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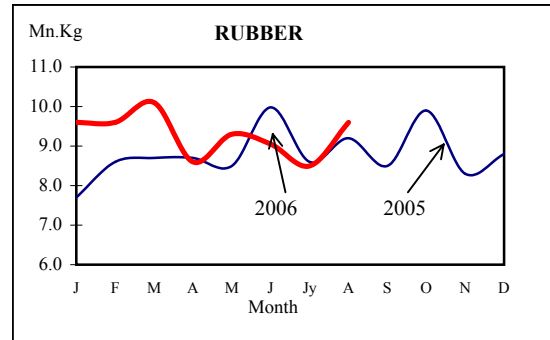
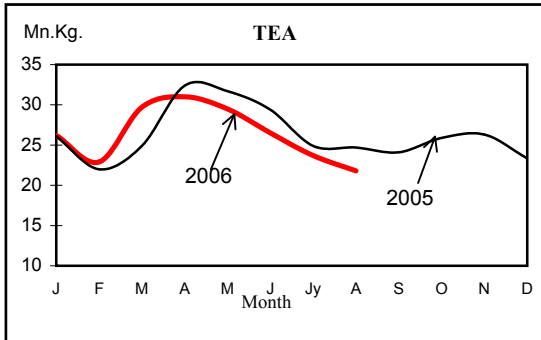
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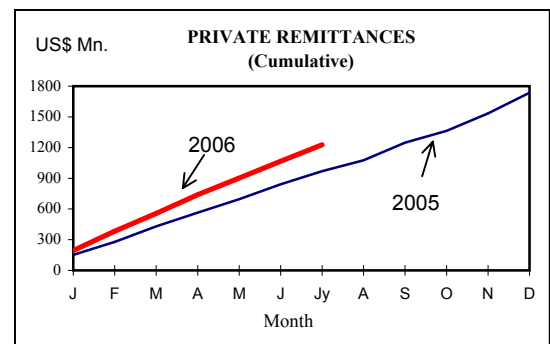
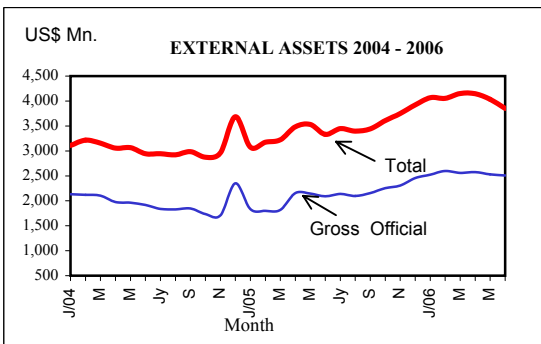
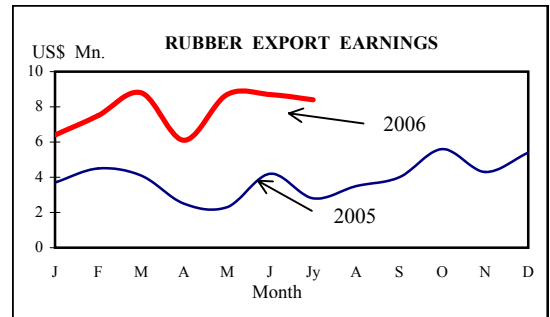
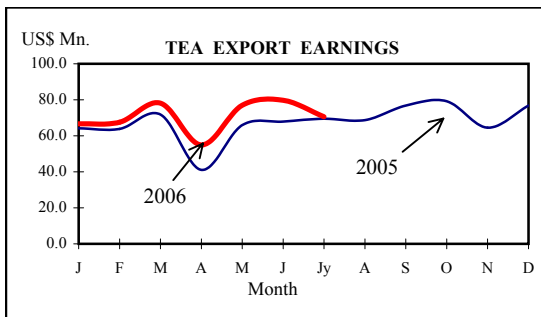
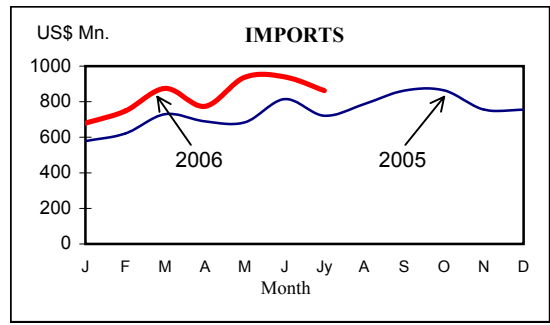
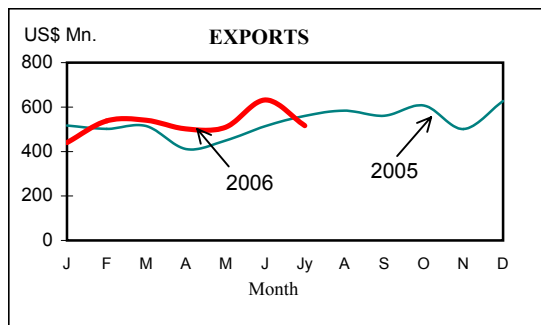
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TRENDS IN ECONOMIC INDICATORS

