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SELECTED ECONOMIC INDICATORS

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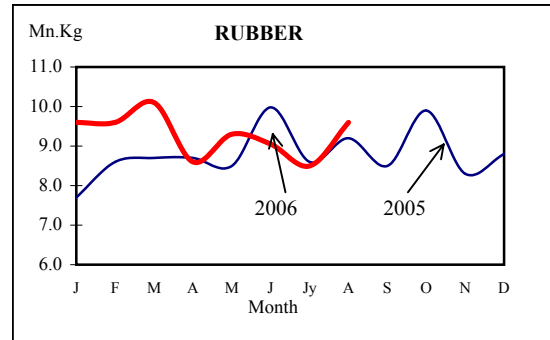
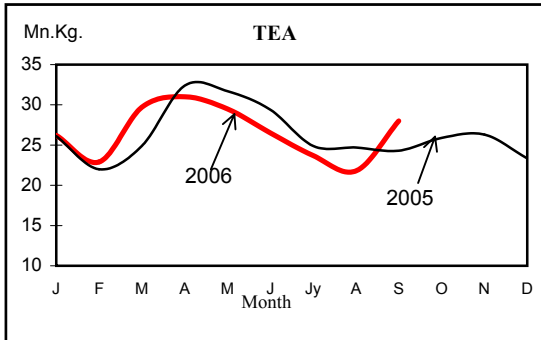
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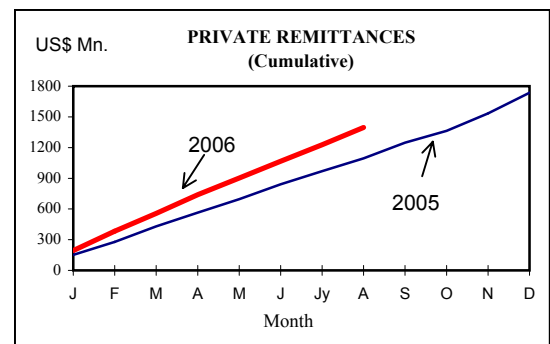
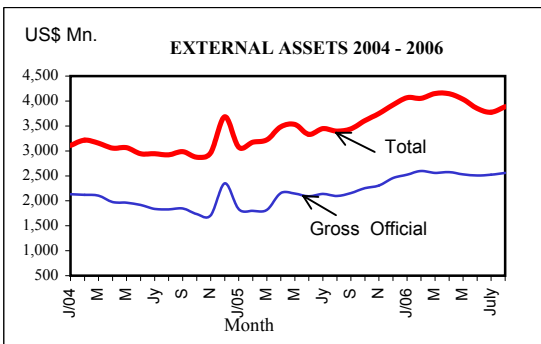
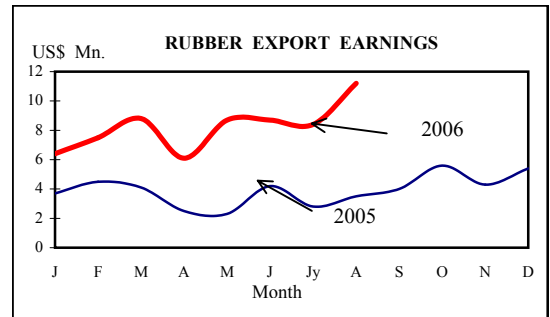
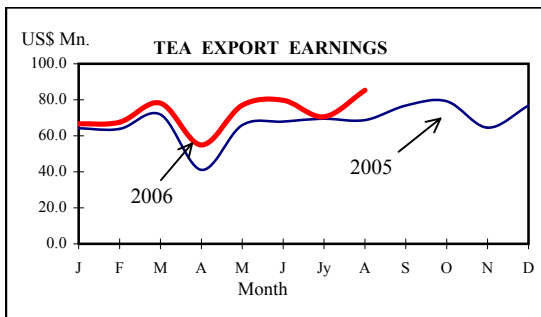
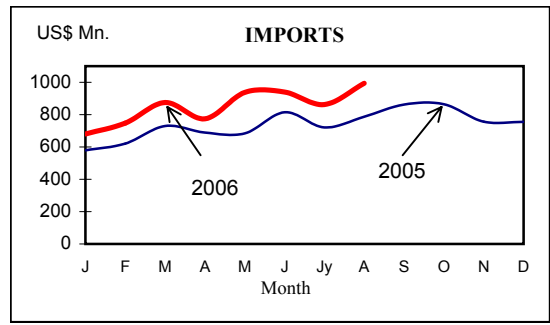
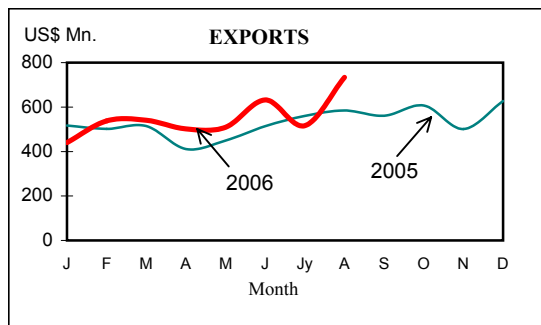
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TRENDS IN ECONOMIC INDICATORS

