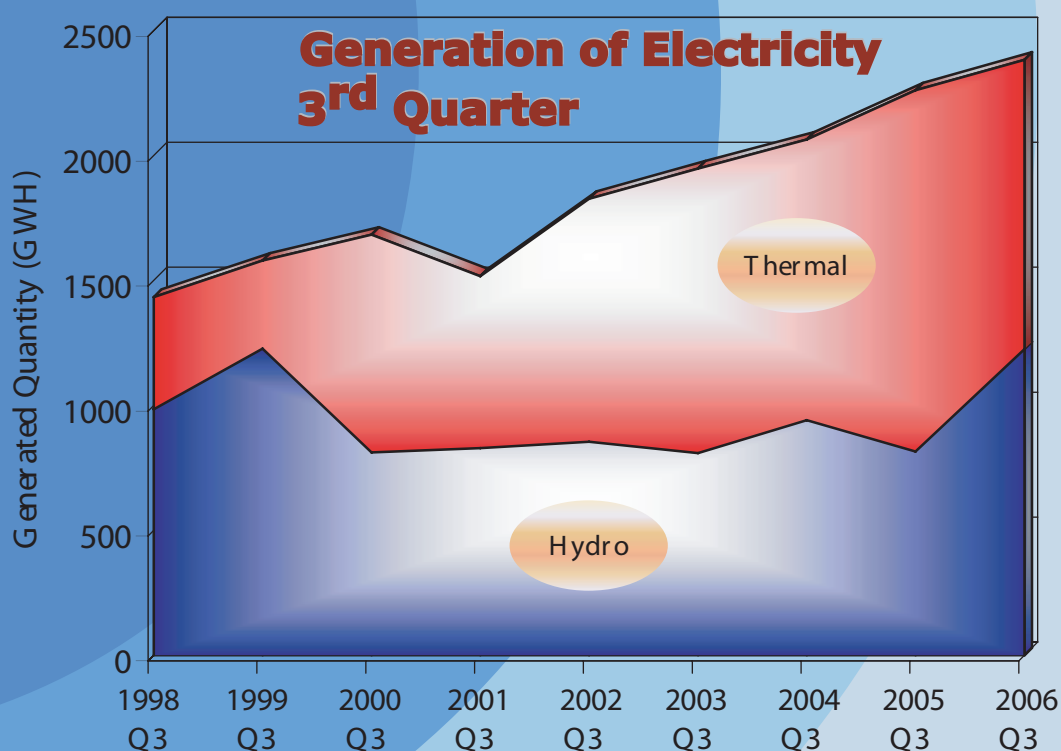




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PREFACE

The need for Quarterly National Accounts has gained high priority to measure the short-term economic performance. This is the Eleventh of the series to be released quarterly on Quarterly National Accounts Estimates by the Department of Census and Statistics. This Bulletin contains "Gross Domestic Product Estimates" (GDP) for the third quarter of 2006 at current and constant prices with 1998 as the base year. The comprehensive set of national accounts tables are given for Sub sectors of GDP and more disaggregation of the Agriculture value added and the Short term economic indicators are given separately as Selected leading economic indicators for the sub sectors of GDP.

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I hope that this publication will meet the interest of the data users including policy makers, academics and researchers etc.

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Economic Performance

- ❖ The economic performance of Sri Lanka recorded a very satisfactory and attractive growth rate of 7.4 per cent in Gross Domestic Product (GDP) at constant (1998) prices for the third quarter of 2006 as against the growth rate of 6.4 per cent recorded for the third quarter of 2005. This is relatively an encouraging economic performance.
- ❖ The Services sub sector of GDP grew by 7.6 per cent and sub sector for the Industry grew by 7.9 per cent and the Agriculture sub sector of GDP recorded a positive 5.4 per cent growth rate for the third quarter of 2006 as against that of the second quarter of 2005.
- ❖ The value added contributions to the GDP from Agriculture, Industry & service sub sectors were 13.6%, 28.2% and 58.2% respectively. Accordingly, the Service sub sector has become a dominating sub sector of GDP in the recent past.

Sectoral Growth Contribution to Total Growth Rate of 7.4%
Third Quarter 2006

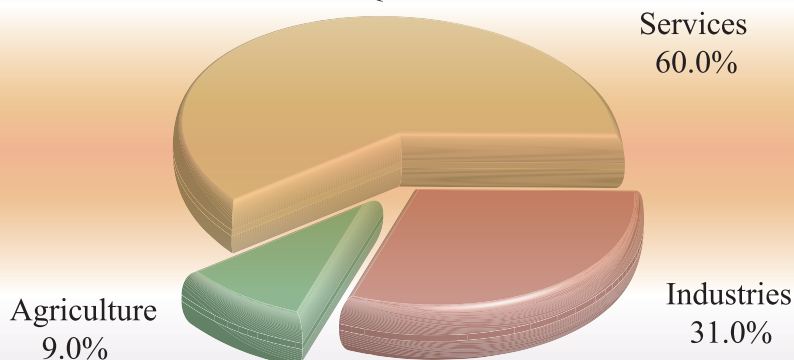


Table 1A - Summary Indicators

	2005	2006@	Third Quarter		% Share of GDP	
			% Change		2005	2006
			05/04	06/05		
A. Gross Domestic Product (GDP) at Constant 1998 Prices, Rs. Million	355,970	382,218	6.4	7.4		
i. Agriculture	49,231	51,906	4.3	5.4	13.8	13.6
ii. Industry	100,047	107,919	7.4	7.9	28.1	28.2
iii. Services	206,692	222,393	6.5	7.6	58.1	58.2
B. Gross Domestic Product (GDP) at current Market Prices (Rs. Million)	621,230	743,872	17.6	19.7		
i. Agriculture	74,072	84,984	8.8	14.7	11.9	11.4
ii. Industry	180,685	212,979	19.8	17.9	29.1	28.6
iii. Services	366,473	445,909	18.4	21.7	59.0	59.9
C. US One Dollar, (US \$) = Rupee	100.82	103.42	-2.3	2.6		
D. Price Indices						
i. GDP Implicit price deflator (1998=100)	174.5	194.6	10.5	11.5		
ii. Colombo Consumers Price Index (CCPI), 1952=100	4,059.2	4,674.1	10.7	15.1		
iii. Sri Lanka Consumers Price Index (SLCPI) 1995 to 1997=100	187.2	207.3	8.3	10.7		
iv. Imports of Investment Goods unit price Index 1997=100						
E External trade. Value in Rs. Million						
i. Exports of Goods at FOB value	171,898	192,096	8.4	11.7	27.7	25.8
ii. Imports of Goods at CIF value	239,034	275,365	16.9	15.2	38.5	37.0
iii. Imports of Investment Goods (Building materials, Vehicles, Machinery and Equipment) at CIF value	51,199	59,368	19.0	16.0	8.2	8.0

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- ❖ The sectoral growth contributions to the total GDP growth rate of 7.4 for 3rd Quarter 2006 from Sub sectors of Agriculture, Industry and Services were 9.0%, 31.0% and 60.0% respectively.
- ❖ The Inflation Rate based on GDP Implicit Deflator indicated 11.5 per cent for the third quarter of 2006 as against that of 2005 and it shows an increase compared to the inflation rate of 10.5 per cent recorded for the third quarter of 2005.
- ❖ The economy is showing attractive economic growth in all three sectors of Agriculture, Industry and Services for the third quarter as well as first nine months of the year 2006. The growth was witnessed in all these three sectors for the third quarter of 2006.

