ECONOMIC INDICATORS

24 - 12 - 2010

GOVERNMENT DEBT SECURITIES MARKET

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

Item/Week ended	Week ending Dec 22 2010	Week ending Dec 12 2010
Outstanding Stock of Government Securities	**Rs. Mn.**	**Rs.Mn.**
T-bills		
Outstanding	572,072	572,703
o/w, amounts held by PDs	59,544	61,242
o/w, amounts held by Foreign Investors	56,350	56,610
T-bonds		
Outstanding	1,831,809	1,831,409
o/w, amounts held by PDs	59,047	63,484
o/w, amounts held by Foreign Investors	183,390	182,790
Primary Issues		
T-bills		
Amount offered	9,000	11,000
Total bids received	17,969	19,324
Total bids accepted	9,165	10,883
T-bonds		
Amount offered	0	1,500
Total bids received	0	4,470
Total bids accepted	0	1,500
Latest Primary Issues		
T-bills		
= 91 days	7.25%	7.25%
182 days	7.38%	7.39%
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 15.12.10	8.15%	8.15%
4 year Last Issue 15.12.10	8.60%	8.69%
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		
T-Bills		
Outright transactions		
Purchased	**1,828**	**4,132**
Sold	**8,606**	**11,398**
Repo transactions		
Repurchase	19,384	3,961
Reverse Repurchase	1,760	2,323
T-bonds		
Outright transactions		
Purchased	6,801	2,776
Sold	6,523	3,720
Repo transactions		
Repurchase	50,933	71,765
Reverse Repurchase	9,799	12,739

Item/Week Ended Secondary Market	Week ending Dec 22 2010 After tax	Week ending Dec 15 2010 After tax
Weighted Average Yield Rates Treasury Bills		
Purchased		
= 91 days	7.35%	7.30%
= 182 days	7.45%	7.38%
= 364 days	7.60%	7.57%
Sold		
= 91 days	7.28%	7.25%
= 182 days	7.38%	7.37%
= 364 days	7.55%	7.53%
Treasury Bonds		
Purchased		
= 1 year	7.60%	7.65%
= 2 year	7.68%	7.70%
= 3 year	8.05%	8.05%
= 4 year	8.80%	8.70%
= 5 year	9.30%	9.25%
= 10 year	9.90%	9.90%
= 15 year	0.00%	0.00%
= 15 year	0.00%	0.00%
Sold		
= 1 year	7.55%	7.55%
= 2 year	7.60%	7.60%
= 3 year	7.95%	8.00%
= 4 year	8.70%	8.65%
= 5 year	9.22%	9.19%
= 10 year	9.25%	9.00%
= 15 year	0.00%	0.00%
= 15 year	0.00%	0.00%

Source: Primary Auctions and Primary Dealer Weekly Reporting System

INTEREST RATES (%)

	Week ending Dec. 24	Week ago	Year ago
Commercial Bank Average Weighted Prime Lending Rate (AWPR)*	9.42	9.14	10.85
Treasury Bill Yield (Excluding 10% withholding tax)			
- 91 days	7.25	7.25	7.60
- 182 days	7.38	7.38	8.59
- 364 days	7.55	7.55	9.32
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)	8.12	8.18	9.03
Sri Lanka Inter Bank Offer Rate (SLIBOR)			
1 day	8.17	8.16	9.05
7 days	8.25	8.28	9.31
1 month	8.40	8.38	9.55
3 months	8.48	8.47	9.66
6 months	8.67	8.63	9.86
12 months	8.90	8.88	10.28

	September	Month ago	Year ago
Saving Deposits - Commercial Banks	1.50-10.50	1.50-10.50	1.50-12.50
One Year Fixed Deposits - Commercial Banks	5.50-18.00	6.50-18.00	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

	Nov. 2010	Month Ago	Year Ago
Saving Deposits - NSB	5.00	5.00	5.00
One Year Fixed Deposits - NSB	8.50	8.50	9.50