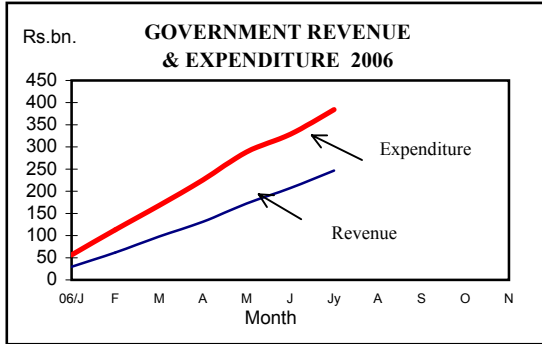
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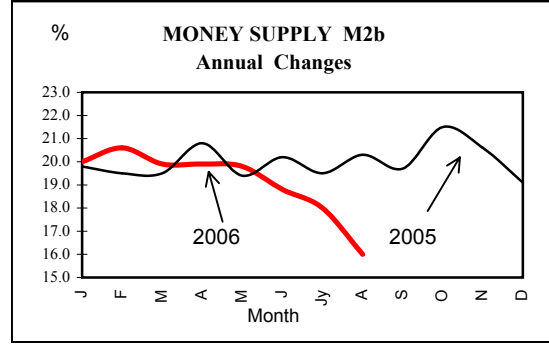
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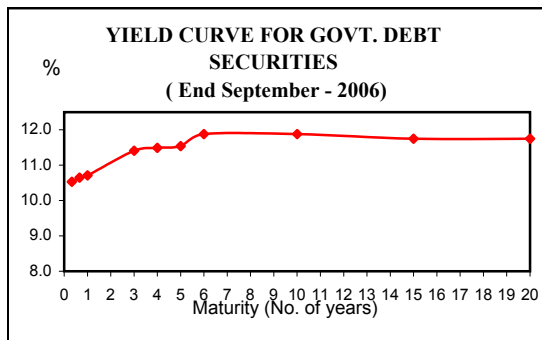
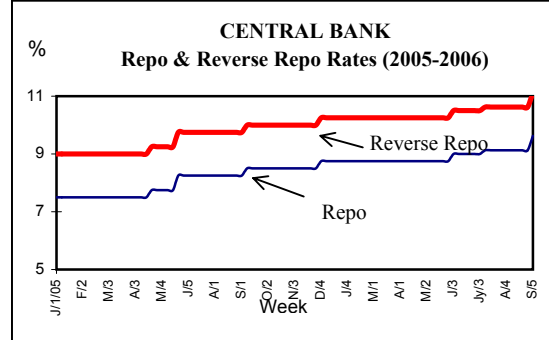
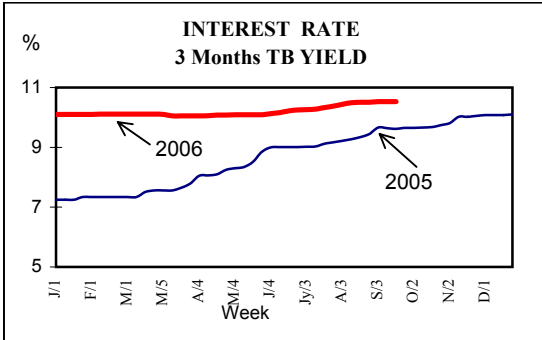
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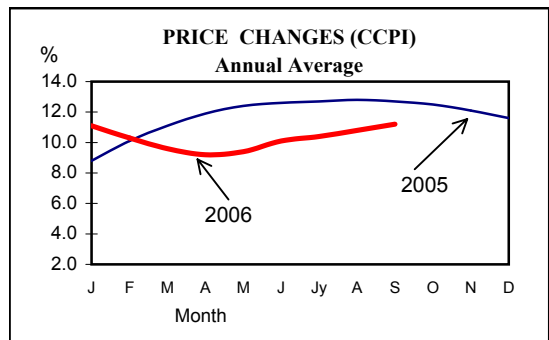
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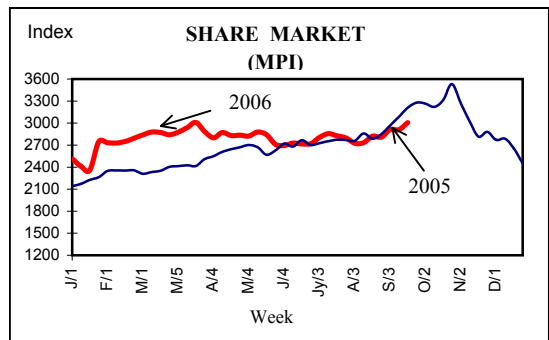
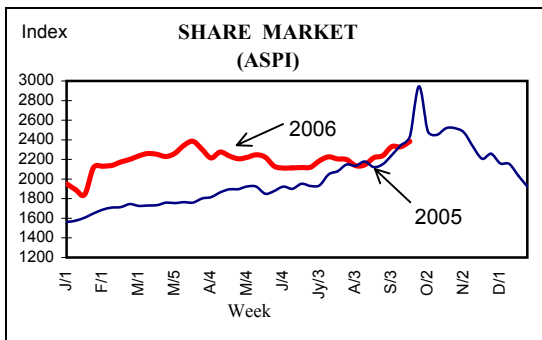
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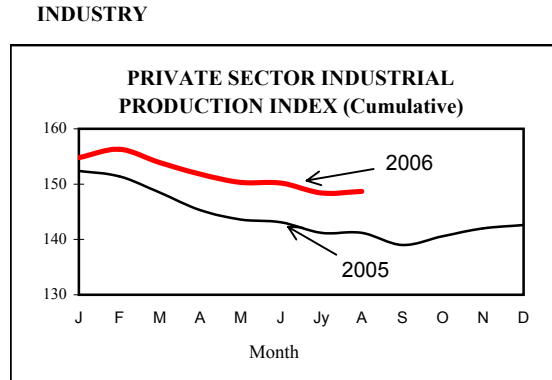
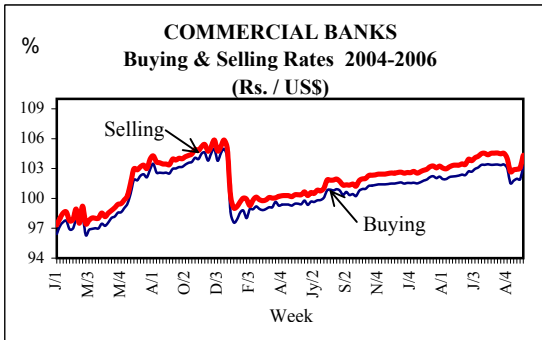
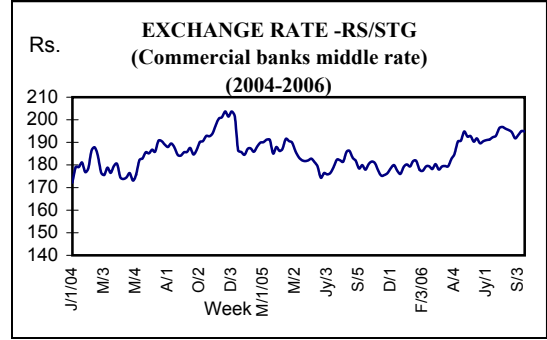
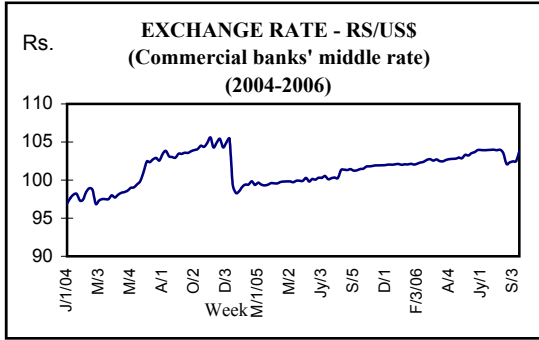
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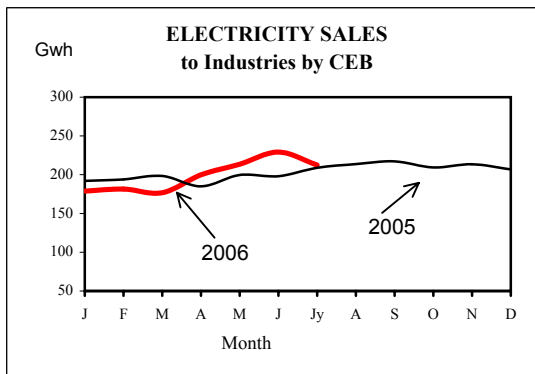
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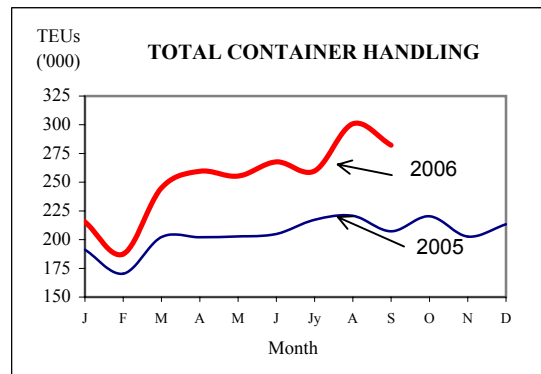
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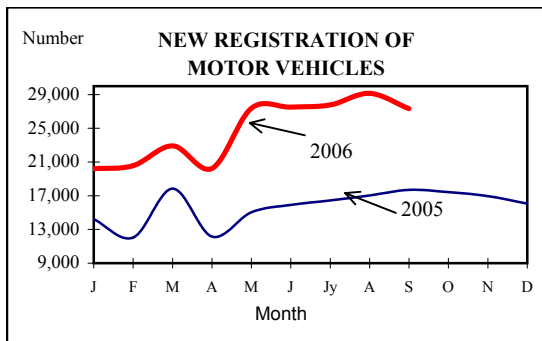
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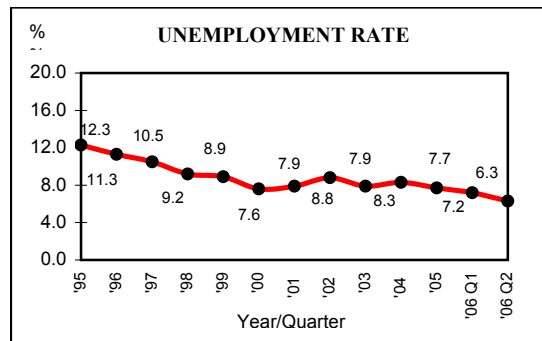
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MOTOR VEHICLES



