ECONOMIC INDICATORS

03 - 12 - 2010

EXCHANGE RATES (Rs. per unit)

	Week ending Dec. 03	Week ago	Year ago
Commercial Bank Avg. Middle Rate (prevailing at 9.30 a.m.)			
US$	111.29	111.52	114.22
STG	173.55	175.72	190.46
Yen	1.33	1.33	1.30
Euro	146.96	148.65	172.25
INR (1)	2.47	2.45	2.48
SDR (As at 02 Dec. '10)	170.35	171.64	184.49

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	00.00	35.50	286.90
Sales	89.05	324.20	28.10

	Week ending Dec 03	Week Ago	Year Ago
Average Daily Interbank Volume (US$ Mn.) (spot, tom and cash transactions among commercial banks)	48.37	27.17	64.61
Forward Transactions			
Forward Rates (US$)(2)			
1 month	111.41	111.48	114.81
3 months	111.49	111.36	115.58
Average Daily Interbank Forward Volume (US$ Mn)	12.36	11.60	32.16
Outstanding Forward Volume (US$ Mn) (As at 02 Dec. '10)	756.69	787.37	1,001.15

In nominal terms the Rupee depreciated against the INR while it appreciated against the US$, STG, Euro and SDR.

(1) Central Bank indicative rate. (2) Weekly average based on actual transactions.

INTEREST RATES (%)

	Week ending Dec. 03	Week ago	Year ago
Commercial Bank Average			
Weighted Prime Lending Rate (AWPR)*	9.31	9.43	11.48
Treasury Bill Yield (Excluding 10% withholding tax)			
- 91 days	7.28	7.29	7.25
- 182 days	7.39	7.38	8.33
- 364 days	7.55	7.55	9.17
Central Bank Overnight Repurchase rate (Repo)	7.25	7.25	7.50
Central Bank Overnight Reverse Repurchase rate	9.00	9.00	9.75
Call Money Weekly Average (CMR)	8.14	8.11	8.78
Sri Lanka Inter Bank Offer Rate (SLIBOR)			
1 day	8.17	8.18	9.15
7 days	8.34	8.35	9.31
1 month	8.45	8.50	9.51
3 months	8.54	8.59	9.69
6 months	8.73	8.79	9.92
12 months	8.98	9.03	10.19

	August	Month ago	Year ago
Saving Deposits - Commercial Banks	1.50-10.50	1.50-10.50	1.50-13.00
One Year Fixed Deposits - Commercial Banks	6.50-18.00	6.50-22.00	8.00-19.00

	Nov. 2010	Month Ago	Year Ago
Commercial Bank Average Weighted Deposit (AWDR)	6.24	6.43	8.51
Commercial Bank Average Weighted Fixed Deposit (AWFDR)	8.17	8.48	11.17

	Oct. 2010	Month Ago	Year Ago
Saving Deposits - NSB	5.00	5.00	5.00
One Year Fixed Deposits - NSB	8.50	8.50	10.00

Treasury Bonds Auction	(04 Y & 10 mths)	(05 Y & 6 mths	(07 Y & 11 mths)
(09 Y & 11 mths)	**13.09.10**	**13.09.10**	**13.09.10**
13.09.10			
Coupon rate	6.50	7.25	7.50
6.20 Weighted Average Yield (Excluding 10% withholding tax)	8.76	8.93	9.15
9.30			

Call money rates remained between 7.00 to 8.35 percent during the week.
* AWPR- Average for the month of November 2010 - 9.37

