



WEEKLY ECONOMIC BULLETIN

DEPARTMENT OF FISCAL POLICY

MINISTRY OF FINANCE

SRI LANKA

The Week in Review
20 Mar - 24 Mar 2023

REAL SECTOR

- Economy contracted by 7.8 percent in 2022.
- Price of Brent Crude Oil and WTI increased by USD 0.47 and USD 0.88 bbl, respectively.
- CCPI (2021=100) decreased to 50.6 percent (YoY) in February, 2023 from 51.7 percent (YoY) in January, 2023
- NCPI (YoY%) (2021=100) recorded 53.6 in February 2023

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EXTERNAL SECTOR

- Exchange Rate appreciate to USD 1=Rs.323.06 from USD 1=Rs. 341.22
- Exports decreased to USD 0.98 bn in January 2023 compared to USD 1.07 bn in December 2022
- Imports decreased to USD 1.39 bn in January 2023 compared to USD 1.43 bn in December 2022
- Trade deficit
 - USD 410 mn in January, 2023
- The gross official reserves USD 1.9 bn as of the end of December
- **Workers' remittances recorded USD 407.4 mn in February, 2023**

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FISCAL SECTOR

Revenue

- Jan- Oct, 2022

Total Revenue	- Rs.	1,586.0	bn
Tax Revenue	- Rs.	1,403.7	bn
Non-Tax Revenue	- Rs.	182.3	bn

Expenditure

- Jan- Oct, 2022

Total Expenditure	- Rs.	3,235.0	bn
Recurrent Expenditure	- Rs.	2,778.8	bn
Capital Expenditure	- Rs.	456.2	bn

Debt

- Q3 of, 2022

Total Outstanding Government Debt	- Rs.	24,945.9	bn
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MONETARY SECTOR

- All Share Price Index (ASPI) decreased by 2.60 percent to 9,419.35 points as at 24th March, 2023 from 9,670.42 points as at 17th March, 2023
- S&P SL 20 Index decreased by 4.03 percent to 2,725.52 points as at 24th March, 2023 from 2,840.11 points as at 17th March, 2023
- Credit to the private sector increased by 13.3 percent (YoY) in January, 2023

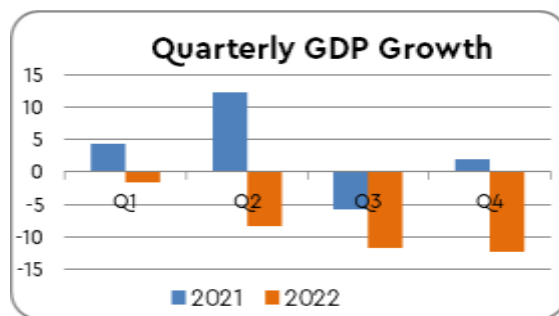
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REAL SECTOR

PRODUCTION

	1 st Q	2 nd Q	3 rd Q	4 th Q	Annual
2018	3.7	5.2	4.4	-3.5	2.3
Agriculture	9.2	5.2	0.3	10.1	6.3
Industry	2.9	7.6	5.5	-18.1	-1.1
Service	4.8	4.5	4.3	3.6	4.3
2019	-0.1	-1.8	1.2	-0.3	-0.2
Agriculture	5.2	2.9	3.4	-7.6	0.5
Industry	-6.6	-7.3	-1.1	-1.0	-4.1
Service	4.8	1.3	3.0	2.5	2.9
2020	-0.9	-17.1	-1.1	-0.5	-4.6
Agriculture	-4.2	-3.8	4.2	-0.1	-0.9
Industry	-4.5	-19.0	-0.7	1.8	-5.3
Service	2.9	-13.2	0.5	1.1	-1.9
2021	4.5	13.8	-3.2	1.4	3.5
Agriculture	4.3	11.6	-3.3	-6.8	0.9
Industry	6.6	22.6	-1.8	0.1	5.7
Services	4.3	7.5	-1.5	4.4	3.5
2022	-0.5	-7.4	-11.5	-12.4	-7.8
Agriculture	-4.4	-7.9	-6.7	0.7	-4.6
Industry	-3.7	-10.1	-21.3	-30.1	-16.0
Services	1.8	-1.8	-4.2	-3.9	-2.0



GDP contracted by -7.8 % in 2022

In 2022, the GDP growth rate contracted by 7.8 compared to the 3.5 growth reported in 2021. This contraction was mainly due to the -4.6 percent, -16.0 percent and -2.0 percent considerable decline in the agriculture, industry and service sector, respectively.

PADDY PRODUCTION

Category	Unit	2020			2021			2022		
		2019/ 2020 Maha	2020 Yala	Total	2020/ 2021 Maha	2021 Yala	Total	2021/ 2022 Maha	2022 Yala	Total
Production	Mn.Mt	3.20	1.92	5.12	3.061	2.09	5.15	1.93	1.46	3.39
	Bushels Mn.	153.21	92.2	245.41	146.72	100.1	246.82	92.56	70.05	162.61
Net Extent Harvested	Hectares ('000)	663	403.4	1,066.4	681.5	445.1	1,126.9	685.2	429.0	1,114.2
	Acres ('000)	1,638	996.7	2,634.7	1,684.1	1,099.8	2,784.6	1,693.1	1,060.2	2,753.3
Average Yield	kg per ha	4,531	4,552	4,803	4,307	4,309	4,307	2,853	3,207	6,060