UNEMPLOYMENT



SUMMARY OF SELECTED ECONOMIC INDICATORS

September 2006

Item	Period	Unit	2005	2006	% Change
Production					
a). Tea	Jan. - Sep.	Mn. Kgs.	240.9	238.1	-1.2
b). Rubber	Jan. - Aug.	Mn. Kgs.	69.9	74.3	6.3
d). Coconut	Jan. - Aug.	Mn.Nuts	1,628.0	1,767.5	8.6
c). Fish	Jan. - Aug.	'000 MT	81.2	151.3	86.3
			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. - Aug.	Gwh.	5,753.0	6,251.0	8.7
g) Private Sector Industrial Volume Index	Jan. - Aug.	1997 = 100	141.2	148.7	5.4
h) Public Sector Major Industrial Output Index	Jan. - Aug.	1997 = 100	103.3	111.8	8.2
External Sector					
a). External Trade					
Exports	Jan. - Aug.	US\$ Mn.	4,051	4,411	8.9
Imports	Jan. - Aug.		5,626	6,811	21.1
Balance of Trade	Jan. - Aug.		-1,575	-2,400	52.4
b). Balance of Payments					
Trade Account	Jan. - June	US\$ Mn.	-1,211.3	-1,798.0	-48.4
Current Account	Jan. - June		-372.2	-682.2	83.3
Overall Balance	Jan. - June		173.9	146.1	-16.0
			End Dec. '05	End Aug. '06	
Total Reserves (c)		US\$ Mn.	3,924	3,889	-0.9
			2005	2006	
Govt. Finance					
a). Revenue	Jan. - July	Rs. Mn.	203,899	246,805	21.0
b). Current Expenditure	Jan. - July	Rs. Mn.	247,063	303,539	22.9
Money & Share Markets					
a). Money Supply					
Narrow Money M ₁	End August	Rs. Mn.	212,080	238,622	12.5
Broad Money M ₂	End August	Rs. Mn.	757,307	906,553	19.7
Consolidated Broad Money(M _{2b})(d)	End August	Rs. Mn.	945,538	1,097,189	16.0
Broad Money M ₄	End April	Rs. Mn.	1,147,700	1,362,462	18.7
b.) Share Market					
ASPI	End September	1985 = 100	2,434.4	2,383.4	-2.1
MPI	End September	1998.12.31=1000	3,208.9	3,006.2	-6.3
Market Capitalisation	End September	Rs. Bn.	734.8	729.5	-0.7
Prices					
(Annual Avg. % Change)	12 months ending				
a) CCPI	September	1952 = 100	12.7	11.2	
b) SLCPI	August	1995-1997 = 100	14.3	6.3	
c) CDCPI	August	Oct.1996 - Sep. 1997=100	11.3	6.2	
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 FCUBs

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					
September	Mn.Kgs.	24.3	28.0	3.7	15.2
January - September		240.9	238.1	-2.8	-1.2
Rubber Production					
August	Mn.Kgs.	9.2	9.6	0.4	4.3
January - August		69.9	74.3	4.4	6.3
Coconut Production					
August	Mn.Nuts	231.3	244.4	13.1	5.7
January - August		1,628.0	1,767.5	139.5	8.6
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					
		2005	2006*		
June	'000 MT	69.7	66.1	-3.6	-5.2
January - June		318.8	358.8	40.0	12.5
Fish Production					
August	'000 MT	17.0	20.1	3.1	18.2
January - August		81.2	151.3	70.1	86.3

* 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)					
July	GWh	209.0	212.4	3.4	1.6
January - July		1,376.0	1,497.0	121.0	8.8
Furnace Oil Sales					
August	'000 MT	93.8	90.7	-3.1	-3.3
January - August		642.7	651.2	8.5	1.3
Public Sector Major Industrial Output Index					
August	1997=100	41.0	105.8	64.8	158.0
January - August		103.3	111.8	8.5	8.2
Industrial Exports					
Petroleum Exports					
August	Rs. Mn.	1,280	1,364	84.0	6.6
January - August		8,279	12,365	4,086.0	49.4
Other Industrial Exports					
August	Rs. Mn.	45,594	58,989	13,395.0	29.4
January - August		306,145	342,537	36,392.0	11.9
Industrial Exports					
Petroleum Exports					
August	US\$ Mn.	12.7	13.1	0.4	3.1
January - August		82.9	120.1	37.2	44.9
Other Industrial Exports					
August	US\$ Mn.	452.4	568.4	116.0	25.6
January - August		3,063.8	3,323.9	260.1	8.5

(a) By CEB, excluding self generation.