Treasury Bonds Auction	(02 Y & 8 mths) 13.12.10	(03 Y & 6 mths) 13.12.10	(09 Y & 11 mths) 13.09.10
Coupon rate	6.75	6.60	6.20
Weighted Average Yield (Excluding 10% withholding tax)	8.15	8.60	9.30

Call money rates remained between 7.50 to 8.35 percent during the week.
* AWPR- Average for the month of November 2010 - 9.37

Bankwise-AWPR	Week ending 24.12.10	Week Ago
Bank of Ceylon	10.28	10.79
People's Bank	11.69	10.00
Hatton National Bank	8.91	8.99
Commercial Bank of Ceylon	10.01	9.49
Sampath Bank	9.72	8.56
Seylan Bank	9.57	9.37
Union Bank of Colombo	12.87	11.64
Pan Asia Banking Corporation	10.63	16.00
Nations Trust Bank	8.78	8.88
DFCC Vardhana Bank	8.61	8.92
NDB Bank	8.76	8.96
HSBC	9.73	9.57
Standard Chartered Bank	8.19	8.39
Citi Bank	8.50	8.63
Deutsche Bank	9.35	7.79
Habib Bank	10.10	10.10
Indian Bank	10.89	10.89
Indian Overseas Bank	12.00	12.00
MCB Bank	8.93	8.78
State Bank of India	11.99	11.99
Public Bank	11.75	12.75
ICICI Bank	8.56	8.56

BUYING AND SELLING PRICES OF TREASURY BONDS Quoted by primary dealers on 23/12/2010

Bond Series	Maturity Period (Years)	Maturity D/M/Y	Average Buying Price*	Yield**	Average Selling Price*	Yield**
15.50% 2011 A	2	15/01/11	100.48	7.24	100.49	7.14
15.50% 2011 B	2	01/03/11	101.45	7.34	101.47	7.23
12.00% 2011 A	2	15/07/11	102.46	7.43	102.52	7.33
06.90% 2012 A	2	01/08/12	98.71	7.76	98.83	7.68
06.60% 2014 A	2	01/02/14	94.76	8.55	95.05	8.44
14.50% 2011 A	3	15/02/11	100.99	7.31	101.00	7.22
14.50% 2011 B	3	15/06/11	103.27	7.39	103.32	7.29
14.50% 2011 C	3	15/09/11	104.86	7.46	104.92	7.37
14.50% 2012 A	3	15/01/12	106.83	7.66	107.40	7.59
14.50% 2012 B	3	15/02/12	107.31	7.69	107.40	7.62
06.75% 2013 A	3	01/09/13	96.26	8.33	96.49	8.23
13.50% 2012 A	4	01/04/12	106.85	7.72	106.93	7.65
13.50% 2012 B	4	01/07/12	108.13	7.74	108.24	7.67
13.50% 2013 A	4	01/02/13	110.40	8.03	110.52	7.97
11.50% 2013 A	4	15/06/13	107.41	8.14	107.69	8.01
07.00% 2014 A	4	01/03/14	95.29	8.72	95.45	8.66
06.60% 2014 B	4	01/06/14	93.62	8.79	93.84	8.71
07.00% 2011 A	5	01/02/11	99.95	7.72	99.96	7.14
07.00% 2011 B	5	01/08/11	99.71	7.48	99.80	7.33
07.00% 2011 C	5	15/10/11	99.60	7.50	99.68	7.39
06.85% 2012 C	5	01/03/12	99.02	7.71	99.13	7.61
11.25% 2014 A	5	15/07/14	106.75	8.99	107.10	8.88
06.50% 2015 A	5	15/07/15	89.95	9.25	90.15	9.19
06.85% 2012 A	6	15/04/12	98.92	7.72	99.00	7.65
06.85% 2012 B	6	15/10/12	98.26	7.89	98.39	7.81
10.50% 2013 A	6	01/04/13	104.95	8.06	105.12	7.98
11.75% 2014 B	6	01/04/14	108.42	8.72	108.56	8.68
11.75% 2015 A	6	15/03/15	108.59	9.24	108.83	9.17
11.00% 2015 A	6	01/08/15	106.29	9.29	106.53	9.22
11.00% 2015 B	6	01/09/15	106.35	9.29	106.51	9.25
07.25% 2016 A	6	01/04/16	91.28	9.38	91.60	9.30
06.40% 2016 A	6	01/08/16	87.23	9.38	87.43	9.33
06.40% 2016 B	6	01/10/16	86.94	9.38	87.22	9.31
08.50% 2013 A	10	15/01/13	100.91	8.01	101.04	7.94
08.50% 2013 B	10	15/07/13	100.80	8.14	101.00	8.06
07.50% 2013 A	10	01/08/13	98.33	8.22	98.51	8.14
07.50% 2013 B	10	01/11/13	97.86	8.35	98.20	8.21
08.50% 2019 A	10	01/05/19	94.18	9.52	95.01	9.37
06.20% 2020 A	10	01/08/20	79.30	9.54	79.99	9.41
08.50% 2018 A	15	01/02/18	95.09	9.46	95.86	9.31
08.50% 2018 B	15	15/07/18	94.82	9.47	95.71	9.30
07.50% 2018 A	15	15/08/18	89.17	9.52	90.18	9.32
07.00% 2023 A	20	01/10/23	81.30	9.56	82.28	9.41