Bankwise-AWPR	Week ending 03.12.10	Week Ago
Bank of Ceylon	11.11	10.97
People's Bank	10.73	10.85
Hatton National Bank	8.70	9.01
Commercial Bank of Ceylon	8.76	10.72
Sampath Bank	8.72	9.16
Seylan Bank	9.83	11.85
Union Bank of Colombo	13.68	12.30
Pan Asia Banking Corporation	10.29	10.11
Nations Trust Bank	8.90	8.92
DFCC Vardhana Bank	9.88	9.82
NDB Bank	8.91	8.91
HSBC	9.57	9.50
Standard Chartered Bank	8.13	8.26
Citi Bank	10.99	8.87
Deutsche Bank	9.65	8.69
Habib Bank	10.10	10.10
Indian Bank	11.16	11.16
Indian Overseas Bank	12.75	12.75
MCB Bank	8.91	8.35
State Bank of India	11.99	12.12
Public Bank	12.75	12.75
ICICI Bank	10.99	10.99

WAGE RATE INDICES

	2010(a) October	2009 October	% Change
Central Government Employees (1978=100)(b)	4,651.6	4,473.1	4.0
Workers in Wages Boards Trades (1978=100)	2,935.4	2,171.5	35.2
Agriculture	3,335.5	2,349.5	42.0
Industry & Commerce	2,402.1	2,054.0	16.9
Services	1,851.8	1,545.8	19.8

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

INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION

	2010* Sep	2009 Sep	% Change
Private Sector Industrial Production Index (1997=100)	182.0	168.1	8.3
	2010 July	**2009 July**	
Public Sector Major Industrial Output Index (1997=100)	89.7	60.8	47.7

* Provisional

BUYING AND SELLING PRICES OF TREASURY BONDS
Quoted by primary dealers on 01/12/2010

Bond Series	Maturity Period (Years)	Maturity D/M/Y	Average Buying Price*	Yield**	Average Selling Price*	Yield**
15.50% 2010 E	2	15/12/10	100.28	7.14	100.28	6.99
15.50% 2011 A	2	15/01/11	100.94	7.17	100.96	7.03
15.50% 2011 B	2	01/03/11	101.89	7.37	101.93	7.23
12.00% 2011 A	2	15/07/11	102.73	7.38	102.83	7.21
06.90% 2012 A	2	01/08/12	98.71	7.73	98.89	7.61
06.60% 2014 A	2	01/02/14	94.87	8.48	95.17	8.36
14.50% 2011 A	3	15/02/11	101.40	7.24	101.43	7.10
14.50% 2011 B	3	15/06/11	103.71	7.29	103.79	7.14
14.50% 2011 C	3	15/09/11	105.31	7.37	105.41	7.24
14.50% 2012 A	3	15/01/12	107.25	7.60	107.35	7.51
14.50% 2012 B	3	15/02/12	107.78	7.58	107.91	7.48
13.50% 2012 A	4	01/04/12	107.30	7.60	107.41	7.51
13.50% 2012 B	4	01/07/12	108.50	7.68	108.67	7.57
13.50% 2013 A	4	01/02/13	110.72	8.00	110.90	7.91
11.50% 2013 A	4	15/06/13	107.62	8.11	107.91	7.99
07.00% 2014 A	4	01/03/14	94.83	8.86	95.05	8.78

AVERAGE WHOLESALE PRICE OF RICE MARANDAGAHAMULA

Item	Week Ending 03.12.10	Week Ago Avg	Month Ago	Rs/Kg Year Ago
Samba	61.10	61.67	55.71	64.12
Sudu Kekulu	49.60	47.01	46.31	55.62
Raw Red	49.80	48.00	49.75	54.35
Nadu	53.00	53.67	49.24	56.31

MONEY MARKET ACTIVITY - VOLUMES (Rs. Mn)

(Rs. Mn)	Week ending 02 Dec.10	Week ago	Year ago
Inter-Bank Call Money turnover(a)	2,180	5,490	4,850
Central Bank Holdings (a) - Treasury Bills	2,867	5,480	14,498

(a) Daily average for week

CREDIT CARDS *

	2010** End Sep	2010 End Aug	2009 End Dec.
Total number of Active Cards	816,521	824,309	840,509
Local (accepted only locally)	57,615	57,081	58,302
Global (accepted globally)	758,906	767,228	782,207
Outstanding balance (Rs. Mn.)	29,126	29,986	31,375
Local (accepted only locally)	740	887	762
Global (accepted globally)	28,386	29,099	30,613

