

ECONOMIC INDICATORS

09 - 03 - 2012

EXCHANGE RATES (Rs. per unit)

	Week ending Mar 09	Week ago	Year ago
Commercial Bank Avg. Middle Rate (prevailing at 9.30 a.m.)			
US\$	121.35	119.75	110.17
STG	192.04	191.21	178.08
Yen	1.49	1.48	1.33
Euro	160.94	159.52	153.06
INR (1)	2.42	2.48	2.46
SDR (As at 08 Mar '12)	188.08	188.97	173.74
Central Bank purchases and sales of foreign exchange from commercial banks at market rates (US\$ Mn.) - total for Month	Dec. 2011	Month Ago	Year Ago
Purchases	65.00	30.00	70.40
Sales	586.18	594.15	0.00
	Week ending	Week Ago	Year Ago
Average Daily Interbank Volume (US\$ Mn.) (spot, tom and cash transactions among commercial banks)	48.62	76.07	63.09

	Week ending Mar 09	Week ago	Year ago
Forward Transactions			
Forward Rates (US\$)(2)			
1 month	122.03	122.01	110.63
3 months	123.27	123.24	111.10
Average Daily Interbank Forward Volume (US\$ Mn)	11.47	19.82	19.22
Outstanding Forward Volume (US\$ Mn)			
(As at 08 Mar '12)	1,441.40	1,511.62	897.58
In nominal terms the Rupee depreciated against the US\$, STG, Yen and Euro while it appreciated against the INR and SDR.			
(1) Central Bank indicative rate. (2) Weekly average based on actual transactions.			

INTEREST RATES (%)

	Week ending Mar 09	Week ago	Year ago
Commercial Bank Average Weighted Prime Lending Rate (AWPR)	11.99	11.91	9.04
Treasury Bill Yield (Excluding 10% withholding tax)			
- 91 days	10.11	9.81	6.97
- 182 days	10.18	9.94	7.05
- 364 days	10.45	10.30	7.33
Central Bank Overnight Repurchase rate (Repo)	7.50	7.50	7.00
Central Bank Overnight Reverse Repurchase rate	9.00	9.00	8.50
Call Money Weekly Average (CMR)	9.74	9.57	7.83
Sri Lanka Inter Bank Offer Rate (SLIBOR)			
1 day	10.19	9.67	7.89
7 days	10.39	9.98	7.94
1 month	10.69	10.27	8.05
3 months	10.88	10.55	8.13
6 months	11.16	10.82	8.24
12 months	11.40	11.13	8.37
	Jan 2012	Month Ago	Year Ago
Saving Deposits - Commercial Banks	1.00-8.50	1.00-8.50	1.50-9.50
One Year Fixed Deposits - Commercial Banks	5.55-12.00	5.55-11.00	5.05-17.00
	February 2012	Month Ago	Year Ago
Commercial Bank Average Weighted Deposit Rate (AWDR)	7.55	7.35	6.20
Commercial Bank Average Weighted Fixed Deposit Rate (AWFDR)			
9.37	9.11	8.14	
	Dec	Month	September
	2011	Ago	2010
Commercial Bank Average Weighted Lending Rate (AWLR)	13.44	13.47	14.80
	Feb 2012	Month Ago	Year Ago
Saving Deposits - NSB	5.00	5.00	5.00
One Year Fixed Deposits - NSB	9.50	9.00	8.50

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BUYING AND SELLING PRICES OF TREASURY BONDS Quoted by primary dealers on 08/03/2012

Bond Series	Maturity Period (Years)	Maturity D/M/Y	Average Buying Price*	Yield**	Average Selling Price*	Yield**
06.90% 2012 A	2	01/08/12	96.70	10.19	98.81	9.91
08.84% 2013 A	2	05/10/13	98.28	10.03	98.54	9.85
09.22% 2013 A	2	21/11/13	98.53	10.17	98.88	9.93
06.60% 2014 A	2	01/02/14	92.10	11.33	92.44	11.11
06.75% 2013 A	3	01/09/13	94.46	10.90	94.77	10.66
13.50% 2012 A	4	01/04/12	100.20	9.91	100.22	9.62
13.50% 2012 B	4	01/07/12	101.00	10.00	101.09	9.71
13.50% 2013 A	4	01/02/13	102.53	10.45	102.70	10.26
11.50% 2013 A	4	15/06/13	101.10	10.53	101.39	10.28
07.00% 2014 A	4	01/03/14	92.25	11.49	92.70	11.21
06.60% 2014 B	4	01/08/14	90.51	11.53	90.91	11.31
06.20% 2015 A	4	15/01/15	87.24	11.57	87.68	11.37
06.20% 2015 B	4	15/06/15	86.56	11.21	87.12	10.99
11.25% 2014 A	5	15/07/14	99.42	11.52	99.89	11.29
06.50% 2015 A	5	15/07/15	85.57	11.83	86.37	11.51
08.00% 2017 A	5	01/01/17	85.82	11.95	86.85	11.64

AVERAGE WHOLESALE PRICE OF RICE MARANDAGAHAMULA

Item	Week Ending 09.03.12	Week Ago	Month Ago	Rs/Kg Year Ago
Samba	58.48	58.32	55.65	61.83
Sudu Kekulu	38.75	43.74	47.21	50.58
Raw Red	48.63	49.34	46.76	51.92
Nadu	44.58	44.72	48.25	52.71

