

ECONOMIC INDICATORS

19 - 08 - 2011

EXCHANGE RATES (Rs. per unit)

	Week ending Aug 19	Week ending Aug 15	Year Ago
Commercial Bank Avg. Middle Rate (prevailing @ 100 US\$)	109.89	109.73	112.58
USD	125.5	127.96	147.87
SGT	109.89	109.73	112.58
Yen	1.44	1.43	1.31
15000 Indian Rupees	150.75	150.75	142.85
NR (1) (As at 18 Aug '11)	176.83	175.42	170.50

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

	July	Month Ago	Year Ago
Purchases	0.00	100.29	101.10
Sales	416.99	7.70	9.75

Average Daily Interbank Volume (US\$ Mn.)

	Week ending Aug 19	Week ending Aug 15	Year Ago
Volume (US\$ Mn.)	51.20	99.10	35.11

Average Daily Interbank Settlements (US\$ Mn.)

	Week ending Aug 19	Week ending Aug 15	Year Ago
Volume (US\$ Mn.)	110.04	109.91	112.83

Interest Rates (%)

	Week ending Aug 19	Week ending Aug 15	Year Ago
Commercial Bank Average Treasury Bill Yield (excluding 10% withholding tax)	7.11	7.11	7.64

Government Debt Securities Market

	Week ending Aug 19	Week ending Aug 15	Year Ago
Saving Deposits - Commercial Banks	1,506.80	1,506.80	1,509.50

MONEY MARKET ACTIVITY - VOLUMES (Rs. Mn.)

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GOVERNMENT DEBT SECURITIES MARKET

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WEIGHTED AVERAGE YIELD RATES

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BUYING AND SELLING PRICES OF TREASURY BONDS

Bond Series	Maturity Period (Months)	Daily Maturity	Average Buying Price	Yield**	Average Selling Price	Yield**
06.00% 2012 A	2	01/08/12	99.59	7.35	99.55	7.28
06.00% 2014 A	2	01/08/14	97.10	7.30	97.05	7.20
14.50% 2011 C	3	15/09/11	105.52	7.17	105.53	7.02
14.50% 2012 A	3	15/01/12	102.85	7.20	102.81	7.07
14.50% 2012 B	3	15/01/12	102.85	7.20	102.81	7.07
06.75% 2013 A	3	01/08/13	98.13	7.73	98.33	7.65
13.50% 2012 A	4	01/04/12	103.68	7.28	103.73	7.21
13.50% 2012 B	4	01/07/12	105.07	7.35	105.14	7.27
13.50% 2013 A	4	01/09/13	97.96	7.41	97.96	7.32
11.50% 2013 A	4	15/06/13	106.44	7.64	106.60	7.55
11.50% 2013 B	4	01/03/14	97.87	8.05	97.87	7.97
06.00% 2014 B	4	01/06/14	96.32	8.10	96.49	8.03
06.00% 2015 A	4	15/01/15	94.02	8.47	94.02	8.37
06.00% 2015 B	4	15/06/15	93.13	8.33	93.33	8.26
07.25% 2011 C	5	15/01/11	99.94	7.19	99.97	7.04
06.85% 2012 C	5	01/03/12	99.78	7.27	99.82	7.20

AVERAGE WHOLESALE PRICE OF RICE MARANDAGAHAMULA

Item	Week ending Aug 19	Week ending Aug 15	Month Ago	Year Ago
Samba	53.36	53.78	53.51	64.12
Sou Rukku	46.46	47.94	48.71	55.02
Rau Red	42.02	39.14	41.73	53.56
Nadu	47.86	49.42	49.89	56.31

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EXTERNAL FINANCE

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External Assets	US\$ Mn	8,600.5	8,034.5
Total Reserves (B/C)	US\$ Mn	442,674.2	891,456.7
Gold	US\$ Mn	745.1	6,610.2
Reserves (B/C)	US\$ Mn	816,710.3	734,426.5

INTERNATIONAL COMMODITY PRICES

	2011	2010	2010
Colombo Auction Price	US\$K	337.60	366.17
Tea Prices	US\$K	3.07	3.22
Imports (CIF)	US\$K	91,716.8	77,206.5
Rice	US\$MT	618.27	678.9
White Sugar	US\$MT	746.67	69,006.9
Crude Oil	US\$Barel	122.44	9,648.5
Wheat	US\$MT	355.99	344.6

GOVERNMENT DEBT

	2011	2010	2010
Total domestic debt	Rs. bn	2,729.6	2,720.0
of which:			
Treasury bills	602.6	606.1	512.4
Government Bonds	1,697.4	1,696.7	1,603.2
Finance Bonds	81.2	81.2	104.6
Total foreign debt	Rs. bn	2,078.1	2,081.5</