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Highlights

- CCPI decreased to 3.9 % in June 2020
- Exchange rate depreciated to US\$1=Rs. 185.80
- Brent crude oil decreased to: US\$ 42.55 per bbl
- Credit to private sector increased by 6.4 % in May 2020
- No Tourist arrivals in June 2020

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Week in Review

Domestic Economy

The GDP grew by 2.3 per cent in real terms in 2019, mainly due to the weak expansion of Agriculture sector and Services sector.

The total outstanding market liquidity recorded a surplus of Rs. 166.675 bn by end of this week, compared to a surplus of Rs. 165.021 bn at the end of last week.

All Share Price Index (ASPI) decreased by 1.15 per cent to 4,992.62 points and the S&P SL 20 Index decreased by 2.31 per cent to 2,140.19 points, compared to the previous week.

NCPI decreased to 5.2 % in May 2020.

International Developments-

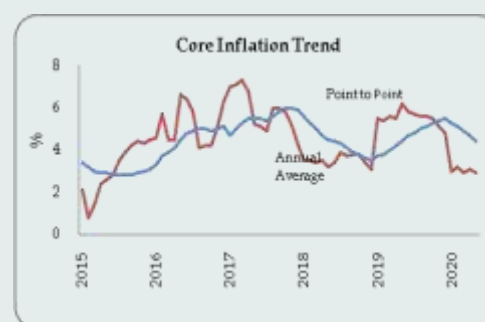
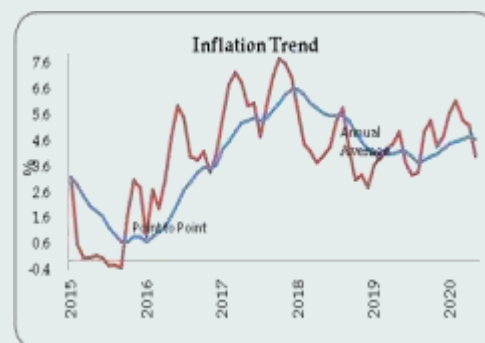
Global growth is projected to contract by 3.0 percent in 2020.

Growth in the Euro area is projected at -7.5 percent in 2020.

The growth forecast for the United States for 2020 is -5.9.

Emerging and developing Asia is expected to grow by 1.0 percent in 2020.

Month	CCPI (%)		Core Inflation (%)		NCPI (%)	
	(2013=100)		(2013=100)		(2013=100)	
	Point to Point	Annual Average	Point to Point	Annual Average	Monthly Change	Point to Point
Aug-18	5.9	5.6	3.7	4.1	-0.9	2.5
Sep	4.3	5.4	3.8	3.9	-0.8	0.9
Oct	3.1	5.0	3.8	3.8	0.4	0.1
Nov	3.3	4.6	3.4	3.6	2.2	1.0
Dec	2.8	4.3	3.1	3.5	-0.5	0.4
Jan-19	3.7	4.1	5.5	3.7	0.2	1.2
Feb	4.0	4.1	5.4	3.8	-0.5	2.4
March	4.3	4.1	5.6	4.0	-0.2	2.9
April	4.5	4.1	5.5	4.2	0.7	3.6
May	5.0	4.2	6.2	4.4	1.1	3.5
June	3.8	4.2	5.8	4.7	0.4	2.1
July	3.3	4.0	5.7	4.8	0.2	2.2
Aug	3.4	3.8	5.6	5.0	0.2	3.4
Sep	5.0	3.9	5.6	5.1	0.7	5.0
Oct	5.4	4.0	5.5	5.3	1.0	5.6
Nov	4.4	4.1	5.1	5.4	0.8	4.1
Dec	4.8	4.3	4.8	5.5	1.6	6.2
Jan-20	5.7	4.5	3.0	5.3	1.5	7.6
Feb	6.2	4.6	3.2	5.1	0.0	8.1
Mar	5.4	4.7	2.9	4.9	-1.3	7.0
Apr	5.2	4.8	3.1	4.7	-0.3	5.9
May	4.0	4.7	2.9	4.4	0.4	5.2
June	3.9	4.7	3.1	4.2	-	-



Source: Department of Census and Statistics

The point to point inflation of CCPI decreased to 3.9 per cent in June 2020. The annual average of CCPI was 4.7 per cent in June 2020. Core inflation that measures the price movements of items in the CCPI basket excluding fresh food, energy, transport, rice and coconut, increased to 3.1 per cent, on point to point basis, while annual average core inflation decreased to 4.2 per cent, in June 2020. The National Consumer Price Index (NCPI) covering price movements in all provinces of the country decreased to 5.2 percent in May 2020, on year on year basis.

Contribution of Food Items to CCPI from May 2020 to June 2020

Commodity	Value Change Rs.	Change %
Food	641.60	0.8
Rice	-2.61	-
Coconut Oil	14.09	0.02
Sea Fish	338.24	0.42
Chicken	68.57	0.08
Potatoes	5.55	0.01
Vegetables	389.08	0.48
Green chillies	-	-
Dhal	48.10	0.06
Eggs	56.76	0.07
Red Onions	-8.87	-0.01
Banana	-26.13	-0.03
Limes	45.88	0.06
Mangoes	-9.60	-0.01

Source: Department of Census and Statistics

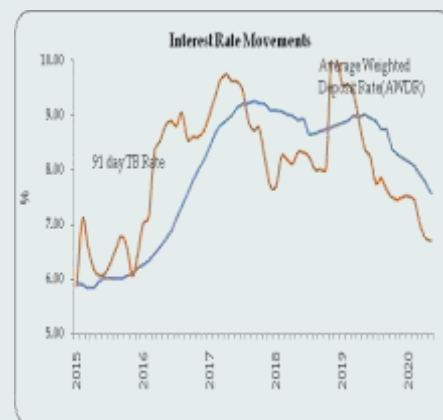
Movements of the CCPI in Food Item (2013=100)