Two way quotes for Treasury Bills 23.12.2010

Remaining maturity	Average buying price	Yield	Average selling price	Yield	Buying & selling spread
1-7 days	99.87	6.98	99.87	6.89	0.00
1 month	99.40	7.26	99.42	7.11	0.01
2 month	98.80	7.28	98.82	7.17	0.02
3 month	98.20	7.29	98.23	7.19	0.02
4 month	97.58	7.36	97.62	7.25	0.04
5 month	96.97	7.37	97.02	7.26	0.05
6 month	96.35	7.39	96.41	7.28	0.05
7 month	95.71	7.46	95.78	7.34	0.07
8 month	95.08	7.49	95.15	7.37	0.08
9 month	94.44	7.52	94.54	7.38	0.10
10 month	93.80	7.54	93.90	7.43	0.10
11 month	93.16	7.57	93.25	7.47	0.09
12 month	92.52	7.58	92.63	7.47	0.11

AVERAGE WHOLESALE PRICE OF RICE MARANDAGAHAMULA

Rs/Kg

Item	Week Ending 24.12.10	Week Ago Avg	Month Ago	Year Ago
Samba	60.38	62.20	55.71	64.12
Sudu Kekulu	48.50	48.80	46.31	55.62
Raw Red	49.88	50.00	49.75	54.35
Nadu	52.00	53.06	49.24	56.31

MONEY MARKET ACTIVITY - VOLUMES (Rs. Mn)

	Week ending 23 Dec.10	Week ago	Year ago
Inter-Bank Call Money turnover(a)	4,460	2,380	2,010
Central Bank Holdings (a) - Treasury Bills	3,118	2,006	30,072

(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

SHARE MARKET

	Week ending 23 Dec.	Week ago	Year ago
All Share Price Index (1985=100) (ASPI)	6,512	6,360	3,266
Milanka Price Index (31.12.1998 = 1000) (MPI)	6,974	6,822	3,744
Average Daily Turnover (Rs. Mn)	1,598	2,396	1,163
Market Capitalization (Rs. bn)	2,168.8	2,118.5	1053.6

The All Share Price Index and Milanka Price index have increased by 152 and 152 index points respectively. The Average Daily Turnover has decreased by Rs 798 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.

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 reflect wages rates given in the Public Administration Circular 6/2006.

INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION

	2010* Oct	2009 Oct	% Change
Private Sector Industrial Production Index (1997=100)	211.9	188.7	12.3
	2010 July	2009 July	
Public Sector Major Industrial Output Index (1997=100)	89.7	60.8	47.7

* Provisional

OPEN MARKET OPERATIONS

	21.12. 2010	22.12. 2010	23.12. 2010	24.12. 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.)	118.33	112.05	113.05	110.98
Reverse Repo (Rs.bn)	-	-	-	-

AVERAGE WHOLESALE PRICES PETTAH MARKET

	Week Ending 25.12.10	Week Ago	Month Ago	Year Ago
Rice (Rs/Kg)				
Samba	66.50	66.50	65.50	68.11
Kekulu (Red)	51.50	51.50	49.50	58.13
Beans	80.00	130.00	110.00	76.86
Cabbage	55.00	75.00	36.88	42.55
Carrots	100.00	120.00	75.00	75.73
Tomatoes	60.00	75.00	78.75	56.23
Pumpkins	20.00	25.00	32.50	30.55
Snake Gourd	60.00	55.00	38.13	38.77
Brinjals	80.00	80.00	33.75	43.87
Ash-Plantains	60.00	65.00	56.25	48.17
Red-Onions (Local)	240.00	205.00	131.25	78.24
Big-Onions (Local)	n.a	n.a.	119.37	54.03
Potatoes (N'Eliya)	100.00	97.50	94.00	80.54
Dried Chillies (Imported)	188.00	168.00	162.75	180.89
Dhal (Indian)	135.00	135.00	37.50	172.90
Eggs (Red) (Each)	16.00	16.00	12.00	9.96
Coconut (Each)	35.00	40.00	34.88	21.74
Fish (Rs/Kg)				
Kelawalla	330.00	350.00	323.75	289.90
Balaya	190.00	200.00	222.50	210.94
Salaya	80.00	80.00	121.25	82.65
Paraw (Small)	390.00	380.00	385.00	321.60

AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES PETTAH MARKET

	Week Ending 23.12.10	Week Ago	Month Ago	Year Ago
Rice (Rs/Kg)				
Samba	70.00	70.00	72.25	72.90
Kekulu (Red)	60.00	60.00	56.50	62.45
Beans	100.00	160.00	130.00	91.96
Cabbage	80.00	90.00	62.50	65.20
Carrots	120.00	140.00	95.00	93.14
Tomatoes	80.00	100.00	100.00	76.96
Pumpkins	40.00	50.00	55.00	42.25
Snakegourd	80.00	80.00	62.50	54.41
Brinjals	100.00	100.00	52.50	58.14
Ash-Plantains	80.00	80.00	75.00	62.45
Red-Onions (Local)	250.00	220.00	162.50	101.89
Big-Onions (Local)	n.a	140.00	135.00	69.69
Potatoes (N'Eliya)	120.00	120.00	112.50	93.90
Dried Chillies (Imported)	200.00	200.00	192.50	215.39
Dhal (Indian)	150.00	150.00	152.50	187.86
Eggs (Red) (Each)	17.00	17.00	12.63	10.23
Coconut (Each)	40.00	48.00	41.75	26.14
Fish (Rs/Kg)				
Kelawalla	490.00	430.00	410.00	390.51
Balaya	240.00	250.00	302.50	257.20
Salaya	120.00	120.00	137.50	112.24
Paraw (Small)	450.00	430.00	420.00	372.50

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
Rubber (Mn Kg)	127.9	113.8	12.4
	Jan-Sep	**Jan-Sep**	
Coconuts (Mn Nuts)	1,888.00	2,223.0	-15.1

* Provisional

EXTERNAL FINANCE

		2010 End Oct(a)	2009 End Dec.	% Change
External Assets				
Total Reserves (b)(c)	US$ Mn	8,075.8	6,737.1	19.9
	Rs Mn	902,068.9	773,442.8	16.6
Gross Official Reserves (b)(c)	US$ Mn	6,721.6	4,821.5	39.4
	Rs Mn	750,802.7	553,525.4	35.6
		2010(a) Jan-Oct.	**2009 Jan-Oct.**	**% Change**
Workers' Remittances				
Inflows	US$ Mn	3,380.4	2,773.8	21.9
	Rs Mn	383,269.1	319,138.1	20.1
Outflows	US$ Mn	287.8	252.4	14.0
	Rs Mn	32,683.5	29,004.5	12.7
Net	US$ Mn	3,092.7	2,521.3	22.7
	Rs Mn	350,585.6	290,133.6	20.8

(a) Provisional
(b) Excluding ACU receipts
(c) By end October 2010, the total level of foreign reserves were equivalent to 7.5 months of imports and the gross official reserves were equivalent to 6.3 months of imports.