* Issued by commercial banks
** Provisional

GOVERNMENT DEBT SECURITIES MARKET

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

Item/Week ended		Week ending Nov 24 2010	Week ending Nov 17 2010
Outstanding Stock of Government Securities		Rs. Mn.	Rs.Mn.
T-bills	Outstanding	571,934	566,036
	o/w, amounts held by PDs	63,711	64,539
	o/w, amounts held by Foreign Investors	55,570	55,570
T-bonds	Outstanding	1,833,690	1,830,092
	o/w, amounts held by PDs	62,504	62,835
Primary Issues	o/w, amounts held by Foreign Investors	182,790	182,790
T-bills			
	Amount offered	12,000	12,000
	Total bids received	21,815	30,549
	Total bids accepted	11,988	13,163
T-bonds	Amount offered	0	0
	Total bids received	0	0
	Total bids accepted	0	0

Latest Primary Issues

T-Bills			
	= 91 days	7.29%	7.29%
	182 days	7.38%	7.38%
	364 days	7.55%	7.55%
T-bonds			
2 year	Last Issue 04.11.08	20.43%	20.43%
2 year	Last Issue 27.08.10	8.27%	8.27%
3 year	Last Issue 27.08.10	8.57%	8.57%
4 year	Last Issue 27.08.10	9.09%	9.09%
5 year	Last Issue 15.09.10	8.76%	8.76%
6 year	Last Issue 15.09.10	8.93%	8.93%
10 year	Last Issue 15.09.10	9.30%	9.30%
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

		Purchased	Sold
T-Bills			
Outright transactions		**6,453**	**2,981**
		13,579	**13,887**
Repo transactions	Repurchase	25,820	27,175
	Reverse Repurchase	3,716	4,970
T-bonds			
Outright transactions	Purchased	4,470	1,453
	Sold	3,271	3,063
Repo transactions	Repurchase	62,368	60,582
	Reverse Repurchase	13,624	16,041

Item/Week Ended

Secondary Market		Week ending Nov 24 2010 After tax	Week ending Nov 17 2010 After tax
Weighted Average Yield Rates			
Treasury Bills			
Purchased	= 91 days	7.30%	7.35%
	= 182 days	7.40%	7.45%
	= 364 days	7.60%	7.60%
Sold	= 91 days	7.20%	7.25%
	= 182 days	7.30%	7.35%
	= 364 days	7.50%	7.50%
Treasury Bonds			
Purchased	= 1 year	7.35%	7.40%
	= 2 year	7.65%	7.65%
	= 3 year	8.05%	8.00%
	= 4 year	8.80%	8.80%
	= 5 year	9.20%	9.20%
	= 10 year	9.90%	9.60%
	= 15 year	0.00%	0.00%
	= 15 year	0.00%	0.00%
Sold	= 1 year	7.30%	7.30%
	= 2 year	7.55%	7.55%
	= 3 year	7.95%	7.90%
	= 4 year	8.75%	8.70%
	= 5 year	9.15%	9.15%
	= 10 year	9.80%	9.50%
	= 15 year	0.00%	0.00%
	= 15 year	0.00%	0.00%

Source: Primary Auctions and Primary Dealer Weekly Reporting System

WEEKLY CHANGE IN RESERVE MONEY

	02 Dec.10	Week ago	Change
Reserve Money (Rs.Mn)	343,460	352,470	-9010

OPEN MARKET OPERATIONS

	29.11. 2010	30.11. 2010	01.12. 2010	02.12. 2010	03.12. 2010
Repo Auction					
Amount offered (Rs.bn)	-	-	-	-	-
Bids received (Rs.bn)	-	-	-	-	-
Amount accepted					
(Rs.bn)	-	-	-	-	-
Weighted Average Yield (% p.a.)	-	-	-	-	-
Standing Facilities (Volumes)					
Repo (Rs.bn.)	126.69	128.74	127.63	129.30	121.56
Reverse Repo (Rs.bn)	-	-	-	-	-