(Industry cont.....)

PRIVATE SECTOR MONTHLY INDUSTRIAL VOLUME INDEX (1997 = 100)

Item	2005		2006*		Percentage Change (Jan - Aug.)
	August	Jan - Aug.	August	Jan - Aug.	
Food, beverages & tobacco products	147.0	140.8	156.0	148.9	5.8
Food	151.2	148.7	159.4	156.6	5.3
Liquor	154.3	145.7	168.7	157.3	8.0
Beverages	167.2	142.8	182.1	155.0	8.6
Tobacco	100.6	102.2	102.6	104.2	1.9
Textile, wearing apparel & leather products	128.9	137.3	137.5	143.0	4.2
Apparel	134.6	143.2	143.8	148.9	4.0
Textile	93.5	98.5	98.3	104.1	5.7
Leather	103.2	110.5	108.4	116.5	5.5
Wood & wood products	145.7	125.0	153.7	130.8	4.7
Paper & paper products	144.8	121.2	153.1	127.4	5.1
Chemicals, rubber , plastic & petroleum products	165.5	159.5	177.5	169.9	6.6
Chemical & fertilizer	109.3	126.1	123.6	136.1	8.0
Rubber	235.0	201.9	245.2	215.3	6.6
Plastic & PVC	173.0	162.1	196.2	176.5	8.9
Pharmaceuticals & detergents	123.6	134.1	132.9	140.7	4.9
Non metallic mineral products	136.8	139.5	154.0	152.9	9.6
Diamond processing	68.9	134.4	79.5	146.3	8.9
Ceramic products	143.6	116.6	151.8	125.1	7.3
Cement	149.5	148.6	171.6	164.0	10.4
Building Materials	153.7	152.6	176.5	168.7	10.6
Basic metal products	168.9	149.7	180.5	157.8	5.4
Fabricated metal products	161.8	135.2	170.8	140.5	3.9
Other industrial products (n.e.s.)	132.5	128.2	137.8	132.9	3.7
Total	141.2	141.2	151.0	148.7	5.4

4. TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Item	UNIT	End 2005	End June 2006*	CHANGE	
				Absolute	Percentage
Telephones (Fixed lines)	Number	1,243,993	1,509,913	265,920	21.4
Sri Lanka Telecom Phones	Number	954,060	1,070,744	116,684	12.2
Wireless Local Loop Phones (Suntel and Lanka Bell)	Number	289,933	439,169	149,236	51.5
Telephone Density(excluding Cellular Phones)	per 100 persons	6.32	7.59	1.27	20.1
Telephone Density(including Cellular Phones)	per 100 persons	23.58	29.14	5.56	23.6
Cellular Phones	Number	3,393,345	4,284,256	890,911	26.3
Public Pay Phones	Number	6,285	7,260	975	15.5
Internet and E - mail subscribers	Number	115,072	125,800	10,728	9.3

* Provisional

5. ENERGY

Item	UNIT	2005	2006	CHANGE	
				Absolute	Percentage
Crude Oil Imports (a)	'000 MT				
August		95	252	157	165.3
January- August		1,262	1,526	264	20.9
Other Petroleum Imports	'000 MT				
August		228	136	-92	-40.4
January- August		1,224	1,143	-81	-6.6
Kerosene Sales	'000 MT				
August		15	17	2	13.3
January- August		114	131	17	14.9
Petrol Sales	'000 MT				
August		38	40	2	5.3
January- August		313	320	7	2.2
Auto Diesel Sales	'000 MT				
August		155	134	-21	-13.5
January- August		1,110	1,129	19	1.7
Electricity Generation					
August	Gwh.				
CEB - Hydro		247.0	365.0	118.0	47.8
Thermal		243.0	158.0	-85.0	-35.0
Wind		0.3	0.3	0.0	0.0
Private Sector		268.0	271.0	3.0	1.1
other		10.0	6.0	-4.0	-40.0
January - August	Gwh.				
CEB - Hydro		1,949.0	2,568.0	619.0	31.8
Thermal		1,536.0	1,191.0	-345.0	-22.5
Wind		1.6	1.8	0.2	12.5
Private Sector		2,194.0	2,416.0	222.0	10.1
Other		72.0	74.0	2.0	2.8

(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				
August		145	153	8	5.5
January - August		961	1,034	73	7.6
Imports (e)	'000 MT				
August		235	199	-36	-15.3
January - August		901	1,211	310	34.4
Total	'000 MT				
August		380	352	-28	-7.4
January - August		1,862	2,245	383	20.6

(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					
September	Number	22,067	27,328	5,261	23.8
Buses		182	290	108	59.3
Motor Cars		1,688	2,774	1,086	64.3
Three Wheelers		4,066	7,029	2,963	72.9
Dual Purpose Vehicles		618	589	-29	-4.7
Motor Cycles		12,652	13,393	741	5.9
Goods Transport Vehicles ^(a)		1,506	1,733	227	15.1
Land Vehicles ^(b)		1,355	1,520	165	12.2
Other Vehicles		-	-	-	-
January - September		171,803	223,079	51,276	29.8
Buses		1,481	2,406	925	62.5
Motor Cars		12,458	20,541	8,083	64.9
Three Wheelers		31,714	50,342	18,628	58.7
Dual Purpose Vehicles		5,257	5,494	237	4.5
Motor Cycles		98,615	114,968	16,353	16.6
Goods Transport Vehicles ^(a)		10,292	14,914	4,622	44.9
Land Vehicles ^(b)		11,914	14,414	2,500	21.0
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					
September	Number	349	362	13	3.7
January - September		3,027	3,311	284	9.4
Container Handling					
(a) Domestic					
September	TEUs	59,444	64,468	5,024	8.5
January - September		558,643	556,907	-1,736	-0.3
(b) Transshipment					
September	TEUs	142,682	210,963	68,281	47.9
January - September		1,209,291	1,662,756	453,465	37.5
(c) Re- Stowing					
September	TEUs	5,077	6,827	1,750	34.5
January - September		50,967	53,794	2,827	5.5
(d) Total Container Handling					
September	TEUs	207,203	282,258	75,055	36.2
January - September		1,818,901	2,273,457	454,556	25.0
Tonnage Handled					
(a) Cargo Discharged					
September	'000 MT	2,153	2,180	27	1.3
January - September		17,870	20,212	2,342	13.1
(b) Cargo Loaded					
September	'000 MT	1,126	1,345	219	19.4
January - September		9,729	11,556	1,827	18.8
(c) Total Cargo Handling					
September	'000 MT	3,279	3,525	246	7.5
January - September		27,599	31,768	4,169	15.1

