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SELECTED ECONOMIC INDICATORS

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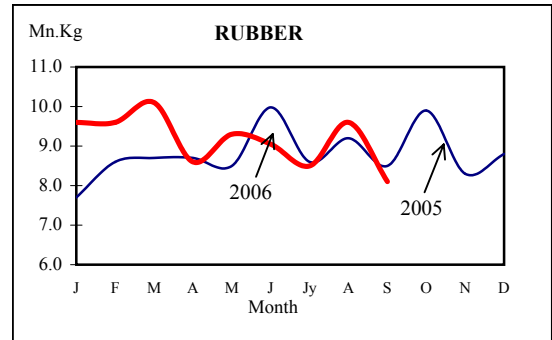
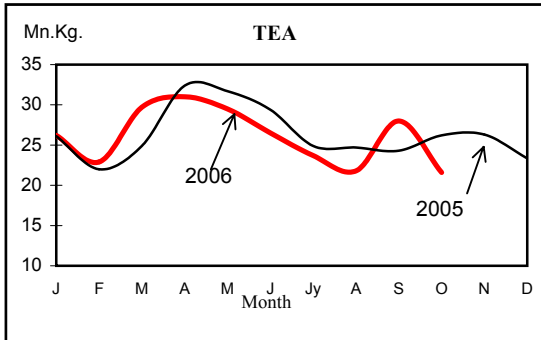
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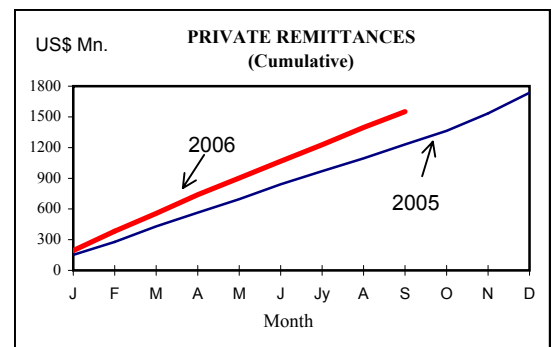
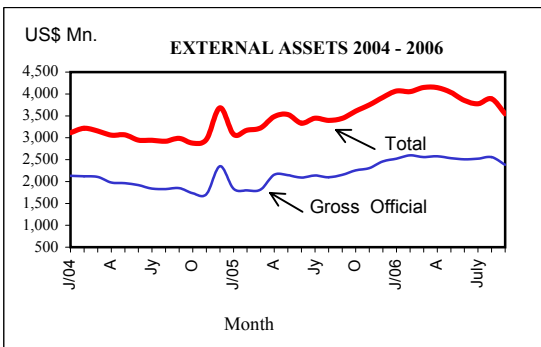
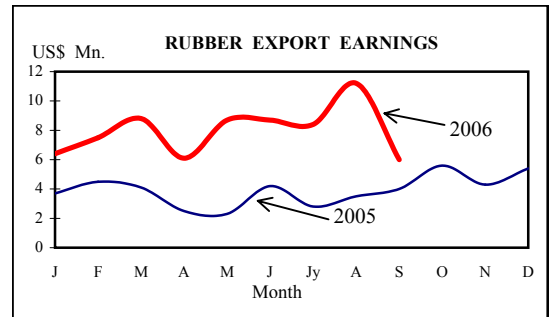
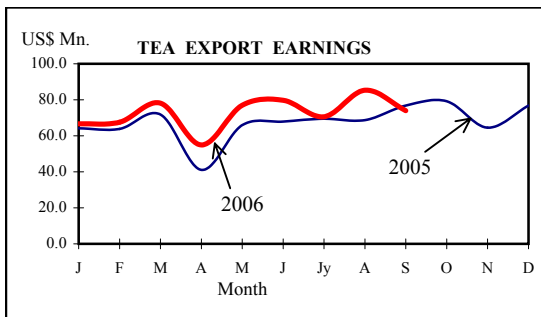
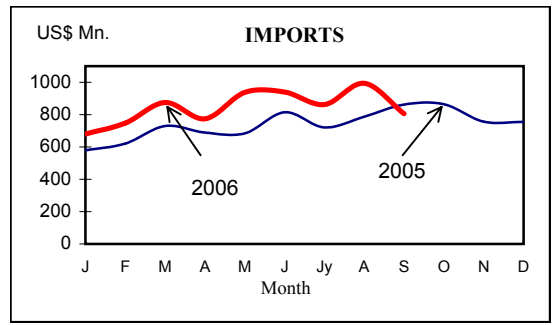
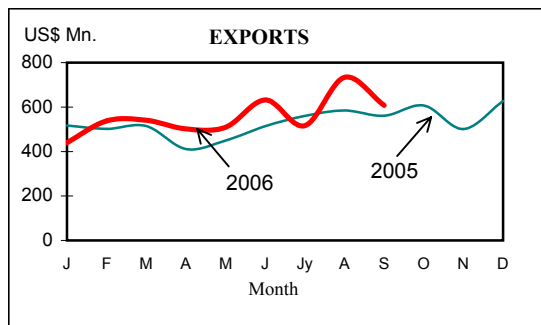
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TRENDS IN ECONOMIC INDICATORS

