

ECONOMIC INDICATORS

02 - 09 - 2011

EXCHANGE RATES (Rs. per unit)

	Week ending Sep 02	Week ending Sep 02	Year ago
Commercial Bank Avg. Middle Rate (prevailing at 9.30 a.m.)			
US\$	109.93	109.94	112.76
STG	176.01	179.92	174.11
Yen	1.43	1.42	1.34
Euro	156.85	158.25	144.21
INR (1)	2.41	2.40	2.43
SDR (As at 01 Sep 11)	175.96	177.02	170.84
Central Bank purchases and sales of foreign exchange from 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
Weekly ending Sep 02	Week Ago	Year Ago	
Average Daily Interbank Volume (US\$ Mn.) (spot, term and cash transactions among commercial banks)	68.86	64.49	52.19
Forward Transactions			
Forward Rates (US\$)(2)			
1 month	110.25	110.34	112.71
3 months	110.68	110.73	112.97
Average Daily Interbank Forward Volume (US\$ Mn)	25.56	24.99	5.94
Outstanding Forward Volume (US\$ Mn) (As at 01 Sep 11)	1,318.10	1,276.60	923.07

In normal terms the Rupee appreciated against the Yen and Euro 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 Sep 02	Week ending Sep 02	Year ago
Commercial Bank Treasury Bill Yield (Excluding 10% withholding tax)	9.37	9.13	9.95
- 91 days	7.11	7.11	7.28
- 182 days	7.19	7.19	7.95
- 364 days	7.25	7.25	8.08
Central Bank Overnight Repurchase rate (Repo)	7.00	7.00	7.25
Reverse Repurchase rate	8.50	8.50	9.00
Call Money Overnight rate (AMR)	7.99	8.01	8.68
Sri Lanka Inter Bank Offer Rate (SLBOR)			
1 day	8.01	8.02	8.93
7 days	8.05	8.06	9.08
1 month	8.12	8.12	9.16
3 months	8.20	8.21	9.29
6 months	8.31	8.31	9.54
12 months	8.44	8.44	9.78
Saving Deposits - Commercial Banks One Year Fixed Deposits - Commercial Banks	1.50-8.50	1.50-8.50	1.50-9.50
Commercial Bank Average Weighted Deposit (AWDR)	5.05-10.65	5.05-10.65	5.05-10.90
Commercial Bank Average Weighted Fixed Deposit (AWFDR)			
August 2011	Month Ago	Year Ago	
8.11	8.16	9.17	
Commercial Bank Average Weighted Lending Rate (AWLR)	13.71	13.71	16.89
June 2011	Month Ago	Year Ago	
13.71	13.71	16.89	
Saving Deposits - NSB One Year Fixed Deposits - NSB	5.00	5.00	5.00
8.50	8.50	9.50	
Treasury Bonds Auction (06 Ys) (07 Ys) (12 Ys & 02 mths)	26.07-11	26.07-11	26.07-11
09 mth	26.07-11	26.07-11	26.07-11
Coupon rate Weighted Average Yield (Excluding 10% withholding tax)	8.50	8.85	9.05
Call money rates remained between 7.85 to 8.08 percent during the week.			
* AWPR - Average Weighted Primary Rate of August 2011 - 9.43			

BANKING AND FINANCIAL SERVICES

	Week ending Sep 02	Week ending Sep 02	Year ago
Bank of Ceylon	9.81	9.67	
Peoples Bank	10.22	9.50	
Hatton National Bank	9.05	9.08	
Central Bank of Ceylon	8.39	8.51	
Sampath Bank	10.48	10.25	
Seylan Bank	9.19	9.06	
Union Bank of Colombo	9.61	10.21	
Par Asia Banking Corporation	11.25	10.50	
Nations Trust Bank	9.36	9.27	
DFCC Vardhana Bank	9.33	9.33	
NDB Bank	9.06	9.28	
Amara Bank	-	-	
HSBC	9.48	9.29	
Standard Chartered Bank	8.37	8.25	
Cit Bank	8.00	8.00	
Deutsche Bank	8.30	8.45	
Habib Bank	11.79	11.79	
Indian Bank	10.94	10.83	
Indian Overseas Bank	11.50	11.50	
MCB Bank	12.84	9.35	
State Bank of India	11.64	11.59	
Public Bank of India	10.50	10.50	
ICICI Bank	8.31	8.32	