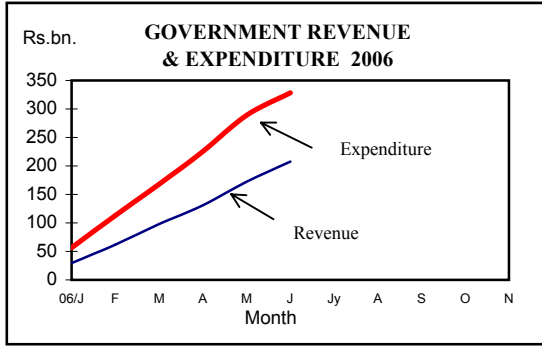
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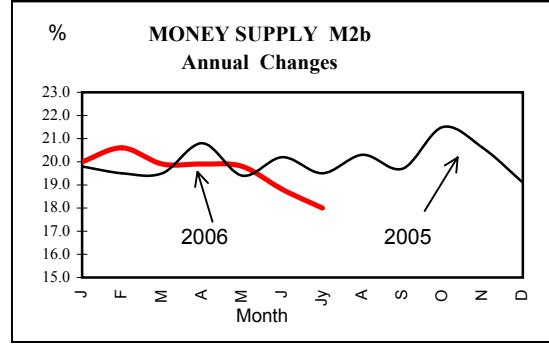
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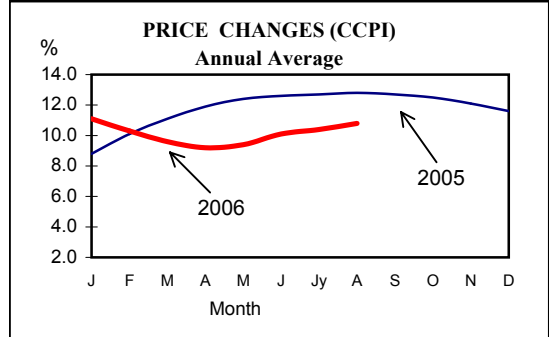
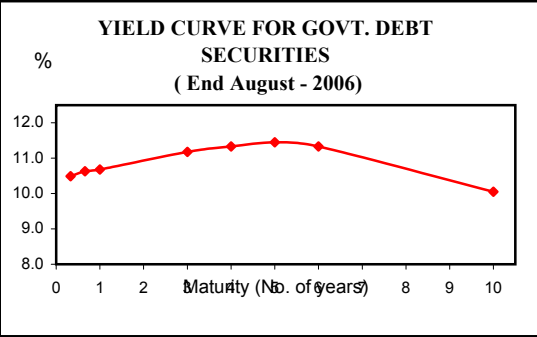
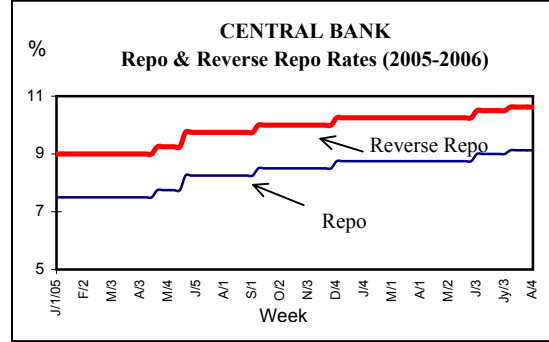
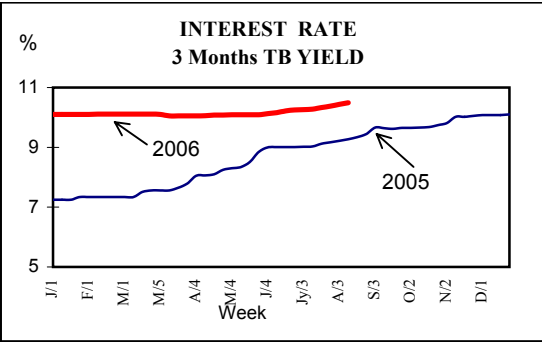
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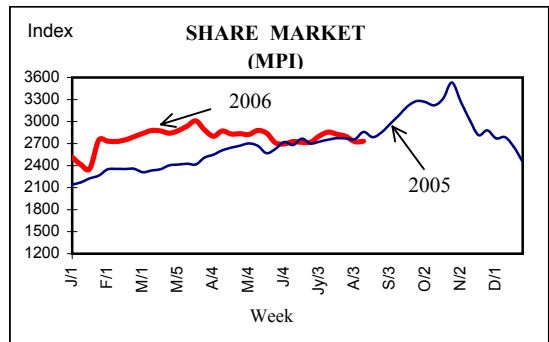
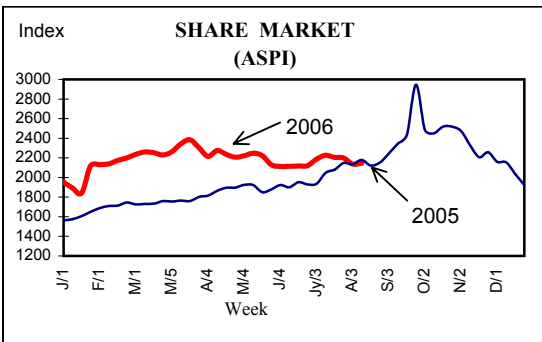
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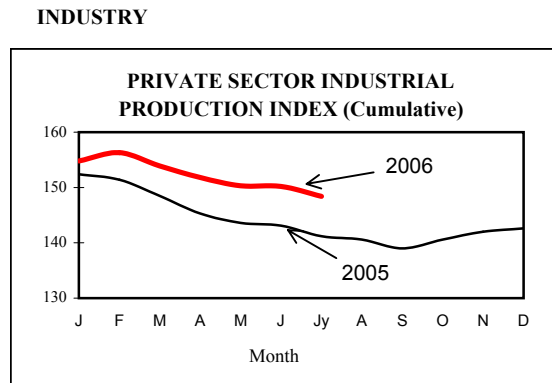
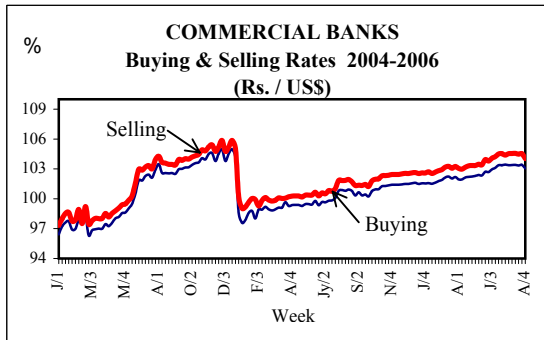
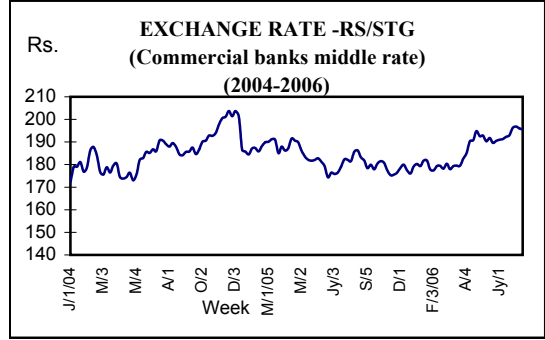
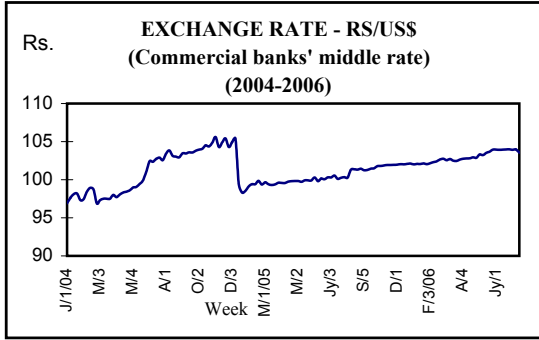
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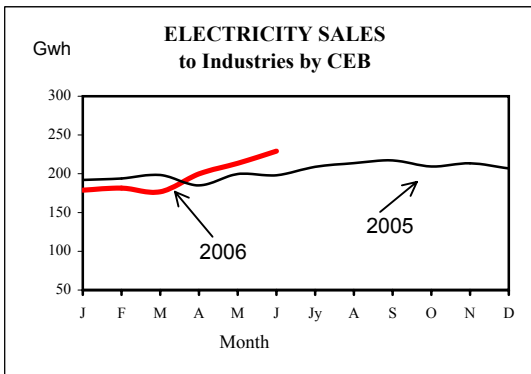
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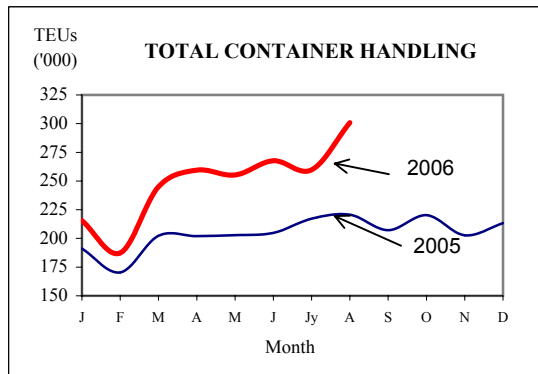
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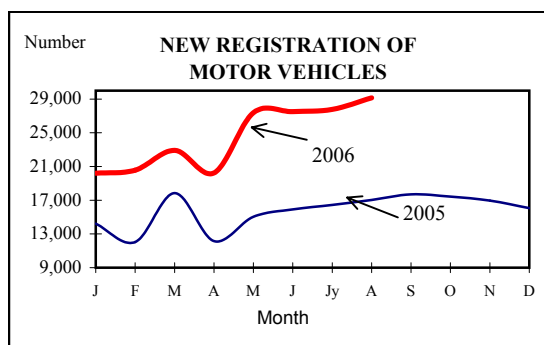
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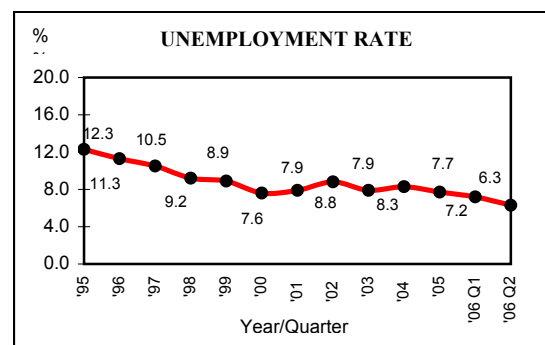
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MOTOR VEHICLES