Month	% Change Month to Month	Inflation	
		Point to Point	Annual Average
Jan-19	-2.5	-2.1	2.3
Feb	-2.1	-1.4	1.7
Mar	-1.6	-1.4	1.2
Apr	0.1	-0.9	0.9
May	4.4	0.8	0.7
June	2.6	-1.0	0.3
July	-0.7	-2.6	-0.03
Aug	-1.0	-2.8	-1.2
Sep	2.4	3.0	-1.1
Oct	1.6	6.8	-0.4
Nov	0.9	4.6	0.1
Dec	2.4	6.3	0.8
Jan-20	3.2	12.4	2.0
Feb	-0.2	14.7	3.3
Mar	-3.1	12.8	4.4
Apr	0.4	13.2	5.5
May	1.3	9.9	6.3
June	2.6	10.0	7.2

Source: Department of Census and Statistics

Month	CCPI (2013 =100)	CCPI Point to Point Change	CCPI Annual Average Change	91 Days T Bill Rate	Real Interest Rate (Y on Y)	Real Interest Rate (Annual Avg)
Dec-18	126.3	2.8	4.3	10.01	7.21	5.71
Jan-19	127.4	3.7	4.1	10.01	5.85	5.45
Feb	126.8	4.0	4.1	9.55	5.55	5.45
Mar	126.6	4.3	4.1	9.39	5.09	5.29
Apr	127.0	4.5	4.1	8.89	4.39	4.79
May	129.0	5.0	4.2	8.52	3.38	4.18
Jun	130.2	3.8	4.2	8.24	4.44	4.04
July	130.0	3.3	4.0	7.75	4.45	3.75
Aug	130.1	3.4	3.8	7.84	4.44	4.04
Sep	131.1	5.0	3.9	7.62	2.62	3.72
Oct	131.3	5.4	4.0	7.49	2.09	3.49
Nov	131.7	4.4	4.1	7.45	3.05	3.35
Dec	134.4	4.8	4.3	7.51	2.71	3.21
Jan-20	134.6	5.7	4.5	7.51	1.81	3.01
Feb	134.6	6.2	4.6	7.42	1.22	2.82
Mar	133.4	5.4	4.7	7.00	1.60	2.3
Apr	133.6	5.2	4.8	6.75	1.55	1.95
May	134.2	4.0	4.7	6.69	2.69	1.99
June	135.3	3.9	4.7	5.08	1.18	0.38

Sources : Central Bank of Sri Lanka and Department of Census and Statistics



Interest Rate Movements

Category	Week Ending 10 th July 2020	Week Ago	Year Ago
Standing Deposit Facility	4.50	5.50	7.50
Standing Lending Facility	5.50	6.50	8.50
Call Money Weekly Average	5.12	5.52	7.98
Treasury Bill (Yield rate)			
91 Days	5.08	5.08	8.38
182 Days	5.18	5.22	8.63
364 Days	5.32	5.45	8.88
Prime Lending Rate	8.11	8.48	11.13
	Jun 20	Month Ago	Year Ago
Commercial Bank Average Weighted Deposit Rate (AWDR)	7.38	7.57	8.94

Source : Central Bank of Sri Lanka

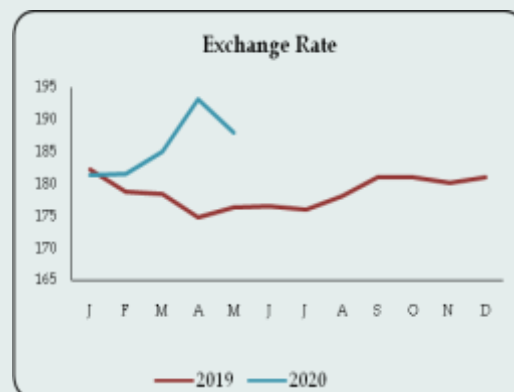
Central Bank Standing Deposit Facility rate (SDF) and Standing Lending Facility rate (SLF) decrease to 4.50 percent and 5.50 percent, respectively during this week.

The Prime Lending rate was 8.11 per cent by week ending 10th July 2020 and Commercial Bank Average Weighted Deposit Rate (AWDR) for the month of June 2020 was 7.38 percent.

Exchange Rates

Currency	Week Ending 10 th July 2020	Week Ago	Year Ago	% Change 2019/20
US Dollar	185.80	186.03	175.63	5.7
Sterling Pound	234.12	232.03	218.83	6.9
Euro	209.55	209.33	196.87	6.4
Japanese Yen	1.74	1.73	1.61	8.1
Indian Rupee	2.47	2.49	2.57	-3.8

Source : Central Bank of Sri Lanka



Money Supply and Credit Growth

Item	Apr 2020	Mar 2020	Feb 2020	Apr 2019	Mar 2019	Feb 2019	Growth 2019 Apr/2020 Apr (%)
M ₁ (RsBn)	992.5	964.8	866.2	828.3	853.6	806.1	19.8
M ₂ (RsBn)	7,466.1	7,335.9	7,081.6	6,585.5	7,550.0	6,470.5	13.4
M _{2b} (RsBn)	8,259.0	8,098.2	7,793.0	7,295.5	7,253.3	7,188.6	13.2

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

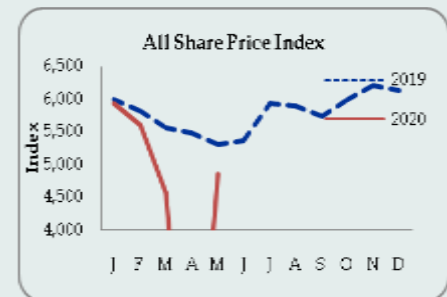
Item	Mar 2020	Month Ago	Year Ago	Growth 2019 /2020 (%)
Credit to Private Sector (Rs.bn)	5,944.2	5,824.2	5,580.2	6.5
DBUs	5,488	5,400.4	5,182.0	5.9
OBUs	456.2	423.8	398.2	12.7