Source: Department of Census & Statistics
(a) Provisional

TEA, RUBBER & COCONUT PRODUCTION

Category	Crop	Jan 2022	Jan 2023	% Change
Production	Tea (Mn. Kg)	22.9	19.1	-16.3
	Rubber (Mn. Kg)	7.0	6.5	-7.7
	Coconut (Mn. Nuts)	259.8	256.8	-1.1
Exports (USD Mn)		Jan 2022	Jan 2023	% Change
	Tea	91.2	99.6	9.1
	Rubber	5.1	3.2	-37.2
	Coconut	33.3	22.0	-34.1
Average Gross Prices		Dec 2021	Dec 2022	% Change
	Tea (Rs./ Kg)	638.10	1,469.40	130.3
	Rubber (Rs./ Kg)	475.00	517.70	9.0
	Coconut (Rs./nut)	57.00	76.40	33.9

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

FACTORY INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION INDEX (2015=100)

Item (a)	2022 January (b)	2023 January (c)	Change %
Manufacture of Food Products	104.8	84.4	-19.4
Manufacture of Beverages	124.2	100.8	-18.9
Manufacture of Tobacco Products	87.6	73.6	-15.9
Manufacture of Textiles	110.3	66.1	-40.1
Manufacture of Wearing Apparel	102.0	96.1	-5.8
Manufacture of Leather and Related Products	95.3	88.6	-6.9
Manufacture of Wood products, except Furniture; Articles of Straw & plaiting materials	92.8	91.3	-1.7
Manufacture of Paper and Paper Products	84.5	20.4	-75.9
Printing and Reproduction of Recorded Media	152.7	164.4	7.6
Manufacture of Coke and Refined Petroleum Products	7.6	100.9	1230.6
Manufacture of Chemicals and Chemical Products	102.8	65.3	-36.5
Manufacture of Basic Pharmaceuticals, Pharmaceutical preparations	96.6	79.7	-17.4
Manufacture of Rubber and Plastic Products	106.8	92.3	-13.6
Manufacture of Other Non-Metallic Mineral Products	135.8	98.6	-27.4
Manufacture of Basic Metals	141.2	99.4	-29.6
Manufacture of Fabricated Metal Products (except machines and equipment)	113.2	39.7	-64.9
Manufacture of Electrical Equipment	97.4	48.4	-50.3
Manufacture of Machinery and Equipment (n.e.c)	128.2	92.2	-28.1
Manufacture of Furniture	68.0	56.9	-16.2
Manufacture of other Manufacturing	67.9	56.4	-16.9
Overall Factory Industrial Production Index	100.9	87.4	-13.4

Source: Department of Census and Statistics

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

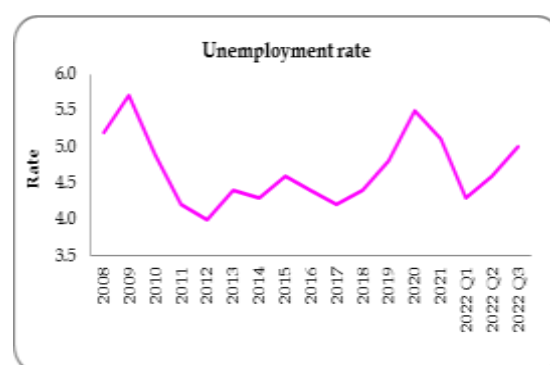
(b) Revised

(c) Provisional

LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

Employment	2020 Annual	2021 Annual	2022 Q1	2022 Q2	2022 Q3
Labour Force Participation Rate	50.6	49.9	51.2	50.1	49.0
Unemployment Rate	5.5	5.1	4.3	4.6	5.0
Male	4.0	3.7	3.0	3.7	4.2
Female	8.5	7.9	6.5	6.5	6.4
20-29	18.1	18.3	14.2	17.1	16.6
20-24	25.2	26.8	19.0	24.2	20.8
25-29	12.0	11.4	10.2	11.0	13.3

Source: Department of Census & Statistics



CRUDE OIL PRICES

CRUDE OIL PRICES – SINGAPORE PLATTS PRICES (USD/BBL)

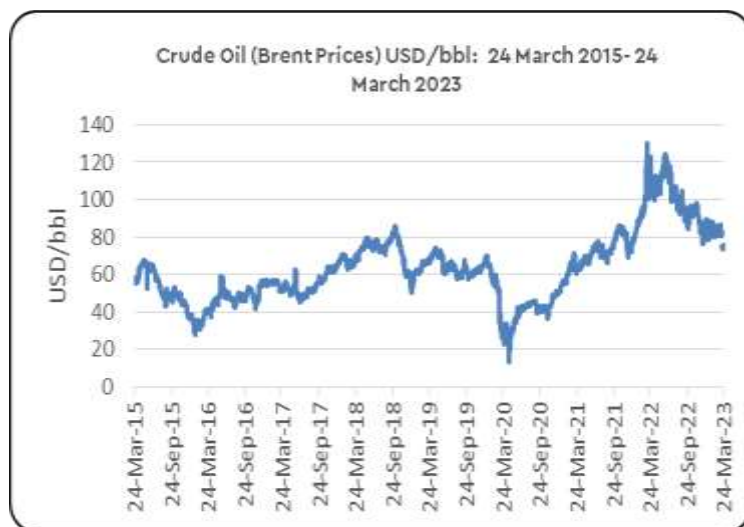
Item	Mar 20	Mar 21	Mar 22	Mar 23	Mar 24	Week Ago	Month Ago	Year Ago
Brent (New York Closing Prices)	73.67	73.32	74.79	75.86	75.20	74.73	82.68	123.08
WTI	67.38	67.29	69.15	70.01	69.22	68.34	75.91	116.03
Petrol	86.60	90.27	91.30	93.93	94.80	90.50	94.79	141.20
Diesel	88.97	92.20	92.64	94.07	92.50	93.87	97.29	145.64
Kerosene	91.36	93.96	95.05	96.77	96.28	96.74	103.37	149.45