(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				
September		4,072.4	4,699.9	627.5	15.4
12 Months ending September		3,968.3	4,414.4	446.1	11.2
Seasonally Adjusted CCPI	1952 = 100				
September		4,200.3	4,846.7	646.4	15.4
12 Months ending September		3,964.1	4,410.4	446.3	11.3
SLCPI	1995-1997 = 100				
August		186.6	206.9	20.3	10.9
12 Months ending August		186.1	197.9	11.8	6.3
CDCPI	1996 Oct.- Sep.1997=100				
August		161.9	176.7	14.8	9.1
12 Months ending August		159.9	169.8	9.9	6.2
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 September	2006 * September	CHANGE	
				Absolute	Percentage
Rice	Rs/Kg				
Samba		43.68	42.00	-1.68	-3.8
Par Boiled Rice		30.18	32.00	1.82	6.0
Raw Rice (Red)		30.64	32.00	1.36	4.4
Other Food Items	Rs/Kg				
Dried Chillies		122.05	210.00	87.95	72.1
Red Onions (Local)		59.09	66.25	7.16	12.1
Big Onions (Local)		38.18	40.00	1.82	4.8
Dhal (Australian)		82.73	78.75	-3.98	-4.8
Potatoes (Local)		63.18	65.00	1.82	2.9
Eggs (Medium)		6.73	6.45	-0.28	-4.2
Sugar - White		42.00	61.50	19.50	46.4

* 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
		Aug. 2005	Aug. 2006(c)		
Wage Indices (Wages Boards)	1978 = 100	1336.7	1362.3	25.6	1.9
1) Workers in Agriculture					
Nominal Wage Rate Index		1,536.3	1,574.8	38.5	2.5
Real Wage Rate Index		91.2	87.0	-4.2	-4.6
2) Workers in Industry and Commerce					
Nominal Wage Rate Index		1,084.8	1,084.8	0.0	0.0
Real Wage Rate Index		64.4	55.8	-8.6	-13.4
3) Workers in Services					
Nominal Wage Rate Index		779.7	779.7	0.0	0.0
Real Wage Rate Index		46.3	40.1	-6.2	-13.4

(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.				
July		28,900	39,347	10,447	36.1
January - July		203,899	246,805	42,906	21.0
Recurrent expenditure ^(b)	Rs. Mn.				
July		38,156	46,501	8,345	21.9
January - July		247,063	303,539	56,476	22.9
Capital expenditure & net lending ^(b)	Rs. Mn.				
July		8,256	8,659	403	4.9
January - July		65,156	80,881	15,725	24.1
Financing	Rs. Mn.				
January - June					
Domestic financing		79,774	115,428	35,654	44.7
o/w Treasury bills		2,942	6,231	3,289	111.8
Treasury bonds		53,065	58,719	5,654	10.7
Rupee loans		-9,776	8	9,784	-100.1
Other		33,543	50,470	16,927	50.5
Foreign financing		28,546	20,814	-7,732	-27.1
Net borrowings		20,383	12,052	-8,331	-40.9
Grants		8,163	8,762	599	7.3
Privatisation		0	0	0	
	UNIT	2005	2006	CHANGE	
		End Dec.	End July	Absolute	Percentage
Total outstanding govt. debt	Rs. Mn.	2,222,341	2,426,290	203,949	9.2
Total domestic debt ^(c)	Rs. Mn.	1,265,721	1,404,071	138,350	10.9
By Maturity					
Short term		262,153	291,960	29,807	11.4
o/w Treasury bills		234,174	242,108	7,934	3.4
Central bank advances		39,746	49,365	9,619	24.2
Medium & Long term		1,003,568	1,112,111	108,543	10.8
o/w Treasury bonds		751,569	829,395	77,826	10.4
Rupee loans		140,563	140,570	7	0.0
Sri Lanka Development Bonds		25,519	42,140	16,621	65.1
By Institution					
Non - Bank		967,211	1,089,279	122,068	12.6
Bank		298,411	314,395	15,984	5.4
Total foreign debt ^{(d)(e)}	Rs. Mn.	956,620	1,022,219	65,599	6.9
Concessional		919,030	985,516	66,486	7.2
Multilateral		486,854	524,215	37,361	7.7
of which ; IDA		213,916	228,823	14,907	7.0
ADB		230,329	249,542	19,213	8.3
Bilateral		432,576	461,301	28,725	6.6
of which ; Japan		277,429	295,956	18,527	6.7
Non Concessional		37,590	36,704	-886	-2.4