Share Market

Indicator	Week Ending 10 th Jul 2020	Week Ago	Year Ago
All Share Price Index (1985 = 100) (ASPI)	4,992.62	5,050.90	5,569.90
S & P Sri Lanka 20 Index (S & P SL20)	2,140.19	2,190.75	2,627.20
Average Daily Turnover (Rs.Mn)	1,535.87	1,527.66	424.50
Market Capitalization (Rs.Bn.)	2,331.38	2,358.60	2,624.90

Source: Colombo Stock Exchange

All Share Price Index (ASPI) decreased by 58.28 index points and closed at 4,992.62 points compared to the first week of July 2020. The S & P Sri Lanka 20 Index (S & P SL 20) decreased by 50.56 to 2,140.19 index points. The Average Daily Turnover increased by Rs. 8.21 million and stationed at Rs. 1,535.87 million. Market capitalization reached Rs. 2,331.38 billion in the first week of July 2020.



Equity Trading Statistics

Indicator	May 2020	May 2019	Jan-May 2020	Jan-May 2019
Turnover -Equity (Rs. Mn.)	22,809.3	8,375.9	75,333.4	26,351.4
Domestic (Rs. Mn.)	15,647.7	6,016.7	35,081.8	28,849.1
Foreign (Rs. Mn.)	7,161.6	2,359.2	40,251.6	25,106
Market Days	14	21	62	98
Daily Turnover Avg. Equity (Rs. Mn.)	1,629.2	398.9	1,215.1	550.6
Trade Equity	138,473	66,238	392,502	314,428
Domestic	123,857	63,204	365,311	302,007
Foreign	14,616	3,034	27,191	12,421
Shares Traded_Equity	287.7	350.4	1,033.9	678.8
Domestic (Rs. Mn.)	702.3	242.0	738.0	510.1
Foreign (Rs. Mn.)	41.4	108.4	295.9	168.7
Companies Traded	261	267	261	267
Companies Listed	290	297	290	297

Market Indicators

Price Indices	Apr 2020	May 2020
ASPI	n.a	4,846.76
S&P SL 20	n.a	2,016.08
Total Return Indicators		
ASTRI	n.a	6,490.42
S&P SL20 (TRI)	n.a	3,197.28
Market PER	n.a	8.92
Dividend Yield	n.a	3.81
Market Capitalization (Rs.Bn.)	n.a	2,265.99

Source: Colombo Stock Exchange

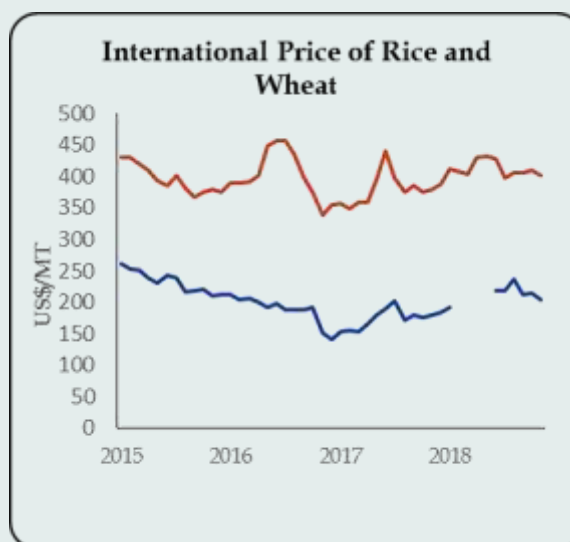
Stock Market - Foreign Purchases and Foreign Sales

Indicator	May 2020	Jan-May 2020
Purchases by Foreigners (Rs. Mn)	3,702.8	34,121.5
Sales by Foreigners (Rs. Mn)	10,620.3	46,381.7
Net Foreign Purchases (Rs. Mn)	-6,917.5	-12,260.2

Source: Colombo Stock Exchange



Month	Rice Thai, 100%US\$ /MT	Wheat (HRW) US\$/MT
May-2017	395	180
Jun	440	190
Jul	397	202
Aug	376	171
Sep	385	179
Oct	376	176
Nov	379	180
Dec	388	184
Jan-2018	411	192
Feb	408	-
Mar	403	-
Apr	430	214
May	432	-
Jun	427	219
Jul	398	218
Aug	405	237
Sep	405	212
Oct	409	214