Value Added Contribution to GDP - Third Quarter 2006

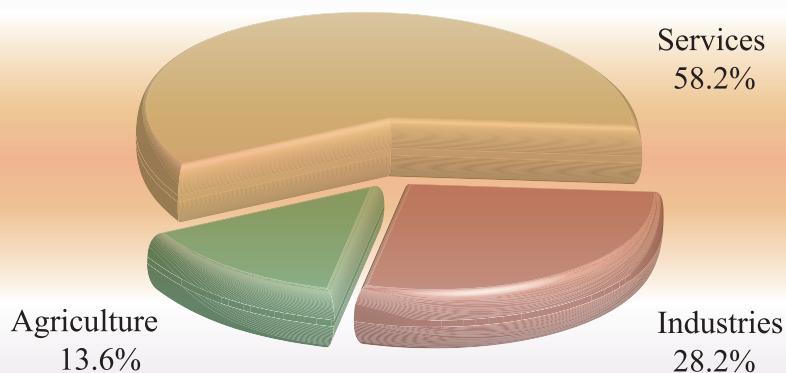


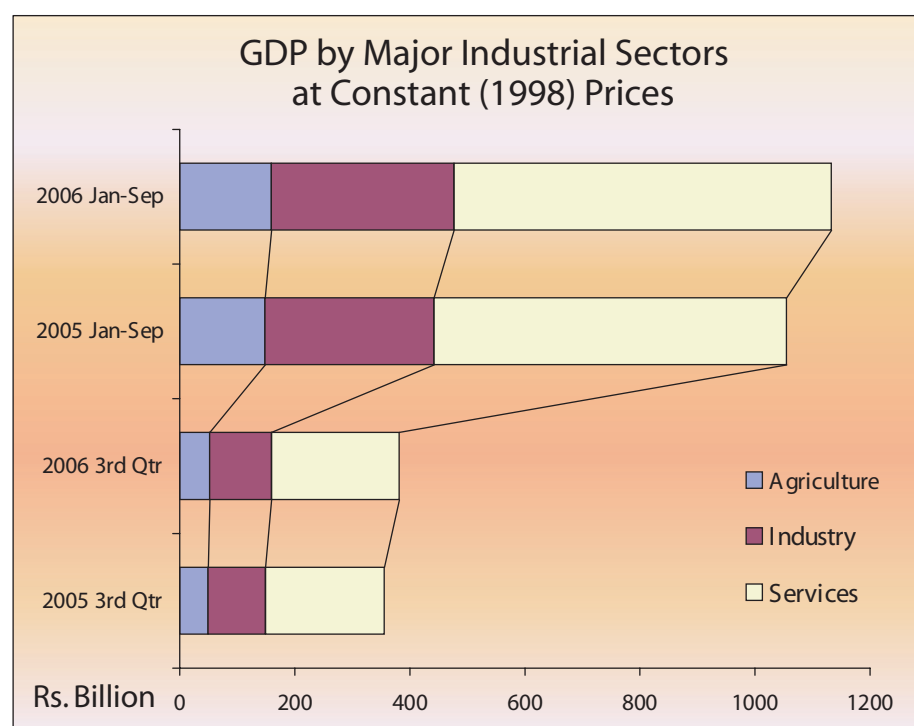
Table 1B - Summary Indicators

	January to September					
	2005	2006@	% Change		% Share of GDP	
			05/04	06/05	2005	2006
A. Gross Domestic Product (GDP) at Constant 1998 Prices, Rs. Million	1,055,004	1,133,186	5.7	7.4		
i. Agriculture	148,370	159,003	0.2	7.2	14.1	14.0
ii. Industry	294,096	317,742	7.4	8.0	27.9	28.0
iii. Services	612,538	656,442	6.2	7.2	58.1	57.9
B. Gross Domestic Product (GDP) at current Market Prices (Rs. Million)	1,792,130	2,147,107	16.6	19.8		
i. Agriculture	222,809	245,705	10.7	10.3	12.4	11.4
ii. Industry	535,342	638,463	22.7	19.3	29.9	29.7
iii. Services	1,033,979	1,262,938	14.9	22.1	57.7	58.8
C. US One Dollar, (US \$) = Rupee	100.1	103.0		2.9		
D. Price Indices						
i. GDP Implicit price deflator (1998=100)	169.9	189.5	10.3	11.5		
ii. Colombo Consumers Price Index (CCPI), 1952=100	4,013.8	4,531.3	12.5	12.9		
iii. Sri Lanka Consumers Price Index (SLCPI) 1995 to 1997=100	188.1	202.1	12.8	7.4		
iv. Imports of Investment Goods unit price Index 1997=100						
E External trade. Value in Rs. Million						
i. Exports of Goods at FOB value	461,581	516,885	11.1	12.0	25.8	24.1
ii. Imports of Goods at CIF value	649,521	784,401	13.5	20.8	36.2	36.5
iii. Imports of Investment Goods (Building materials, Vehicles, Machinery and equipment at CIF value	134,731	170,840	9.4	26.8	7.5	8.0

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Agriculture

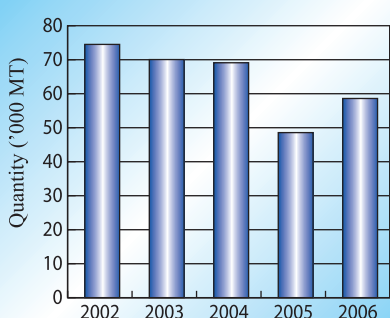
- ❖ The agriculture sector has shown a positive performance in the third quarter of 2006. The growth rate of 5.4 per cent was recorded for the agriculture sub sector of GDP in the third quarter of 2006 as against the growth rate of 4.3 per cent recorded for the same period in 2005.
- ❖ According to the trends and performance, paddy production has shown a negative growth rate of 2.5 per cent in the third quarter of 2006 as against the growth rate of 28.8 per cent recorded in the third quarter of 2005. The Yala paddy production in 2005 was 44.3Mn bushels and 41.6 Mn bushels in 2006 which caused the paddy value added to drop by 2.5 percent. This is mainly due to the decrease in production in Ampara, Polonnaruwa, Anuradapura, and Batticaloa districts. This better harvest was caused by subsidized fertilizer prices for paddy.
- ❖ In real terms, the value added in the Fishing sector increased rapidly by 20.7 per cent from Rs. 3,029 million in the third quarter of 2005 to Rs. 3,655 million in the third quarter of 2006. This highlighted rapid recovery of aftermath of Tsunami destruction occurred in fishing industry in December 2004.



❖ Fish Production for the third quarter of 2006 has increased by 20.7 per cent over the previous year. This is mainly due to the Marine fish production which has increased by 24.5%. Inland fisheries production has increased only by 4.0% over the previous year.

❖ After the Tsunami rehabilitation process, there is a rapid growth in the number of fishing boats which has effected in higher fish production.

Fish Production - Third Quarter



❖ The green leaf production of tea has shown a negative growth rate of 0.7 per cent in the third quarter of 2006 as against the growth rate of 5.1 per cent in the third quarter of 2005.

❖ The present fertilizer prices are so high that planters are finding it difficult to apply the right dosage of fertilizer to the estates. Fertilizer cost of a kilogram of tea is as high as 11 to 15 percent of total cost. From a political point of view fertilizer subsidy for paddy is important for any government than other agricultural products. If the fertilizer subsidy can be worked out in tea production it would not only be an incentive to the planter, but will go a long way in lowering the cost of production while it would reflect favourably on the economy.

❖ Similarly, there is a labour shortage mainly of women in the estates, because of the foreign labour market sponsored by the government. Most of the women in the estate sector have gone for Middle East countries. This also affected for the higher cost of production in the tea sub sector.

❖ Rubber production was also estimated to a negative growth rate of 0.4 percent for the third quarter of 2006 as against the growth rate of 21.7 per cent for the third quarter of 2005.

❖ Government has increased the rubber replanting subsidy from rupees one hundred thousand to rupees one hundred and twenty five thousand per hectare.

❖ In addition to this increase of the rubber subsidy, the sharp rise in the price of a kilogram of rubber has influenced the rubber cultivators to concentrate more in the growing of rubber than coconut and tea.

Table 2A - GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT BY INDUSTRIAL ORIGIN

AT CONSTANT (1998) PRICES OF MAJOR ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES - VALUE ADDED