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka
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CRUDE OIL PRICES (MONTHLY AVERAGE) (USD/BBL)

Month	WTI European Market	Brent
Aug-2021	67.77	70.45
Sep	71.38	74.86
Oct	80.66	83.19
Nov	79.54	81.93
Dec	74.63	71.55
Jan - 2022	82.55	84.96
Feb	91.74	94.17
Mar	100.63	105.35
Apr	105.56	101.23
May	109.64	111.91
Jun	117.29	113.89
Jul	100.47	105.39
Aug	91.79	98.07
Sep	84.42	90.85
Oct	85.45	91.77
Nov	85.40	91.98
Dec	83.03	89.13
Jan - 2023	82.01	88.03
Feb	81.24	87.35
Mar	80.40	86.50

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka (up to 24th Mar 2023)



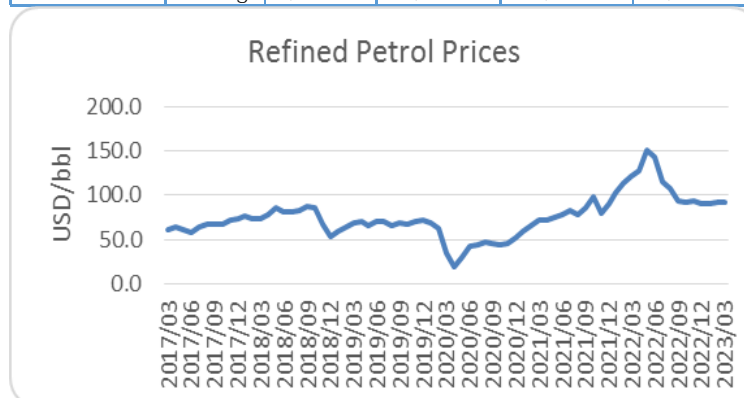
MONTHLY AVERAGE REFINED PRODUCT PRICES – SINGAPORE PLATTS PRICES (USD/BBL)

Month	Petrol	Diesel	Kerosene
Jul -2021	83.11	78.81	78.75
Aug	78.93	73.45	73.99
Sep	82.13	79.50	80.11
Oct	95.90	92.68	92.92
Nov	92.25	90.59	89.21
Dec	85.68	84.30	83.64
Jan - 2022	96.10	96.88	95.45
Feb	101.49	102.01	100.23
Mar	129.01	135.35	133.98
Apr	123.39	136.63	134.39
May	141.01	143.79	143.63
Jun	149.36	167.03	164.50
Jul	117.15	137.35	136.35
Aug	107.08	132.60	132.66
Sep	93.73	121.41	121.95
Oct	92.83	123.83	122.51
Nov	93.14	122.87	122.42
Dec	91.04	118.38	119.47
Jan - 2023	92.05	116.16	118.61
Feb	95.68	113.58	116.66
Mar	92.72	111.70	114.81

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka (up to 24th Mar 2023)

LOCAL MARKET PRICES OF PETROLEUM PRODUCTS (RS.)

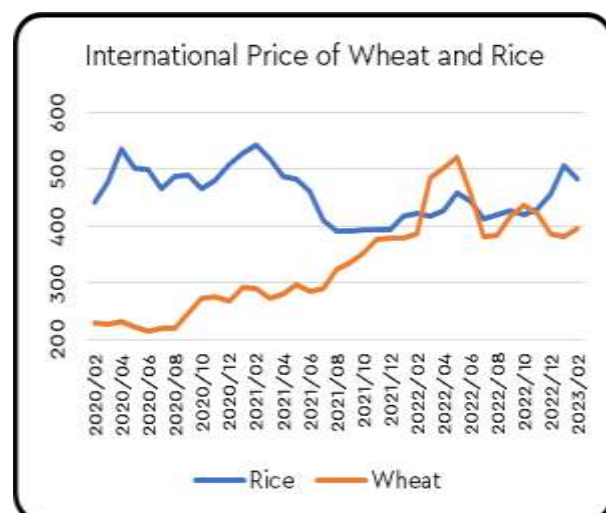
Item	Unit	End 2020	End 2021	End 2022	Current Price 2023
Auto Diesel	1 liter	104.00	121.00	405.00	405.00
Petrol (Octane 92)	1 liter	137.00	177.00	370.00	400.00
Kerosene oil	1 liter	70.00	87.00	355.00	305.00
L P Gas	12.5 kg	1,493.00	2,675.00	4,409.00	4,743.00



COMMODITY PRICES

INTERNATIONAL COMMODITY PRICES

Month	Rice Thai,25% USD/MT	Wheat (HRW) USD/MT
Jul -2021	411.00	291.25
Aug	392.00	323.80
Sep	391.75	337.00
Oct	393.40	353.25
Nov	394.25	377.60
Dec	392.75	379.50
Jan - 2022	418.75	378.50
Feb	422.00	386.00
Mar	417.25	485.80
Apr	427.75	502.00
May	458.00	521.41
June	445.25	459.59
July	412.00	382.86
Aug	421.00	382.90
Sep	428.00	417.90
Oct	420.00	438.00
Nov	430.00	422.70
Dec	457.00	386.30
Jan -2023	507.00	380.40
Feb	482.00	394.80