AVERAGE WHOLESALE PRICES PETTAH MARKET

	Week Ending 02.12.10	Week Ago	Month Ago	Year Ago
Rice (Rs/Kg)				
Samba	67.50	69.00	65.50	68.11
Kekulu (Red)	53.50	53.00	49.50	58.13
Beans	100.00	80.00	110.00	76.86
Cabbage	40.00	35.00	36.88	42.55
Carrots	80.00	80.00	75.00	75.73
Tomatoes	55.00	75.00	78.75	56.23
Pumpkins	25.00	30.00	32.50	30.55
Snakegourd	35.00	35.00	38.13	38.77
Brinjals	50.00	35.00	33.75	43.87
Ash-Plantains	60.00	50.00	56.25	48.17
Red-Onions (Local)	155.00	155.00	131.25	78.24
Big-Onions (Local)	n.a	177.50	119.38	54.03
Potatoes (N'Eliya)	97.50	102.00	94.00	80.54
Dried Chillies (Imported)	163.00	170.00	162.75	180.89
Dhal (Indian)	138.00	140.00	137.50	172.90
Eggs (Red) (Each)	13.80	13.00	12.00	9.96
Coconut (Each)	39.00	35.00	34.88	21.74
Fish (Rs/Kg)				
Kelawalla	310.00	340.00	323.75	289.90
Balaya	250.00	210.00	222.50	210.94
Salaya	n.a	130.00	121.25	82.65
Paraw (Small)	380.00	380.00	385.00	321.60

AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES PETTAH MARKET

	Week Ending 02.21.10	Week Ago	Month Ago	Year Ago
Rice (Rs/Kg)				
Samba	73.00	74.00	72.25	72.90
Kekulu (Red)	60.00	60.00	56.50	62.45
Beans	120.00	100.00	130.00	91.96
Cabbage	70.00	60.00	62.50	65.20
Carrots	100.00	100.00	95.00	93.14
Tomatoes	80.00	100.00	100.00	76.96
Pumpkins	50.00	50.00	55.00	42.25
Snakegourd	60.00	60.00	62.50	54.41
Brinjals	70.00	60.00	52.50	58.14
Ash-Plantains	80.00	70.00	75.00	62.45
Red-Onions (Local)	180.00	180.00	162.50	101.89
Big-Onions (Local)	n.a	190.00	135.00	69.69
Potatoes (N'Eliya)	110.00	120.00	112.50	93.90
Dried Chillies (Imported)	200.00	200.00	192.50	215.39
Dhal (Indian)	160.00	160.00	152.50	187.86
Eggs (Red) (Each)	14.80	13.50	12.63	10.23
Coconut (Each)	45.00	43.00	41.75	26.14
Fish (Rs/Kg)				
Kelawalla	430.00	430.00	410.00	390.51
Balaya	300.00	270.00	302.50	257.20
Salaya	n.a	160.00	137.50	112.24
Paraw (Small)	400.00	420.00	420.00	372.50

DAMBULLA MARKET

Week Ending - 02 Dec 2010 (Rs.Kg)

Food Item	Wholesale (Average)	Retail (Average)
Rice (Rs/Kg)		
Samba	66.20	72.00
Kekulu (Red)	52.00	57.80
Vegetables		
Pumpkins	24.10	47.50
Snakegourd	25.20	44.50
Ash-Plantains	52.50	76.00
Beans	61.50	89.00
Carrots	72.50	97.50
Tomatoes	49.00	73.00
Other Foods		
Potatoes (N/Eliya)	95.00	118.50
Dried Chillies (Imported)	170.00	192.00
Big-Onions (Local)	n.a	n.a
Red-Onions (Local)	123.00	155.00
Coconut (Each)	36.80	41.00