UNEMPLOYMENT



SUMMARY OF SELECTED ECONOMIC INDICATORS

August 2006

Item	Period	Unit	2005	2006	% Change
Production					
a). Tea	Jan. - Aug.	Mn. Kgs.	216.7	210.1	-3.0
b). Rubber	Jan. - Aug.	Mn. Kgs.	69.9	74.3	6.3
d). Coconut	Jan. - July	Mn.Nuts	1,396.6	1,523.2	9.1
c). Fish	Jan. - July	'000 MT	64.2	131.1	104.2
			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. - July	Gwh.	4,984.0	5,437.0	9.1
g) Private Sector Industrial Volume Index	Jan. - July	1997 = 100	141.2	148.4	5.1
h) Public Sector Major Industrial Output Index	Jan. - August	1997 = 100	103.3	111.8	8.2
External Sector					
a). External Trade					
Exports	Jan. - July	US\$ Mn.	3,466	3,677	6.1
Imports	Jan. - July		4,838	5,818	20.2
Balance of Trade	Jan. - July		-1,372	-2,140	56.0
b). Balance of Payments					
Trade Account	Jan. - June	US\$ Mn.	-1,211.3	-1,798.0	-48.4
Current Account	Jan. - June		-372.2	-690.7	85.6
Overall Balance	Jan. - June		173.9	146.1	-16.0
			End Dec.'05	End May '06	
Total Reserves (c)		US\$ Mn.	3,924	3,776	-3.8
			2005	2006	
Govt. Finance					
a). Revenue	Jan. - June	Rs. Mn.	174,999	207,458	18.5
b). Current Expenditure	Jan. - June	Rs. Mn.	208,907	256,256	22.7
Money & Share Markets					
a). Money Supply					
Narrow Money M ₁	End July	Rs. Mn.	215,078	236,884	10.1
Broad Money M ₂	End July	Rs. Mn.	749,606	895,242	19.4
Consolidated Broad Money(M _{2b})(d)	End July	Rs. Mn.	928,304	1,095,048	18.0
Broad Money M ₄	End March	Rs. Mn.	1,130,645	1,342,254	18.7
b.) Share Market					
ASPI	End August	1985 = 100	2,145.0	2,200.0	2.6
MPI	End August	1998.12.31=1000	2,804.2	2,798.0	-0.2
Market Capitalisation	End August	Rs. Bn.	649.6	673.1	3.6
Prices					
(Annual Avg. % Change)	12 months ending				
a) CCPI	August	1952 = 100	12.8	10.8	
b) SLCPI	July	1995-1997 = 100	14.5	6.1	
c) CDCPI	July	Oct.1996 - Sep. 1997=100	11.1	6.2	
d) WPI	June	1974=100	18.6	6.9	