Source: FAO Web Site, Available at <https://fpma.apps.fao.org/gIEWS/food-prices/tool/public/#/dataset/international>

Category	Commodity	Unit	Annual Averages			
			Jan-Dec 2021	Jan-Dec 2022	Jul-Sep 2022	Oct- Dec 2022
Energy	Crude Oil	USD/mt	69.1	97.1	96.4	85.3
Non-Energy, Agriculture, Beverages	Cocoa	USD/kg	2.43	2.39	2.29	2.41
	Coffee, Arabica	USD/kg	4.51	5.63	5.82	4.88
	Tea, average	USD/kg	2.69	3.05	3.34	3.04
	Tea, Colombo auctions	USD/kg	3.13	3.87	4.24	3.98
	Milk Powder	USD/mt	-	-	-	-
Food, Fats & Oils	Coconut Oil	USD/mt	1,636	1,635	1,391	1,147
	Soybean Oil	USD/mt	1,385	1,667	1,560	1,546
	Palm Oil	USD/mt	1,131	1,276	997	925
Grains	Barley	USD/mt	-	-	-	-
	Maize	USD/mt	259.5	318.8	308.5	322.2
	Wheat, US HRW	USD/mt	315.2	430.0	394.8	415.7
Other Food	Meat, Beef	USD/kg	5.39	5.78	5.73	5.18
	Meat, Chicken	USD/kg	2.26	3.35	3.39	3.31
	Sugar, World	USD/kg	0.39	0.41	0.40	0.40
Raw Materials, Timber	Plywood	¢/sheets	497.7	418.2	395.1	386.5
	Wood pulp	USD/mt	-	-	-	-
Other Raw Materials	Rubber RSS3, US	USD /kg	2.07	1.81	1.62	1.49
Fertilizers	Phosphate Rock	USD/mt	123.21	266.2	320.0	305.8
	TSP	USD/mt	538.2	716.1	715.9	628.1
	Urea	USD/mt	483.2	700.0	623.4	581.5
Metals and Minerals	Aluminium	USD/mt	2,473	2,705	2,355	2,336
	Gold	USD /toz	1,800	1,801	1,726	1,729
	Iron ore	USD /dmt	161.7	121.3	105.7	99.2

Source: The World Bank, Available at <https://thedocs.worldbank.org/en/doc/5d903e848db1d1b83e0ec8f744e55570-0350012021/related/CMO-Pink-Sheet-October-2021.pdf>, <https://3mgas.vn/news/saudi-aramco-lpg-prices-per-metric-tonne-mt-n150.html> and <https://www.globaldairytrade.info/en/product-results/whole-milk-powder/¢= US cent USD = US dollar>

WHOLESALE PRICES
WEEK ENDING 24th MARCH 2023 (RS /KG)

PETTAH MARKET

DAMBULLA MARKET

Average Wholesale Prices	Week Ending 24/03/2023	Week Ago	Year Ago, Annual Avg.	Food Item	Wholesale (Average)			
Rice (Rs/Kg)				Rice (Rs/Kg)				
Samba	208.33	206.33	177.67	Samba	226.00			
Kekulu (Red)	171.75	172.40	173.33	Kekulu (Red)	190.00			
Vegetable				Vegetables				
Beans	186.00	230.00	208.00	Pumpkins	45.00			
Cabbage	54.00	50.00	72.00	Snake Gourd	105.00			
Carrots	96.00	100.00	190.00	Ash Plantains	187.00			
Tomatoes	216.00	180.00	204.00	Beans	138.50			
Pumpkins	60.00	62.00	87.00	Carrots	85.50			
Snake Guard	152.00	138.00	158.00	Tomatoes	141.00			
Brinjals	120.00	126.00	146.00	Cabbage	54.00			
Other Foods				Other Foods				
Red-Onions (Local)	283.27	311.00	224.60	Potatoes (Local)	205.00			
Big Onions (Imported)	89.20	98.15	130.07	Dried Chillies (Imported)	1,142.50			
Potatoes (Local)	242.90	252.98	185.05	Big-Onions (Imported)	94.00			
Dried Chillies (Imported)	1,106.00	1,060.50	1,123.33	Red-Onions (Local)	262.00			
Dhal	312.33	317.50	389.33	Coconut (Each)	84.50			
Eggs (White) (Each)	n.a.	43.80	29.00	<i>Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka</i>				
Coconut (Each)	100.00	96.00	80.20	MARANDAGAHAMULA AVERAGE PRICE OF RICE (RS/KG)				
Green Chillies	270.00	280.00	312.00	Item	Week Ending 24/03/2023	Week Ago	Month Ago	Year Ago
Lime	154.00	130.00	99.00	Kelawalla	776.00	850.00	-	-
				Balaya	583.33	776.00	-	-
				Salaya	287.50	366.00	-	-
				Hurulla	625.00	806.00	-	-
				Samba	196.50	196.20	191.33	178.50
				Kekulu (White)	173.00	172.60	174.47	165.00
				Kekulu (Red)	168.30	170.07	177.27	172.00
				Nadu	186.00	182.87	180.80	173.30

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

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WEEKLY RETAIL COMMODITY PRICES -2nd WEEK OF MARCH 2023