Source: FAO Web Site, Available at fao.org/worldfoodsituation/foodpricesindex

Commodity	Unit	Annual Averages			Monthly Averages		
		Jan-Dec	Jan-Dec	Jan-Dec	Mar	Apr	May
		2017	2018	2019	2020	2020	2020
Non-Energy, Agriculture, Beverages							
Cocoa	\$/kg	2.03	2.29	2.34	2.34	2.32	2.24
Coffee, Arabica	\$/kg	3.32	2.93	2.88	3.26	3.30	3.12
Tea, auctions (3) average	\$/kg	3.15	2.85	2.57	2.19	2.51	2.84
Tea, Colombo auctions	\$/kg	4.05	3.61	3.10	2.19	3.76	3.33
Food, Fats & Oils							
Coconut Oil	\$/mt	1,651	997	735	836	835	830
Soybean Oil	\$/mt	758	789	765	748	680	684
Palm Oil	\$/mt	649	639	601	635	609	574
Grains							
Barley	\$/mt	97.6	125.9	128.1	114.8	114.8	80.4
Maize	\$/mt	154.5	164.4	170.1	162.4	146.9	143.9
Wheat, US HRW	\$/mt	174.2	209.9	201.7	209.1	219.0	205.8
Other Food							
Meat, Beef	\$/kg	4.36	4.20	4.76	4.47	4.45	5.08
Meat, Chicken	\$/kg	2.12	2.24	2.0	1.80	1.27	1.52
Sugar, World	\$/kg	0.35	0.28	0.28	0.33	0.23	0.24
Raw Materials, Timber							
Plywood	¢/sheets	486.9	494.7	500.9	499.6	496.3	508.0
Wood pulp	\$/mt	875.0	875.0	875.0	875.0	875.0	875.0
Other Raw Materials							
Rubber RSS3, US	\$/kg	2.00	1.57	1.64	1.33	1.35	1.40
Fertilizers							
Phosphate Rock	\$/mt	89.7	87.9	88.0	70.8	72.9	75.0
TSP	\$/mt	283.2	346.7	294.5	245.0	243.0	240.0
Urea	\$/mt	213.9	249.4	245.3	235.0	201.9	202.0
Metals and Minerals							
Aluminum	\$/mt	1,968	2,108	1,794	1,460	1,466	1,569
Gold	\$/toz	1,258	1,269	1,392	1,683	1,716	1,732
Iron ore	\$/dmt	71.8	69.8	93.8	84.7	93.7	103.3

Source: The World Bank, Available at worldbank.org/WBSITE/EXTERNAL/EXTDEC/EXTDECPROPECTS

¢= US cent
\$= US dollar

Crude Oil Prices - Singapore Plattes Prices (US\$/bbl)

Item	Jul 06	Jul 07	Jul 08	Jul 09	Jul 10	Week Ago	Month Ago	Year Ago
Brent (New York Closing Prices) (US \$/bbl.)	42.97	42.88	42.98	43.27	42.22	42.94	40.53	64.90
WTI (US\$/bbl.)	40.42	40.47	40.52	40.83	39.41	40.44	38.16	58.72
Petrol	45.70	44.40	45.00	46.00	-	44.55	42.90	72.45
Diesel	49.21	48.16	48.17	49.94	-	48.28	46.71	76.64
Kerosene	43.67	43.13	43.06	43.33	-	42.80	42.53	78.71

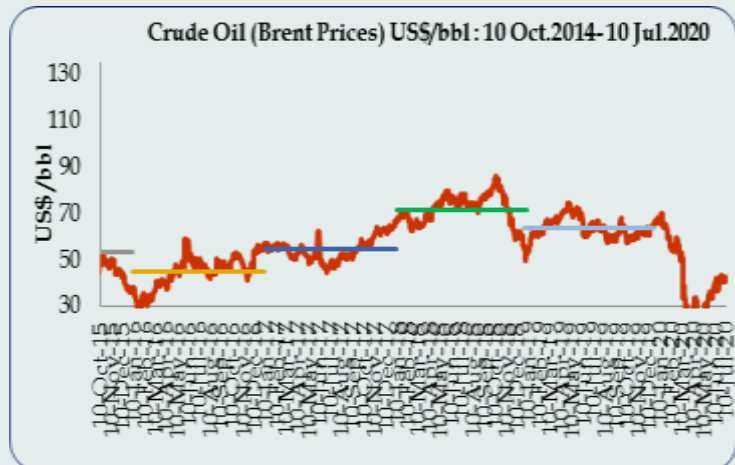
Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

Crude Oil Prices (Monthly Average)

Month	WTI European Market (US\$/bbl)	Brent (US\$/bbl)
Nov-18	60.46	70.41
Dec	50.11	58.95
Jan-19	51.13	59.63
Feb	54.77	64.17
Mar	58.08	66.97
Apr	60.92	69.21
May	61.09	70.49
June	57.82	64.15
July	57.61	64.31
Aug	55.10	59.76
Sep	57.39	62.68
Oct	55.07	60.78
Nov	58.07	63.80
Dec	59.54	64.87
Jan-20	53.16	59.40
Feb	52.18	51.04
Mar	34.63	31.42
Apr	26.46	19.03
May	32.28	28.41
Jun	37.89	40.43
Jul	40.21	42.55

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

*up to 10th July 2020

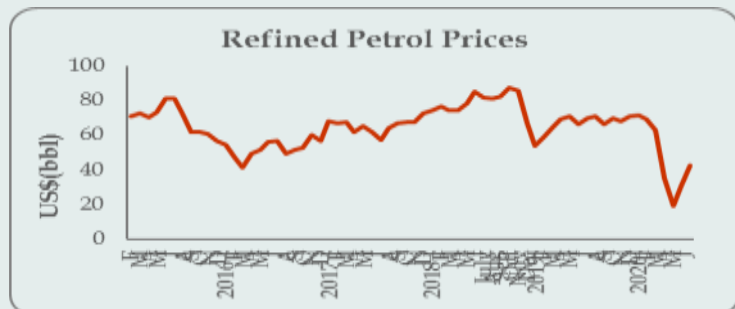


Monthly Average Refined Product Prices –Singapore Plattes Prices (US\$/bbl)

Month	Petrol	Diesel	Kerosene
Jan-19	59.13	69.89	71.81
Feb	64.40	76.51	77.80
Mar	68.93	77.92	78.88
Apr	78.86	81.52	82.57
May	74.45	80.60	81.49
June	69.94	75.11	77.30
July	71.04	76.36	78.36
Aug	64.48	72.32	73.92
Sep	69.59	76.04	77.89
Oct	67.00	72.76	75.63
Nov	72.50	73.71	76.98
Dec	71.34	76.06	77.71
Jan-20	68.95	74.05	75.28
Feb	62.67	63.60	63.13
Mar	35.07	43.65	39.36
Apr	19.37	28.34	21.39
May	30.68	32.73	28.57
Jun	42.70	44.71	41.37
Jul	44.89	48.49	43.12