(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 (%)		Contribution to Growth (%)	
				First Quarter		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	17.4
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 (%)		Contribution to Growth (%)	
				Second Quarter		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	12.8
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 (%)		Contribution to Growth (%)	
				First Half		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	15.3
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 (%)		Contribution to Growth (%)	
				Fourth Quarter		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	12.6
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					
August	Mn.Kgs.	24.7	21.8	-2.9	-11.7
January - August		216.7	210.1	-6.6	-3.0
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					
July	Mn.Nuts	221.7	235.9	14.2	6.4
January - July		1,396.6	1,523.2	126.6	9.1
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					
July	'000 MT	13.4	17.3	3.9	29.1
January - July		64.2	131.1	66.9	104.2

* 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)					
June	GWh	198.1	229.2	31.1	15.7
January - June		1,167.0	1,284.6	117.6	10.1
Furnace Oil Sales					
July	'000 MT	87.7	66.0	-21.7	-24.7
January - July		548.9	560.5	11.6	2.1
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					
July	Rs. Mn.	924	1,494	570.0	61.7
January - July		6,999	11,001	4,002.0	57.2
Other Industrial Exports					
July	Rs. Mn.	42,457	39,511	-2,946.0	-6.9
January - July		260,551	283,547	22,996.0	8.8
Industrial Exports					
Petroleum Exports					
July	US\$ Mn.	9.2	14.4	5.2	56.5
January - July		70.2	106.9	36.7	52.3
Other Industrial Exports					
July	US\$ Mn.	423.3	380.0	-43.3	-10.2
January - July		2,611.4	2,755.5	144.1	5.5

(a) Excluding self generation.

(Industry cont.....)

PRIVATE SECTOR MONTHLY INDUSTRIAL VOLUME INDEX (1997 = 100)

Item	2005		2006*		Percentage Change (Jan - July)
	July	Jan - July	July	Jan - July	
Food, beverages & tobacco products	145.9	139.9	152.3	147.9	5.7
Food	152.0	148.3	156.7	156.2	5.3
Liquor	153.3	144.4	165.1	155.6	7.8
Beverages	156.9	139.3	170.1	151.2	8.5
Tobacco	102.9	102.4	105.0	104.4	1.9
Textile, wearing apparel & leather products	110.5	138.4	118.2	143.8	3.9
Apparel	115.8	144.4	124.1	149.7	3.7
Textile	74.8	99.2	78.5	105.0	5.8
Leather	92.1	111.5	96.5	117.7	5.5
Wood & wood products	130.6	122.0	137.5	127.5	4.5
Paper & paper products	120.9	117.8	127.1	123.7	5.0
Chemicals, rubber, plastic & petroleum products	155.6	158.6	165.4	168.8	6.4
Chemical & fertilizer	122.0	128.5	133.6	137.9	7.3
Rubber	192.0	197.2	199.2	211.0	7.0
Plastic & PVC	196.2	160.5	222.0	173.7	8.2
Pharmaceuticals & detergents	124.6	135.6	131.2	141.8	4.6
Non metallic mineral products	145.4	139.9	163.1	152.8	9.2
Diamond processing	116.5	143.7	132.7	155.9	8.5
Ceramic products	124.3	112.7	131.1	121.3	7.6
Cement	157.9	148.4	180.6	162.9	9.8
Building Materials	167.1	152.4	189.0	167.6	10.0
Basic metal products	154.3	146.9	164.5	154.6	5.2
Fabricated metal products	133.0	131.4	137.0	136.2	3.7
Other industrial products (n.e.s.)	118.0	127.5	121.3	132.2	3.6
Total	129.6	141.2	137.8	148.4	5.1

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
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				
July		-	147	-	-
January- July		1,168	1,274	106	9.1
Other Petroleum Imports	'000 MT				
July		258	105	-153	-59.3
January- July		996	1,094	98	9.8
Kerosene Sales	'000 MT				
July		18	16	-2	-11.1
January- July		117	123	6	5.1
Petrol Sales	'000 MT				
July		37	43	6	16.2
January- July		275	280	5	1.8
Auto Diesel Sales	'000 MT				
July		142	146	4	2.8
January- July		952	991	39	4.1
Electricity Generation					
July	Gwh.				
CEB - Hydro		746.0	792.0	46.0	6.2
Thermal		240.0	447.0	207.0	86.3
Wind		228.0	95.0	-133.0	-58.3
Private Sector		0.3	0.3	0.0	0.0
other		269.0	240.0	-29.0	-10.8
		9.0	10.0	1.0	11.1
January - July	Gwh.				
CEB - Hydro		4,984.0	5,437.0	453.0	9.1
Thermal		1,702.0	2,202.0	500.0	29.4
Wind		1,293.0	1,033.0	-260.0	-20.1
Private Sector		1.3	1.5	0.2	15.4
Other		1,926.0	2,133.0	207.0	10.7
		62.0	68.0	6.0	9.7

(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				
July		125	147	22	17.6
January - July		816	881	65	8.0
Imports (e)	'000 MT				
July		77	129	52	67.5
January - July		666	1,013	347	52.1
Total	'000 MT				
July		202	276	74	36.6
January - July		1,482	1,894	337	27.8