Item	Unit	This Week	Week Ago	% Change	Year Ago
Rice					
Samba (Avg.)	1 kg	226.05	226.46	-0.2	163.44
No. 1	1 kg	230.70	231.27	-0.2	177.71
No. 2	1kg	n.a.			
Nadu Red	1kg	224.29	226.25	-0.9	174.07
Raw Red (Avg)	1kg	190.77	195.03	-2.2	163.70
No. 1	1kg	190.77	195.03	-2.2	171.78
No. 2	1kg	n.a.			
Wheat Flour	1 kg	227.20	245.56	-7.5	171.11
Bread	450g	170.00	170.00	0.0	95.42
Sugar	1 kg	217.32	237.36	-8.4	171.98
Pelwatta	400g	1,150.00	1,150.00	0.0	
Potatoes (Import)	1 kg	154.78	158.41	-2.3	155.03
Potatoes (Local)	1kg	305.45	314.62	-2.9	267.66
Mysore Dhal (Avg)	1kg	381.36	399.41	-4.5	351.53
Cowpea (Avg)	1kg	1,141.61	1,195.55	-4.5	632.30
Green Gram (Avg)	1kg	1,552.68	1,579.00	-1.7	732.77
Kadalai (Avg)	1kg	729.38	762.92	-4.4	403.20
Meat					
Beef	1kg	2,262.50	2,255.56	0.3	1,518.67
Chicken					
Fresh	1kg	1,182.00	1,187.50	-0.5	866.34
Broiler	1kg	1,278.00	1,283.33	-0.4	746.25
Fresh Fish					
Paraw	1 kg	2,205.00	2,125.00	3.8	1,632.58
Balaya	1 kg	1,435.00	1,332.00	7.7	939.43
Kelawalla	1 kg	1,957.22	2,066.25	-5.3	1,588.19
Salaya	1 kg	580.00	564.21	2.8	333.78
Dried Fish					
Sprats	1 kg	1,338.10	1,391.67	-3.8	1,054.40
Eggs	Each	49.67	47.60	4.3	28.80
Coconut	Each	114.33	113.81	0.5	86.94
Coconut Oil	750ml	558.64	550.43	1.5	572.49
Red Onions	1 kg	404.81	452.63	-10.6	394.87
B- Onions (Import)	1 kg	127.97	134.33	-4.7	177.38
Brinjal	1kg	308.46	321.38	-4.0	247.30
Beans Green	1 kg	386.96	434.29	-10.9	301.10
Bandakka	1 kg	312.14	331.72	-5.9	201.73
Leeks	1 kg	297.14	326.77	-9.1	205.18
Beet Root	1kg	292.22	313.38	-6.8	255.01
Carrot	1kg	223.08	243.57	-8.4	356.42
Green Chillies	1kg	571.48	600.36	-4.8	587.76
Raddish	1kg	191.58	191.78	-3.1	153.18
Vetakolu	1kg	372.92	386.58	-3.5	292.09
Bitter Guard	1kg	440.38	487.04	-9.6	369.63
Snake Guard	1kg	315.31	318.44	-1.0	269.41
Kolikuttu	1kg	469.00	466.84	0.5	231.45
Papaw	1kg	407.62	373.33	9.2	279.06
Pineapple	1kg	588.24	571.88	2.9	283.60

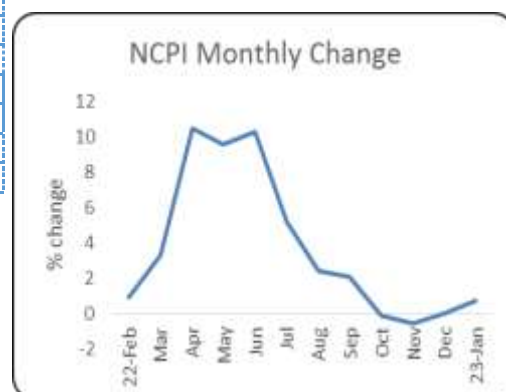
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INFLATION

TRENDS IN INFLATION

Month	CCPI (%)			NCPI (%)		
	(2021=100)			(2021=100)		
	Index Number	% Change Month on Month	Y on Y %	Index Number	% Change Month on Month	Y on Y %
Jan-22	124.3			131.7		
Feb	125.8	1.2		132.9	0.9	
Mar	129.7	3.1		137.3	3.3	
Apr	142.1	9.6		151.7	10.5	
May	153.6	8.1		166.3	9.6	
Jun	171.7	11.8		183.5	10.3	
Jul	178.9	4.2		193.1	5.2	
Aug	182.8	2.2		197.7	2.4	
Sep	189.3	3.6		201.9	2.1	
Oct	188.5	-0.4		201.6	-0.1	
Nov	187.1	-0.7		200.3	-0.6	
Dec	187.6	0.3		200.4	0.0	
Jan-23	188.6	0.5	51.7	201.8	0.7	53.2
Feb	189.5	0.5	50.6	204.1	1.1	53.6

Source: Department of Census and Statistics



CONTRIBUTION OF FOOD ITEMS TO CCPI FROM JANUARY 2023 TO FEBRUARY 2023 (Base 2021=100)

Commodity	Value Change Rs.	Change %
Food	-1278.93	-0.74
Rice	-205.37	-0.12
Coconut	112.36	0.06
Sea Fish	-67.15	-0.04
Chicken	41.26	0.02
Fresh Fruits	68.12	0.04
Vegetables	-494.82	-0.29
Eggs	-265.47	-0.15
Dried Fish	-21.02	-0.01
Bread		
Big Onions	-128.29	-0.07
Potatoes	-58.40	-0.03
Dhal Mysoor	-23.12	-0.01