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

*up to 10th July 2020



Local Market Prices of Petroleum Products

Item	Unit	End 2017	End 2018	End 2019	Current Price 2020
Auto Diesel	1 liter	95.00	95.00	104.00	104.00
Petrol (Octane 92)	1 liter	117.00	117.00	137.00	137.00
Kerosene oil	1 liter	49.00	44.00	70.00	70.00
L P Gas	12.5 kg	1,321.00	1,321.00	1493.00	1493.00

Pettah Market

Dambulla Market

Average Wholesale Prices	Week Ending 10/07/2020	Week Ago	% Change	Year Ago, Annual Avg.
Rice (Rs/Kg)				
Samba	96.00	96.00	0.0	80.00
Kekulu (Red)	90.00	90.00	0.0	69.00
Vegetable				
Beans	87.00	102.00	17.2	90.00
Cabbage	58.00	63.00	8.6	40.00
Carrots	100.00	143.00	43.0	129.00
Tomatoes	133.00	138.00	3.7	54.00
Pumpkins	30.00	30.00	0.0	155.00
Snake Gourd	75.00	75.00	0.0	65.00
Brinjals	54.00	65.00	20.3	59.00
Other Foods				
Red-Onions (Local)	180.00	260.00	44.4	178.00
Big Onions (Local)	58.00	58.00	0.0	101.70
Potatoes (N'Eliya)	150.00	150.00	0.0	175.00
Dried Chillies (Imported)	390.00	400.00	2.6	270.00
Dhal (Indian)	140.00	140.00	0.0	110.00
Eggs (White) (Each)	19.00	19.00	0.0	17.30
Coconut (Each)	n.a	n.a.	-	30.80
Green Chillies	145.00	130.00	-10.0	416.00
Lime	305.00	335.00	9.8	220.00
Fish (Rs/Kg)				
Kelawalla	536.00	550.00	2.6	608.00
Balaya	348.00	365.00	4.9	366.00
Salaya	224.00	240.00	7.1	234.00
Hurulla	483.33	528.00	9.2	420.00

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

Food Item	Wholesale (Average)
Rice (Rs/Kg)	
Samba	96.60
Kekulu (Red)	88.80
Vegetables	
Pumpkins	34.00
Snake Gourd	49.50
Ash Plantains	75.00
Beans	93.50
Carrots	104.50
Tomatoes	71.50
Other Foods	
Potatoes (N'Eliya)	162.50
Dried Chillies (Imported)	391.50
Big-Onions (Imported)	64.80
Red-Onions (Local)	139.00
Coconut (Each)	53.50

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

Marandagahamula Average Price of Rice (Rs /Kg)

Item	Week Ending 10/07/2020	Week Ago,	Month Ago,	Year Ago
Samba	93.90	94.60	95.50	81.00
Sudu				
Kekulu	87.40	88.30	89.00	75.30
Raw Red	90.50	90.50	90.00	69.10
Nadu	87.60	90.40	93.33	80.40

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

Weekly Retail Commodity Prices –1st Week of July 2020

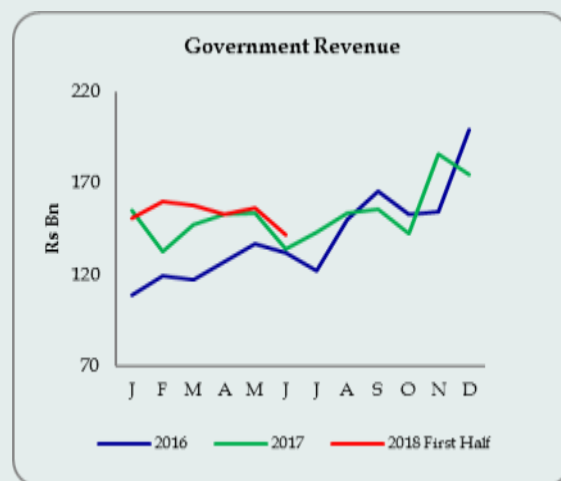
Item	Unit	This Week	Week Ago	% Change	Year Ago
Rice					
Samba (Avg.)	1 kg	103.00	102.43	0.6	94.54
No. 1	1 kg	107.00	106.67	0.3	100.07
No. 2	1kg	99.00	98.20	0.8	89.01
Nadu Red	1kg	107.58	107.14	0.4	90.74
Raw Red (Avg)	1kg	98.46	98.76	-0.3	80.16
No. 1	1kg	101.80	101.08	0.7	84.12
No. 2	1kg	95.13	96.43	-1.4	76.20
Wheat Flour	1 kg	93.76	94.45	-0.7	96.77
Bread	450g	57.50	57.00	0.0	62.81
Sugar	1 kg	133.78	138.11	-3.1	106.43
Lakspray	400g	380.00	380.00	0.0	370.00
Potatoes (Import)	1 kg	160.00	147.00	8.8	146.51
Potatoes (Local)	1kg	222.39	215.28	3.3	233.47
Red Dhal (Avg)	1kg	167.24	171.33	-2.4	149.95
Cowpea (Avg)	1kg	385.20	373.27	3.2	293.07
Green Gram (Avg)	1kg	344.00	342.60	0.4	279.57
Kadalai (Avg)	1kg	246.09	261.09	-5.7	244.14
Meat					
Beef	1kg	1,021.88	1,034.21	-1.2	997.52
Chicken					
Fresh	1kg	594.74	603.10	-1.4	562.43
Broiler	1kg	430.00	446.67	-3.7	442.29
Fresh Fish					
Paraw	1 kg	1321.58	1263.33	4.6	1102.47
Balaya	1 kg	794.29	826.67	-3.9	655.29
Kelawalla	1 kg	1103.33	1087.26	1.5	1042.41
Salaya	1 kg	376.10	362.72	3.7	313.06
Dried Fish					
Sprats	1 kg	714.86	722.40	-1.0	744.67
Eggs	Each	20.55	20.36	1.0	19.59
Coconut	Each	67.95	65.63	3.5	46.35
Coconut Oil	750ml	374.85	382.92	-2.1	254.94
Red Onions	1 kg	287.55	329.90	-12.8	218.69
B- Onions (Import)	1 kg	90.08	89.17	1.0	123.08
Brinjal	1kg	153.51	167.65	-8.4	151.43
Beans Green	1 kg	188.16	178.53	5.4	163.54
Bandakka	1 kg	149.19	151.21	-1.3	143.65
Leeks	1 kg	167.57	192.06	-12.8	147.59
Beet Root	1kg	171.84	189.41	-9.3	156.93
Carrot	1kg	191.94	211.60	-9.3	194.07
Green Chillies	1kg	368.00	346.21	6.3	620.38
Raddish	1kg	144.18	145.16	-0.7	137.34
Vetakolu	1kg	171.09	182.07	-6.0	165.32
Bitter Gourd	1kg	232.70	294.62	-21.0	232.58
Snake Gourd	1kg	179.88	177.23	1.5	168.02
Kolikuttu	1kg	257.41	245.00	5.1	225.43
Papaw	1kg	115.19	129.95	-11.4	116.22
Pineapple	1kg	178.15	171.43	3.9	181.09