(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					
August	Number	23,114	29,145	6,031	26.1
Buses		159	313	154	96.9
Motor Cars		1,901	2,422	521	27.4
Three Wheelers		4,049	7,981	3,932	97.1
Dual Purpose Vehicles		707	608	-99	-14.0
Motor Cycles		13,483	14,462	979	7.3
Goods Transport Vehicles ^(a)		1,447	1,765	318	22.0
Land Vehicles ^(b)		1,359	1,594	235	17.3
Other Vehicles		9	-	-	-
January - August		149,736	195,751	46,015	30.7
Buses		1,299	2,116	817	62.9
Motor Cars		10,770	17,767	6,997	65.0
Three Wheelers		27,648	43,313	15,665	56.7
Dual Purpose Vehicles		4,639	4,905	266	5.7
Motor Cycles		85,963	101,575	15,612	18.2
Goods Transport Vehicles ^(a)		8,786	13,181	4,395	50.0
Land Vehicles ^(b)		10,559	12,894	2,335	22.1
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					
August	Number	368	384	16	4.3
January - August		2,678	2,949	271	10.1
Container Handling					
(a) Domestic					
August	TEUs	64,752	66,862	2,110	3.3
January - August		499,199	492,439	-6,760	-1.4
(b) Transshipment					
August	TEUs	149,147	226,439	77,292	51.8
January - August		1,066,609	1,451,793	385,184	36.1
(c) Re- Stowing					
August	TEUs	6,833	7,623	790	11.6
January - August		45,890	46,967	1,077	2.3
(d) Total Container Handling					
August	TEUs	220,732	300,924	80,192	36.3
January - August		1,611,698	1,991,199	379,501	23.5
Tonnage Handled					
(a) Cargo Discharged					
August	'000 MT	2,079	2,446	367	17.7
January - August		15,717	18,032	2,315	14.7
(b) Cargo Loaded					
August	'000 MT	1,194	1,467	273	22.9
January - August		8,603	10,211	1,608	18.7
(c) Total Cargo Handling					
August	'000 MT	3,273	3,913	640	19.6
January - August		24,320	28,243	3,923	16.1

(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				
August		4,032.1	4,650.0	617.9	15.3
12 Months ending August		3,936.0	4,362.1	426.1	10.8
Seasonally Adjusted CCPI	1952 = 100				
August		4,089.3	4,711.9	622.6	15.2
12 Months ending August		3,930.4	4,356.6	426.2	10.8
SLCPI	1995-1997 = 100				
July		187.6	206.2	18.6	9.9
12 Months ending July		184.8	196.2	11.4	6.1
CDCPI	1996 Oct.- Sep.1997=100				
July		163.8	176.9	13.1	8.0
12 Months ending July		158.7	168.5	9.8	6.2
WPI*	1974 = 100				
June		2,101.9	2,331.0	229.1	10.9
12 Months ending June		2,048.1	2,189.0	140.9	6.9

* Provisional

10. AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES (PETTAH MARKET)

Item	UNIT	2005 August	2006 * August	CHANGE	
				Absolute	Percentage
Rice	Rs/Kg				
Samba		40.82	42.00	1.18	2.9
Par Boiled Rice		30.45	31.45	1.00	3.3
Raw Rice (Red)		31.27	32.05	0.78	2.5
Other Food Items	Rs/Kg				
Dried Chillies		122.73	185.91	63.18	51.5
Red Onions (Local)		54.95	58.68	3.73	6.8
Big Onions (Imported)		48.59	44.24	-4.35	-9.0
Dhal (Australian)		81.14	80.00	-1.14	-1.4
Potatoes (Local)		75.00	78.36	3.36	4.5
Eggs (Medium)		6.25	5.56	-0.69	-11.0
Sugar - White		42.00	62.09	20.09	47.8

* 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
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
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
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.				
June		31,522	35,192	3,670	11.6
January - June		174,999	207,458	32,459	18.5
Recurrent expenditure ^(b)	Rs. Mn.				
June		31,181	33,641	2,460	7.9
January - June		208,907	256,256	47,349	22.7
Capital expenditure & net lending ^(b)	Rs. Mn.				
June		10,507	6,152	-4,355	-41.4
January - June		56,891	72,222	15,331	26.9
Financing	Rs. Mn.				
January - June					
Domestic financing		69,538	100,989	31,451	45.2
o/w Treasury bills		-3,604	706	4,310	119.6
Treasury bonds		48,185	64,554	16,369	34.0
Rupee loans		-5,112	2	5,114	100.0
Other		30,069	35,727	5,658	18.8
Foreign financing		21,260	20,031	-1,229	-5.8
Net borrowings		13,360	11,269	-2,091	-15.7
Grants		7,900	8,762	862	10.9
Privatisation		0	0	0	
	UNIT	2005	2006	CHANGE	
		End Dec.	End June	Absolute	Percentage
Total outstanding govt. debt	Rs. Mn.	2,222,341	2,401,397	179,056	8.1
Total domestic debt ^(c)	Rs. Mn.	1,265,721	1,387,015	121,294	9.6
By Maturity					
Short term		262,153	281,188	19,035	7.3
o/w Treasury bills		234,174	236,160	1,986	0.8
Central bank advances		39,746	48,956	9,210	23.2
Medium & Long term		1,003,568	1,105,827	102,259	10.2
o/w Treasury bonds		751,569	833,056	81,487	10.8
Rupee loans		140,563	140,565	2	0.0
Sri Lanka Development Bonds		25,519	41,841	16,322	64.0
By Institution					
Non - Bank		967,211	1,069,603	102,392	10.6
Bank		298,411	317,413	19,002	6.4
Total foreign debt ^{(d)(e)}	Rs. Mn.	956,620	1,014,382	57,762	6.0
Concessional		919,030	976,447	57,417	6.2
Multilateral		486,854	521,050	34,196	7.0
of which ; IDA		213,916	228,422	14,506	6.8
ADB		230,329	247,300	16,971	7.4
Bilateral		432,576	455,397	22,821	5.3
of which ; Japan		277,429	291,288	13,859	5.0
Non Concessional		37,590	37,935	345	0.9