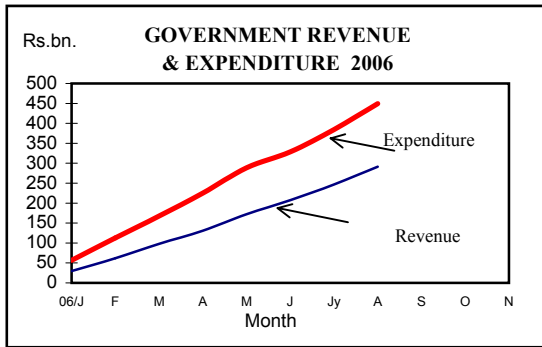
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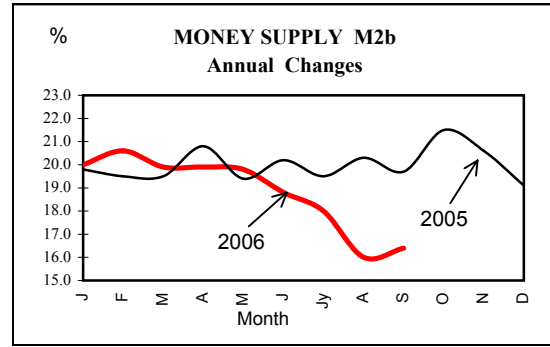
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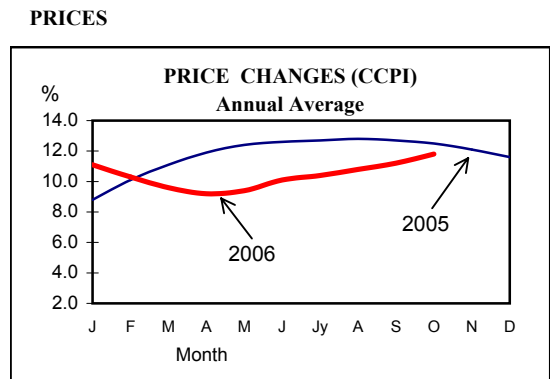
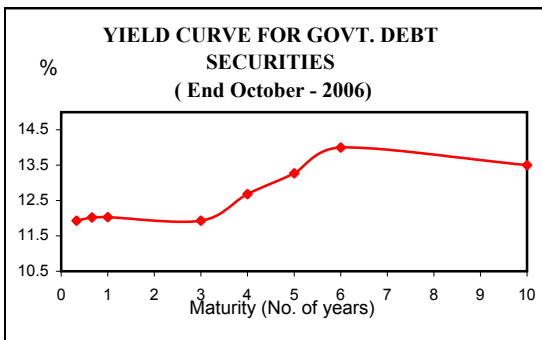
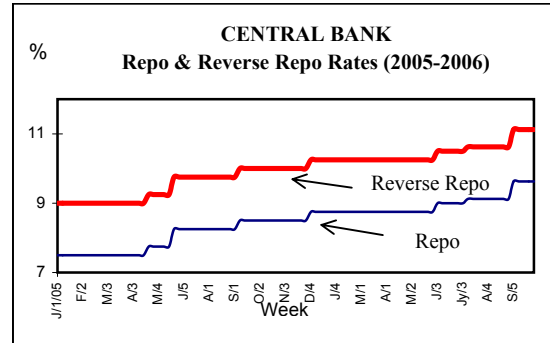
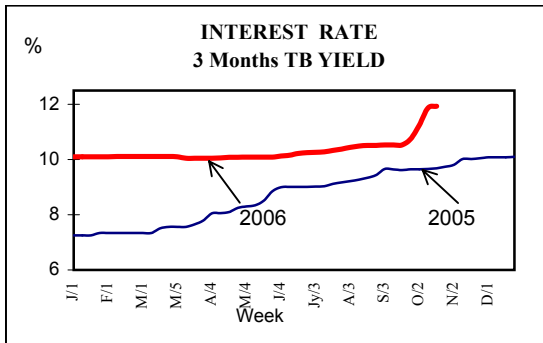
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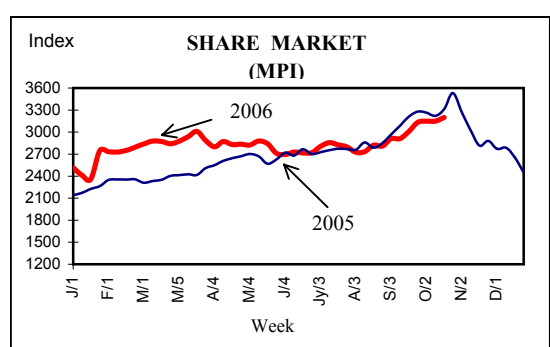
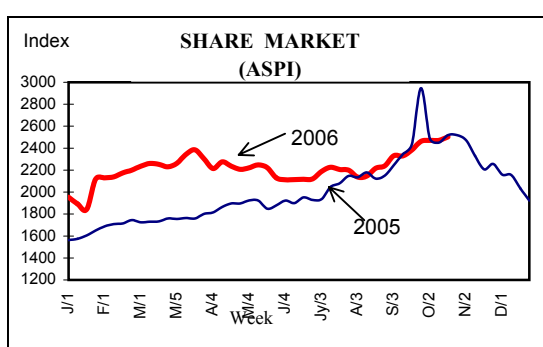
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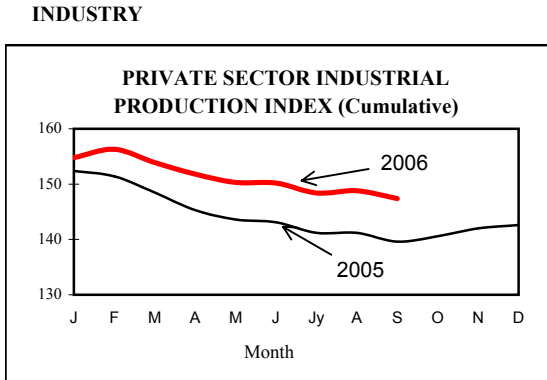
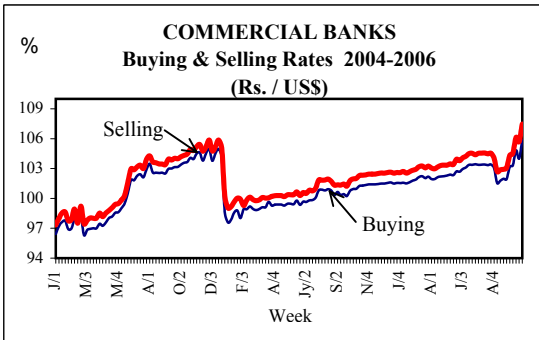
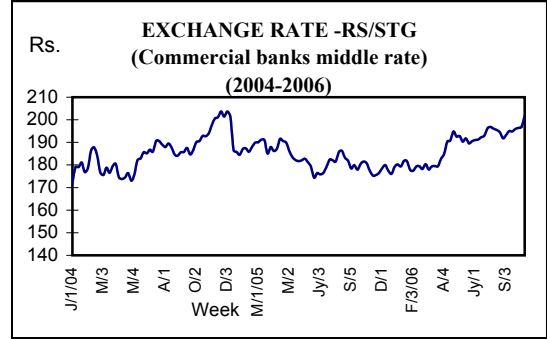
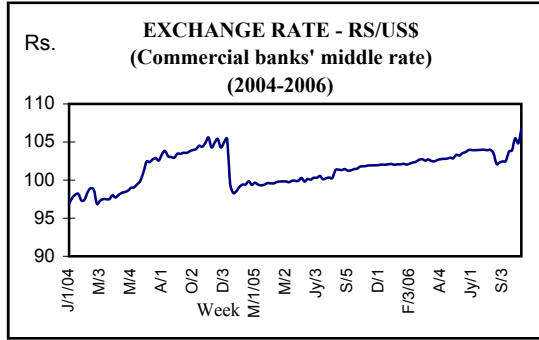
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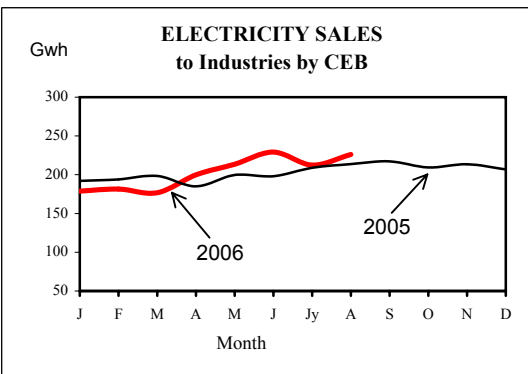
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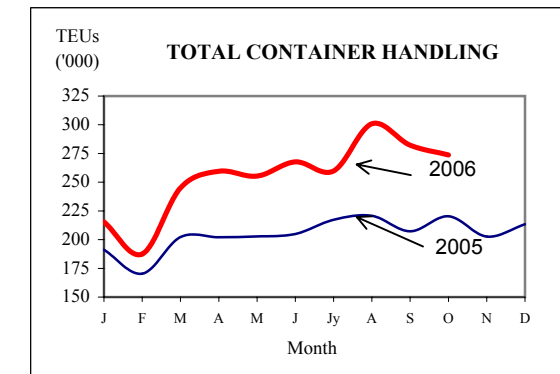
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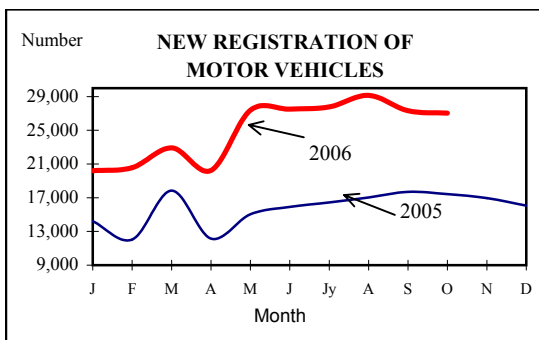
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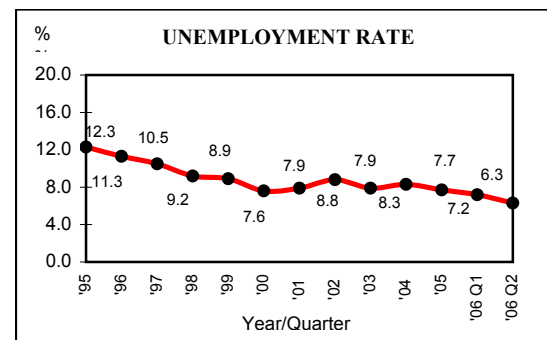
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MOTOR VEHICLES