MONEY MARKET ACTIVITY - VOLUMES (Rs. Mn)

	Week ending 01 Sep 11	Week ending 01 Sep 11	Year ago
Inter-Bank Call Money (turnover)	10,692	14,427	6,059
Central Bank Holdings (a)			
- Treasury Bills	1,526	1,479	29,142
(a) Daily average for week			

CREDIT CARDS *

	2011	2010	2010
	End June**	End June**	End Dec.
Total number of Active Cards	816,160	797,795	778,474
Local (accepted only locally)	61,574	61,415	58,771
Global (accepted globally)	754,586	736,380	719,703
Outstanding balance (Rs. Mn.)	33,634	32,928	31,616
Local (accepted only locally)	993	953	840
Global (accepted globally)	32,641	31,975	30,775

* Issued by licensed commercial banks
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BUYING AND SELLING PRICES OF TREASURY BONDS Quoted by primary dealers on 01/09/2011

Bond Series	Maturity (Years)	Maturity Price	Yield**	Average Buying Price	Yield**	Average Selling Price	Yield**
06/05/2012 A	2	01/08/12	98.89	7.37	99.65	7.30	7.85
06/05/2014 A	2	01/08/14	97.13	7.52	97.30	7.85	7.85
14/05/2011 C	3	15/08/11	100.26	7.17	100.27	7.04	7.04
14/05/2012 A	3	15/08/12	102.58	7.21	102.62	7.09	7.09
14/05/2013 A	3	15/08/13	103.17	7.23	103.21	7.14	7.14
06/7/5/2013 A	3	01/09/13	98.26	7.71	98.38	7.74	7.74
13/05/2012 A	4	01/04/12	103.48	7.29	103.50	7.22	7.22
13/05/2013 A	4	01/07/13	104.86	7.39	104.89	7.25	7.25
13/05/2014 A	4	01/08/13	107.80	7.37	107.92	7.49	7.49
07/20/2014 A	4	10/08/14	106.03	7.42	106.42	7.47	7.47
07/20/2015 A	4	01/08/15	97.69	8.04	97.84	7.97	7.97
06/20/2015 B	4	10/08/15	94.56	8.25	94.27	8.18	8.18
06/20/2015 D	4	10/08/15	95.08	8.27	95.31	8.29	8.29
07/20/2011 C	5	15/08/11	99.95	7.19	99.97	7.05	7.05
06/8/5/2012 C	5	01/09/12	99.79	7.28	99.84	7.18	7.18

GOVERNMENT DEBT SECURITIES MARKET

Item/Week ended	Week ending Aug 24	Week ending Aug 24	2011
Outstanding Stock of Government Securities	Rs. Mn.	Rs. Mn.	
T-bills	Outstanding	683.81	683.94
	c/w amounts held by FDRs	31,923	15,509
	c/w amounts held by Foreign Investors	66,900	65,700
T-bonds	Outstanding	1,981,565,962,047	
	c/w amounts held by FDRs	61,405	58,532
	c/w amounts held by Foreign Investors	194,600	194,900
T-bills	Amount offered	10,000	10,000
	Total bids received	31,923	15,509
	Total bids accepted	17,992	6,499
T-bonds	Amount offered	0	0
	Total bids received	0	0
	Total bids accepted	0	0

OPEN MARKET OPERATIONS

	29.08.2011	30.08.2011	01.09.2011	02.09.2011
Repo Auction				
Amount offered (Rs.bn)	-	-	-	-
Bids received (Rs.bn)	-	-	-	-
Amount accepted (Rs.bn)	-	-	-	-
Standing Facilities (Volume)	54.46	55.01	48.92	40.82
Reverse Repo (Rs.bn)				
Amount offered	-	-	-	-
Amount accepted	-	-	-	-

AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES PETAH MARKET

	Week ending 01.09.11	Week Ago	Month Ago	Year Ago
Rice (Rs/Kg)	65.00	65.00	65.25	70.38
Samba	65.00	65.00	65.25	70.38
Keluru (Red)	65.00	65.00	65.25	70.38
Beans	120.00	120.00	125.00	117.65
Cabbage	50.00	40.00	45.00	73.14
Carrot	75.00	60.00	75.00	60.00
Tomatoes	40.00	40.00	50.00	54.12
Pumpkins	50.00	40.00	37.50	48.24
Springals	50.00	40.00	45.00	62.17
Onions	60.00	60.00	57.50	57.25
Ash-Plantains	70.00	60.00	55.00	77.16
Red-Onions (Local)	100.00	80.00	82.50	121.85
Red-Onions (Local)	80.00	80.00	83.33	91.54
Pineapples (N/Elysia)	120.00	110.00	127.50	100.10
Drum (Indian)	280.00	280.00	290.00	196.80
Drum (Philippines)	100.00	100.00	121.75	147.65
Coconut (Each)	10.00	10.00	11.33	13.33
Coconut (Each)	30.00	30.00	30.00	32.43
Fish (Red/Kg)	450.00	480.00	475.00	421.43
Banana	290.00	360.00	352.50	279.59
Apple	180.00	40.00	175.00	142.26
Parrot (Small)	600.00	660.00	587.50	450.96

* Prices collected from the Fisheries Trade Centre, Pallekele.

WHOLESALE PRICES PETAH MARKET

	Week ending 01.09.11	Week Ago	Month Ago	Year Ago
Rice (Rs/Kg)	57.50	60.00	67.50	62.29
Samba	46.50	47.50	47.50	54.70
Keluru (Red)	57.50	60.00	67.50	62.29
Beans	100.00	100.00	101.25	97.78
Cabbage	22.50	22.50	25.83	48.89
Carrots	60.00	40.00	51.25	82.63
Tomatoes	20.00	20.00	17.50	72.11
Pumpkins	50.00	18.00	19.50	30.66
Springals	25.00	20.00	23.75	41.62
Onions	40.00	40.00	32.50	40.16
Ash-Plantains	50.00	40.00	35.00	60.79
Red-Onions (Local)	82.50	60.00	61.25	94.01
Red-Onions (Local)	60.00	50.00	60.83	106.86
Pineapples (N/Elysia)	91.00	97.50	103.33	83.14
Drum (Indian)	245.00	250.00	251.50	160.89
Drum (Philippines)	100.00	100.00	110.00	129.86
Eggs (Red) (Each)	10.30	9.00	11.06	12.75
Coconut (Each)	30.50	30.00	30.00	28.42
Fish (Red/Kg)	400.00	400.00	387.50	326.54
Banana	210.00	260.00	272.50	254.78
Banana	120.00	110.00	127.50	105.68
Parrot (Small)	490.00	450.00	462.50	371.57

DAUMBULLA MARKET

Week Ending - 02 Sep 2011 (Rs.Kg)	Wholesale (Average)	Retail (Average)
Rice (Rs/Kg)	56.13	62.50
Samba	43.38	48.63
Keluru (Red)		
Vegetables		
- Pumpkins	21.25	38.75
- Springals	22.00	36.88
- Ash-Plantains	104.38	156.63
- Beans	52.63	83.75
- Carrots	20.50	35.00
- Tomatoes	69.50	113.75
- Onions	247.50	275.00
Other Foods		
- Potatoes (N/Elysia)	56.75	68.75
- Drum (Indian)	69.38	92.50
- Red-Onions (Local)	28.88	32.50

EMPLOYMENT

	2011(1st quarter)	2010(4th quarter)	2010(1st Annual)
Labour Force	25.1	24.7	24.2
Participation rate	48.0	48.2	48.1
Unemployment rate	4.3	5.0	4.9
Employed Persons by Sectors %			
Agriculture	32.3	33.7	32.7
Industry	42.7	41.6	40.1
Services and Other	24.7	24.7	27.2

(a) Data exclude Northern Province.
(b) Information contained in this issue is based on the Central Bank's own computations and data supplied by other institutions.

INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION

	2011*	2010*	2010*
	Jan-Jun	Jan-Jun	Jan-Jun
Private Sector Industrial Production (Index: 1997=100)	201.4	184.2	9.3
Public Sector Major Industrial Output Index (1997=100)	83.6	53.6	55.9
* Provisional			

AVERAGE WHOLESALE PRICE OF RICE MARGAHAMULA