(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 August	CHANGE	
				Absolute	Percentage
# Narrow Money Supply (M₁)	Rs. Mn.				
2005		188,453	212,080	23,627	12.5
2006		230,702	238,622	7,920	3.4
Currency Held by the Public					
2005		99,669	107,977	8,308	8.3
2006		114,070	121,483	7,413	6.5
Demand Deposits Held by the Public					
2005		88,784	104,103	15,319	17.3
2006		116,632	117,140	508	0.4
# Broad Money Supply (M₂)¹	Rs. Mn.				
2005		687,964	757,307	69,343	10.1
2006		822,932	906,553	83,621	10.2
Time & Savings Deposits Held by the Public (Quasi Money)					
2005	Rs. Mn.	499,511	545,227	45,716	9.2
2006		592,230	667,930	75,700	12.8
Underlying Factors(M₂)	Rs. Mn.				
Net Foreign Assets³					
2005		129,153	140,041	10,888	8.4
2006		170,643	181,730	11,087	6.5
Domestic Credit					
2005		734,605	792,719	58,114	7.9
2006		831,421	944,647	113,226	13.6
To Government (Net)		165,237	175,200	9,963	6.0
To Corporations		15,651	16,055	404	2.6
To Co- operatives		1,256	1,302	46	3.6
To Other Private Sector		649,277	752,090	102,813	15.8
Other Items (Net)³					
2005		-175,793	-175,453	340	-0.2
2006		-179,132	-219,824	-40,692	22.7
# Consolidated Broad Money Supply(M_{2b})²	Rs.Mn.				
2005		858,644	945,538	86,894	10.1
2006		1,022,278	1,097,189	74,911	7.3
Adjusted Time & Savings Deposits Held by the Public (Quasi Money)					
2005		670,191	733,458	63,267	9.4
2006		791,576	858,566	66,990	8.5
Underlying Factors (M_{2b})	Rs.Mn.				
Net Foreign Assets³					
2005		170,218	188,569	18,351	10.8
2006		204,826	180,939	-23,888	-11.7
Domestic Credit					
2005		895,942	966,566	70,624	7.9
2006		1,034,414	1,160,850	126,436	12.2
To Government (Net)		246,753	267,422	20,669	8.4
To Corporations		16,672	18,723	2,051	12.3
To Co- operatives		1,256	1,302	46	3.6
To Other Private Sector		769,732	873,403	103,671	13.5
Other Items (Net)³					
2005		-207,515	-209,596	-2,081	1.0
2006		-216,962	-244,600	-27,638	12.7
# Reserve Money	Rs. Mn.				
2005		170,967	184,289	13,322	7.8
2006		197,932	213,895	15,963	8.1
# Money Multipliers					
M₁ Multiplier					
2005		1.10	1.15		
2006		1.17	1.12		
M₂ Multiplier					
2005		4.02	4.11		
2006		4.16	4.24		
M_{2b} Multiplier					
2005		5.02	5.13		
2006		5.16	5.13		

(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 April	CHANGE	
				Absolute	Percentage
# Broad Money Supply (M4) *	Rs.Mn.				
2005		1,094,064	1,147,700	53,636	4.9
2006		1,293,974	1,362,462	68,488	5.3
Quasi Money					
2005		909,042	943,719	34,677	3.8
2006		1,066,854	1,129,126	62,272	5.8
Underlying Factors (M4)					
Net Foreign Assets					
2005		161,469	179,664	18,195	11.3
2006		195,767	220,992	25,225	12.9
Domestic Credit					
2005		1,205,195	1,220,060	14,865	1.2
2006		1,411,409	1,482,169	70,760	5.0
To Government (Net)		409,362	429,332	19,970	4.9
To Corporations		16,672	18,667	1,995	12.0
To Other Private Sector		985,375	1,034,170	48,795	5.0
Other Items (Net)					
2005		-272,600	-252,022	20,578	-7.5
2006		-313,201	-340,700	-27,499	8.8
Reserve Money					
2005		170,967	181,861	10,894	6.4
2006		197,932	216,094	18,162	9.2
Money Multipliers					
M4 Multiplier					
2005		6.40	6.31	-0.1	-1.4
2006		6.54	6.30	-0.2	-3.7

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

14. BANKING

Item	UNIT	2005 End August	2006 End August	CHANGE	
				Absolute	Percentage
Commercial Banks⁽¹⁾					
Loans & Advances (Total Outstanding)	Rs. Mn.	603,393	759,417	156,024	25.9
Investment (Total Outstanding)					
Treasury Bills	Rs. Mn.	31,257	45,154	13,897	44.5
Other Govt. Securities⁽²⁾		59,050	51,615	-7,435	-12.6
Other Investments		29,961	35,511	5,550	18.5
Total Deposits	Rs. Mn.	871,777	1,021,955	150,178	17.2
Commercial Banks' Liquidity					
Excess Reserves and Cash in Hand	Rs. Mn.	11,307	14,485	3,178	28.1
Call Market Borrowings					
Last week of August	Rs. Mn.	24,543	45,341	20,798	84.7
	UNIT	2005	2006	CHANGE	
		End Aug.	End Aug.	Absolute	Percentage
Foreign Currency Banking					
Units(FCBUs)					
Number of FCBUs	Number	21	22	1	4.8
Total Assets / Liabilities	Rs. Mn.	244,425	313,832	69,407	28.4
Assets					
Loans & Advances - Residents	Rs. Mn.	177,945	235,502	57,557	32.3
Loans & Advances - Non-Residents		63,186	66,385	3,200	5.1
Other Assets		3,295	11,945	8,650	262.5
Liabilities					
Deposits & Borrowings - Residents	Rs. Mn.	168,765	168,775	10	0.0
Deposits & Borrowings - Non-Residents		34,585	90,987	56,401	163.1
Other Liabilities		41,075	54,071	12,996	31.6
National Savings Bank					
Time & Savings Deposits	Rs. Mn.	184,446	204,367	19,921	10.8

(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.

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15. INTEREST RATES

Item	UNIT	2005 Sept.	2006 Sept.	CHANGE	
		Last Week	Last Week	Absolute	Percentage
I Treasury Bills	Yield				
91 Days	Per cent	9.62	10.53	0.9	9.5
182 Days		9.76	10.65	0.9	9.1
364 Days		9.80	10.71	0.9	9.3
		2005 Sept.	2006 Sept.		
Treasury Bonds ⁽¹⁾					
2 Years		-	11.05		
3 Years		11.02	-		
4 Years		11.05	-		
5 Years		-	-		
6 Years		-	-		
AWDR ⁽²⁾	Per cent	5.84	6.89	1.1	18.0
AWFDR ⁽³⁾	Per cent	8.70	10.40	1.7	19.5
		2005 Sept.	2006 Sept.		
		Last week	Last Week		
AWPR ⁽⁴⁾	Per cent	11.76	14.70	2.9	25.0
Call Money Rates	Per cent	9.75-10.375	12.00-21.00		
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 Sept.	2006 Sept.		
1 Day	Per cent	10.31	15.25	4.9	47.9
7 Days	Per cent	10.50	15.33	4.8	46.0
1 Month	Per cent	10.85	15.54	4.7	43.2
3 Month	Per cent	11.23	15.46	4.2	37.7
6 Month	Per cent	11.49	15.71	4.2	36.7
12 Month	Per cent	11.81	16.08	4.3	36.2
		2005 2nd Quarter	2006 2nd Quarter		
AWLR ⁽⁸⁾	Per cent	15.0	16.1	1.1	7.3
		2005 End Aug.	2006 End Aug.		
Saving Rates	Per cent				
Commercial Banks		3.00-9.00	3.00-9.50		
National Savings Bank		5.00	5.00	0.0	0.0
Fixed Deposit Rates	Per cent				
Commercial Banks (12 Months)		5.50-10.50	5.50-12.50		
National Savings Bank (12 Months)		9.00	10.25	1.3	13.9
		2005 End Aug.	2006 End Aug.		
Long Term Lending Rates	Per cent				
SMIB		12.00-13.25	12.00-13.25		
DFCC		6.00-16.00	13.25-15.50		
NSB		10.00-12.00	11.00-12.50		
NDB		11.97-15.00	13.50-18.50		
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 July	End Aug.
Total Number of Active Cards	Number	637,326	728,863	736,248
Local (accepted only locally)		73,243	69,979	60,725
Global (accepted globally)		564,083	658,884	675,523
Outstanding balance	Rs. Mn.	15,009	17,473	17,803
Local (accepted only locally)		2,331	753	654
Global (accepted globally)		12,678	16,720	17,150