UNEMPLOYMENT



SUMMARY OF SELECTED ECONOMIC INDICATORS

October 2006

Item	Period	Unit	2005	2006	% Change
Production					
a). Tea	Jan. - Oct.	Mn. Kgs.	267.1	259.7	-2.8
b). Rubber	Jan. - Sep.	Mn. Kgs.	78.4	82.4	5.1
d). Coconut	Jan. - Sep.	Mn.Nuts	1,858.8	1,999.1	7.5
c). Fish	Jan. - Sep.	'000 MT	99.4	172.7	73.7
			2004/2005	2005/2006	
e). Paddy	Maha ^(a)	'000 MT	2,013	2,136	6.1
			2005	2006	
	Yala ^(b)	'000 MT	1,234	1,157	-6.2
			2005	2006	
f). Electricity Generation	Jan. - Sep.	Gwh.	6,500.0	7,036.0	8.2
g) Private Sector Industrial Volume Index	Jan. - Sep.	1997 = 100	139.6	147.4	5.6
h) Public Sector Major Industrial Output Index	Jan. - Sep.	1997 = 100	82.9	123.9	49.4
External Sector					
a). External Trade					
Exports	Jan. - Sep.	US\$ Mn.	4,611	5,019	8.8
Imports	Jan. - Sep.		6,488	7,617	17.4
Balance of Trade	Jan. - Sep.		-1,876	-2,597	38.4
b). Balance of Payments					
Trade Account	Jan. - June	US\$ Mn.	-1,211.3	-1,798.0	-48.4
Current Account	Jan. - June		-372.2	-716.4	92.5
Overall Balance	Jan. - June		173.9	146.1	-16.0
			End Dec. '05	End Sep. '06	
Total Reserves (c)		US\$ Mn.	3,924	3,547	-9.6
			2005	2006	
Govt. Finance					
a). Revenue	Jan. - Aug.	Rs. Mn.	236,909	291,245	22.9
b). Current Expenditure	Jan. - Aug.	Rs. Mn.	280,284	349,565	24.7
Money & Share Markets					
a). Money Supply					
Narrow Money M ₁	End September	Rs. Mn.	215,253	239,524	11.3
Broad Money M ₂	End September	Rs. Mn.	775,449	919,004	18.5
Consolidated Broad Money(M _{2b})(d)	End September	Rs. Mn.	959,113	1,116,229	16.4
Broad Money M ₄	End May	Rs. Mn.	1,146,249	1,359,685	18.6
b.) Share Market					
ASPI	End October	1985 = 100	2,516.5	2,454.3	-2.5
MPI	End October	1998.12.31=1000	3,320.6	3,135.1	-5.6
Market Capitalisation	End October	Rs. Bn.	761.6	751.9	-1.3
Prices					
(Annual Avg. % Change)	12 months ending				
a) CCPI	October	1952 = 100	12.7	11.8	
b) SLCPI	September	1995-1997 = 100	13.5	6.8	
c) CDCPI	September	Oct.1996 - Sep. 1997=100	11.2	6.4	
d) WPI	August	1974=100	17.2	8.0	

(a) Sep\Oct-March\April

(b) April\May-Aug\Sep

(c) Excluding ACU receipts

(d) Inclusive of FCBU's

1. GDP ESTIMATES

Sector	First Quarter (Rs. Mn.)			Growth rates (%) First Quarter		Contribution to Growth (%) First Quarter	
	2004	2005 (a)	2006 (b)	05/04	06/05	2005 (a)	2006 (b)
	Agriculture	47,391	47,069	50,706	-0.7	7.7	-3.1
Industry	63,642	68,406	72,255	7.5	5.6	45.6	18.4
Services	129,620	135,635	149,088	4.6	9.9	57.5	64.2
GDP	240,653	251,109	272,049	4.3	8.3	100.0	100.0
At constant (1996) factor cost prices (a) Revised (b) Provisional							

Sector	Second Quarter (Rs. Mn)			Growth rates (%) Second Quarter		Contribution to Growth (%) Second Quarter	
	2004	2005 (a)	2006(b)	05/04	06/05	2005 (a)	2006(b)
	Agriculture	37,212	36,247	38,559	-2.6	6.4	-6.9
Industry	59,373	64,660	68,970	8.9	6.7	37.6	23.9
Services	126,843	136,574	147,951	7.7	8.3	69.2	63.2
GDP	223,428	237,482	255,480	6.3	7.6	100.0	100.0
At constant (1996) factor cost prices (a) Revised (b) Provisional							

Sector	First Half (Rs. Mn)			Growth rates (%) First Half		Contribution to Growth (%) first Half	
	2004	2005 (a)	2006 (b)	05/04	06/05	2005 (a)	2006 (b)
	Agriculture	84,603	83,315	89,265	-1.5	7.1	-5.3
Industry	123,015	133,066	141,225	8.2	6.1	41.0	21.0
Services	256,464	272,209	297,039	6.1	9.1	64.2	63.8
GDP	464,082	488,591	527,530	5.3	8.0	100.0	100.0
At constant (1996) factor cost prices (a) Revised (b) Provisional							

Sector	Fourth Quarter (Rs. Mn)			Growth rates (%) Fourth Quarter		Contribution to Growth (%) Third Quarter	
	2003	2004 (a)	2005 (b)	04/03	05/04	2004	2005 (a)
	Agriculture	49,088	47,693	49,877	-2.8	4.6	-12.5
Industry	64,807	68,730	74,880	6.1	8.9	35.1	35.4
Services	142,450	151,100	160,155	6.1	6.0	77.4	52.0
GDP	256,346	267,534	284,912	4.4	6.5	100.0	100.0
At constant (1996) factor cost prices (a) Revised (b) Provisional							

2. AGRICULTURE

Item	UNIT	2005	2006*	CHANGE	
				Absolute	Percentage
Tea Production					
October	Mn.Kgs.	26.2	21.6	-4.6	-17.6
January - October		267.1	259.7	-7.4	-2.8
Rubber Production					
September	Mn.Kgs.	8.5	8.1	-0.4	-4.7
January - September		78.4	82.4	4.0	5.1
Coconut Production					
September	Mn.Nuts	230.8	231.6	0.8	0.3
January - September		1,858.8	1,999.1	140.3	7.5
Paddy Production					
		2004/2005	2005/2006*		
Maha ^a	'000 MT	2,013	2,136	122.6	6.1
		2005	2006*		
Yala ^b		1,234	1,157	-76.6	-6.2
Fertilizer Issues					
July	'000 MT	40.7	37.0	-3.7	-9.1
January - July		359.5	395.7	36.2	10.1
Fish Production					
September	'000 MT	18.1	21.5	3.4	18.8
January - September		99.4	172.7	73.3	73.7

* Provisional

(a) Sep\Oct. - March\ April

(b) April \ May - Aug.\Sep.

3. INDUSTRY

Item	UNIT	2005	2006	CHANGE	
				Absolute	Percentage
Electricity Sales to Industries (a)					
August	GWh	213.7	226.1	12.4	5.8
January - August		1,589.7	1,723.1	133.4	8.4
Furnace Oil Sales					
September	'000 MT	85.4	81.8	-3.6	-4.2
January - September		728.1	733.0	4.9	0.7
Public Sector Major Industrial Output Index					
September	1997=100	103.5	89.2	-14.4	-13.9
January - September		82.9	123.9	41.0	49.4
Industrial Exports					
Petroleum Exports					
September	Rs. Mn.	1,035	2,147	1,112.0	107.4
January - September		9,314	14,512	5,198.0	55.8
Other Industrial Exports					
September	Rs. Mn.	42,119	45,175	3,056.0	7.3
January - September		348,264	392,711	44,447.0	12.8
Industrial Exports					
Petroleum Exports					
September	US\$ Mn.	10.2	20.9	10.7	104.9
January - September		93.1	141.0	47.9	51.5
Other Industrial Exports					
September	US\$ Mn.	415.4	440.8	25.4	6.1
January - September		3,479.2	3,764.7	285.5	8.2

(a) By CEB, excluding self generation.