Source: Department of Census and Statistics

Item	2018	2019	2020(Jan-June (a))
Tax Revenue (Rs.Mn)	1,712,318	1,734,925	580,407
Income Tax	310,449	427,700	121,897
VAT	461,651	443,877	101,331
Excise Duty	484,242	399,478	160,176
Nation Building Tax	71,357	70,672	1,624
PAL	113,950	112,174	52,589
Customs Duty	96,991	98,427	47,597
SCL	75,807	70,364	36,159
Cess	53,369	50,703	22,650
License Fee and Other	44,458	61,530	36,384
Non-Tax Revenue	207,656	155,974	82,533
Total Revenue	1,919,974	1,890,899	662,940

Source: Department of Fiscal Policy

(a) provisional



Government Debt

Government Debt (Rs.bn)	End 2019	Jan-Apr 2020 (a)
Total Domestic Debt	6,629.1	7,217.7
Total Foreign Debt	6,402.4	6,807.1
Total Government Debt	13,031.5	14,024.7

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

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Key Fiscal Indicators 2016-2017-

2018

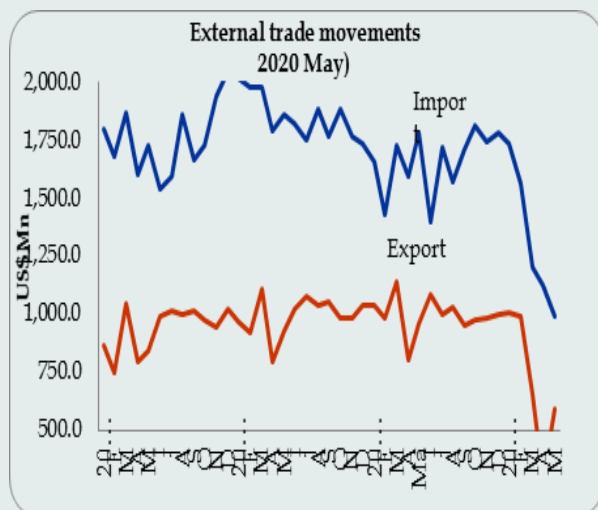
Indicator	Unit	2017	2018	2019a)
Budget Deficit	RsMn	-733,494	-760,769	-1,016,483
	% of GDP	-5.5	-5.3	-6.8
Total Revenue	RsMn	1,831,531	1,919,974	1,890,899
	% of GDP	13.6	13.3	12.6
Tax Revenue	RsMn	1,670,178	1,712,318	1,734,925
	% of GDP	12.4	11.9	11.6
Non-Tax Revenue	RsMn	161,353	207,656	155,974
	% of GDP	1.2	1.4	1.0
Recurrent Expenditure	RsMn	1,927,692	2,089,714	2,301,155
	% of GDP	14.4	14.5	15.3
Public Investment	RsMn	657,386	624,969	631,235
	% of GDP	4.9	4.3	4.2
Government Debt	RsMn	10,313,046	11,977,539	13,031,543
	% of GDP	76.9	82.9	86.8

Compiled by Department of Fiscal Policy

(a) Provisional

Category	May2019 (US\$ Mn)	May 2020 (US\$ Mn)	Growth Rate (%)	Jan-May 2019 (US\$ Mn)	Jan- May 2020 (US\$ Mn)	Growth Rate (%)
Exports	961.0	586.7	-39.0	4,915.3	3,518.7	-28.4
Agricultural	215.9	183.0	-15.2	1,040.6	809.8	-22.2
Tea	125.6	108.3	-13.8	571.8	456.7	-20.1
Other	90.3	74.7	-17.3	468.8	353.1	-24.6
Industrial	741.3	401.0	-45.9	3,853.2	2,695.8	-30.0
Rubber Products	77.2	49.4	-36.1	363.1	269.7	-25.7
Textiles and Garments	424.2	220.1	-48.1	2,256.0	1,540.2	-31.7
Food, Beverage and Tobacco	37.2	29.3	-21.3	202.3	156.1	-22.8
Other	202.7	102.2	-49.5	1,031.8	729.8	-29.3
Mineral	2.6	2.2	-12.2	13.9	8.1	-41.7
Unclassified	1.3	0.5	-63.7	7.6	4.9	-35.4
Imports	1,783.7	993.8	-44.3	8,196.2	6,619.1	-19.2
Consumer Goods	332.5	264.4	-20.5	1,552.9	1,533.0	-1.3
Food and Beverages	134.8	122.1	-9.4	592.3	685.4	15.7
Other Consumer Goods	197.7	142.3	-28.0	960.7	847.6	-11.8
Intermediate Goods	1,047.0	486.3	-53.6	4,703.8	3,602.0	-23.4
Petroleum	402.8	62.9	-84.4	1,716.4	1,133.0	-34.0
Textiles & Textile Articles	260.6	121.0	-53.6	1,168.2	889.9	-23.4
Other Intermediate Goods	383.6	302.4	-21.2	1,819.2	1,579.1	-13.2
Investment Goods	403.7	240.9	-40.3	1,936.6	1,474.3	-23.9
Machinery and Equipment	206.8	158.1	-23.6	1,055.6	843.6	-20.1
Transport Equipment	46.4	24.8	-46.5	251.3	212.3	-15.5
Building Material	149.8	57.8	-61.4	626.8	417.2	-33.4
Other Investment Goods	0.7	0.1	-80.0	2.9	1.2	-59.3
Unclassified	0.4	2.2	443.4	2.8	9.9	247.4
Trade Balance	(822.7)	(407.1)	-50.5	(3,280.9)	(3,100.4)	-5.5