PRICE INDICES

	Nov 2010	Month Ago	Year Ago
Colombo Consumers' Price Index (CCPI) (2002 = 100)	225.8	223.3	211.0
Annual Average Change %	5.8	5.4	4.1
Point to Point Change %	7.0	6.6	2.8
Core Inflation - (CCPI) (2002 = 100)	203.7	203.2	192.9
Annual Average Change %	6.4	6.3	9.9
Point to Point Change %	5.6	5.6	5.1

	Sep 2010	Month Ago	Year Ago
Wholesale Price Index (WPI) (1974 = 100)	3,847.8	3,756.1	3,658.5
Annual Average Change %	9.9	9.4	-5.3

* Provisional

AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION

	2010* Jan-Oct	2009* Jan-Oct	% Change
Tea (Mn Kg)	274.5	235.5	16.6
	Jan-Sep	**Jan-Sep**	
Rubber (Mn Kg)	112.4	101.6	10.6
Coconuts (Mn. Nuts)	1,888.0	2,223.0	-15.1

* Provisional

TOURISM

		2010* Jan.-Oct	2009 Jan.-Oct	% Change
Tourist Arrivals		497,598	346,717	43.5
Earnings from Tourism	US$ Mn	437.9	270.6	61.8
	Rs. Mn	49,788.1	31,097.8	60.1

* Provisional

EXTERNAL FINANCE

		2010 End Sep(a)	2009 End Dec.	% Change
External Assets				
Total Reserves (b)(c)	US$ Mn	7,441.0	6,769.6	9.9
	Rs Mn	832,853.4	774,336.3	7.6
Gross Official Reserves (b)(c)	US$ Mn	6,168.9	5,096.5	21.0
	Rs Mn	690,471.8	582,962.9	18.4
Workers' Remittances Inflows		**2010(a) Jan-Sep.**	**2009 Jan-Sep.**	**% Change**
	US$ Mn	2,814.5	2,481.4	13.4
	Rs Mn	319,588.8	285,568.9	11.9
Outflows	US$ Mn	269.0	234.7	14.6
	Rs Mn	30,585.7	26,963.9	13.4
Net	US$ Mn	2,545.5	2,246.7	13.3
	Rs Mn	289,003.1	258,605.0	11.8

(a) Provisional
(b) Excluding ACU receipts
(c) By end September 2010, the total level of foreign reserves were equivalent to 7.0 months of imports and the gross official reserves were equivalent to 5.8 months of imports.

INTERNATIONAL COMMODITY PRICES

		2010 September	2009 September	% Change
Colombo Auction Price				
Tea Prices	Rs/Kg	376.10	432.16	-13.0
	US$/Kg	3.27	3.46	-5.5
Imports (C & F)				
Rice	Rs/MT	81,217.8	83,555.7	-2.8
	US$/MT	722.1	727.9	-0.8
White Sugar	Rs/MT	69,502.5	58,245.1	19.3
	US$/MT	617.9	507.4	21.8
Crude Oil	Rs/Barrel	8,496.3	8,671.8	-2.0
	US$/Barrel	75.5	75.5	0.0
Wheat	Rs/MT	25,306.8	30,806.0	-17.9
	US$/MT	225.0	268.4	-16.2

GOVERNMENT DEBT

		End Sep	Month Ago	Year Ago
Total domestic debt	**Rs. bn**	2,624.3	2,616.8	2,345.9
of which				
Treasury bills		547.1	565.4	410.4
Treasury bonds		1,632.4	1,597.0	1,466.7
Rupee loans		92.3	94.8	114.6
Total foreign debt	**Rs. bn**	1,881.2	1,849.2	1,694.8
Total outstanding Govt. debt	**Rs. bn**	4,505.5	4,465.9	4,040.8

* Provisional
Total outstanding Government debt increased by 8.3 percent compared to end December 2009.