(Industry cont.....)

PRIVATE SECTOR MONTHLY INDUSTRIAL VOLUME INDEX (1997 = 100)

Item	2005		2006*		Percentage Change (Jan - Sep.)
	September	Jan - Sep.	September	Jan - Sep.	
Food, beverages & tobacco products	142.3	140.9	151.3	149.1	5.8
Food	153.2	149.2	162.3	157.2	5.4
Liquor	159.6	147.2	174.9	159.2	8.2
Beverages	141.6	142.7	153.4	154.8	8.5
Tobacco	87.0	100.5	88.8	102.5	2.0
Textile, wearing apparel & leather products	113.2	134.6	121.1	140.6	4.5
Apparel	114.3	140.0	122.3	146.0	4.3
Textile	100.4	98.7	105.6	104.3	5.7
Leather	106.1	110.0	114.0	116.2	5.7
Wood & wood products	101.2	122.3	106.3	128.1	4.7
Paper & paper products	106.6	119.6	112.8	125.7	5.2
Chemicals, rubber , plastic & petroleum products	144.4	157.8	155.4	168.6	6.9
Chemical & fertilizer	130.9	126.6	146.5	137.3	8.4
Rubber	192.6	200.9	205.1	215.6	7.3
Plastic & PVC	131.2	158.7	148.7	173.3	9.2
Pharmaceuticals & detergents	108.3	131.2	113.7	137.3	4.6
Non metallic mineral products	134.3	138.9	151.8	152.7	9.9
Diamond processing	99.8	130.5	114.2	142.7	9.3
Ceramic products	109.3	115.8	115.8	124.1	7.2
Cement	160.0	149.8	184.3	166.2	11.0
Building Materials	136.1	150.7	155.0	167.0	10.8
Basic metal products	140.5	148.7	150.8	157.0	5.6
Fabricated metal products	150.3	136.9	156.3	141.9	3.7
Other industrial products (n.e.s.)	119.6	127.2	124.1	131.8	3.7
Total	127.3	139.6	136.5	147.4	5.6

*Provisional

4. TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Item	UNIT	End 2005	End Sept. 2006*	CHANGE	
				Absolute	Percentage
Telephones (Fixed lines)	Number	1,243,993	1,669,300	425,307	34.2
Sri Lanka Telecom Phones	Number	954,060	1,116,815	162,755	17.1
Wireless Local Loop Phones (Suntel and Lanka Bell)	Number	289,933	552,485	262,552	90.6
Telephone Density (excluding Cellular Phones)	per 100 persons	6.32	8.40	2.08	32.9
Telephone Density (including Cellular Phones)	per 100 persons	23.58	32.33	8.75	37.1
Cellular Phones	Number	3,393,345	4,759,476	1,366,131	40.3
Public Pay Phones	Number	6,285	7,471	1,186	18.9
Internet and E - mail subscribers	Number	115,072	127,800	12,728	11.1

* Provisional

5. ENERGY

Item	UNIT	2005	2006	CHANGE	
				Absolute	Percentage
Crude Oil Imports (a)	'000 MT				
September		151	184	33	21.9
January- September		1,413	1,710	297	21.0
Other Petroleum Imports	'000 MT				
September		207	59	-148	-71.5
January- September		1,431	1,261	-170	-11.9
Kerosene Sales	'000 MT				
September		14	13	-1	-7.1
January- September		128	144	16	12.5
Petrol Sales	'000 MT				
September		37	37	0	0.0
January- September		350	357	7	2.0
Auto Diesel Sales	'000 MT				
September		157	113	-44	-28.0
January- September		1,267	1,242	-25	-2.0
Electricity Generation					
September	Gwh.				
CEB - Hydro		251.0	320.0	69.0	27.5
Thermal		180.0	172.0	-8.0	-4.4
Wind		0.3	0.2	-0.1	-33.3
Private Sector		307.0	284.0	-23.0	-7.5
other		9.0	3.0	-6.0	-66.7
January - September	Gwh.				
CEB - Hydro		2,200.0	2,888.0	688.0	31.3
Thermal		1,716.0	1,363.0	-353.0	-20.6
Wind		2.0	2.0	0.0	0.0
Private Sector		2,501.0	2,707.0	206.0	8.2
Other		81.0	76.0	-5.0	-6.2

(a) There were no crude oil imports in July 2005.

6. HOUSING & CONSTRUCTION

Item	UNIT	2004	2005	CHANGE	
				Absolute	Percentage
Greater Colombo Housing Approvals Index (a)	1995 = 100	126.0	125.6	-0.4	-0.3
Cement		2005^(c)	2006^(d)		
Local Production (b)	'000 MT				
September		127	135	8	6.3
January - September		1,089	1,170	81	7.4
Imports (e)	'000 MT				
September		126	138	12	9.5
January - September		1,027	1,349	322	31.4
Total	'000 MT				
September		253	273	20	7.9
January - September		2,115	2,518	403	19.1

(a) Includes housing approvals by 4 Municipal Councils,

6 Urban councils & 8 Pradeshiyasabhas in Greater Colombo.

(b) Local production by Holcim and Tokyo Cement Companies

(c) Revised Figures

(d) Provisional

(e) Total imports of Portland Cement

7. TRANSPORT

Item	UNIT	2005	2006	CHANGE	
				Absolute	Percentage
New Registration of Motor Vehicles					
October	Number	21,776	27,046	5,270	24.2
Buses		247	338	91	36.8
Motor Cars		1,505	2,435	930	61.8
Three Wheelers		3,783	4,753	970	25.6
Dual Purpose Vehicles		556	582	26	4.7
Motor Cycles		12,251	14,787	2,536	20.7
Goods Transport Vehicles ^(a)		1,453	1,958	505	34.8
Land Vehicles ^(b)		1,981	2,193	212	10.7
Other Vehicles		-	-	-	-
January - October		193,579	250,125	56,546	29.2
Buses		1,728	2,744	1,016	58.8
Motor Cars		13,963	22,976	9,013	64.5
Three Wheelers		35,497	55,095	19,598	55.2
Dual Purpose Vehicles		5,813	6,076	263	4.5
Motor Cycles		110,866	129,755	18,889	17.0
Goods Transport Vehicles ^(a)		11,745	16,872	5,127	43.7
Land Vehicles ^(b)		13,895	16,607	2,712	19.5
Other Vehicles		72	-	-	-

(a) Lorries and Other Goods Transport Vehicles

(b) Tractors, Hand Tractors and Other Land Vehicles

8. PORT SERVICES

Item	UNIT	2005	2006	CHANGE	
				Absolute	Percentage
Sri Lanka Ports Authority^{(a)(b)}					
Ship Traffic					
October	Number	378	379	1	0.3
January - October		3,407	3,690	283	8.3
Container Handling					
(a) Domestic					
October	TEUs	63,124	63,264	140	0.2
January - October		621,797	620,171	-1,626	-0.3
(b) Transshipment					
October	TEUs	149,887	202,347	52,460	35.0
January - October		1,359,178	1,865,103	505,925	37.2
(c) Re- Stowing					
October	TEUs	7,312	8,086	774	10.6
January - October		58,279	61,880	3,601	6.2
(d) Total Container Handling					
October	TEUs	220,323	273,697	53,374	24.2
January - October		2,039,224	2,547,154	507,930	24.9
Tonnage Handled					
(a) Cargo Discharged					
October	'000 MT	2,221	2,229	8	0.4
January - October		20,091	22,440	2,349	11.7
(b) Cargo Loaded					
October	'000 MT	1,190	1,361	171	14.4
January - October		10,919	12,917	1,998	18.3
(c) Total Cargo Handling					
October	'000 MT	3,412	3,650	238	7.0
January - October		31,011	35,418	4,407	14.2

(a) Operations of the Port of Colombo only.