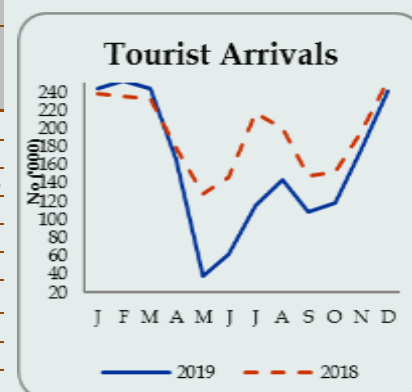
Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka



- Export earnings during January to May 2020 decreased by 28.4 percent mainly due to the contraction of earnings from agriculture and industrial exports. The Industrial export earnings for the month of May 2020 decreased by 45.9 percent, compared to the respective period of 2019.
- On a cumulative basis, expenditure on imports decreased by 19.2 percent for the period during January to May 2020. Expenditure on imports for the month of May 2020 decreased by 44.3 percent compared to May 2019 reflecting the performance of imports of intermediate goods, investment goods and consumer goods.
- Trade deficit decreased to US\$ 407.1 Mn in May 2020.

Tourist Arrivals

Month	Arrivals				Earnings US\$ Mn			
	2018	2019	2020	% change 2019/20	2018	2019	2020	% change 2019/20
Jan	238,924	244,239	228,434	-6.5	448.5	460.3	430.6	-6.5
Feb	235,618	252,033	207,507	-17.7	442.3	475.0	391.1	-17.7
Mar	233,382	244,328	71,370	-70.6	438.1	458.6	134.5	-70.6
Apr	180,429	166,975	-	-	338.7	313.1	-	-
May	129,466	37,802	-	-	243.0	71.0	-	-
Jun	146,828	63,072	-	-	272.3	118.4	-	-
July	217,829	115,701	-	-	408.9	217.2	-	-
Aug	200,359	143,587	-	-	376.1	269.5	-	-
Sep	149,087	108,575	-	-	279.8	203.8	-	-
Oct	153,123	118,743	-	-	287.4	222.9	-	-
Nov	195,582	176,984	-	-	367.1	332.2	-	-
Dec	253,169	241,663	-	-	475.2	453.6	-	-
Total	2,333,796	1,913,702	507,311	-49.7	4,380.6	3,592.1	956.2	-49.7



Source: Sri Lanka Tourism Development Authority

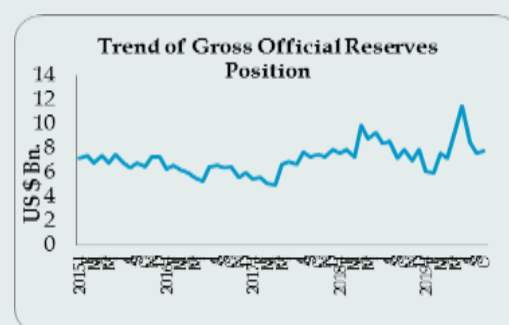
Tourism

Earnings from tourism decreased to US Mn 134.5 in March 2020 with a decrease of 70.6 per cent over the same period of 2019. The number of tourist arrivals decreased to US\$ 71,370 in March 2020.

External Assets

External Assets (US\$ Mn)	May 2020	Apr 2020	Mar 2020
Total Reserves	9,249	10,294	10,686
Gross Official Reserves	6,500	7,210	7,534

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka



Official reserves

The total reserves and gross official reserves were US\$ 9.2Bn and US\$ 6.5 Bn respectively by end May 2020. Total foreign reserves were sufficient for 6.0 months of imports and the gross official reserves were equivalent to 4.2 months of imports in May 2020. Workers' remittances decreased by 23.2 in dollar terms to US \$ 431.8 Mn. in May 2020.

Private Remittances

Category		2019 May(b)	2020 May (a)	2019 Jan- May (b)	2020 Jan- May (a)	% Change
Inflow	US\$ Mn	562.1	431.8	2,733.1	2,407.1	-11.9
	Rs. Bn	99.2	81.1	486.7	445.7	-8.4

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

(a) Provisional

(b) Revised

PRODUCTION

QUARTERLY GDP GROWTH (%)