INTERNATIONAL COMMODITY PRICES

		2010 October	2009 October	% Change
Colombo Auction Price				
Tea Prices	Rs/Kg	376.66	404.56	-6.9
	US$/Kg	3.37	3.52	-4.4
Imports (C & F)				
Rice	Rs/MT	97,272.0	69,519.1	39.9
	US$/MT	870.1	605.5	43.7
White Sugar	Rs/MT	74,302.1	63,410.5	17.2
	US$/MT	664.6	552.3	20.3
Crude Oil	Rs/Barrel	9,053.9	8,357.5	8.3
	US$/Barrel	81.0	72.8	11.3
Wheat	Rs/MT	26,055.1	29,861.2	-12.7
	US$/MT	233.1	260.1	-10.4

GOVERNMENT DEBT

		2010* End Oct	Month Ago	Year Ago
Total domestic debt of which	**Rs. bn**	2,547.2	2,624.3	2,336.2
Treasury bills		489.1	547.1	406.1
Treasury bonds		1,656.1	1,632.4	1,492.9
Rupee loans		90.3	92.3	112.3
Total foreign debt	**Rs. bn**	2,028.4	1,881.2	1,770.6
Total outstanding Govt. debt	**Rs. bn**	4,575.6	4,505.5	4,106.8

* Provisional
Total outstanding Government debt increased by 10.0 percent compared to end December 2009.

GOVERNMENT FINANCE

	2010* Jan-Oct	2009 Jan-Oct
Revenue and Grants (Rs.bn)	671.9	596.7
Revenue (Rs.bn)	660.3	575.8
Tax	580.3	506.1
Non tax	80.0	69.7
Grants	**11.6**	**21.0**
Expenditure & Lending Minus Repayments (Rs.bn)	1,048.7	981.3
Current	787.4	763.9
Capital & Lending Minus Repayments	261.3	217.3

* Provisional
Total Revenue and grants increased by 12.6 percent compared to January-October 2009.

TRADE INDICES** (1997 = 100)

	2010** August	Month Ago	Year Ago
Total Exports			
Value	196.3	169.3	183.4
Quantity	188.4	149.1	182.2
Unit Value	104.2	113.6	100.7
Total Imports			
Value	233.8	240.1	172.3
Quantity	182.8	180.9	146.3
Unit Value	127.8	132.7	117.7
Terms of Trade	81.5	85.6	85.5

* In US$ Terms
** Provisional

DAUMBULLA MARKET

Week Ending - 24 Dec 2010 (Rs.Kg)

Food Item	Wholesale (Average)	Retail (Average)
Rice (Rs/Kg)		
Samba	64.33	69.17
Kekulu (Red)	50.33	57.50
Vegetables		
Pumpkins	12.50	37.50
Snake Gourd	50.83	77.50
Ash-Plantains	57.50	77.50
Beans	89.17	122.50
Carrots	100.83	140.00
Tomatoes	42.50	69.17
Other Foods		
Potatoes (N/Eliya)	97.50	120.00
Dried Chillies (Imported)	177.50	195.00
Big-Onions (Local)	n.a.	n.a.
Red-Onions (Local)	156.25	190.00
Coconut (Each)	34.33	42.67