(b) Inclusive tonnage handled by South Asia Gateway Terminals (Pvt) Ltd.

TEUs = Twenty - foot Equivalent Container Units.

9. PRICE INDICES

Item	BASE PERIOD	2005	2006	CHANGE	
				Absolute	Percentage
CCPI	1952 = 100				
October		4,082.3	4,786.2	703.9	17.2
12 Months ending October		4,000.2	4,473.1	472.9	11.8
Seasonally Adjusted CCPI	1952 = 100				
October		4,197.3	4,837.5	640.2	15.3
12 Months ending October		3,999.0	4,463.8	464.8	11.6
SLCPI	1995-1997 = 100				
September		187.3	208.8	21.5	11.5
12 Months ending September		187.0	199.7	12.7	6.8
CDCPI	1996 Oct.- Sep.1997=100				
September		163.4	179.6	16.2	9.9
12 Months ending September		160.9	171.1	10.2	6.4
WPI*	1974 = 100				
August		2,036.9	2,305.8	268.9	13.2
12 Months ending August		2,073.3	2,238.9	165.6	8.0

* Provisional

10. AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES (PETTAH MARKET)

Item	UNIT	2005 October	2006 * October	CHANGE	
				Absolute	Percentage
Rice	Rs/Kg				
Samba		48.00	42.00	-6.00	-12.5
Par Boiled Rice		30.00	31.00	1.00	3.3
Raw Rice (Red)		31.90	32.25	0.35	1.1
Other Food Items	Rs/Kg				
Dried Chillies		123.00	217.50	94.50	76.8
Red Onions (Local)		72.60	74.00	1.40	1.9
Big Onions (Local)		51.50	41.25	-10.25	-19.9
Dhal (Australian)		80.00	82.50	2.50	3.1
Potatoes (Local)		65.50	76.67	11.17	17.1
Eggs		6.10	6.75	0.65	10.7
Sugar - White		42.00	58.67	16.67	39.7

* Provisional

11. POPULATION, UNEMPLOYMENT & WAGE INDICES

Item	UNIT	2004	2005	CHANGE	
				Absolute	Percentage
Population	'000	19,462	19,668	206.0	1.1
Growth in mid year population	Percentage	1.1	1.1	0.0	0.0
		2005 (a)	2006 2ndQ(b)		
Labour Force Participation Rate	Percentage	48.3	51.1	2.8	5.8
Unemployment Rate		7.7	6.3	-1.4	-18.2
Employment by Industry					
Agriculture		30.7	34.3	3.6	11.7
Industry		25.6	25.3	-0.3	-1.2
Services and Other		43.7	40.4	-3.3	-7.6
		Sep. 2005	Sep. 2006(c)		
Wage Indices (Wages Boards)	1978 = 100	1341.8	1362.3	20.5	1.5
Workers in Agriculture					
Nominal Wage Rate Index		1,544.0	1,574.8	30.8	2.0
Real Wage Rate Index		90.7	80.2	-10.5	-11.6
Workers in Industry and Commerce					
Nominal Wage Rate Index		1,084.8	1,084.8	0.0	0.0
Real Wage Rate Index		63.7	55.2	-8.5	-13.3
Workers in Services					
Nominal Wage Rate Index		779.7	779.7	0.0	0.0
Real Wage Rate Index		45.8	39.7	-6.1	-13.3

(a) Data include all districts

(b) Data Exclude Northern and Eastern provinces

(c) Provisional

12.GOVERNMENT FINANCE

Item	UNIT	2005	2006 ^(a)	CHANGE	
				Absolute	Percentage
Total revenue ^(b)	Rs. Mn.				
August		33,010	44,443	11,433	34.6
January - August		236,909	291,245	54,336	22.9
Recurrent expenditure ^(b)	Rs. Mn.				
August		33,221	46,029	12,808	38.6
January - August		280,284	349,565	69,281	24.7
Capital expenditure & net lending ^(b)	Rs. Mn.				
August		9,618	19,188	9,570	99.5
January - August		74,774	100,069	25,295	33.8
Financing	Rs. Mn.				
January - August					
Domestic financing		84,180	127,888	43,708	51.9
o/w Treasury bills		7,153	10,101	2,948	41.2
Treasury bonds		57,481	63,555	6,074	10.6
Rupee loans		-9,741	21	9,762	-100.2
Other		29,287	54,211	24,924	85.1
Foreign financing		33,144	30,501	-2,643	-8.0
Net borrowings		24,644	15,665	-8,979	-36.4
Grants		8,500	14,836	6,336	74.5
Privatisation		0	0	0	
	UNIT	2005	2006	CHANGE	
		End Dec.	End August	Absolute	Percentage
Total outstanding govt. debt	Rs. Mn.	2,222,341	2,428,672	206,331	9.3
Total domestic debt ^(c)	Rs. Mn.	1,265,721	1,416,883	151,162	11.9
By Maturity					
Short term		262,153	297,426	35,273	13.5
o/w Treasury bills		234,174	246,431	12,257	5.2
Central bank advances		39,746	49,423	9,677	24.3
Medium & Long term		1,003,568	1,119,457	115,889	11.5
o/w Treasury bonds		751,569	835,895	84,326	11.2
Rupee loans		140,563	140,583	20	0.0
Sri Lanka Development Bonds		25,519	54,404	28,885	113.2
By Institution					
Non - Bank		967,211	1,097,712	130,501	13.5
Bank		298,411	319,072	20,661	6.9
Total foreign debt ^{(d)(e)}	Rs. Mn.	956,620	1,011,789	55,169	5.8
Concessional		919,030	956,065	37,035	4.0
Multilateral		486,854	523,210	36,356	7.5
of which ; IDA		213,916	227,552	13,636	6.4
ADB		230,329	248,006	17,677	7.7
Bilateral		432,576	432,855	279	0.1
of which ; Japan		277,429	268,906	-8,523	-3.1
Non Concessional		37,590	55,724	18,134	48.2

(a) Provisional

(b) Revenue, expenditure and financing figures are based on the economic classification

(c) Includes long -term bonds of Rs. 24,088 million and 23,873 million issued in 1993 and 1996 respectively.

(d) The figures are based on the value date.

(e) Excluding liabilities to the IMF.