	1 st Q	2 nd Q	3 rd Q	4 th Q	Annual
2015	3.9	7.1	5.9	3.3	5.0
Agriculture	4.3	8.8	5.9	0.4	4.7
Industry	-1.4	4.6	3.6	2.5	2.2
Service	6.4	7.5	6.8	3.5	6.0
2016	6.2	2.0	4.5	5.3	4.5
Agriculture	-5.2	-6.3	3.0	-6.1	-3.7
Industry	14.8	0.9	1.6	4.8	5.7
Service	3.4	3.4	5.8	6.3	4.8
2017	3.2	3.6	3.2	3.7	3.6
Agriculture	-4.4	-2.6	-2.0	7.2	-0.4
Industry	2.9	4.7	4.7	4.3	4.7
Service	4.4	3.9	2.8	3.4	3.6
2018	4.0	3.9	3.5	1.9	3.3
Agriculture	5.1	5.6	4.0		6.5
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Industry	1.7	2.8	3.1	-3.4	1.2
Service	5.5	4.8	4.3	4.2	4.6
2019	3.7	1.6	2.7	2.0	2.3
Agriculture	5.5	1.0	0.4	-4.1	0.6
Industry	3.0	1.4	3.3	1.4	2.7
Service	4.1	1.6	2.8	2.7	2.3

Source: Department of Census & Statistics

Note : Growth rate of value added terms based on year 2010



GDP grew by 2.3%

The Sri Lankan economy grew by 2.3 % in 2019 compared to the 3.3% growth recorded in 2018. The growth was mainly supported by the expansion of Industry sector and Services sector respectively by 2.7% and 2.3%.

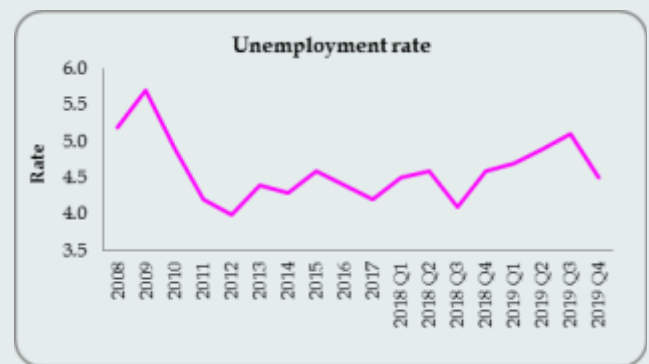
Labour Force Statistics

Employment	2019 Q4	2019 Q3	2019 Annual (a)	2018 Annual
Labour Force Participation Rate	51.9	52.2	52.3	51.8
Unemployment Rate	4.5	5.1	4.8	4.4
By Gender				
Male	3.2	3.3	3.3	3.0
Female	6.9	8.5	7.4	7.1
By Age Group				
20-29	14.5	16.9	15.3	15.0
20-24	19.2	23.1	20.3	20.1
25-29	10.4	11.8	11.0	10.4

Source: Department of Census & Statistics

(a) Data cover the entire Island

* Provisional



Paddy Production

Category	2018			2019		
	2017/2018 Maha	2018 Yala	Total	2018/2019 Maha	2019 Yala	Total
Production						
Mn.Mt	2.39	1.5	3.89	3.07	1.5	4.57
Bushels Mn.	114.8	73.5	188.3	147.2	72.8	220.0
Net Extent Harvested						
Hectares ('000)	557	327	884	647	310	957
Acres ('000)	1,376	809	2,185	1,599	767	2,366
Average Yield kg per ha	4,302	4,683	8,985	4,747	4,896	9,643

Source: Department of Census & Statistics

(a)provisional

Tea, Rubber & Coconut Production

Category	2019 Jan - Apr	2020 Jan - Apr	% Change
Production			
Tea (Mn. Kg)	96.8	73.4	-24.2
Rubber (Mn. Kg)	28.6	24.8	-13.4
Coconut (Mn. Nuts)	1,036.7	885.2	-14.6
Exports (US\$ Mn)			
	2019 May	2020 May	
Tea	125.6	108.3	-13.8
Rubber	2.4	1.8	-24.0
Coconut	32.2	27.9	-13.6
Colombo Auction Prices			
	2019 May	2020 May	
Tea (Rs./ Kg)	538.32	705.00	31.0
Rubber (Rs./ Kg)	275.41	-	-
Coconut (Rs/nut)	21.55	48.18	123.6

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka and Forbes & Walkers Commodity Brokers Pvt Ltd

Factory Industrial Production Index (2015=100)

Item (a)	2019 May (b)	2020 May (c)	Growth %
Manufacture of Food Products	108.9	114.4	5.0
Manufacture of Beverages	103.4	53.6	-48.1
Manufacture of Tobacco Products	86.7	77.5	-10.6
Manufacture of Textiles	104.7	85.6	-18.2
Manufacture of Wearing Apparel	117.2	48.4	-58.7
Manufacture of Leather and Related Products	126.2	26.1	-79.3
Manufacture of Wood products, except Furniture; Articles of Straw & plaiting materials	87.5	43.1	-50.7
Manufacture of Paper and Paper Products	111.0	51.5	-53.6
Printing and Reproduction of Recorded Media	93.5	77.1	-17.5
Manufacture of Coke and Refined Petroleum Products	64.8	91.7	41.4
Manufacture of Chemicals and Chemical Products	113.8	69.7	-38.8
Manufacture of Basic Pharmaceuticals, Pharmaceutical preparations	97.1	107.2	10.4
Manufacture of Rubber and Plastic Products	105.3	31.6	-70.0
Manufacture of Other Non-Metallic Mineral Products	114.0	68.3	-40.1
Manufacture of Basic Metals	111.2	77.4	-30.4
Manufacture of Fabricated Metal Products	99.3	37.1	-62.7
Manufacture of Electrical Equipment	95.0	35.1	-63.0
Manufacture of Machinery and Equipment (n.e.c)	103.0	64.9	-37.0
Manufacture of Furniture	90.9	44.6	-50.9
Manufacture of other Manufacturing	64.7	43.8	-32.4
Factory Industry Production Index	106.1	79.0	-25.5

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

(a) The Factory Industrial Production Index (FIPI) has been replaced with the Index of Industrial Production (IIP)

(b) Revised

(c) Provisional