Source: Department of Census and Statistics

MOVEMENTS OF THE CCPI IN FOOD ITEM (2021=100)

Month	Index Number	% Change Month to Month	Inflation
			Y on Y
Jan - 22	150.0		
Feb	152.0	1.3	
Mar	155.2	2.1	
Apr	175.2	12.9	
May	191.6	9.4	
Jun	226.4	18.2	
Jul	239.2	5.7	
Aug	244.6	2.3	
Sep	246.9	0.9	
Oct	242.2	-1.9	
Nov	238.9	-1.4	
Dec	238.2	-0.3	
Jan -23	240.0	0.8	60.0
Feb	234.7	-2.2	54.4

Source: Department of Census and Statistics

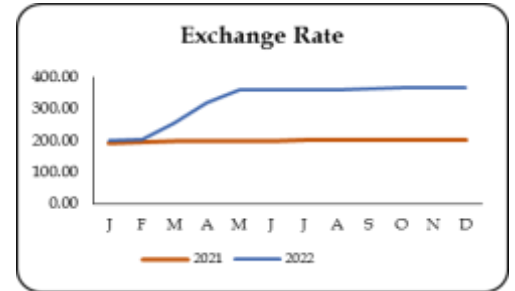


EXTERNAL SECTOR

EXCHANGE RATES

Currency	Week Ending 24 th Mar 2023	Week Ago	Year Ago	% Change 2022/23
US Dollar	323.06	341.22	284.95	13.37
Sterling Pound	396.72	414.72	376.91	5.26
Euro	350.31	363.49	316.00	10.86
Japanese Yen	2.48	2.57	2.36	5.08
Indian Rupee	3.88	4.08	3.66	6.01

Source : Central Bank of Sri Lanka

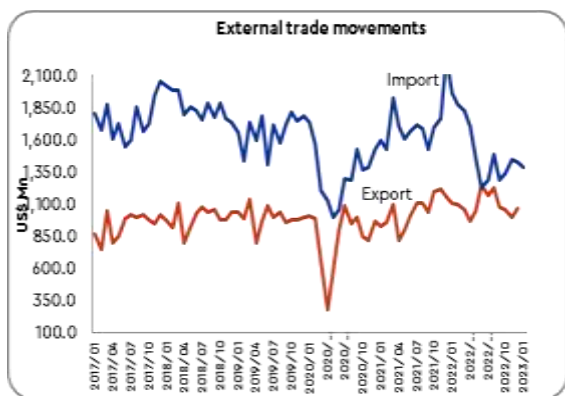


EXTERNAL TRADE

Category	2021 (USD mn)	2022 (USD mn)	Growth Rate (%)	January 2022 (USD mn)	January 2023 (USD mn)	Growth Rate (%)
Exports	12,498.6	13,106.4	4.9	1,102.6	978.2	-11.3
Agricultural	2,729.5	2,568.0	-5.9	204.5	191.0	-6.6
Tea	1,324.4	1,258.8	-5.0	91.2	99.6	9.1
Other	1,405.1	1,309.2	-6.8	113.3	91.4	-19.3
Industrial	9,702.1	10,465.3	7.9	891.9	781.3	-12.4
Rubber Products	1,050.4	977.0	-7.0	82.0	72.7	-11.4
Textiles and Garments	5,435.1	5,952.0	9.5	516.1	424.4	-17.8
Food, Beverage and Tobacco	586.9	519.5	-11.5	41.7	34.7	-16.7
Other	2,629.7	3,016.8	14.7	252.1	249.5	-1.0
Mineral	44.5	50.0	12.3	4.3	3.6	-15.8
Unclassified	22.5	23.2	3.2	1.8	2.3	26.1
Imports	20,637.4	18,291.0	-11.4	1,959.4	1,387.9	-29.2
Consumer Goods	3,848.7	2,813.0	-26.9	360.0	218.5	-39.3
Food and Beverages	1,666.5	1,607.9	-3.5	187.2	118.3	-36.8
Other Consumer Goods	2,182.20	1,205.10	-44.8	172.80	100.20	-42.0
Intermediate Goods	12,308.9	12,438.8	1.1	1,212.5	970.5	-20.0
Petroleum	2,840.0	4,048.2	42.5	311.2	287.1	-7.7
Textiles & Textile Articles	3,066.9	3,065.2	-0.1	316.5	217.5	-31.3
Other Intermediate Goods	6,402.0	5,325.4	-16.8	584.8	465.9	-20.3
Investment Goods	4,462.7	3,030.5	-32.1	386.7	198.9	-48.6
Machinery and Equipment	2,809.5	1,969.0	-29.9	243.8	132.6	-45.6
Transport Equipment	398.5	132.1	-66.8	18.7	2.7	-85.4
Building Material	1,248.9	926.3	-25.8	124.0	63.1	-49.1
Other Investment Goods	5.8	3.1	-46.6	0.2	0.5	150.0
Unclassified	17.1	8.8	-48.8	0.1	0.1	-37.2
Trade Balance	-8,139	-5,186		-857	-410	

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Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka



Highlights

Compared to the corresponding period in 2021

- Export earnings decreased
 - 11.3 percent in January
- Import expenditure decreased
 - 29.2 percent in January
- Trade deficit is USD 410 mn in January

EXTERNAL ASSETS

External Assets (USD bn)	Mar 2022	Apr 2022	May 2022	June 2022	July 2022	Aug 2022	Sep 2022	Oct 2022	Nov 2022	Dec 2022
Total Reserves	5.3	5.3	5.6	5.5	5.9	5.7	6.0	5.8	5.8	5.9
Gross Official Reserves	1.92	1.83	1.89	1.86	1.82	1.72	1.77	1.70	1.81	1.90

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

The Gross official reserves were USD 1.9 bn at the end of December 2022.