GOVERNMENT FINANCE

	2010* Jan-Sep	2009 Jan-Aug
Revenue and Grants (Rs.bn)	592.5	542.8
Revenue (Rs.bn)	581.9	522.3
Tax	511.4	457.6
Non tax	70.5	64.8
Grants	**10.6**	**20.5**
Expenditure & Lending Minus Repayments (Rs.bn)	915.8	862.7
Current	711.0	698.1
Capital & Lending Minus Repayments	204.8	164.6

* Provisional
Total Revenue and grants increased by 9.2 percent compared to January-September 2009.

TRADE INDICES** (1997 = 100)

	2010** July	Month Ago	Year Ago
Total Exports			
Value	169.3	180.1	168.4
Quantity	149.1	169.6	160.5
Unit Value	113.6	106.2	104.9
Total Imports			
Value	240.8	227.8	192.2
Quantity	181.0	168.4	164.7
Unit Value	133	135.3	116.7
Terms of Trade	85.4	78.5	89.9

* In US$ Terms
** Provisional

GDP by Industrial Origin at Constant (2002) Prices

Growth Rate	2010* 2nd quarter	2009 2nd quarter	2009* Annual
Agriculture	5.1	5.0	3.2
Industry	9.2	3.0	4.2
Services	8.8	1.2	3.3
GDP	**8.5**	**2.1**	**3.5**

* Provisional
Source: Department of Census and Statistics

SHARE MARKET

	Week ending 02 Dec.	Week ago	Year ago
All Share Price Index (1985=100) (ASPI)	6,539	6,413	2,952
Milanka Price Index (31.12.1998 = 1000) (MPI)	7,059	6,945	3,370
Average Daily Turnover (Rs. Mn)	3,055	1,638	987
Market Capitalization (Rs. bn)	2,166.5	2,124.8	951.8

The All Share Price Index and Milanka Price index have increased by 126 and 114 index points respectively. The Average Daily Turnover has increased by Rs 1417 mn.

COMMERCIAL PAPER ISSUES (1)

	2010* End Sep.	2010 End Aug.	2009 End Dec.
Total issues (Rs. bn.)	8.9	8.2	21.5
Outstanding (at the end of the period) (Rs. bn.)	3.7	4.0	5.8

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

EXTERNAL TRADE

		2010 Jan.-Sep.	2009 Jan.-Sep.	% Change
Exports	**Rs. Mn**	**647,831**	**588,831**	**10.0**
Agricultural		165,153	137,875	19.7
Industrial		474,563	442,917	7.1
Mineral		7,760	7,938	-2.2
Other		28	0	10530.8
Imports	**Rs. Mn**	**1,106,459**	**820,941**	**34.8**
Consumer Goods		211,568	142,502	48.5
Intermediate Goods		636,448	469,382	35.6
Investment Goods		240,659	198,722	21.1
Other		17,784	10,335	72.1
Trade Balance	**Rs. Mn**	**-458,956**	**-232,111**	**-97.7**
Exports	**US$ Mn**	**5,703**	**5,119**	**11.4**
Agricultural		1,455	1,199	21.3
Industrial		4,180	3,851	8.5
Mineral		68	69	-1.1
Other		0	0	
Imports	**US$ Mn**	**9,742**	**7,137**	**36.5**
Consumer Goods		1,863	1,239	50.3
Intermediate Goods		5,604	4,079	37.4
Investment Goods		2,120	1,729	22.6
Other		156	90	73.8
Trade Balance	**US$ Mn**	**-4,039**	**-2,017**	**-100.2**

INDUSTRIAL EXPORTS

		2010 Jan.-Sep	2009 Jan.-Sep	% Change
Total Industrial Exports	**Rs. Mn**	**474,563**	**442,917**	**7.1**
Food, Beverages and Tobacco		40,956	35,954	13.9
Textiles and Apparel		266,042	276,414	-3.8
Petroleum Products		16,543	10,739	54.0
Leather, Rubber, etc.		63,939	47,772	33.8
Other		87,084	72,038	20.9
Total Industrial Exports	**US$ Mn**	**4,180.2**	**3,851.0**	**8.5**
Food, Beverages and Tobacco		360.4	312.3	15.4
Textiles and Apparel		2,343.4	2,403.4	-2.5
Petroleum Products		145.7	93.3	56.2
Leather, Rubber, etc.		563.4	415.6	35.6
Other		767.3	626.3	22.5