Major Division	Third Quarter		First 9 Months	
	2005 Rs. Mn.	2006 @ Rs. Mn.	2005 Rs. Mn.	2006 @ Rs. Mn.
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing	49,231	51,906	148,370	159,003
1. Agriculture, Livestock, and Forestry	46,202	48,250	141,567	147,109
1.1 Tea	5,629	5,588	19,686	19,485
1.2 Rubber	941	937	3,416	3,612
1.3 Coconut	4,508	4,643	12,809	13,701
1.4 Minor export crops	1,761	2,021	4,141	4,330
1.5 Paddy	7,643	7,449	25,788	26,684
1.6 Livestock	2,962	3,185	8,514	9,368
1.7 Other food crops	17,248	18,697	50,849	52,724
1.7.1 Highland crops	9,417	9,831	19,240	19,775
1.7.2 Vegetables	7,514	8,541	30,673	32,206
1.7.3 Fruits	317	325	936	944
1.8 Tobacco	47	69	188	148
1.9 Betel & Arecanuts	323	324	840	924
1.10 Plantation Development	843	867	2,902	3,029
1.11 Miscellaneous Agricultural Products	1,441	1,501	4,419	4,615
1.12 Firewood & Forestry	2,856	2,970	8,016	8,289
2. Fishing	3,029	3,655	6,703	11,894
2.1 Inland Fishing	571	594	1,584	1,672
2.2 Marine Fishing	2,458	3,061	5,118	10,222
Industry	100,047	107,919	294,096	317,742
3. Mining and Quarrying	5,999	6,849	15,044	18,158
3.1 Gem Mining	1,759	1,995	4,435	5,118
3.2 Other Mining	4,241	4,854	10,610	13,040
4. Manufacturing	63,149	67,033	183,305	194,018
4.1 Export processing (Tea, Rubber and Coconut)	2,742	2,898	8,738	9,189
4.2 Factory industry	56,058	59,534	161,333	170,905
4.2.1 Food Beverages & Tobacco	27,954	29,604	78,214	83,167
4.2.2 Textile, Wearing apparel & leather	14,165	15,129	40,020	42,146
4.2.3 Chemicals, petroleum, Coal, rubber & plastic	6,664	7,210	20,007	21,141
4.2.4 Non-Metallic Mineral products except products of Petroleum & Coal	2,019	2,098	6,894	7,285
4.2.5 Fabricated metal Products, Machinery & equipment	4,392	4,592	13,733	14,431
4.2.6 Other Industries	864	901	2,465	2,735
4.3 Cottage industry	4,349	4,601	13,234	13,925
5. Electricity, gas and water	7,484	8,240	24,636	27,242
5.1 Electricity	6,603	7,335	22,140	24,643
5.2 Water	283	291	865	880
5.3 Gas	598	614	1,631	1,719
6. Construction	23,415	25,797	71,111	78,323
Services	206,692	222,393	612,538	656,442
7. Wholesale and retail trade	88,938	95,940	267,402	284,824
7.1 Import trade	28,276	30,313	88,341	92,043
7.2 Export trade	18,354	19,690	40,580	43,447
7.3 Domestic trade	42,308	45,937	138,481	149,334
8. Hotels and restaurants	1,357	1,518	3,802	4,570
9. Transport and communication	44,251	48,742	124,103	135,977
9.1 Transport	38,311	41,588	108,632	116,412
9.1.1 Transport- Railway	337	364	1,060	1,108
9.1.2 Transport- Passenger buses and Lorries	37,974	41,225	107,572	115,304
9.2 Cargo handling-Ports and Civil aviation	1,909	2,148	5,005	5,627
9.3 Post and telecommunication	4,031	5,005	10,465	13,938
10. Banking, insurance and real estate etc.	28,317	30,724	85,049	92,020
11. Ownership of dwellings	10,166	10,270	30,834	31,237
12. Government services	25,757	26,530	76,637	80,030
13. Private services	7,907	8,669	24,711	27,785
Gross Domestic Product	355,970	382,218	1,055,004	1,133,186

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❖ Because of this price increase and the subsidy increase, the value added of rubber at current prices has increased by 64.6 percent for the third quarter of 2006 as against the same quarter in 2005.

❖ Coconut production has recorded a growth rate of 3.0 per cent for the third quarter of 2006 as against the growth rate of 4.1 per cent for the third quarter of the previous year. An insignificant coconut prices can be seen for the reference period.

❖ In real terms, the value added in the Minor export crops sector increased by 14.7 per cent from Rs. 1,761 million for the third quarter of 2005 to Rs. 2,021 million for the third quarter of 2006. The cultivation extent in Cinnamon has increased during the last 10 years and spread to new areas in Rathnapura, Colombo and Badulla districts. The government has provided good quality farming materials and subsidized fertilizer. This affected the cinnamon production to increase year by year. Sri Lanka, is the world's largest Cinnamon exporter providing 70% of the world total exports. The Cinnamon exports for the third quarter of 2006 have increased by 14.6%. Similarly, Cardamom and mace has increased by 65.4% and 64.1% respectively in 2006.

❖ In current terms, the value added of Minor export crops showed an increase of 27.1 per cent in the third quarter of 2006. This indicates relatively a satisfactory high price increase in Minor export crops for the reference period.

❖ In real terms, the value added of Other food crops sector, which consists of Highland crops, Vegetables and Fruits has shown a positive growth rate of 8.4 per cent for the third quarter of 2006 and this is mainly due to the production increases in vegetables and highland crops in 2006.

❖ Coconut new planting has increased along the coastal belt where Tsunami was affected and some areas in Monaragala, Trincomalee and Ampara districts. This affected to increase the value added in plantation development sub sector.

❖ Livestock production was also estimated to have a positive growth rate of 7.5 percent for the third quarter of 2006 as against the growth rate of 4.3 percent for the third quarter of 2005.

❖ As the poverty is a rural phenomena in the country, immediate poverty reduction and rural economic development are highly related with the upliftment of rural agriculture, where around 34 per cent of the total employment is still engaged in agriculture for the whole country and it is 40 per cent or above 40 per cent in many of the economically backward districts.

**Table 2B - GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT BY INDUSTRIAL ORIGIN
AT CONSTANT (1998) PRICES OF MAJOR ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES - GROWTH RATE**

Major Division	Third Quarter		First 9 Months	
	05/04 %	06/05 %	05/04 %	06/05 %
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing	4.3	5.4	0.2	7.2
1. Agriculture, Livestock, and Forestry	7.7	4.4	6.0	3.9
1.1 Tea	5.1	-0.7	6.5	-1.0
1.2 Rubber	21.7	0.4	2.8	5.7
1.3 Coconut	4.1	3.0	-6.1	7.0
1.4 Minor export crops	27.6	14.7	10.2	4.6
1.5 Paddy	28.8	-2.5	22.9	3.5
1.6 Livestock	4.3	7.5	1.9	10.0
1.7 Other food crops	2.5	8.4	4.1	3.7
1.7.1 Highland crops	1.8	4.4	6.0	2.8
1.7.2 Vegetables	3.4	13.7	3.0	5.0
1.7.3 Fruits	5.4	2.5	5.1	0.8
1.8 Tobacco	-55.9	46.8	-25.0	-21.2
1.9 Betel & Arecanuts	-4.4	0.3	-16.6	10.0
1.10 Plantation Development	-6.6	2.8	-0.6	4.4
1.11 Miscellaneous Agricultural Products	3.6	4.2	3.0	4.4
1.12 Firewood & Forestry	4.7	4.0	3.5	3.4
2. Fishing	-29.7	20.7	-53.9	77.4
2.1 Inland Fishing	3.7	4.0	-10.3	5.5
2.2 Marine Fishing	-34.6	24.5	-60.0	99.7
Industry	7.4	7.9	7.4	8.0
3. Mining and Quarrying	19.4	14.2	14.6	20.7
3.1 Gem Mining	12.8	13.4	23.1	15.4
3.2 Other Mining	22.4	14.5	11.4	22.9
4. Manufacturing	5.5	6.2	5.5	5.8
4.1 Export processing (Tea, Rubber and Coconut)	2.5	5.7	2.1	5.2
4.2 Factory industry	5.6	6.2	5.7	5.9
4.2.1 Food Beverages & Tobacco	5.5	5.9	6.1	6.3
4.2.2 Textile, Wearing apparel & leather	8.2	6.8	5.5	5.3
4.2.3 Chemicals, petroleum, Coal, rubber & plastic	3.5	8.2	4.3	5.7
4.2.4 Non-Metallic Mineral products except products of Petroleum & Coal	2.5	3.9	3.6	5.7
4.2.5 Fabricated metal Products, Machinery & equipment	4.2	4.6	6.3	5.1
4.2.6 Other Industries	2.9	4.3	10.3	10.9
4.3 Cottage industry	5.2	5.8	6.1	5.2
5. Electricity, gas and water	10.3	10.1	14.0	10.6
5.1 Electricity	12.1	11.1	16.3	11.3
5.2 Water	4.4	2.8	4.0	1.7
5.3 Gas	-4.5	2.7	-6.1	5.4
6. Construction	9.0	10.2	8.7	10.1
Services	6.5	7.6	6.2	7.2
7. Wholesale and retail trade	7.7	7.9	6.5	6.5
7.1 Import trade	5.3	7.2	4.5	4.2
7.2 Export trade	8.3	7.3	5.6	7.1
7.3 Domestic trade	9.0	8.6	8.1	7.8
8. Hotels and restaurants	-17.3	11.8	-30.5	20.2
9. Transport and communication	8.6	10.1	8.9	9.6
9.1 Transport	5.8	8.6	6.5	7.2
9.1.1 Transport- Railway	-4.2	7.9	4.6	4.5
9.1.2 Transport- Passenger buses and Lorries	5.9	8.6	6.5	7.2
9.2 Cargo handling- Ports and Civil aviation	38.2	12.5	26.5	12.4
9.3 Post and telecommunication	28.7	24.2	31.6	33.2
10. Banking, insurance and real estate etc.	6.7	8.5	6.6	8.2
11. Ownership of dwellings	1.1	1.0	1.1	1.3
12. Government services	3.4	3.0	5.3	4.4
13. Private services	3.3	9.6	7.5	12.4
Gross Domestic Product	6.4	7.4	5.7	7.4

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❖ Badulla district shows employment share of 66 per cent for the agriculture sector. It means that with the other economic activities agriculture should have a prominent place for the upliftment of the rural sector. This is an issue on continued unfavourable input to output ratio for many agriculture products due to high cost of inputs in production and low output return and low prices.