17. COMMERCIAL PAPER

Item	Unit	2005	2006	2006*
		End Dec.	End June	End July
Commercial Paper Issues ⁽¹⁾	Rs. Bn.			
Total Issues		10.9	9.9	16.2
Outstanding (at the end of the period)		2.4	4.6	6.3

* Provisional

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

18. SHARE MARKET

Item	UNIT	2005 End Sept.	2006 End Sept.	CHANGE	
				Absolute	Percentage
1 All Share Price Index (ASPI)	1985 = 100	2,434.4	2,383.4	-51.0	-2.1
2 Milanka Price Index (MPI)	1998.12.31 =1000	3,208.9	3,006.2	-202.7	-6.3
3 Market Capitalisation	Rs. Bn.	734.8	729.5	-5.3	-0.7
4 Non-national Transactions *	Rs. Mn.				
Purchases		3,754.0	933.4	-2,820.6	-75.1
Sales		1,636.0	2,002.9	366.9	22.4
Net Purchases		2,118.0	-1,069.5	-3,187.5	-150.5

*Total for the month

19. EXTERNAL TRADE

Item	UNIT	2005	2006*	CHANGE	
				Absolute	Percentage
Exports	Rs. Mn.				
August		58,902	76,173	17,271	29.3
January - August		404,725	454,567	49,841	12.3
Imports					
August		79,354	103,120	23,766	29.9
January - August		562,114	701,833	139,719	24.9
Balance of Trade					
August		-20,452	-26,947	-6,495	31.8
January - August		-157,389	-247,267	-89,878	57.1
Exports	US \$ Mn.				
August		585	734	150	25.6
January - August		4,051	4,411	361	8.9
Imports					
August		787	994	206	26.2
January - August		5,626	6,811	1,186	21.1
Balance of Trade					
August		-203	-260	-57	27.9
January - August		-1,575	-2,400	-825	52.4
Tourism					
Tourist Arrivals	Number				
August		51,216	52,931	1,715	3.3
January - August		362,049	405,487	43,438	12.0
Earnings from Tourism					
August	Rs. Mn.	3,107.0	4,005.8	899	28.9
	US\$ Mn.	30.8	38.6	8	25.2
January - August	Rs. Mn.	21,338.2	30,450.5	9,112	42.7
	US\$ Mn.	213.5	295.7	82	38.5

* Provisional

(External Trade Contd...)

IMPORTS					
Item	UNIT	2005	2006*	CHANGE	
				Absolute	Percentage
Major Imports					
Consumer Goods - Total	Rs. Mn.				
August		13,804	17,531	3,727	27.0
January - August		100,308	115,232	14,925	14.9
Rice					
August		38	63	25	64.6
January - August		1,396	316	-1,081	-77.4
Sugar					
August		1,156	1,827	671	58.0
January - August		8,774	13,372	4,599	52.4
Other Food and Beverages					
August		3,594	5,473	1,879	52.3
January - August		31,316	35,168	3,852	12.3
Non-Food Consumables					
August		9,016	10,169	1,153	12.8
January - August		58,822	66,377	7,555	12.8
Intermediate Goods - Total					
August		47,515	62,503	14,988	31.5
January - August		342,172	428,104	85,932	25.1
Wheat					
August		-	1,179	1,179	-
January - August		9,126	13,251	4,125	45.2
Petroleum					
August		15,769	21,456	5,686	36.1
January - August		99,520	150,109	50,590	50.8
Textile & Clothing					
August		13,775	15,538	1,763	12.8
January - August		98,073	103,081	5,008	5.1
Fertiliser					
August		547	1,897	1,350	247.0
January - August		8,899	13,327	4,428	49.8
Other Intermediate Goods					
August		17,424	22,435	5,010	28.8
January - August		126,553	148,335	21,782	17.2
Investment Goods - Total					
August		17,940	22,919	4,979	27.8
January - August		117,329	153,787	36,458	31.1
Total Imports - (Adjusted Figure)					
August		79,354	103,120	23,766	29.9
January - August		562,114	701,833	139,719	24.9

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(External Trade Contd...)

Item	UNIT	2005	2006*	CHANGE	
				Absolute	Percentage
Major Imports					
Consumer Goods - Total	US \$ Mn.				
August		137.0	168.9	32.0	23.3
January - August		1,003.9	1,118.3	114.4	11.4
Rice					
August		0.4	0.6	0.2	59.9
January - August		14.0	3.1	-10.9	-78.1
Sugar					
August		11.5	17.6	6.1	53.4
January - August		87.8	129.9	42.1	48.0
Other Food and Beverages					
August		35.7	52.7	17.1	47.9
January - August		313.6	341.2	27.7	8.8
Non-Food Consumables					
August		89.5	98.0	8.5	9.5
January - August		588.6	644.1	55.5	9.4
Intermediate Goods - Total					
August		471.5	602.3	130.8	27.7
January - August		3,424.5	4,154.2	729.7	21.3
Wheat					
August		0.0	11.4	11.4	-
January - August		91.5	128.6	37.1	40.5
Petroleum					
August		156.5	206.7	50.3	32.1
January - August		995.8	1,456.3	460.4	46.2
Textile & Clothing					
August		136.7	149.7	13.0	9.5
January - August		981.4	1,000.4	19.0	1.9
Fertiliser					
August		5.4	18.3	12.9	236.9
January - August		89.2	129.4	40.3	45.2
Other Intermediate Goods					
August		172.9	216.2	43.3	25.0
January - August		1,266.6	1,439.5	172.9	13.7
Investment Goods - Total					
August		178.0	220.8	42.8	24.1
January - August		1,174.1	1,492.7	318.6	27.1
Total Imports- (Adjusted value)					
August		787.4	993.6	206.2	26.2
January - August		5,625.7	6,811.2	1,185.5	21.1

* Provisional

(External Trade Contd...)