PRIVATE REMITTANCES

Category	2022 Feb	2023 Feb	2022 Jan- Feb	2023 Jan- Feb	% Change
Inflow USD mn	204.9	407.4	464.1	844.9	82.0
Rs. bn	41.3	147.5	93.6	306.0	227.1

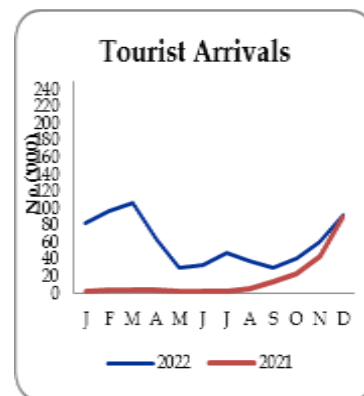
Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

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TOURIST ARRIVALS

Month	Arrivals				Earnings USD mn			
	2021	2022	2023	% change 2022/23	2021	2022	2023	% change 2022/2023
Jan	1,682	82,327	102,545	24.6	4.4	148.1	161.8	9.25
Feb	3,366	96,507	107,639	17.5	8.8	173.6	169.9	3.3
Mar	4,581	106,500			11.9	191.5		
Apr	4,168	62,980			10.9	113.3		
May	1,497	30,207			3.9	54.3		
Jun	1,614	32,856			4.2	59.1		
July	2,429	47,293			6.3	85.1		
Aug	5,040	37,760			13.1	67.9		
Sep	13,547	29,802			35.3	53.6		
Oct	22,771	42,026			59.3	75.6		
Nov	44,294	59,759			115.4	107.5		
Dec	89,506	91,961			233.3	127.4		
Total	194,495	719,978	210,184		506.8	1,256.8	331.7	

Source: Sri Lanka Tourism Development Authority





FISCAL SECTOR

GOVERNMENT REVENUE

Item	2019	2020	2022 Jan – October (a)
Tax Revenue (Rs.mn)	1,734,925	1,216,542	1,403,702
Income Tax	427,700	268,249	440,817
VAT	443,877	233,786	364,535
Excise Duty	399,478	321,932	285,646
Nation Building Tax	70,672	2,351	357
PAL	112,174	115,442	149,058
Customs Duty	98,427	114,183	40,823
SCL	70,364	82,709	33,055
Cess	50,703	49,309	58,040
Telecommunication Levy	61,530	28,581	12,119
SSCL			3,488
Other			15,764
Non-Tax Revenue	155,974	151,417	182,342
Total Revenue	1,890,899	1,367,959	1,586,044

Source: Department of Fiscal Policy
(a) provisional

GOVERNMENT DEBT

Government Debt (Rs.bn)	End 2019	End 2020	End 2021	End Q3 2022 (a)
Total Domestic Debt	6,629.1	9,065.1	11,097.2	13,345.6
Total Foreign Debt	6,402.4	6052.1	6,492.2	11,600.3
Total Government Debt	13,031.5	15,117.2	17,589.4	24,945.9

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka
(a) provisional

KEY FISCAL INDICATORS 2019-2021

Indicator	2019		2020		2021(a)	
	Rs.mn.	% of GDP	Rs.mn.	% of GDP	Rs.mn.	% of GDP
Budget Deficit	-1,439,088	-6.8	-1,667,688	-11.1	2,057,925	-11.6
Total Revenue	1,890,899	12.6	1,367,960	9.1	1,457,071	8.2
Tax Revenue	1,734,925	11.6	1,216,542	8.1	1,298,019	7.3
Non-Tax Revenue	155,974	1.0	151,417	1.0	159,052	0.9
Recurrent Expenditure	2,424,582	16.1	2,548,359	17.0	2,747,512	15.5
Public Investment	631,235	4.2	811,773	5.4	789,636	4.5
Government Debt	13,031,543	86.8	15,117,247	101.0	17,589,373	99.5

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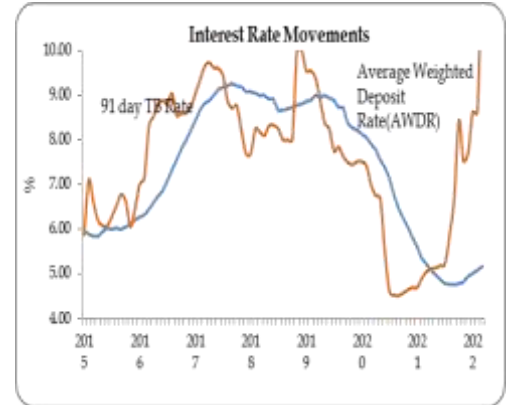