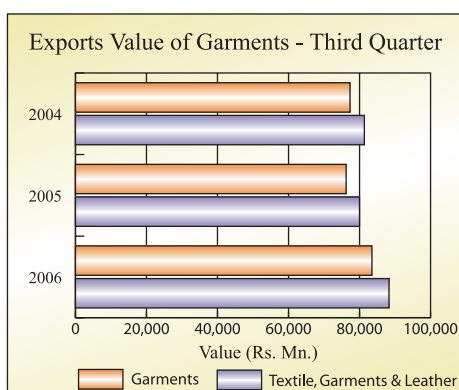
❖ In this connection, at present favourable prices shown in the end of the third quarter for the domestic agriculture are favourable for these rural development objectives. A separate policy will be needed to cater for the urban low income groups where the price impacts are relatively high.

❖ The favourable prices for the local agriculture products will be an encouragement for the agriculture improvements.

Industry

❖ Manufacturing industry has recorded a high growth rate of 7.9 percent for the third quarter of 2006 as against 7.4 percent in 2005. Factory industry recorded 6.2 percent growth rate in the third quarter of 2006 as against 5.6 percent recorded in the third quarter of 2005. The export-processing sector recorded 5.7 percent growth rate in 2006 as against a growth rate of 2.5 percent for the same period of 2005.

❖ During the reference period, the total industrial exports grew by 8.2 percent and the Textiles and Garment exports increased by 5.7 percent as against that of 11.1 per cent and -2.8 percent for the same period of 2005.



❖ The performance of Mining and Quarrying sector for the reference period indicated a growth rate of 14.2 percent as against the growth rate of 19.4 per cent for the corresponding quarter of the previous year.

❖ The production value of minerals increased by 100 percent while materials like sand, metal and lime in mining and quarrying sector which are used as inputs in construction industry increased by 12.3 percent in value terms. Producer value of clay used for cement production has increased by more than 100 percent.

**Table 3A - GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT BY INDUSTRIAL ORIGIN
AT CURRENT PRODUCER PRICES OF MAJOR ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES - VALUE ADDED**

Major Division	Third Quarter		First 9 Months	
	2005 Rs. Mn.	2006@ Rs. Mn.	2005 Rs. Mn.	2006@ Rs. Mn.
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing	74,072	84,984	222,809	245,705
1. Agriculture, Livestock, and Forestry	68,174	75,987	210,699	220,932
1.1 Tea	7,381	8,381	24,641	26,359
1.2 Rubber	2,661	4,379	7,738	12,723
1.3 Coconut	6,867	7,360	22,217	23,152
1.4 Minor export crops	2,787	3,544	7,248	8,008
1.5 Paddy	10,119	9,745	37,143	35,134
1.6 Livestock	6,948	6,647	19,380	18,433
1.7 Other food crops	23,123	26,324	69,756	71,210
1.7.1 Highland crops	9,124	10,482	21,092	23,206
1.7.2 Vegetables	13,581	15,417	47,426	46,728
1.7.3 Fruits	418	425	1,239	1,276
1.8 Tobacco	70	117	275	236
1.9 Betel & Arecanuts	581	569	1,310	1,457
1.10 Plantation Development	1,187	1,249	3,932	4,273
1.11 Miscellaneous Agricultural Products	2,155	2,458	6,484	7,120
1.12 Firewood & Forestry	4,295	5,214	10,574	12,827
2. Fishing	5,897	8,996	12,110	24,774
2.1 Inland Fishing	583	684	1,692	1,750
2.2 Marine Fishing	5,314	8,312	10,417	23,024
Industry	180,685	212,979	535,342	638,463
3. Mining and Quarrying	9,119	12,165	25,687	33,985
3.1 Gem Mining	3,316	3,837	9,675	10,196
3.2 Other Mining	5,803	8,329	16,012	23,789
4. Manufacturing	113,302	126,310	346,748	397,388
4.1 Export processing (Tea, Rubber and Coconut)	4,349	4,672	12,573	14,180
4.2 Factory industry	104,364	116,512	314,252	361,192
4.2.1 Food Beverages & Tobacco	47,487	51,928	149,199	185,447
4.2.2 Textile, Wearing apparel & leather	23,242	25,659	73,647	74,164
4.2.3 Chemicals, petroleum, Coal, rubber & plastic	20,809	24,658	50,192	64,129
4.2.4 Non-Metallic Mineral products except products of Petroleum & Coal	3,846	4,150	11,370	13,046
4.2.5 Fabricated metal Products, Machinery & equipment	7,429	8,458	25,093	18,984
4.2.6 Other Industries	1,552	1,659	4,752	5,423
4.3 Cottage industry	4,589	5,126	19,923	22,015
5. Electricity, gas and water	14,758	16,890	42,465	49,862
5.1 Electricity	12,082	13,764	34,861	40,013
5.2 Gas	1,747	1,122	5,020	5,542
5.3 Water	929	2,004	2,584	4,307
6. Construction	43,506	57,614	120,442	157,229
Services	366,473	445,909	1,033,979	1,262,938
7. Wholesale and retail trade	152,216	181,040	427,308	516,185
7.1 Import trade	55,749	63,764	147,120	183,245
7.2 Export trade	32,221	35,231	74,414	81,644
7.3 Domestic trade	64,246	82,045	205,774	251,296
8. Hotels and restaurants	2,662	3,278	8,563	9,384
9. Transport and communication	75,355	101,124	205,727	255,135
9.1 Transport	63,437	85,993	174,261	215,625
9.1.1 Transport- Railway	854	1,149	2,240	2,537
9.1.2 Transport- Passenger buses and Lorries	62,583	84,844	172,021	213,087
9.2 Cargo handling-Ports and Civil aviation	3,768	4,433	9,204	12,078
9.3 Post and telecommunication	8,150	10,699	22,262	27,433
10. Banking, insurance and real estate etc.	50,432	57,997	144,879	172,735
11. Ownership of dwellings	21,393	23,921	64,477	82,095
12. Government services	51,881	65,190	146,082	186,323
13. Private services	12,534	13,359	36,943	41,080
Gross Domestic Product	621,230	743,872	1,792,130	2,147,107

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- ❖ The estimates of Electricity, Gas and Water sector have recorded a growth rate of 11.1 percent for the third quarter of 2006 as against that of 10.3 percent in the same period of 2005.
- ❖ The total power generation for the third quarter of 2006 increased by 10.1 percent as against that of the corresponding reference period in 2005.
- ❖ Electricity generation shows a healthy growth with favourable weather situation. The hydro-power generation contributed more than 44% of total power generation.
- ❖ Escalating price increases of crude oil have had adverse impact on cost of production of thermal power generation which have caused adversely on its value added. The favourable weather condition caused to generate maximum capacity of hydro power generation which caused to lower the cost of production of power generation.
- ❖ In real terms, a growth rate of 10.2 percent was estimated for the construction industry for the third quarter of 2006. The availability of total Cement quantity of domestic production and imports has increased by 4.5 percent in the third quarter of 2006 while 39.1 percent was recorded for the corresponding period of 2005. The value of imports of investment goods including building materials for construction industry has increased by 16.0% for the reference period.
- ❖ The reconstruction of destructed harbours by tsunami was completed by the Chinese government. The reconstructed harbours are Galle, Hikkaduwa, Devinuwra, Kudawella, Negambo, Panadura and Beruwala and the government has spent Rupees one billion for this reconstruction.
- ❖ Under "Maga Naguma" road development project reconstructed roads in selected remote areas in the Island which do not have proper access to the villages. These constructions are still in progress.
- ❖ "Jana Sevana" housing programme implemented under the "Mahinda Chinthana" has constructed houses which benefited over 1189 families covering work up to September 2006 at a cost of 79 million. The programme has commenced in January 2006 to benefit 8500 low income families.