(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 July	CHANGE	
				Absolute	Percentage
Narrow Money Supply (M₁)	Rs. Mn.				
2005		188,453	215,078	26,625	14.1
2006		230,702	236,884	6,182	2.7
Currency Held by the Public					
2005		99,669	107,618	7,949	8.0
2006		114,070	119,435	5,365	4.7
Demand Deposits Held by the Public					
2005		88,784	107,460	18,676	21.0
2006		116,632	117,449	817	0.7
Broad Money Supply (M₂)¹	Rs. Mn.				
2005		687,964	749,606	61,642	9.0
2006		822,932	895,242	72,310	8.8
Time & Savings Deposits Held by the Public (Quasi Money)					
2005	Rs. Mn.	499,511	534,527	35,016	7.0
2006		592,230	658,358	66,128	11.2
Underlying Factors(M₂)	Rs. Mn.				
Net Foreign Assets³					
2005		129,153	142,634	13,481	10.4
2006		170,643	199,047	28,404	16.6
Domestic Credit					
2005		734,605	778,188	43,583	5.9
2006		831,421	927,863	96,442	11.6
To Government (Net)		165,237	174,605	9,368	5.7
To Corporations		15,651	16,278	627	4.0
To Co- operatives		1,256	1,264	8	0.6
To Other Private Sector		649,277	735,716	86,439	13.3
Other Items (Net)³					
2005		-175,793	-171,216	4,577	-2.6
2006		-179,132	-231,669	-52,537	29.3
Consolidated Broad Money Supply(M_{2b})²	Rs.Mn.				
2005		858,644	928,304	69,660	8.1
2006		1,022,278	1,095,048	72,770	7.1
Adjusted Time & Savings Deposits Held by the Public (Quasi Money)					
2005		670,191	713,226	43,035	6.4
2006		791,576	858,163	66,587	8.4
Underlying Factors (M_{2b})	Rs.Mn.				
Net Foreign Assets²					
2005		170,218	179,643	9,425	5.5
2006		204,826	203,240	-1,586	-0.8
Domestic Credit					
2005		895,942	949,595	53,653	6.0
2006		1,034,414	1,153,262	118,848	11.5
To Government (Net)		246,753	271,142	24,389	9.9
To Corporations		16,672	18,981	2,309	13.8
To Co- operatives		1,256	1,264	8	0.6
To Other Private Sector		769,732	861,875	92,143	12.0
Other Items (Net)³					
2005		-207,515	-200,935	6,580	-3.2
2006		-216,962	-261,455	-44,493	20.5
Reserve Money	Rs. Mn.				
2005		170,967	184,647	13,680	8.0
2006		197,932	214,845	16,913	8.5
Money Multipliers					
M₁ Multiplier					
2005		1.10	1.16		
2006		1.17	1.10		
M₂ Multiplier					
2005		4.02	4.06		
2006		4.16	4.17		
M_{2b} Multiplier					
2005		5.02	5.03		
2006		5.16	5.10		

(1) $M_2 = M_1 + \text{Quasi Money}$

* 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 March	CHANGE	
				Absolute	Percentage
Broad Money Supply (M4) *	Rs.Mn.				
2005		1,094,064	1,130,645	36,581	3.3
2006		1,293,974	1,342,254	48,280	3.7
Quasi Money					
2005		909,042	925,791	16,749	1.8
2006		1,066,854	1,112,649	45,795	4.3
Underlying Factors (M4)					
Net Foreign Assets					
2005		161,469	172,750	11,281	7.0
2006		195,767	225,163	29,396	15.0
Domestic Credit					
2005		1,205,195	1,200,719	-4,476	-0.4
2006		1,411,409	1,462,140	50,731	3.6
To Government (Net)		409,362	424,299	14,937	3.6
To Corporations		16,672	15,743	-929	-5.6
To Other Private Sector		985,375	1,022,098	36,723	3.7
Other Items (Net)					
2005		-272,600	-242,818	29,782	-10.9
2006		-313,201	-345,047	-31,846	10.2
Reserve Money					
2005		170,967	190,755	19,788	11.6
2006		197,932	217,168	19,236	9.7
Money Multipliers					
M4 Multiplier					
2005		6.40	5.93	0	-7.3
2006		6.54	6.18	0	-5.5

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

14. BANKING

Item	UNIT	2005 End July	2006 End July	CHANGE	
				Absolute	Percentage
Commercial Banks⁽¹⁾					
Loans & Advances (Total Outstanding)	Rs. Mn.	595,247	746,926	151,679	25.5
Investment (Total Outstanding)					
Treasury Bills	Rs. Mn.	25,651	44,005	18,354	71.6
Other Govt. Securities⁽²⁾		54,507	51,574	-2,933	-5.4
Other Investments		32,353	31,747	-606	-1.9
Total Deposits	Rs. Mn.	857,820	1,020,240	162,420	18.9
Commercial Banks' Liquidity					
Excess Reserves and Cash in Hand	Rs. Mn.	10,570	17,205	6,635	62.8
		2005	2006		
Call Market Borrowings					
Last week of July	Rs. Mn.	13,130	30,074	16,944	129.0
	UNIT	2005	2006	CHANGE	
		End July	End July	Absolute	Percentage
Foreign Currency Banking Units(FCBUs)					
Number of FCBUs	Number	21	22	1	4.8
Total Assets / Liabilities	Rs. Mn.	239,020	313,603	74,583	31.2
Assets					
Loans & Advances - Residents.	Rs. Mn.	176,813	241,134	64,321	36.4
Loans & Advances - Non-Residents		60,009	61,548	1,539	2.6
Other Assets		2,199	10,921	8,723	396.8
Liabilities					
Deposits & Borrowings - Residents	Rs. Mn.	159,241	179,586	20,345	12.8
Deposits & Borrowings - Non-Residents		40,660	81,148	40,488	99.6
Other Liabilities		39,119	52,869	13,750	35.1
National Savings Bank					
Time & Savings Deposits	Rs. Mn.	183,443	204,023	20,580	11.2