WEEKLY CHANGE IN RESERVE MONEY

	23 Dec.10	Week ago	Change
Reserve Money (Rs.Mn)	369,290	361,640	7,650

EXTERNAL TRADE

		2010 Jan.-Oct.	2009 Jan.-Oct.	% Change
Exports	**Rs. Mn**	**737,179**	**661,003**	**11.5**
Agricultural		188,047	157,006	19.8
Industrial		540,454	495,310	9.1
Mineral		8,651	8,687	-0.4
Other		28	0	10414.4
Imports	**Rs. Mn**	**1,231,674**	**940,676**	**30.9**
Consumer Goods		239,798	158,011	51.8
Intermediate Goods		703,257	543,996	29.3
Investment Goods		269,897	227,382	18.7
Other		18,721	11,288	65.9
Trade Balance	**Rs. Mn**	**-494,495**	**-279,673**	**-76.8**
Exports	**US$ Mn**	**6,505**	**5,748**	**13.2**
Agricultural		1,659	1,365	21.5
Industrial		4,770	4,307	10.7
Mineral		76	76	0.9
Other		0	0	-
Imports	**US$ Mn**	**10,863**	**8,180**	**32.8**
Consumer Goods		2,115	1,374	53.9
Intermediate Goods		6,202	4,729	31.1
Investment Goods		2,381	1,978	20.4
Other		164	98	67.6
Trade Balance	**US$ Mn**	**-4,357**	**-2,431**	**-79.2**

INDUSTRIAL EXPORTS

		2010 Jan.-Oct	2009 Jan.-Oct	% Change
Total Industrial Exports	**Rs. Mn**	**540,454**	**495,310**	**9.1**
Food, Beverages and Tobacco		44,956	39,191	14.7
Textiles and Apparel		304,054	306,645	-0.8
Petroleum Products		18,651	12,431	50.0
Leather, Rubber, etc.		74,180	54.474	36.2
Other		98,613	82,570	19.4
Total Industrial Exports	**US$ Mn**	**4,769.6**	**4,307.3**	**10.7**
Food, Beverages and Tobacco		396.2	340.5	16.4
Textiles and Apparel		2,683.4	2,666.8	0.6
Petroleum Products		164.6	108.0	52.3
Leather, Rubber, etc.		655.0	474.0	38.2
Other		870.4	718.0	21.2

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 exclude Northern Province.

TOURISM

		2010* Jan.-Nov	2009 Jan.-Nov	% Change
Tourist Arrivals		569,849	391,028	45.7
Earnings from Tourism	US$ Mn	501.5	305.2	64.3
	Rs. Mn	56,743.7	35,058.1	61.9

* Provisional

GDP by Industrial Origin at Constant (2002) Prices

Growth Rate	2010* 3rd quarter	2009 3rd quarter	2009* Annual
Agriculture	6.2	-0.5	3.2
Industry	8.8	4.4	4.2
Services	8.0	5.1	3.3
GDP	**8.0**	**4.2**	**3.5**

* Provisional
Source: Department of Census and Statistics

EXCHANGE RATES (Rs. per unit)

	Week ending Dec. 17	Week ago	Year ago
Commercial Bank Avg. Middle Rate (prevailing at 9.30 a.m.)			
US$	111.23	111.03	114.38
STG	171.79	173.70	182.85
Yen	1.34	1.32	1.25
Euro	146.01	147.42	164.18
INR (1)	2.47	2.45	2.45
SDR (As at 23 Dec. '10)	170.20	170.25	179.49
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 24	**Week Ago**	**Year Ago**
Average Daily Interbank Volume (US$ Mn.) (spot, tom and cash transactions among commercial banks)	54.40	54.02	35.74
Forward Transactions			
Forward Rates (US$)(2)			
1 month	111.31	111.10	114.75
3 months	111.46	111.29	115.46
Average Daily Interbank Forward Volume (US$ Mn)	15.84	20.50	11.10
Outstanding Forward Volume (US$ Mn) (As at 23 Dec. '10)	836.99	802.71	778.60

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

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

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	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	84.85
December	74.76	74.47	77.58			
17 December	71.53	72.58		92.07	88.02	
20 December	-	-		92.30	88.68	
21 December	73.09	72.70		93.99	89.30	
22 December	72.00	73.48		94.43	89.83	
23 December	74.22	76.03		94.88	90.84	

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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