EXPORTS - VALUES

Item	UNIT	2005	2006*	CHANGE	
				Absolute	Percentage
Major Exports					
Tea					
August	Rs. Mn.	6,928	8,857	1,930	27.9
January - August		51,247	59,751	8,504	16.6
Rubber					
August		354	1,158	804	227.3
January - August		2,761	6,771	4,011	145.3
Coconut (3 major product)					
August		1,217	1,331	114	9.4
January - August		6,892	7,954	1,062	15.4
Minor Agricultural Products					
August		1,658	2,580	922	55.6
January - August		11,778	12,884	1,106	9.4
Gems					
August		916	1,031	115	12.6
January - August		7,707	7,815	108	1.4
Petroleum Products					
August		1,280	1,363	83	6.5
January - August		8,279	12,365	4,086	49.4
Textile & Garments					
August		27,501	35,847	8,346	30.3
January - August		186,053	201,133	15,081	8.1
Other Industrial Exports					
August		18,093	23,143	5,050	27.9
January - August		120,092	141,403	21,311	17.7
Total Exports (Adjusted value)					
August		58,902	76,173	17,271	29.3
January - August		404,725	454,567	49,841	12.3
Major Exports					
Tea	US \$ Mn.				
August		68.7	85.3	17	24.2
January - August		513.0	580.0	67	13.1
Rubber					
August		3.5	11.2	8	217.8
January - August		27.6	65.7	38	137.7
Coconut (3 major product)					
August		12.1	12.8	1	6.2
January - August		68.9	77.2	8	11.9
Minor Agricultural Products					
August		16.5	24.9	8	51.1
January - August		117.9	125.0	7	6.0
Gems					
August		9.1	9.9	1	9.3
January - August		77.2	76.0	-1	-1.6
Petroleum Products					
August		12.7	13.1	0.4	3.4
January - August		82.9	120.1	37	44.9
Textile & Garments					
August		272.9	345.4	73	26.6
January - August		1,861.9	1,951.7	90	4.8
Other Industrial Exports					
August		179.5	223.0	44	24.2
January - August		1,201.9	1,372.2	170	14.2
Total Exports (Adjusted value)					
August		584.5	734.0	150	25.6
January - August		4,050.6	4,411.3	361	8.9

* Provisional

(External Trade Contd...)

MAJOR EXPORTS & IMPORTS - VOLUMES AND PRICES					
Item	UNIT	2005 August	2006* August	CHANGE	
				Absolute	Percentage
Export Volume					
Tea	Mn. Kg.	27.3	32.2	4.9	18.0
Rubber	Mn. Kg.	2.2	4.7	2.4	110.1
Coconut	Mn. Nuts	52.9	55.4	2.5	4.8
Export Prices					
Tea	Rs./ Kg.	253.89	275.16	21.3	8.4
	US \$/ Kg.	2.52	2.65	0.1	5.2
Rubber	Rs./ Kg.	159.80	248.93	89.1	55.8
	US \$/ Kg.	1.59	2.40	0.8	51.3
Coconut	Rs./ Nut	12.34	11.75	-0.6	-4.8
	US \$/ Nut	0.12	0.11	0.0	-7.5
Colombo Auction					
Average Gross Price					
Tea	Rs./ Kg.	178.13	196.96	18.8	10.6
Rubber	Rs./ Kg.	145.75	223.14	77.4	53.1
Coconut	Rs./ Nut	70.49	60.59	-9.9	-14.0
Quantity Sold					
Tea	Mn. Kg.	26.47	26.20	-0.3	-1.0
Import Volumes					
Rice	MT '000	0.8	1.3	0.4	53.2
Wheat Grain	MT '000	-	68.9	-	-
Sugar	MT '000	36.4	38.0	1.6	4.3
Petroleum (Crude Oil)	Barrels '000	698.0	1,856.0	1,159.0	166.1
Import Prices(Average)					
Rice	Rs./MT	46,503.0	49,972.0	3,469.0	7.5
	US\$/MT	461.4	481.5	20.1	4.4
Wheat Grain	Rs./MT	-	17,120.0	-	-
	US\$/MT	-	165.0	-	-
Sugar	Rs./MT	31,740.0	48,087.0	16,347.0	51.5
	US\$/MT	315.0	463.4	148.4	47.1
Petroleum(Crude Oil)	Rs./Barrel	5,950.0	7,475.0	1,525.0	25.6
	US\$/Barrel	59.0	72.0	13.0	22.0

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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	178.5	51.9	41.0
Income, net		-176.9	-159.2	17.7	-10.0
Current Private Transfers, net		842.8	1,067.1	224.3	26.6
Inflows		949.7	1,173.8	224.1	23.6
Outflows		106.9	106.7	-0.2	-0.2
Current Official Transfers, net		46.7	29.4	-17.3	-37.0
Current Account, net		-372.2	-682.2	-310.0	83.3
Capital and Financial Account, net		383.1	781.7	398.6	104.0
Capital Account, net		116.4	125.5	9.1	7.8
Financial Account, net		266.7	656.2	389.5	146.0
Long-term, net		336.3	335.0	-1.3	-0.4
Private, net		118.1	171.9	53.8	45.6
Government, net		218.2	163.1	-55.1	-25.3
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 Aug. 06		
External Assets (c) (d)					
Total Reserves	Rs. Mn.	400,660.7	398,978.9	-1,681.8	-0.4
	US\$ Mn.	3,923.6	3,888.7	-34.9	-0.9
Gross Official Reserves	Rs. Mn.	251,004.4	262,531.5	11,527.1	4.6
	US\$ Mn.	2,458.1	2,558.8	100.7	4.1
		Sept.. 2005	Sept. 2006		
Exchange Rates (Period Ave.)					
	Rs./SDR	148.7725	151.8341	3.06	2.1
	Rs./US \$	101.3911	102.4928	1.10	1.1
	Rs./UKP	183.6729	191.9982	8.33	4.5
	Rs/.In Rs	2.3131	2.2288	-0.08	-3.6
	Rs/Yen	0.9138	0.8754	-0.04	-4.2
	Rs/Euro	124.3850	130.5207	6.14	4.9
Forward Exchange Rates (e)	Rs. / US \$		Sept. 2006		
One month			104.83		
Two months			105.62		
Three months			106.13		

(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 September based on actual transactions.