**13. MONETARY AGGREGATES
& UNDERLYING FACTORS**

Item	UNIT	Beginning January	End September	CHANGE	
				Absolute	Percentage
Narrow Money Supply (M₁)	Rs. Mn.				
2005		188,453	215,253	26,800	14.2
2006		230,702	239,524	8,822	3.8
Currency Held by the Public					
2005		99,669	109,098	9,429	9.5
2006		114,070	124,812	10,742	9.4
Demand Deposits Held by the Public					
2005		88,784	106,155	17,371	19.6
2006		116,632	114,713	-1,920	-1.6
Broad Money Supply (M₂)¹	Rs. Mn.				
2005		687,964	775,449	87,485	12.7
2006		822,932	919,004	96,072	11.7
Time & Savings Deposits Held by the Public (Quasi Money)	Rs. Mn.				
2005		499,511	560,195	60,684	12.1
2006		592,230	679,480	87,250	14.7
Underlying Factors(M₂)	Rs. Mn.				
Net Foreign Assets³					
2005		129,153	146,055	16,902	13.1
2006		170,643	166,571	-4,072	-2.4
Domestic Credit					
2005		734,605	796,177	61,572	8.4
2006		831,421	969,755	138,334	16.6
To Government (Net)		165,237	180,566	15,329	9.3
To Corporations		15,651	16,359	708	4.5
To Co- operatives		1,256	1,330	74	5.9
To Other Private Sector		649,277	771,500	122,223	18.8
Other Items (Net)³					
2005		-175,793	-166,783	9,010	5.1
2006		-179,132	-217,322	-38,190	-21.3
Consolidated Broad Money Supply(M_{2b})²	Rs.Mn.				
2005		858,644	959,113	100,469	11.7
2006		1,022,278	1,116,229	93,951	9.2
Adjusted Time & Savings Deposits Held by the Public (Quasi Money)					
2005		670,191	743,859	73,668	11.0
2006		791,576	876,705	85,129	10.8
Underlying Factors (M_{2b})	Rs.Mn.				
Net Foreign Assets³					
2005		170,218	181,849	11,631	6.8
2006		204,826	170,036	-34,790	-17.0
Domestic Credit					
2005		895,942	983,144	87,202	9.7
2006		1,034,414	1,193,584	159,170	15.4
To Government (Net)		246,753	271,362	24,609	10.0
To Corporations		16,672	21,550	4,878	29.3
To Co- operatives		1,256	1,330	74	5.9
To Other Private Sector		769,732	899,343	129,611	16.8
Other Items (Net)³					
2005		-207,515	-205,880	1,635	-0.8
2006		-216,962	-247,392	-30,430	14.0
Reserve Money	Rs. Mn.				
2005		170,967	187,894	16,927	9.9
2006		197,932	222,140	24,208	12.2
Money Multipliers					
M₁ Multiplier					
2005		1.10	1.15		
2006		1.17	1.08		
M₂ Multiplier					
2005		4.02	4.13		
2006		4.16	4.14		
M_{2b} Multiplier					
2005		5.02	5.10		
2006		5.16	5.02		

(1) M₂ = M₁ + Quasi Money

* Provisional

(2) Based on a consolidated monetary survey which covers aggregated data pertaining to both Domestic Banking Units (DBUs) and Foreign Currency Banking Units (FCBUs) of commercial banks operating in Sri Lanka. It also includes foreign currency deposits held by residents. M_{2b} is the sum of M₁ and adjusted quasi money. M₁ is the same in both cases; i.e., DBU monetary survey and consolidated monetary survey.

(3) Net Foreign Assets (NFA) of the Central Bank are based on market value from beginning of January 2002. This reflected in NFA and net other items.

(Monetary Aggregates & Underlying Factors Contd ...)

Item	UNIT	Beginning January	End May	CHANGE	
				Absolute	Percentage
Broad Money Supply (M4)*	Rs.Mn.				
2005		1,094,064	1,146,249	52,185	4.8
2006		1,293,974	1,359,685	65,711	5.1
Quasi Money					
2005		909,042	944,339	35,297	3.9
2006		1,066,854	1,130,342	63,488	6.0
Underlying Factors (M4)					
Net Foreign Assets					
2005		161,469	167,321	5,852	3.6
2006		195,767	205,700	9,933	5.1
Domestic Credit					
2005		1,205,195	1,245,018	39,823	3.3
2006		1,411,409	1,505,343	93,934	6.7
To Government (Net)		409,362	432,177	22,815	5.6
To Corporations		16,672	17,904	1,232	7.4
To Other Private Sector		985,375	1,055,262	69,887	7.1
Other Items (Net)					
2005		-272,600	-266,082	6,518	-2.4
2006		-313,201	-351,359	-38,158	12.2
Reserve Money					
2005		170,967	179,195	8,228	4.8
2006		197,932	212,027	14,095	7.1
Money Multipliers					
M4 Multiplier					
2005		6.40	6.40	0.0	0.0
2006		6.54	6.41	-0.1	-2.0

* Based on financial survey which covers consolidated monetary survey data (both DBUs & FCBU's) and transactions of registered finance companies, licenced specialized banks and regional development banks.

14. BANKING

Item	UNIT	2005 End Sept.	2006 End Sept.	CHANGE	
				Absolute	Percentage
Commercial Banks⁽¹⁾					
Loans & Advances (Total Outstanding)	Rs. Mn.	619,803	772,438	152,635	24.6
Investment (Total Outstanding)					
Treasury Bills	Rs. Mn.	29,840	33,479	3,639	12.2
Other Govt. Securities⁽²⁾		56,796	54,569	-2,227	-3.9
Other Investments		30,329	35,787	5,458	18.0
Total Deposits	Rs. Mn.	884,645	1,037,537	152,892	17.3
Commercial Banks' Liquidity					
Excess Reserves and Cash in Hand	Rs. Mn.	9,327	12,721	3,394	36.4
		2005	2006		
Call Market Borrowings					
Last week of September	Rs. Mn.	21,199	50,824	29,625	139.7
	UNIT	2005	2006	CHANGE	
		End Sept.	End Sept.	Absolute	Percentage
Foreign Currency Banking					
Units(FCBUs)					
Number of FCBUs	Number	21	22	1	4.8
Total Assets / Liabilities	Rs. Mn.	267,943	301,819	33,875	12.6
Assets					
Loans & Advances - Residents	Rs. Mn.	189,324	241,739	52,416	27.7
Loans & Advances - Non-Residents		75,785	49,034	-26,750	-35.3
Other Assets		2,835	11,045	8,210	289.6
Liabilities					
Deposits & Borrowings - Residents	Rs. Mn.	170,986	179,592	8,606	5.0
Deposits & Borrowings - Non-Residents		58,611	69,075	10,464	17.9
Other Liabilities		38,347	53,152	14,805	38.6
National Savings Bank					
Time & Savings Deposits	Rs. Mn.	186,628	205,830	19,202	10.3

(1) Loans and advances include loans, overdrafts, bills (import, export and local bills) purchased and discounted. Prior to September 1998, loans and advances included loans, overdrafts, bills purchased and discounted (except export bills), investments and cash items in process of collection, to be consistent with the Monetary Survey.

(2) Includes Rupee Securities and Treasury Bonds. Since 2001 November, balances in respect of dollar denominated Sri Lanka Development Bonds are included.

*Provisional

15. INTEREST RATES

Item	UNIT	2005 Oct.	2006 Oct.	CHANGE	
		Last Week	Last Week	Absolute	Percentage
Treasury Bills	Yield				
91 Days	Per cent	9.74	11.93	2.2	22.5
182 Days		9.91	12.02	2.1	21.3
364 Days		9.98	12.03	2.1	20.5
		2005 Oct.	2006 Oct.		
Treasury Bonds ⁽¹⁾					
2 Years		-	-		
3 Years		11.04	12.16		
4 Years		11.08	12.25		
5 Years		-	12.36		
6 Years		-	-		
AWDR ⁽²⁾	Per cent	5.86	7.03	1.2	20.0
AWFDR ⁽³⁾	Per cent	8.93	10.81	1.9	21.1
		2005 Oct.	2006 Oct.		
		Last week	Last Week		
AWPR ⁽⁴⁾	Per cent	11.85	14.76	2.9	24.6
Call Money Rates	Per cent	9.90-10.95	11.50-14.38		
Repo ⁽⁵⁾	Per cent	8.50	9.625	1.1	13.2
Reverse Repo ⁽⁶⁾	Per cent	10.00	11.125	1.1	11.3
Sri Lanka Inter Bank Offer Rate (SLIBOR) ⁽⁷⁾		2005 Oct.	2006 Oct.		
1 Day	Per cent	10.54	13.72	3.2	30.2
7 Days	Per cent	10.69	13.94	3.3	30.4
1 Month	Per cent	10.98	14.31	3.3	30.3
3 Month	Per cent	11.34	14.53	3.2	28.2
6 Month	Per cent	11.59	14.77	3.2	27.4
12 Month	Per cent	11.96	15.05	3.1	25.9
		2005 2nd Quarter	2006 2nd Quarter		
AWLR ⁽⁸⁾	Per cent	15.0	16.1	1.1	7.3
		2005 End Sept.	2006 End Sept.		
Saving Rates	Per cent				
Commercial Banks		3.00-10.25	3.00-9.50		
National Savings Bank		5.00	5.00	0.0	0.0
Fixed Deposit Rates	Per cent				
Commercial Banks (12 Months)		5.50-11.00	5.50-13.50		
National Savings Bank (12 Months)		9.00	10.25	1.3	13.9
		2005 End Sept.	2006 End Sept.		
Long Term Lending Rates	Per cent				
SMIB		12.00-13.25	12.50-13.50		
DFCC		6.00-16.00	14.50-16.00		
NSB		10.00-12.00	12.00-13.00		
NDB		11.36-15.00	13.00-21.50		
NHDA		11.00	11.00		