(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 Aug.	2006 Aug.	CHANGE	
		Last Week	Last Week	Absolute	Percentage
Treasury Bills	Yield				
91 Days	Per cent	9.34	10.51	1.2	12.5
182 Days		9.39	10.63	1.2	13.2
364 Days		9.48	10.70	1.2	12.9
		2005 Aug.	2006 Aug.		
Treasury Bonds ⁽¹⁾					
2 Years		-	-		
3 Years		10.83	11.16		
4 Years		10.87	11.25		
5 Years		-	11.36		
6 Years		-	-		
AWDR ⁽²⁾	Per cent	5.73	6.72	1.0	17.3
AWFDR ⁽³⁾	Per cent	8.47	10.07	1.6	18.9
		2005 Aug.	2006 Aug.		
		Last week	Last Week		
AWPR ⁽⁴⁾	Per cent	11.30	12.80	1.5	13.3
Call Money Rates	Per cent	9.25-10.75	11.00-11.87		
Repo ⁽⁵⁾	Per cent	8.25	9.125	0.9	10.6
Reverse Repo ⁽⁶⁾	Per cent	9.75	10.625	0.9	9.0
Sri Lanka Inter Bank Offer Rate (SLIBOR) ⁽⁷⁾		2005 Aug.	2006 Aug.		
1 Day	Per cent	9.81	15.79	6.0	61.0
7 Days	Per cent	9.97	15.88	5.9	59.3
1 Month	Per cent	10.34	15.96	5.6	54.4
3 Month	Per cent	10.72	15.75	5.0	46.9
6 Month	Per cent	10.94	15.79	4.9	44.3
12 Month	Per cent	11.20	15.98	4.8	42.7
		2005 2nd Quarter	2006 2nd Quarter		
AWLR ⁽⁸⁾	Per cent	15.0	16.1	1.1	7.3
		2005 End July	2006 End July		
Saving Rates	Per cent				
Commercial Banks		3.00-8.00	3.00-9.50		
National Savings Bank		5.00	5.00	0.0	0.0
Fixed Deposit Rates	Per cent				
Commercial Banks (12 Months)		5.50-1.00	5.50-12.50		
National Savings Bank (12 Months)		8.00	10.25	2.3	28.1
		2005 End July	2006 End July		
Long Term Lending Rates	Per cent				
SMIB		12.00-13.25	12.00-13.25		
DFCC		6.00-16.00	6.00-22.00		
NSB		10.00-12.00	11.00-12.50		
NDB		10.25-16.50	13.50-20.00		
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 June	End July
Total Number of Active Cards	Number	637,326	695,513	728,863
Local (accepted only locally)		73,243	59,202	69,979
Global (accepted globally)		564,083	636,311	658,884
Outstanding balance	Rs. Mn.	15,009	17,091	17,473
Local (accepted only locally)		2,331	744	753
Global (accepted globally)		12,678	16,347	16,720

17. COMMERCIAL PAPER

Item	Unit	2005	2006	2006*
		End Dec.	End May	End June
Commercial Paper Issues ⁽¹⁾	Rs. Bn.			
Total Issues		10.9	7.2	9.9
Outstanding (at the end of the period)		2.4	3.7	4.6

* Provisional

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

18. SHARE MARKET

Item	UNIT	2005	2006	CHANGE	
		End August	End August	Absolute	Percentage
All Share Price Index (ASPI)	1985 = 100	2,145.0	2,200.0	55.0	2.6
Milanka Price Index (MPI)	1998.12.31 =1000	2,804.2	2,798.0	-6.2	-0.2
Market Capitalisation	Rs. Bn.	649.6	673.1	23.5	3.6
Non-national Transactions *	Rs. Mn.				
Purchases		3,674.4	2,460.2	-1,214.2	-33.0
Sales		1,680.0	2,654.2	974.2	58.0
Net Purchases		1,994.4	-194.0	-2,188.4	-109.7

*Total for the month

19. EXTERNAL TRADE

Item	UNIT	2005	2006*	CHANGE	
				Absolute	Percentage
Exports	Rs. Mn.				
July		56,140	53,605	-2,535	-4.5
January - July		345,823	378,393	32,570	9.4
Imports					
July		72,273	89,677	17,404	24.1
January - July		482,759	598,713	115,954	24.0
Balance of Trade					
July		-16,133	-36,072	-19,939	123.6
January - July		-136,937	-220,320	-83,383	60.9
Exports	US \$ Mn.				
July		560	516	-44	-7.8
January - July		3,466	3,677	211	6.1
Imports					
July		721	862	141	19.6
January - July		4,838	5,818	979	20.2
Balance of Trade					
July		-161	-347	-186	115.8
January - July		-1,372	-2,140	-768	56.0
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.				
July		12,639	13,625	986	7.8
January - July		86,504	97,701	11,197	12.9
Rice					
July		18	21	3	16.7
January - July		1,358	253	-1,105	-81.4
Sugar					
July		1,011	1,088	77	7.6
January - July		7,617	11,545	3,928	51.6
Other Food and Beverages					
July		3,550	4,239	689	19.4
January - July		27,723	29,695	1,972	7.1
Non-Food Consumables					
July		8,060	8,277	217	2.7
January - July		49,806	56,208	6,402	12.9
Intermediate Goods - Total					
July		43,574	52,260	8,686	19.9
January - July		294,657	365,601	70,944	24.1
Wheat					
July		1,095	2,304	1,209	110.4
January - July		9,126	12,072	2,946	32.3
Petroleum					
July		10,282	21,863	11,581	112.6
January - July		83,750	128,654	44,904	53.6
Textile & Clothing					
July		13,198	12,697	-501	-3.8
January - July		84,298	87,544	3,245	3.8
Fertiliser					
July		1,192	1,230	38	3.2
January - July		8,353	11,430	3,078	36.8
Other Intermediate Goods					
July		17,806	14,166	-3,640	-20.4
January - July		109,129	125,901	16,772	15.4
Investment Goods - Total					
July		15,857	19,396	3,539	22.3
January - July		99,389	130,868	31,479	31.7
Total Imports - (Adjusted Figure)					
July		72,273	89,677	17,404	24.1
January - July		482,759	598,713	115,954	24.0

* Provisional

(External Trade Contd...)

