.88   | 350.38   | -4.4 |
| Tea Prices            | US\$/Kg   | 3.14     | 3.00     | 4.7  |
| Imports (C & F)       |           |          |          |      |
| Rice                  | US\$MT    | 61,076.0 | 63,984.0 | -4.0 |
| White Sugar           | US\$MT    | 718.9    | 752.7    | -5.0 |
| Crude Oil             | Rs/Barrel | 87.77    | 83.98    | 4.4  |
| Wheat                 | US\$/Bbl  | 28,568.6 | 27,425.1 | 4.2  |
| Grains                | US\$/Bbl  | 23.6     | 23.8     | -1.4 |

### OPEN MARKET OPERATIONS

|   | 06.09.2010 | 07.09.2010 | 08.09.2010 | 09.09.2010 |
|---|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Repo Auction                            |            |            |            |            |
| Amount offered (Rs.bn)                  | 38.00      | 30.00      | 31.00      | 34.00      |
| Bids received (Rs.bn)                   | 38.44      | 30.11      | 31.00      | 34.00      |
| Amount accepted (Rs.bn)                 | 38.44      | 30.00      | 31.00      | 34.00      |
| Weighted Average Yield (Yield (% p.a.)) | 7.92       | 7.91       | 7.91       | 7.88       |
| Reverse Repo (Rs.bn)                    | 1.19       | 0.70       | 1.64       | 2.09       |

### NARAHENPIYA ECONOMIC CENTRE (Rs/Kg)

| Item                  | Average Retail Prices (Rs/Kg) | Week Ago |
|-----------------------|-------------------------------|----------|
| Rice                  | 58.00                         | 57.87    |
| Samba                 | 46.00                         | 47.87    |
| Koku (Red)            |                               |          |
| Beans                 | 116.67                        | 110.00   |
| Cabbage               | 86.67                         | 83.33    |
| Carrots               | 56.67                         | 56.67    |
| Tomatoes              | 60.00                         | 60.00    |
| Pumpkins              | 63.33                         | 60.00    |
| Snakegourd            | 66.67                         | 66.67    |
| Brijinjals            | 56.67                         | 43.33    |
| Ash-Plantains         | 60.00                         | 60.00    |
| Red-Onions (Imported) | n.a.                          | 73.33    |
| Big-Onions (Imported) | 60.00                         | 60.00    |
| Potatoes (Imported)   | 75.00                         | 86.67    |
| Dried Chillies        | 180.00                        | 180.00   |
| (Imported)            | 140.00                        | 140.00   |
| Dhal (Indian)         | 14.50                         | 14.50    |
| Eggs (Red) (Each)     | 30.00                         | 30.00    |
| Coconut (Each)        | 600.00                        | 630.00   |
| Fish                  | 300.00                        | 300.00   |
| Kidaniella            | 173.33                        | 220.00   |
| Bataya                | 680.00                        | 786.67   |
| Parai (Small)         |                               |          |

### GOVERNMENT DEBT SECURITIES MARKET

|  | 2010*    | Month Ago | Year Ago |         |
|--|----------|-----------|----------|---------|
|  | End June | Aug       | Aug      |         |
| Total domestic debt  | Rs. bn   | 2,544.2   | 2,521.5  | 2,434.5 |
| of which:  |          |           |          |         |
| Treasury bills   | 517.2    | 512.2     | 508.6    |         |
| Government bonds   | 1,933.4  | 1,929.4   | 1,923.9  |         |
| Reserve bonds  | 103.8    | 104.8     | 117.0    |         |
| Total foreign debt   | Rs. bn   | 1,803.3   | 1,771.9  | 1,487.0 |
| Total outstanding Govt. debt   | Rs. bn   | 4,347.5   | 4,293.4  | 3,921.5 |
| * Provisional  |          |           |          |         |
| Total outstanding Government debt increased by 4.5 percent compared to end 2009. |          |           |          |         |

### GOVERNMENT FINANCE

|                            | 2010*    | 2009     |
|----------------------------|----------|----------|
|                            | Jan-June | Jan-June |
| Revenue and Grants (Rs.bn) | 361.5    | 304.9    |
| Revenue (Rs.bn)            | 35.4     | 28.7     |
| Grants                     | 326.0    | 276      |