Service Sector

- ❖ The service sub sector recorded a 7.6 percent growth rate for the third quarter of 2006 which was 6.5% for the corresponding quarter of the previous year.
- ❖ The growth rate recorded for the Trade sector was 7.9 per cent for the reference period of 2006 as against that of 7.7 per cent recorded for the third quarter of 2005. The Wholesale, retail trade and the Communication sub sectors indicated continuous faster growth rates within the Service sub sector of the GDP in recent past.

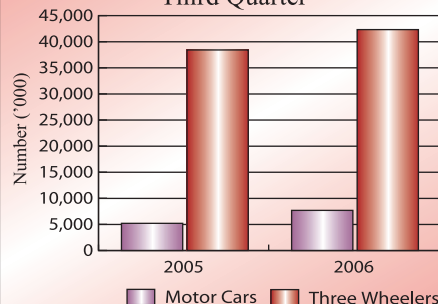
**Table 3B - GROWTH RATE BY INDUSTRIAL ORIGIN AT CURRENT PRICES
OF MAJOR ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES - GROWTH RATE**

Major Division	Third Quarter		First 9 Months	
	05/04 %	06/05 %	05/04 %	06/05 %
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing	8.8	14.7	10.7	10.3
1. Agriculture, Livestock, and Forestry	15.2	11.5	19.5	4.9
1.1 Tea	-2.4	13.6	10.3	7.0
1.2 Rubber	44.8	64.6	32.0	64.4
1.3 Coconut	9.8	7.2	13.3	4.2
1.4 Minor export crops	41.7	27.1	35.9	10.5
1.5 Paddy	9.0	-3.7	28.9	-5.4
1.6 Livestock	21.1	-4.3	28.4	-4.9
1.7 Other food crops	17.2	13.8	18.4	2.1
1.7.1 Highland crops	2.0	14.9	8.9	10.0
1.7.2 Vegetables	30.5	13.5	23.5	-1.5
1.7.3 Fruits	9.5	1.5	8.1	3.0
1.8 Tobacco	-46.6	66.4	-8.9	-14.3
1.9 Betel & Arecanuts	17.8	-2.0	-11.1	11.2
1.10 Plantation Development	3.2	5.3	7.9	8.7
1.11 Miscellaneous Agricultural Products	25.7	14.1	15.8	9.8
1.12 Firewood & Forestry	29.1	21.4	13.3	21.3
2. Fishing	-33.4	52.6	-51.6	104.6
2.1 Inland Fishing	0.1	17.3	8.9	3.4
2.2 Marine Fishing	-35.8	56.4	-55.6	121.0
Industry	19.8	17.9	22.7	19.3
3. Mining and Quarrying	7.9	33.4	11.3	32.3
3.1 Gem Mining	-3.0	15.7	5.3	5.4
3.2 Other Mining	15.2	43.5	15.2	48.6
4. Manufacturing	14.6	11.5	21.0	14.6
4.1 Export processing (Tea, Rubber and Coconut)	3.7	7.4	10.2	12.8
4.2 Factory industry	15.1	11.6	21.5	14.9
4.2.1 Food Beverages & Tobacco	16.3	9.4	24.8	24.3
4.2.2 Textile, Wearing apparel & leather	20.6	10.4	20.8	0.7
4.2.3 Chemicals, petroleum, Coal, rubber & plastic	11.5	18.5	18.4	27.8
4.2.4 Non-Metallic Mineral products except products of Petroleum & Coal	7.6	7.9	16.0	14.7
4.2.5 Fabricated metal Products, Machinery & equipment	8.2	13.9	13.8	-24.3
4.2.6 Other Industries	7.9	6.9	20.0	14.1
4.3 Cottage industry	12.7	11.7	20.3	10.5
5. Electricity, gas and water	16.6	14.4	16.4	17.4
5.1 Electricity	15.0	13.9	14.1	14.8
5.2 Gas	9.9	-35.8	22.5	10.4
5.3 Water	67.4	115.7	42.4	66.7
6. Construction	41.4	32.4	33.5	30.5
Services	18.4	21.7	14.9	22.1
7. Wholesale and retail trade	17.6	18.9	13.0	20.8
7.1 Import trade	19.0	14.4	14.5	24.6
7.2 Export trade	12.5	9.3	10.8	9.7
7.3 Domestic trade	19.0	27.7	12.8	22.1
8. Hotels and restaurants	5.3	23.2	7.4	9.6
9. Transport and communication	22.0	34.2	16.8	24.0
9.1 Transport	21.0	35.6	14.0	23.7
9.1.1 Transport- Railway	32.2	34.6	48.8	13.3
9.1.2 Transport- Passenger buses and Lorries	20.9	35.6	13.6	23.9
9.2 Cargo handling-Ports and Civil aviation	7.8	17.6	-0.6	31.2
9.3 Post and telecommunication	39.6	31.3	59.0	23.2
10. Banking, insurance and real estate etc.	14.5	15.0	13.9	19.2
11. Ownership of dwellings	9.8	11.8	13.1	27.3
12. Government services	26.3	25.7	21.4	27.5
13. Private services	13.4	6.6	12.3	11.2
Gross Domestic Product	17.6	19.7	16.6	19.8

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- ❖ The Communication sub sector has recorded continuous high growth and it was 24.2 per cent for the reference period. Dialog telecom company indicated 20 per cent increase in profit for nine months of the year.
- ❖ The number of fixed and mobile telephones has increased by 47% and 54% respectively for the third Quarter of 2006.
- ❖ The transport and communication sector recorded 10.1 percent growth rate compared to 8.6 percent growth rate recorded in the same quarter of 2005. This growth was largely contributed by the performance in the telecommunication and cargo handling, ports and civil aviation sub sectors.
- ❖ The number of imported motor cars, motor cycles and three wheelers increased by 47.8%, 10.2% and 77.8% respectively for the reference period. The variables of demand for motor cars and household income are correlated. This is also an evidence for the better economic performance.

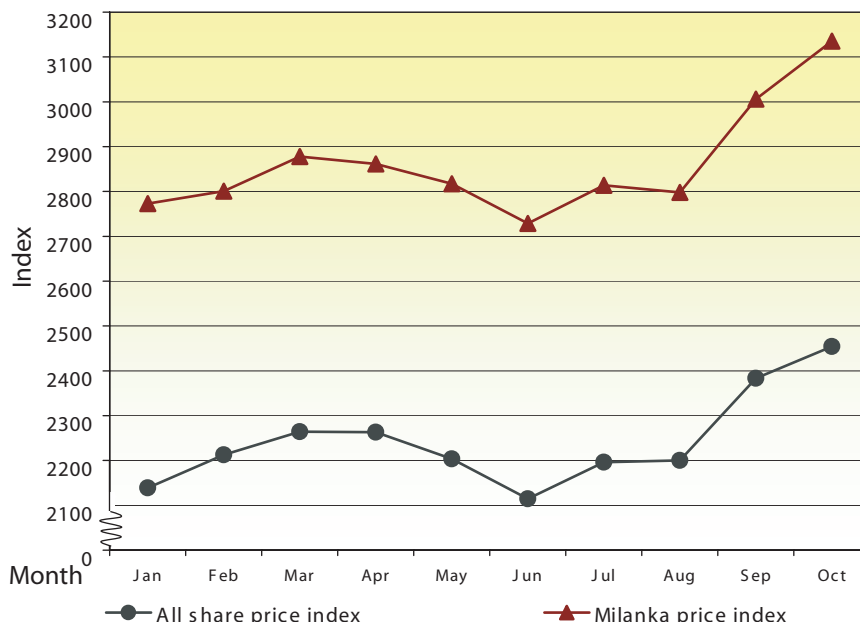
New Registration of Motor Vehicles
Third Quarter



- ❖ The number of containers handled by Port Authority during the reference period has increased by 31%.
- ❖ Mobile phone usage increased by 54.4 percent and Fixed Access - wireless local loop category grew by 47.6 percent during this quarter.
- ❖ Cargo handling - Ports and civil aviation increased by 12.5 percent in comparison to a growth of 38.2 percent in the respective quarter of 2005.
- ❖ During this period, Sri Lanka Colombo Port Authority (SLPA) including South Asia Gateway Terminal (SAGT) handled 842,940 containers Thirty Foot Equivalent units (TEUs) and it indicates a 30.7 percent increase for the reference period.
- ❖ Passenger kilometre flown by the Sri Lanka Air Lines and income has increased by 0.6 and 7.1 per cent respectively during this quarter.

Share Market

All Share Price Index & Milanka Price Index - 2006 (Monthly)



- ❖ The (CSE) Colombo Stock Exchange has shown an encouraging trend in CSE market. The current value of traded shares is above 20% of GDP.