Item	UNIT	2005	2006*	CHANGE	
				Absolute	Percentage
Major Imports					
Consumer Goods - Total	US \$ Mn.				
July		126.0	131.0	5.0	4.0
January - July		866.9	949.4	82.5	9.5
Rice					
July		0.2	0.2	0.0	0.0
January - July		13.6	2.5	-11.2	-81.6
Sugar					
July		10.1	10.5	0.4	4.0
January - July		76.3	112.3	36.0	47.2
Other Food and Beverages					
July		35.4	40.7	5.3	15.0
January - July		277.9	288.5	10.6	3.8
Non-Food Consumables					
July		80.4	79.6	-0.8	-1.0
January - July		499.1	546.1	47.0	9.4
Intermediate Goods - Total					
July		434.4	541.1	106.7	24.6
January - July		2,953.0	3,552.0	598.9	20.3
Wheat					
July		10.9	22.2	11.3	103.7
January - July		91.5	117.3	25.7	28.1
Petroleum					
July		102.5	210.4	107.9	105.3
January - July		839.3	1,249.5	410.2	48.9
Textile & Clothing					
July		131.6	122.1	-9.5	-15.1
January - July		844.7	850.7	5.9	0.7
Fertiliser					
July		11.9	11.8	-0.1	-0.6
January - July		83.7	75.2	-8.5	-10.2
Other Intermediate Goods					
July		177.5	174.6	-2.9	-1.6
January - July		1,093.7	1,259.3	165.6	15.1
Investment Goods - Total					
July		158.1	186.5	28.4	18.0
January - July		996.1	1,271.9	275.8	27.7
Total Imports- (Adjusted value)					
July		720.6	862.4	141.8	19.7
January - July		4,838.2	5,817.5	979.3	20.2

* Provisional

(External Trade Contd...)

MAJOR EXPORTS & IMPORTS - VOLUMES AND PRICES

Item	UNIT	2005 July	2006* July	CHANGE	
				Absolute	Percentage
Export Volume					
Tea	Mn. Kg.	28.1	27.4	-0.7	-2.5
Rubber	Mn. Kg.	1.8	3.2	1.4	77.8
Coconut	Mn. Nuts	37.7	45.5	7.8	20.7
Export Prices					
Tea	Rs./ Kg.	248.74	267.24	18.5	7.4
	US \$/ Kg.	2.48	2.57	0.1	3.6
Rubber	Rs./ Kg.	151.91	137.35	-14.6	-9.6
	US \$/ Kg.	1.51	2.57	1.1	70.2
Coconut	Rs./ Nut	12.94	15.03	2.1	16.1
	US \$/ Nut	0.13	0.11	0.0	-15.4
Colombo Auction					
Average Gross Price					
Tea	Rs./ Kg.	167.08	189.27	22.2	13.3
Rubber	Rs./ Kg.	151.16	246.90	95.7	63.3
Coconut	Rs./ Nut	66.06	57.95	-8.1	-12.3
Quantity Sold					
Tea	Mn. Kg.	24.81	22.30	-2.5	-10.1
Import Volumes					
Rice	MT '000	0.4	0.4	0.0	0.0
Wheat Grain	MT '000	66.0	132.7	66.7	101.1
Sugar	MT '000	32.6	22.8	-9.8	-30.1
Petroleum (Crude Oil)	Barrels '000	-	1,090.0	-	-
Import Prices(Average)					
Rice	Rs./MT	44,610.0	26,891.0	-17,719.0	-39.7
	US\$/MT	444.8	483.0	38.2	8.6
Wheat Grain	Rs./MT	16,596.0	17,403.0	807.0	4.9
	US\$/MT	165.5	167.0	1.5	0.9
Sugar	Rs./MT	31,007.0	30,018.0	-988.0	-3.2
	US\$/MT	309.1	459.3	150.2	48.6
Petroleum(Crude Oil)	Rs./Barrel	-	4,557.0	-	-
	US\$/Barrel	-	71.7	-	-

* Provisional

TRADE INDICES (1997 = 100)**

Item	2005 June	2006* June
Total Exports		
Value	132.7	163.1
Quantity	122.3	145.0
Unit Value	108.5	112.5
Total Imports		
Value	166.7	192.2
Quantity	166.7	177.5
Unit Value	100.0	108.3
Terms of Trade	108.5	103.8

** In US\$ Terms

* Provisional

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	176.6	50.0	39.5
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	22.8	-23.9	-51.2
Current Account, net		-372.2	-690.7	-318.5	85.6
Capital and Financial Account, net					
Capital Account, net		383.1	756.6	373.5	97.5
Financial Account, net		116.4	113.3	-3.1	-2.7
Long-term, net		266.7	643.3	376.6	141.2
Private, net		336.3	356.1	19.8	5.9
Government, net		118.1	190.5	72.4	61.3
Short-term, net		218.2	165.5	-52.7	-24.2
Overall Balance		-69.6	278.4	348.0	500.0
		173.9	146.1	-27.8	-16.0
		End Dec. '05	End July 06		
External Assets (c) (d)					
Total Reserves	Rs. Mn.	400,660.7	392,641.7	-8,019.0	-2.0
	US\$ Mn.	3,923.6	3,775.9	-147.7	-3.8
Gross Official Reserves	Rs. Mn.	251,004.4	262,341.9	11,337.5	4.5
	US\$ Mn.	2,458.1	2,522.8	64.7	2.6
		Aug. 2005	Aug. 2006		
Exchange Rates (Period Ave.)					
	Rs./SDR	147.8528	154.2948	6.44	4.4
	Rs./US \$	100.7784	103.7816	3.00	3.0
	Rs./UKP	180.6230	196.3002	15.68	8.7
	Rs./In Rs	2.3140	2.2368	-0.08	-3.3
	Rs./Yen	0.9102	0.8959	-0.01	-1.6
	Rs./Euro	123.9162	132.9053	8.99	7.3
Forward Exchange Rates (d)					
	Rs. / US \$		Aug. 2006		
One month			103.44		
Two months			104.24		
Three months			104.69		

(a) Provisional

(b) In the presentation of BOP data, FCBU's 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 August based on actual transactions.