- (1) Range of the Average Weighted Yield Rates at the auctions held during the month.
- (2) AWDR (Average Weighted Deposit Rate) of commercial banks is computed monthly.
- (3) AWFDR (Average Weighted Fixed Deposit Rate) of commercial banks is computed monthly.
- (4) AWPR (Average Weighted Prime Lending Rate) of commercial banks is computed weekly.
- (5) Central Bank Overnight Repurchase Rate
- (6) Central Bank Overnight Reverse Repurchase Rate
- (7) As at last working day of the month
- (8) AWLR (Average Weighted Lending Rate) of commercial banks is computed quarterly.

16. CREDIT CARDS

Item	Unit	2005	2006	2006
		End Dec.	End Aug.	End Sept.
Total Number of Active Cards	Number	637,326	736,248	755,426
Local (accepted only locally)		73,243	60,725	58,095
Global (accepted globally)		564,083	675,523	697,331
Outstanding balance	Rs. Mn.	15,009	17,803	18,412
Local (accepted only locally)		2,331	654	654
Global (accepted globally)		12,678	17,150	17,758

17. COMMERCIAL PAPER

Item	Unit	2005	2006	2006*
		End Dec.	End Aug.	End Sept.
Commercial Paper Issues ⁽¹⁾	Rs. Bn.			
Total Issues		10.9	14.5	17.2
Outstanding (at the end of the period)		2.4	5.6	5.2

* Provisional

(1) Based on the information provided by commercial banks and merchant banks.

18. SHARE MARKET

Item	UNIT	2005 End Oct.	2006 End Oct.	CHANGE	
				Absolute	Percentage
All Share Price Index (ASPI)	1985 = 100	2,516.5	2,454.3	-62.2	-2.5
Milanka Price Index (MPI)	1998.12.31 =1000	3,320.6	3,135.1	-185.5	-5.6
Market Capitalisation	Rs. Bn.	761.6	751.9	-9.7	-1.3
Non-national Transactions *	Rs. Mn.				
Purchases		3,601.6	3,307.3	-294.3	-8.2
Sales		3,243.8	2,630.9	-612.9	-18.9
Net Purchases		357.8	676.4	318.6	89.0

*Total for the month

19. EXTERNAL TRADE

Item	UNIT	2005	2006*	CHANGE	
				Absolute	Percentage
Exports	Rs. Mn.				
September		56,856	62,319	5,463	9.6
January - September		461,582	516,885	55,304	12.0
Imports					
September		87,407	82,567	-4,840	-5.5
January - September		649,521	784,401	134,879	20.8
Balance of Trade					
September		-30,551	-20,248	10,302	-33.7
January - September		-187,939	-267,515	-79,576	42.3
Exports	US \$ Mn.				
September		561	608	47	8.4
January - September		4,611	5,019	408	8.8
Imports					
September		862	806	-56	-6.6
January - September		6,488	7,617	1,129	17.4
Balance of Trade					
September		-301	-198	103	-34.4
January - September		-1,876	-2,597	-721	38.4
Tourism					
Tourist Arrivals	Number				
September		43,536	38,485	-5,051	-11.6
January - September		405,585	443,972	38,387	9.5
Earnings from Tourism					
September	Rs. Mn.	2,803.2	3,107.4	304	10.9
	US\$ Mn.	27.7	30.3	3	9.4
January - September	Rs. Mn.	24,141.4	36,004.1	11,863	49.1
	US\$ Mn.	241.1	349.8	109	45.1

* Provisional

(External Trade Contd...)

IMPORTS

Item	UNIT	2005	2006*	CHANGE	
				Absolute	Percentage
Major Imports					
Consumer Goods - Total	Rs. Mn.				
September		12,609	17,818	5,209	41.3
January - September		112,917	133,051	20,133	17.8
Rice					
September		42	68	25	60.2
January - September		1,439	383	-1,055	-73.3
Sugar					
September		798	3,107	2,309	289.4
January - September		9,571	16,479	6,908	72.2
Other Food and Beverages					
September		3,301	4,051	750	22.7
January - September		34,617	39,218	4,601	13.3
Non-Food Consumables					
September		8,469	10,593	2,124	25.1
January - September		67,290	76,970	9,679	14.4
Intermediate Goods - Total					
September		57,334	47,278	-10,057	-17.5
January - September		399,506	475,382	75,876	19.0
Wheat					
September		1,674	2,236	561	33.5
January - September		10,801	15,487	4,686	43.4
Petroleum					
September		20,459	13,602	-6,857	-33.5
January - September		119,978	163,711	43,733	36.5
Textile & Clothing					
September		13,717	11,743	-1,974	-14.4
January - September		111,790	114,825	3,035	2.7
Fertiliser					
September		1,907	42	-1,865	-97.8
January - September		10,807	13,369	2,563	23.7
Other Intermediate Goods					
September		19,577	19,654	77	0.4
January - September		146,130	167,989	21,859	15.0
Investment Goods - Total					
September		17,402	17,053	-348	-2.0
January - September		134,731	170,840	36,110	26.8
Total Imports - (Adjusted Figure)					
September		87,407	82,567	-4,840	-5.5
January - September		649,521	784,401	134,879	20.8

* Provisional

(External Trade Contd...)

Item	UNIT	2005	2006*	CHANGE	
				Absolute	Percentage
Major Imports					
Consumer Goods - Total	US \$ Mn.				
September		124.4	173.8	49.5	39.8
January - September		1,128.3	1,292.1	163.8	14.5
Rice					
September		0.4	0.7	0.2	58.5
January - September		14.4	3.7	-10.7	-74.2
Sugar					
September		7.9	30.3	22.4	285.3
January - September		95.6	160.2	64.6	67.5
Other Food and Beverages					
September		32.6	39.5	7.0	21.4
January - September		346.1	380.8	34.7	10.0
Non-Food Consumables					
September		83.5	103.4	19.8	23.7
January - September		672.1	747.4	75.3	11.2
Intermediate Goods - Total					
September		565.5	461.3	-104.2	-18.4
January - September		3,990.0	4,615.5	625.5	15.7
Wheat					
September		16.5	21.8	5.3	32.1
January - September		108.0	150.4	42.4	39.2
Petroleum					
September		201.8	132.7	-69.1	-34.2
January - September		1,197.6	1,589.0	391.4	32.7
Textile & Clothing					
September		135.3	114.6	-20.7	-15.3
January - September		1,116.7	1,115.0	-1.7	-0.2
Fertiliser					
September		18.8	0.4	-18.4	-97.8
January - September		108.0	129.9	21.9	20.3
Other Intermediate Goods					
September		193.1	191.8	-1.3	-0.7
January - September		1,459.7	1,631.3	171.6	11.8
Investment Goods - Total					
September		171.6	166.4	-5.2	-3.1
January - September		1,345.7	1,659.1	313.4	23.3
Total Imports- (Adjusted value)					
September		862.1	805.6	-56.5	-6.6
January - September		6,487.7	7,616.7	1,129.0	17.4

* Provisional

(External Trade Contd...)