- ❖ Private International Schools and Private Hospitals have indicated above 10% growth. Information collected from 123 international schools indicated six times higher student population below the grade six classes compared to classes above grade five. This will show the future trends of international schools.

- ❖ The price of a barrel of crude oil was US \$ 50.64 in June 2005 and it went up rapidly to US \$ 67.08 in September 2006. This shows a price increase of 32.5% for a barrel of crude oil for the reference period.

- ❖ The continuous widening gap of imports and exports is a big issue with escalating crude oil prices at present. Therefore, policy measures are needed to monitor imports to reduce the unfavourable widening gap before it reaches to a critical unmanageable situation.

- ❖ These new high demand for luxury services proves the economic expansions of the economy.

- ❖ Tourist arrivals decreased by 3.0 per cent for the reference period of 2006 as against that of 0.5 per cent recorded for the third quarter of 2005.

- ❖ Tourist arrivals were less in the reference quarter and this has commenced from the second quarter while other two quarters are the favourable seasons for tourism.

- ❖ For the third quarter employment number has increased and unemployment rate has decreased to 6.6% which is comparable with the 2005 growth rate of above 7 per cent.

- ❖ For the third quarter of 2005 and 2006, the total value of imports have increased by 16.9 and 15.2 per cent respectively and the total value of exports increased by 8.4 per cent in 2005 and 11.7 per cent in 2006. Accordingly, external trade was better for the third quarter of 2006 compared to that of 2005.

Investment

- ❖ The value of imported Investment goods increased by 16.0 per cent for the third quarter of 2006 where 19.0 per cent was recorded for the same period in 2005.

Inflation Rate

- ❖ The GDP implicit price deflator based on 1998=100 increased to 194.6 in the third quarter of 2006 as against that of 174.5 per cent for the same period in 2005.

- ❖ Quarterly average inflation rate based on GDP was estimated as 11.5 per cent for the third quarter of 2006 as against that of 10.5 per cent recorded in the same period of 2005.

❖ For this reference period, the crude oil prices have gone up by 32.5 per cent and its unavoidable adverse impact can be seen in this inflation rate.

❖ The Sri Lanka Consumers' Price Index (SLCPI, Base year 1995 to 1997=100) has more urban coverage for the country and the Expenditure weights were extracted from the 1995/96 Household survey on Income and Expenditure.

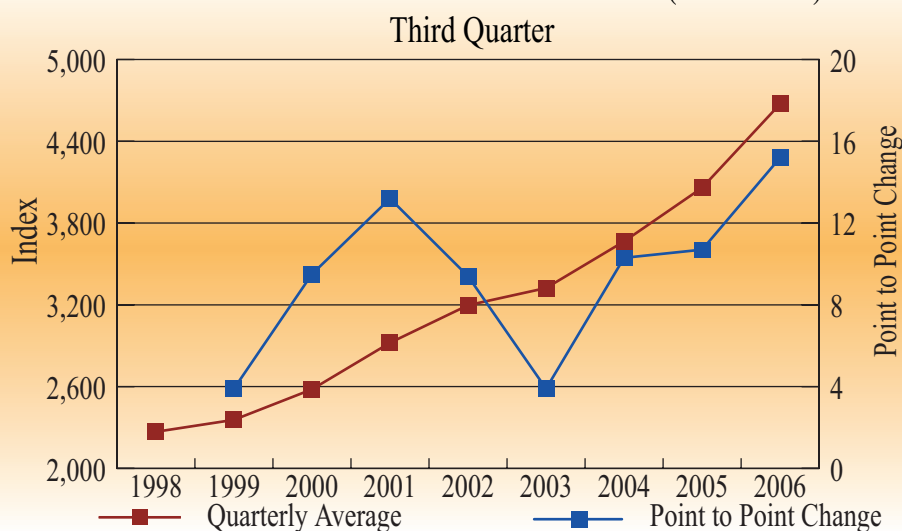
❖ Colombo Consumers' Price Index (CCPI), Grater Colombo Consumers' Price Index (GCPI) and SLCPI have shown quarterly average price increases of 15.1, 11.1 and 10.7 per cent respectively for the third quarter of 2006 as against that of 10.7, 8.5 and 8.3 in the same period of 2005. So, all these CPI indices show relatively high increases in the prices of consumer goods and services for the third quarter of 2006.

❖ The imports of investment goods indicated 16.0 per cent increase in value for the third quarter of 2006. The share to the GDP of the value of imported investment goods is 8.1 per cent for 2006.

Table 4-Colombo Consumers' Price Index (CCPI) by Major Commodity Groups(1952=100)

Base Value, Rs. Weight	202.24 100%	125.17 62%	19.05 9%	8.67 4%	11.52 6%	37.83 19%	
	All Items	Food	Clothing	Fuel & Light	Rent	Miscell aneous	Point to point % change
1998 July	2,323.8	2,655.9	855.0	3,871.2	109.8	2,304.7	
August	2,249.9	2,529.0	856.5	3,871.2	109.8	2,353.6	
September	2,232.4	2,499.1	858.6	3,871.2	109.8	2,363.5	
Third Quarter	2,268.7	2,561.3	856.7	3,871.2	109.8	2,340.6	
2004 July	3,675.7	4,183.5	984.1	7,267.6	109.8	3,654.3	8.9
August	3,635.9	4,120.2	984.1	7,286.4	109.8	3,655.3	10.5
September	3,684.7	4,165.4	984.1	7,306.6	109.8	3,776.1	11.6
Third Quarter	3,665.4	4,156.4	984.1	7,286.9	109.8	3,695.2	10.3
2005 July	4,073.0	4,577.9	1,029.5	8,576.2	109.8	4,186.1	10.8
August	4,032.1	4,501.2	1,209.5	8,611.2	109.8	4,230.5	10.9
September	4,072.4	4,548.2	1,042.7	8,611.2	109.8	4,286.4	10.5
Third Quarter	4,059.2	4,542.4	1,093.9	8,599.5	109.8	4,234.3	10.7
2006 July	4,672.5	5,278.9	1,068.5	11,101.8	109.8	4,421.0	14.7
August	4,650.0	5,177.3	1,078.2	11,368.7	109.8	4,616.5	15.3
September	4,699.9	5,232.6	1,078.2	11,769.5	109.8	4,598.9	15.4
Third Quarter	4,674.1	5,229.6	1,075.0	11,413.3	109.8	4,545.5	15.2

Movements Colombo Consumers' Price Index (1952 = 100)



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Table 5 - Sri Lanka Consumers' Price Index (SLCPI) (1995 to 1997=100)

Base Value, Rs. Weight	4785.9 100.0%	3407.76 71.2%	193.64 4.1%	625.79 13.1%	99.01 2.1%	114.35 2.4%	140.01 2.9%	40.43 0.8%	62.28 1.3%	102.69 2.1%	
	All Items	Food Beverages and Tobacco	Clothing and Footwear	Housing Water Electricity Gas & Other	Furnishing H/H equip. & Routine Maintenance	Health	Transport	Leisure Entertain- ment, & Culture	Education	Miscell- aneous	Point to point % change
1998 July	119.4	121.3	109.7	110.9	130.3	135.6	109.9	109.1	121.8	114.7	
August	116.0	116.5	110.3	110.9	130.4	135.6	109.9	109.1	121.8	114.8	
September	114.1	113.6	111.6	110.9	131.8	135.7	109.9	109.1	121.8	116.5	
Third Quarter	116.5	117.1	110.5	110.9	130.8	135.6	109.9	109.1	121.8	115.3	
2004 July	170.2	167.6	149.1	166.4	158.6	274.6	192.9	136.9	176.3	191.3	8.3
August	171.6	168.4	149.4	167.3	158.9	288.8	197.0	159.4	177.6	192.0	10.9
September	176.9	175.1	150.1	167.8	158.9	288.8	212.1	159.4	177.6	192.0	14.4
Third Quarter	172.9	170.4	149.5	167.2	158.8	284.1	200.7	151.9	177.2	191.8	11.2
2005 July	187.6	181.5	155.0	193.8	174.2	314.6	244.6	175.2	194.9	208.8	10.2
August	186.6	179.7	155.4	193.7	174.4	316.7	248.1	175.2	196.5	210.7	8.7
September	187.3	180.6	156.4	193.8	174.4	316.7	248.1	175.2	196.5	211.8	5.9
Third Quarter	187.2	180.6	155.6	193.8	174.3	316.0	246.9	175.2	196.0	210.4	8.3
2006 July	206.2	194.4	165.5	236.3	181.5	332.3	314.5	198.7	207.9	227.5	9.9
August	206.9	194.1	166.6	238.1	182.2	348.7	319.0	199.0	215.8	228.4	10.9
September	208.8	195.6	168.0	243.6	182.0	348.7	321.4	199.0	215.8	228.4	11.5
Third Quarter	207.3	194.7	166.7	239.3	181.9	343.2	318.3	198.9	213.2	228.1	10.8