MONETARY SECTOR

REAL INTEREST RATES

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)
Jan-21	138.7	3.0	4.3	4.69	1.69	0.39
Feb	139.1	3.3	4.1	4.90	1.60	0.80
Mar	138.9	4.1	4.0	5.05	0.95	1.05
Apr	138.8	3.9	3.9	5.11	1.21	1.21
May	140.3	4.5	3.9	5.13	0.63	1.23
Jun	142.4	5.2	4.1	5.18	0.02	1.08
Jul	143.1	5.7	4.2	5.22	-0.48	1.02
Aug	143.5	6.0	4.3	5.87	-0.13	1.57
Sep	144.1	5.7	4.5	6.38	0.68	1.88
Oct	146.9	7.6	4.8	8.43	0.83	3.63
Nov	150.7	9.9	5.3	7.53	-2.33	2.23
Dec	154.7	12.1	6.0	7.71	-4.39	1.71
Jan - 22	158.4	14.2	6.9	8.63	-5.57	1.73
Feb	160.1	15.1	7.9	8.61	-6.49	0.71
Mar	164.9	18.7	9.1	12.10	-6.6	3.0
Apr	180.2	29.8	11.3	23.53	-6.27	12.23
May	195.2	39.1	14.2	23.65	-15.45	9.45
Jun	220.2	54.6	18.4	23.85	-30.75	2.33
Jul	230.1	60.8	23.1	31.50	-29.3	8.4
Aug	235.8	64.3	28.0	32.89	-31.41	4.89
Sep	244.7	69.8	33.4	31.94	-37.86	-1.46
Oct	243.8	66.0	38.3	33.05	-32.95	-5.25
Nov	242.6	61.0	42.6	32.91	-28.09	-9.69
Dec	243.2	57.2	46.4	32.64	-24.56	-13.76
Jan -23	244.3	54.2	49.6	29.91	-24.29	-19.69

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



INTEREST RATE MOVEMENTS

Category	Week Ending 24 th Mar 2023	Week Ago	Year Ago
Standing Deposit Facility	15.50	15.50	6.50
Standing Lending Facility	16.50	16.50	7.50
Average Weighted Call Money Rate (AWCMR)	16.50	16.49	7.49
Treasury Bill (Yield rate)			
91 Days	26.23	27.94	12.10
182 Days	26.12	27.34	11.98
364 Days	24.32	25.92	12.00
Average Weighted Prime Lending Rate	21.74	23.78	9.71
Commercial Bank Average Weighted Deposit Rate (AWDR)	Feb 23	Month ago	Year ago
	14.74	14.63	5.07

Source : Central Bank of Sri Lanka

MONEY SUPPLY AND CREDIT GROWTH

MONEY SUPPLY (RS. bn.)							
Item	Jan 2023	Dec 2022	Nov 2022	Oct 2022	Sep 2022	Aug 2022	Growth 2022 Jan/2023 Jan (%)
M ₁	1,411.4	1,453.6	1,458.00	1,456.7	1,528.6	1,534.1	26.8
M ₂	10,518.3	10,497.1	10,417.0	10,338.4	10,351.4	10285.9	12.2
M _{2b}	12,322.5	12,289.6	12,162.9	12,045.8	12,051.5	11986.9	11.9

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

CREDIT TO PRIVATE SECTOR (RS. bn.)				
Item	Jan 2023	Month Ago	Year Ago	Growth 2022 /2023 (%)
Credit to Private Sector	7,318.0	7,414.1	7,017.8	13.3
DBUs	6,673.1	6,735.0	6529.5	13.4
OBU	644.9	679.1	488.3	10.9

SHARE MARKET

Indicator	Week Ending 24 th Mar 2023	Week Ago	Year Ago
All Share Price Index (1985 = 100) (ASPI)	9,419.35	9,670.42	10,455.32
S & P Sri Lanka 20 Index (S & P SL20)	2,725.52	2,840.11	3,639.12
Average Daily Turnover (Rs.Mn)	2,025.91	1,530.76	2,016.62
Market Capitalization (Rs.Bn.)	3,985.41	3,998.43	4,552.70

Source: Colombo Stock Exchange



EQUITY TRADING STATISTICS

Indicator	Feb 2023	Jan 2023	Jan 01/2023 Feb-28/2023	Jan01/2022 Feb/28 2022
Turnover -Equity (Rs. Mn.)	37,383.6	37,138.4	74,522.9	250,784.9
Domestic (Rs. Mn.)	32,915.6	35,723.8	68,639.4	232,059.7
Foreign (Rs. Mn.)	4,467.9	1,414.6	5,882.6	18,725.2
Market Days	20	20	40	37
Daily Turnover Avg. Equity (Rs. Mn.)	1,869.2	1,856.9	1,863.0	6,778.9
Trade Equity	314,245	381,483	695,728	1,939,635
Domestic	307,955	377,001	684,955	1,917,041
Foreign	6,290	4,482	10,773	22,594
Shares Traded _Equity (Mn)	1,398.4	1,986.2	3,384.6	10,294.2
Domestic (Mn.)	1,325.6	1,942.4	3,268.0	9,966.3
Foreign (Mn.)	72.9	43.8	116.6	327.8
Companies Traded	269	268	270	278
Companies Listed	289	290	289	298

MARKET INDICATORS

Price Indices	Feb 2023	Jan 2023
ASPI	9,188.48	8,865.05
S&P SL 20	2,796.71	2,764.51
Total Return Indicators		
ASTRI	12,343.35	11,908.88
S&P SL20 (TRI)	5,059.67	4,984.82
Market PER	5.02	4.99
Dividend Yield	4.04	4.06
Market Capitalization (Rs.Bn.)	3,906.11	3,881.14

Source: Colombo Stock Exchange

STOCK MARKET - FOREIGN PURCHASES AND FOREIGN SALES

Indicator	Feb 2023	Jan - Feb, 2023
Purchases by Foreigners (Rs. Mn)	5,885.8	7,507.1
Sales by Foreigners (Rs. Mn)	3,050.0	4,257.9
Net Foreign Purchases (Rs. Mn)	2,835.8	3,249.2

Source: Colombo Stock Exchange