EXPORTS - VALUES

Item	UNIT	2005	2006*	CHANGE	
				Absolute	Percentage
Major Exports					
Tea					
September	Rs. Mn.	7,786	7,564	-222	-2.9
January - September		59,033	67,315	8,282	14.0
Rubber					
September		410	604	194	47.4
January - September		3,170	7,375	4,205	132.6
Coconut (3 major product)					
September		1,413	1,152	-262	-18.5
January - September		8,305	9,105	800	9.6
Minor Agricultural Products					
September		1,684	2,061	377	22.4
January - September		13,462	14,945	1,483	11.0
Gems					
September		1,672	1,996	325	19.4
January - September		9,378	9,811	433	4.6
Petroleum Products					
September		1,035	2,147	1,112	107.4
January - September		9,314	14,512	5,198	55.8
Textile & Garments					
September		25,171	27,888	2,716	10.8
January - September		211,224	229,021	17,797	8.4
Other Industrial Exports					
September		16,947	17,287	339	2.0
January - September		137,039	158,690	21,651	15.8
Total Exports (Adjusted value)					
September		56,856	62,319	5,462	9.6
January - September		461,582	516,885	55,304	12.0
Major Exports					
Tea	US \$ Mn.				
September		76.8	73.8	-3.0	-3.9
January - September		589.7	653.8	64.0	10.9
Rubber					
September		4.0	5.9	1.9	45.8
January - September		31.7	71.6	39.9	126.0
Coconut (3 major product)					
September		13.9	11.2	-2.7	-19.4
January - September		82.9	88.4	5.5	6.7
Minor Agricultural Products					
September		16.6	20.1	3.5	21.1
January - September		134.5	145.1	10.6	7.9
Gems					
September		16.5	19.5	3.0	18.1
January - September		93.7	95.5	1.8	1.9
Petroleum Products					
September		10.2	21.0	10.7	105.9
January - September		93.1	141.0	47.9	51.5
Textile & Garments					
September		248.3	272.1	23.8	9.6
January - September		2,110.2	2,223.8	113.6	5.4
Other Industrial Exports					
September		167.1	168.7	1.5	0.9
January - September		1,369.0	1,540.9	171.9	12.6
Total Exports (Adjusted value)					
September		560.8	608.0	47.3	8.4
January - September		4,611.3	5,019.4	408.0	8.8

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(External Trade Contd...)

MAJOR EXPORTS & IMPORTS - VOLUMES AND PRICES					
Item	UNIT	2005	2006*	CHANGE	
		September	September	Absolute	Percentage
Export Volume					
Tea	Mn. Kg.	30.6	26.6	-4.0	-13.1
Rubber	Mn. Kg.	2.6	2.7	0.1	5.6
Coconut	Mn. Nuts	56.0	46.6	-9.4	-16.7
Export Prices					
Tea	Rs./ Kg.	254.43	284.42	30.0	11.8
	US \$/ Kg.	2.51	2.77	0.3	10.6
Rubber	Rs./ Kg.	158.39	221.12	62.7	39.6
	US \$/ Kg.	1.56	2.16	0.6	38.1
Coconut	Rs./ Nut	12.48	11.54	-0.9	-7.5
	US \$/ Nut	0.12	0.11	0.0	-8.5
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Average Gross Price					
Tea	Rs./ Kg.	192.12	196.96	4.8	2.5
Rubber	Rs./ Kg.	151.14	223.14	72.0	47.6
Coconut	Rs./ Nut	10.58	9.85	-0.7	-6.9
Quantity Sold					
Tea	Mn. Kg.	20.39	19.00	-1.4	-6.8
Import Volumes					
Rice	MT '000	1.0	1.3	0.3	30.0
Wheat Grain	MT '000	108.3	129.5	21.2	19.6
Sugar	MT '000	24.6	66.0	41.4	168.4
Petroleum (Crude Oil)	Barrels '000	1,106.0	1,353.0	248.0	22.4
Import Prices (Average)					
Rice	Rs./MT	41,982.0	50,617.0	8,635.0	20.6
	US\$/MT	414.1	493.9	79.8	19.3
Wheat Grain	Rs./MT	15,462.0	17,266.0	1,805.0	11.7
	US\$/MT	152.5	168.5	16.0	10.5
Sugar	Rs./MT	32,424.0	47,046.0	14,622.0	45.1
	US\$/MT	319.8	459.0	139.2	43.5
Petroleum(Crude Oil)	Rs./Barrel	6,373.0	6,974.0	600.0	9.4
	US\$/Barrel	62.9	68.0	5.2	8.2

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TRADE INDICES** (1997 = 100)		
Item	2005 July	2006* July
Total Exports		
Value	144.5	133.1
Quantity	132.8	117.9
Unit Value	108.8	112.9
Total Imports		
Value	147.4	176.4
Quantity	153.6	165.8
Unit Value	96.0	106.4
Terms of Trade	113.4	106.0

** In US\$ Terms

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20. INTERNATIONAL FINANCE

Item	UNIT	2005	2006(a)	CHANGE	
		Jan.-June	Jan.-June	Absolute	Percentage
Balance of Payments(b)					
Trade Account, net	US\$ Mn.	-1,211.3	-1,798.0	-586.7	-48.4
Services, net		126.6	205.9	79.3	62.6
Income, net		-176.9	-159.2	17.7	-10.0
Current Private Transfers, net		842.8	1,002.8	160.0	19.0
Inflows		949.7	1,109.5	159.8	16.8
Outflows		106.9	106.7	-0.2	-0.2
Current Official Transfers, net		46.7	32.1	-14.6	-31.3
Current Account, net		-372.2	-716.4	-344.2	92.5
Capital and Financial Account, net		383.1	795.0	411.9	107.5
Capital Account, net		116.4	129.9	13.5	11.6
Financial Account, net		266.7	665.1	398.4	149.4
Long-term, net		336.3	343.9	7.6	2.3
Private, net		118.1	172.0	53.9	45.6
Government, net		218.2	171.9	-46.3	-21.2
Short-term, net		-69.6	321.2	390.8	561.5
Overall Balance		173.9	146.1	-27.8	-16.0
		End Dec. '05	End Sept. 06		
External Assets (c) (d)					
Total Reserves	Rs. Mn.	400,660.7	368,215.4	-32,445.3	-8.1
	US\$ Mn.	3,923.6	3,546.7	-376.9	-9.6
Gross Official Reserves	Rs. Mn.	251,004.4	247,477.6	-3,526.8	-1.4
	US\$ Mn.	2,458.1	2,383.7	-74.4	-3.0
		Oct. 2005	Oct. 2006		
Exchange Rates (Period Ave.)					
	Rs./SDR	146.7596	155.5583	8.80	6.0
	Rs./US \$	101.5250	105.5861	4.06	4.0
	Rs./UKP	179.0417	197.9981	18.96	10.6
	Rs./In Rs	2.2724	2.3288	0.06	2.5
	Rs./Yen	0.8844	0.8902	0.01	0.7
	Rs./Euro	122.0281	133.2567	11.23	9.2
Forward Exchange Rates (e)	Rs. / US \$		Oct. 2006		
One month			108.49		
Two months			109.25		
Three months			108.93		

(a) Provisional

(b) In the presentation of BOP data, FCBUs have been treated as part of the domestic banking system

(c) Reserve data have been revised to include balances in DST's special Yen accounts in consultation with IMF, and placement for war risk insurance. From October 2002 external assets are calculated at market values.

(d) Excluding ACU receipts

(e) Average for the last five working days of the month of October based on actual transactions.