EMPLOYMENT

	2010(a) 2nd quarter	2009 2nd quarter	2009(a) Annual
Labour Force Participation rate	47.9	48.3	48.7
Unemployment rate	5.4	6.2	5.8
Employed Persons by Sectors %			
Agriculture	32.0	31.9	32.6
Industry	23.6	25.6	25.1
Services and Other	44.4	42.4	42.3

(a) Data excludes Northern Province.

MONEY SUPPLY

	2010(a) Sep.	Month ago	Year ago
M1 (Rs. bn)	373.8	361.3	293.3
M2 (Rs. bn)	1,719.0	1,679.2	1,461.3
M2b (Rs. bn)	1,971.9	1,939.7	1,736.0
Net Foreign Assets of the Banking System (Rs. bn) (b)	347.2	330.4	323.9
Net Domestic Assets of the Banking System (Rs. bn) (b)	1,624.7	1,609.3	1,412.2
Net Credit to Government (Rs. bn)	693.1	697.4	648.9
Credit to Corporations (Rs. bn)	104.6	106.4	70.4
Credit to the Private Sector (Rs. bn)	1,361.5	1,326.2	1,179.2
Reserve Money (Rs. bn)	338.5	336.8	274.5
Annual Change(%)			
M1	27.5	26.5	6.6
M2	17.6	17.0	17.0
M2b	13.6	13.9	15.6
Net Foreign Assets of the Banking System (b)	7.2	20.5	51.3
Net Domestic Assets of the Banking System (b)	15.1	12.6	9.7
Net Credit to Government	6.8	-2.1	50.2
Credit to Corporations	48.6	194.4	64.3
Credit to the Private Sector	15.5	12.8	-5.3
Reserve Money	23.3	21.8	-2.0

(a) Provisional
(b) In relation to M2b

NARAHENPITA ECONOMIC CENTRE (Rs/Kg)

Item	Average Retail Prices 02/12/10 (Rs/Kg)	Week Ago (Rs/Kg)
Rice		
Samba	68.00	68.67
Kekulu (Red)	54.00	53.00
Beans	90.00	120.00
Cabbage	60.00	66.67
Carrots	90.00	100.00
Tomatoes	90.00	100.00
Pumpkins	70.00	60.00
Snakegourd	80.00	103.33
Brinjals	73.33	56.67
Ash-Plantains	90.00	80.00
Red-Onions (Imported)	n.a.	n.a.
Big-Onions (Imported)	n.a.	n.a.
Potatoes (Imported)	60.00	n.a.
Dried Chillies (Imported)	196.67	180.00
Dhal (Indian)	153.33	170.00
Eggs (Red) (Each)	14.00	12.43
Coconut (Each)	41.67	45.00
Fish		
Kelawalla	580.00	493.33
Balaya	350.00	263.33
Salaya	120.00	121.67
Paraw (Small)	600.00	650.00

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)
January	42.99	41.36	41.71	76.58	78.32	77.79
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	84.59	84.38	85.02
May	57.48	59.10	61.98	75.69	73.71	84.83
June	68.85	69.55	72.83	74.75	75.20	77.26
July	64.70	64.26	68.31	76.23	76.13	73.53
August	72.79	71.04	67.52	77.87	76.60	73.53
September	67.52	69.22	75.54	78.25	75.16	75.54
October	73.10	75.78	72.80	83.01	81.89	80.99
November	77.02	77.88	79.18	85.91	84.23	
December	74.76	74.47	77.58			
26 November	76.58	75.38		85.53	83.87	
29 November	-	-		86.66	85.73	
30 November	76.86	77.53		86.60	84.12	
01 December	78.94	78.38		87.64	86.75	
02 December	77.21	76.61		89.86	87.98	

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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