MONEY MARKET ACTIVITY - VOLUMES (Rs. Mn)

(Rs. Mn)	Week ending 08 Mar.12	Week ago	Year ago
Inter-Bank Call Money turnover(a)	14,318	17,062	7,897
Central Bank Holdings (a)			
- Treasury Bills	245,414	216,063	1,929
(a) Daily average for week			

OPEN MARKET OPERATIONS

	05.03.2012	06.03.2012	08.03.2012	09.03.2012
Repo Auction				
Amount offered (Rs.bn)	3.00	5.00	10.00	8.00
Bids received (Rs.bn)	6.87	8.11	17.57	16.92
Amount accepted (Rs.bn)	3.00	5.00	10.00	8.00
Weighted Average Yield (% p.a.)	8.77	8.80	8.89	8.90
Standing Facilities (Volumes)				
Repo (Rs.bn.)	13.54	11.48	9.82	9.93
Reverse Repo (Rs.bn)	7.70	8.63	10.15	9.60

CREDIT CARDS *

	2011	2010
Total number of Active Cards	862,340	854,395
Local (accepted only locally)	61,320	61,483
Global (accepted globally)	801,020	792,912
Outstanding balance (Rs. Mn.)	37,637	36,317
Local (accepted only locally)	1,098	1,095
Global (accepted globally)	36,539	35,222

* Issued by licensed commercial banks
** Provisional

SHARE MARKET

	Week ending 08 Mar.12	Week ago	Year ago
All Share Price Index (1985=100) (ASPI)	5,457	5,470	7,446
Milanka Price Index (31.12.1996 = 1000) (MPI)	4,784	4,763	6,933
Average Daily Turnover (Rs. Mn)	562	2,252	3,856
Market Capitalization (Rs. bn)	2,000.6	2,001.2	2,483.1

The All Share Price Index decreased by 13 index points and the Milanka Price index increased by 21 index points. The Average Daily Turnover has decreased by Rs. 1690 mn.

COMMERCIAL PAPER ISSUES (1)

	2011*	2011	2010
Total issues (Rs. bn.)	13.6	9.2	12.3
Outstanding (at the end of the period) (Rs. bn.)	7.7	5.6	4.3

* Provisional
(1) Based on the information provided by Licensed Commercial Banks and Licensed Specialised Banks.

MONEY SUPPLY

	2011(a)	Month ago	Year ago
M1 (Rs. bn)	431.7	438.7	407.8
M2 (Rs. bn)	2,217.0	2,192.6	1,832.0
M2b (Rs. bn)	2,523.1	2,491.7	2,101.1
Net Foreign Assets of the Banking System (Rs. bn) (b)	53.3	98.1	344.4
Net Domestic Assets of the Banking System (Rs. bn) (b)	2,469.8	2,393.7	1,756.7
Net Credit to Government (Rs. bn)	926.8	833.6	604.6
Credit to Corporations (Rs. bn)	201.7	198.5	137.2
Credit to the Private Sector (Rs. bn)	2,050.4	2,005.9	1,526.8
Reserve Money (Rs. bn)	434.9	439.5	362.9
Annual Change(%)			
M1	5.9	7.7	20.0
M2	21.0	20.9	18.1
M2b	20.1	19.1	16.7
Net Foreign Assets of the Banking System (b)	-84.5	-74.0	-8.7
Net Domestic Assets of the Banking System (b)	40.6	39.7	23.4
Net Credit to Government	53.3	32.9	-8.1
Credit to Corporations	47.0	37.3	79.8
Credit to the Private Sector	34.3	34.5	27.8
Reserve Money	19.8	21.9	17.4

(a) Provisional
(b) In relation to M2b

INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION

	2011*	2010
Private Sector Industrial Production (1997=100)	209.8	192.7
Public Sector Major Industrial Output Index (1997=100)	85.5	70.7

* Provisional

AVERAGE WHOLESALE PRICES PETTAH MARKET

Item	Week Ending 08.03.12	Week Ago	Month Ago	Year Ago
Rice (Rs/Kg)				
Samba	64.00	63.00	62.25	63.26
Kekulu (Red)	52.00	53.00	52.50	51.52
Beans	70.00	60.00	70.00	124.23
Cabbage	17.50	25.00	25.00	60.04
Carrots	30.00	60.00	70.00	105.29
Tomatoes	17.50	25.00	24.75	84.35
Pumpkins	30.00	30.00	28.50	36.81
Snakegourd	30.00	25.00	23.25	49.48
Brinjals	40.00	19.00	18.00	55.93
Ash-Plantains	40.00	40.00	51.25	54.33
Red-Onions (Local)	60.00	45.00	69.38	113.60
Big-Onions (Local)	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	63.53
Potatoes (N'Eliya)	81.00	67.50	85.00	96.28
Dried Chillies (Imported)	170.00	163.00	177.00	239.13
Dhal (Indian)	117.00	112.00	107.00	113.15
Eggs (Red) (Each)	8.50	8.30	8.35	10.75
Coconut (Each)	28.50	27.00	27.63	34.10
Fish (Rs/Kg)*				