Short Term Economic Indicators, 1998 to 2006

Selected Leading Indicators

1. Agriculture, livestock, fisheries etc.

Table 1.1 Paddy Production

Year	First Quarter		Second Quarter		Third Quarter		Fourth Quarter		Annual	
	Index	Point to Point % Change	Index	Point to Point % Change	Index	Point to Point % Change	Index	Point to Point % Change	Index	Point to Point % Change
1998	Mn.Bushels 64.0=100		Mn.Bushels 21.4=100		Mn.Bushels 32.8=100		Mn.Bushels 10.9=100		Mn.Bushels 129.1=100	
1999	97.5	-2.5	97.2	-2.8	122.9	22.9	122.9	22.9	106.0	6.0
2000	100.1	2.6	100.0	2.9	118.3	-3.7	118.3	-3.7	106.2	0.2
2001	90.6	-9.4	90.2	-9.8	118.6	0.3	119.3	0.8	100.1	-5.8
2002	99.7	10.0	99.5	10.4	118.9	0.3	119.3	0.0	106.2	6.1
2003	106.4	6.7	106.1	6.6	129.0	8.5	129.4	8.5	114.0	7.4
2004	93.8	-11.9	93.5	-11.9	105.0	-18.6	105.3	-18.6	97.5	-14.5
2005	113.1	20.7	112.6	20.5	135.1	28.8	135.8	29.0	120.5	23.6
2006	119.9	6.0	119.5	6.1	131.7	-2.5				

Data Source: Department of Census and Statistics

Table 1.2 Tea Production

Year	First Quarter		Second Quarter		Third Quarter		Fourth Quarter		Annual	
	Index	Point to Point % Change	Index	Point to Point % Change	Index	Point to Point % Change	Index	Point to Point % Change	Index	Point to Point % Change
1998	Mn.Kg. 58.1=100		Mn.Kg. 77.2=100		Mn.Kg. 73.4=100		Mn.Kg. 71.4=100		Mn.Kg. 280.1=100	
1999	124.3	24.3	90.7	-9.3	87.6	-12.4	108.3	8.3	101.3	1.3
2000	131.8	6.1	108.4	19.6	92.2	5.3	109.0	0.6	109.2	7.8
2001	137.0	3.9	102.6	-5.4	78.5	-14.9	110.4	1.3	105.4	-3.5
2002	124.3	-9.3	112.8	10.0	92.8	18.2	115.8	4.9	110.7	5.0
2003	123.2	-0.8	105.2	-6.8	98.0	5.6	109.9	-5.1	108.2	-2.2
2004	124.3	0.8	107.9	2.6	96.0	-1.9	115.0	4.6	110.0	1.6
2005	125.8	1.2	121.5	12.6	101.0	5.1	106.7	-7.2	113.3	3.0
2006	133.4	6.0	112.7	-7.2	100.2	-0.7				

Data Source: Sri Lanka Tea Board

Table 1.3 Rubber Production

Year	First Quarter		Second Quarter		Third Quarter		Fourth Quarter		Annual	
	Index	Point to Point % Change	Index	Point to Point % Change	Index	Point to Point % Change	Index	Point to Point % Change	Index	Point to Point % Change
1998	Mn.Kg. 24.1=100		Mn.Kg. 25.8=100		Mn.Kg. 23.5=100		Mn.Kg. 22.3=100		Mn.Kg. 95.7=100	
1999	112.0	12.0	94.2	-5.8	102.1	2.1	95.5	-4.5	100.9	0.9
2000	96.7	-13.7	86.4	-8.2	92.8	-9.2	90.6	-5.2	91.5	-9.3
2001	96.3	-0.4	80.2	-7.2	95.3	2.8	89.2	-1.5	90.1	-1.6
2002	97.5	1.3	82.2	2.4	94.0	-1.3	106.3	19.1	94.6	5.0
2003	105.0	7.7	84.9	3.3	87.2	-7.2	109.4	3.0	96.2	1.8
2004	127.8	21.7	87.6	3.2	91.9	5.4	88.3	-19.3	99.0	2.8
2005	103.3	-19.2	105.4	20.4	111.9	21.8	116.6	32.0	109.1	10.2
2006	121.2	17.3	104.7	-0.7	111.5	-0.4				

Data Source: Rubber Development Department

Table 1.4 Coconut Production

Year	First Quarter		Second Quarter		Third Quarter		Fourth Quarter		Annual	
	Index	Point to Point % Change	Index	Point to Point % Change	Index	Point to Point % Change	Index	Point to Point % Change	Index	Point to Point % Change
1998	Mn.Nuts. 584=100		Mn.Nuts. 637=100		Mn.Nuts. 676=100		Mn.Nuts. 626=100		Mn.Nuts. 2,523=100	
1999	101.0	1.0	127.8	27.8	116.3	16.3	98.7	-1.3	111.3	11.3
2000	125.2	23.9	110.5	-13.5	123.8	6.5	131.6	33.3	122.7	10.3
2001	121.9	-2.6	104.4	-5.5	119.1	-3.8	93.8	-28.8	109.8	-10.6
2002	112.2	-8.0	92.6	-11.3	91.7	-23.0	84.2	-10.2	94.8	-13.6
2003	95.2	-15.1	95.8	3.4	104.1	13.5	110.5	31.3	101.5	7.1
2004	114.6	20.3	102.5	7.0	98.1	-5.8	92.0	-16.8	101.5	0.0
2005	95.2	-16.9	96.7	-5.7	101.2	3.2	105.3	14.4	99.7	-1.8
2006	107.0	12.4	103.9	7.5	105.3	4.1				

Data Source: Coconut Development Authority

Table 1.5 Output Value of Highland Crops #

Year	First Quarter		Second Quarter		Third Quarter		Fourth Quarter		Annual	
	Index	Point to Point % Change	Index	Point to Point % Change	Index	Point to Point % Change	Index	Point to Point % Change	Index	Point to Point % Change
1998	Rs. Mn. 8,075=100		Rs. Mn. 3,558=100		Rs. Mn. 8,841=100		Rs. Mn. 2,346=100		Rs. Mn. 22,820=100	
1999	108.9	8.9	101.6	1.6	119.6	19.6	130.3	30.3	114.1	14.1
2000	102.3	-6.0	107.2	5.5	113.7	-4.9	123.4	-5.3	109.6	-3.9
2001	105.3	2.9	98.6	-8.1	108.6	-4.4	127.7	3.5	107.8	-1.6
2002	106.4	1.0	103.6	5.2	107.8	-0.8	124.3	-2.7	108.3	0.5
2003	116.2	9.2	100.8	-2.8	89.4	-17.1	112.3	-9.6	103.0	-4.9
2004	93.9	-19.2	91.5	-9.1	109.2	22.2	128.0	13.9	103.0	0.0
2005	122.5	30.5	113.8	24.3	119.8	9.7	151.1	18.0	123.1	19.5
2006	134.4	9.7	120.9	6.3	142.8	19.1				

Data Source: Department of Census and Statistics

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Table 1.6 Fresh Fish Production

year	First Quarter		Second Quarter		Third Quarter		Fourth Quarter		Annual	
	Index	Point to Point % Change	Index	Point to Point % Change	Index	Point to Point % Change	Index	Point to Point % Change	Index	Point to Point % Change
1998	MT. 66,550=100		MT. 53,300=100		MT. 66,350=100		MT. 80,700=100		MT. 266,900=100	
1999	106.0	6.0	107.1	7.1	106.0	6.0	101.5	1.5	104.9	4.9
2000	117.0	10.3	117.5	9.7	109.8	3.7	112.8	11.1	114.0	8.7
2001	116.5	-0.4	120.7	2.7	100.3	-8.7	94.6	-16.1	106.7	-6.4
2002	116.5	0.0	131.3	8.8	112.3	11.9	100.2	5.9	113.5	6.4
2003	111.8	-4.1	99.2	-24.4	105.6	-6.0	108.6	8.4	106.8	-5.9
2004	115.6	3.5	121.0	21.9	104.1	-1.3	93.9	-13.5	107.3	0.5
2005	25.9	-77.6	63.0	-48.0	73.2	-29.7	79.1	-15.7	61.2	-43.0
2006	90.6	249.4	100.5	59.7	88.3	20.7				

Data Source: Ministry of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources

2. Industry

Table 2.1 Export Value of Precious Stones

Year	First Quarter		Second Quarter		Third Quarter		Fourth Quarter		Annual	
	Index	Point to point % change	Index	Point to point % change	Index	Point to point % change	Index	Point to point % change	Index	Point to point % change
1998	Rs.Mn. 1,034=100		Rs.Mn. 613=100		Rs.Mn. 1,118=100		Rs.Mn. 810=100		Rs.Mn. 3,577=100	
1999	100.2	0.2	132.7	32.7	125.4	25.4	132.4	32.4	120.9	20.9
2000	163.6	63.2	240.2	80.9	211.1	68.4	192.8	45.7	198.2	63.9
2001	225.7	37.9	270.0	12.4	175.4	-16.9	158.2	-17.9	202.3	2.0
2002	214.1	-5.1	316.3	17.1	217.2	23.9	195.8	23.7	228.5	13.0
2003	202.4	-5.5	259.0	-18.1	208.0	-4.2	196.3	0.3	212.5	-7.0
2004	336.2	66.1	376.5	45.4	285.8	37.4	240.9	22.7	305.7	43.9
2005	350.5	4.2	406.0	7.8	283.6	-0.8	334.4	38.8	335.4	9.7
2006	360.9	3.0	378.5	-6.8	335.7	18.4				

Data Source: Department of Customs

Table 2.2 Export Value of Industrial Production

Year	First Quarter		Second Quarter		Third Quarter		Fourth Quarter		Annual	
	Index	Point to Point % Change	Index	Point to Point % Change	Index	Point to Point % Change	Index	Point to Point % Change	Index	Point to Point % Change
1998	Rs.Mn. 47,978=100		Rs.Mn. 51,188=100		Rs.Mn. 62,954=100		Rs.Mn. 61,393=100		Rs.Mn. 223,513=100	
1999	105.3	5.3	104.5	4.5	106.4	6.4	110.9	10.9	107.0	7.0
2000	139.9	32.8	130.4	24.8	146.3	37.5	143.0	28.9	140.3	31.2
2001	166.4	19.0	150.9	15.7	139.2	-4.8	119.5	-16.4	142.3	1.4
2002	149.3	-10.3	119.5	-20.8	163.7	17.6	169.7	42.0	152.2	6.9
2003	172.5	15.6	158.0	32.2	155.3	-5.1	313.6	84.8	203.1	33.5
2004	196.7	14.0	179.3	13.5	179.7	15.7	198.7	-36.6	188.5	-7.2
2005	213.0	8.3	192.3	7.3	199.7	11.1	216.4	8.9	205.4	9.0
2006	229.7	7.8	240.3	24.9	216.1	8.2				

Data Source: Department of Customs

Table 2.3 Export Value of Garments

Year	First Quarter		Second Quarter		Third Quarter		Fourth Quarter		Annual	
	Index	Point to Point % Change	Index	Point to Point % Change	Index	Point to Point % Change	Index	Point to Point % Change	Index	Point to Point % Change
1998	Rs.Mn. 30,029=100		Rs.Mn. 30,999=100		Rs.Mn. 41,697=100		Rs.Mn. 25,744=100		Rs.Mn. 128,469=100	
1999	110.9	10.9	84.5	-15.5	122.8	22.8	172.9	72.9	120.8	20.8
2000	149.4	34.6	138.1	63.4	149.8	22.0	218.4	26.3	160.6	33.0
2001	173.0	15.8	157.6	14.1	175.5	17.1	134.6	-38.3	162.4	1.1
2002	160.8	-7.1	120.8	-23.4	167.0	-4.8	231.3	71.8	167.3	3.0
2003	181.3	12.8	162.2	34.3	159.2	-4.7	235.2	1.7	180.3	7.8
2004	202.0	11.4	168.6	3.9	185.4	16.5	304.2	29.4	209.1	16.0
2005	218.9	8.4	190.7	13.1	180.9	-2.4	352.9	16.0	226.6	8.4
2006	215.6	-1.5	224.5	17.7	197.5	9.2				

Data Source: Department of Customs

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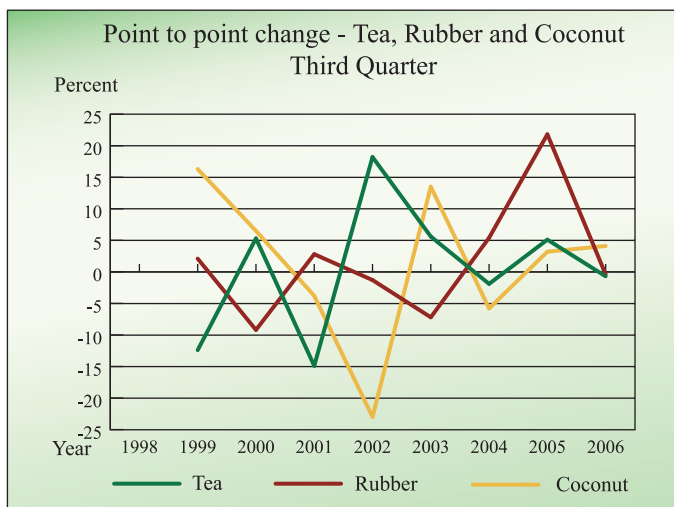


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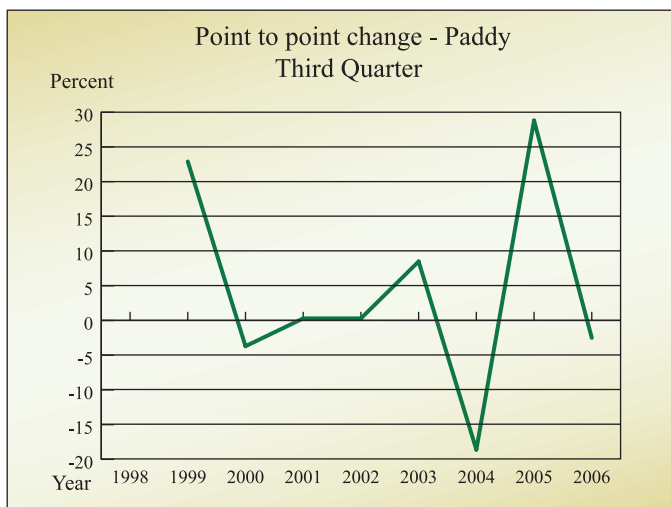


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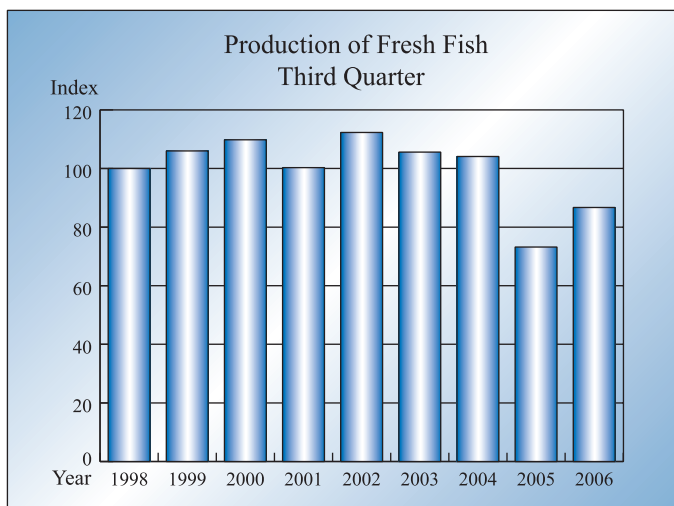


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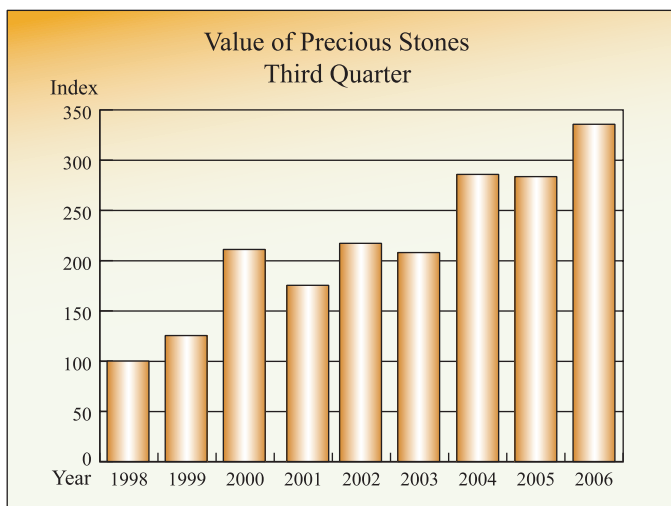


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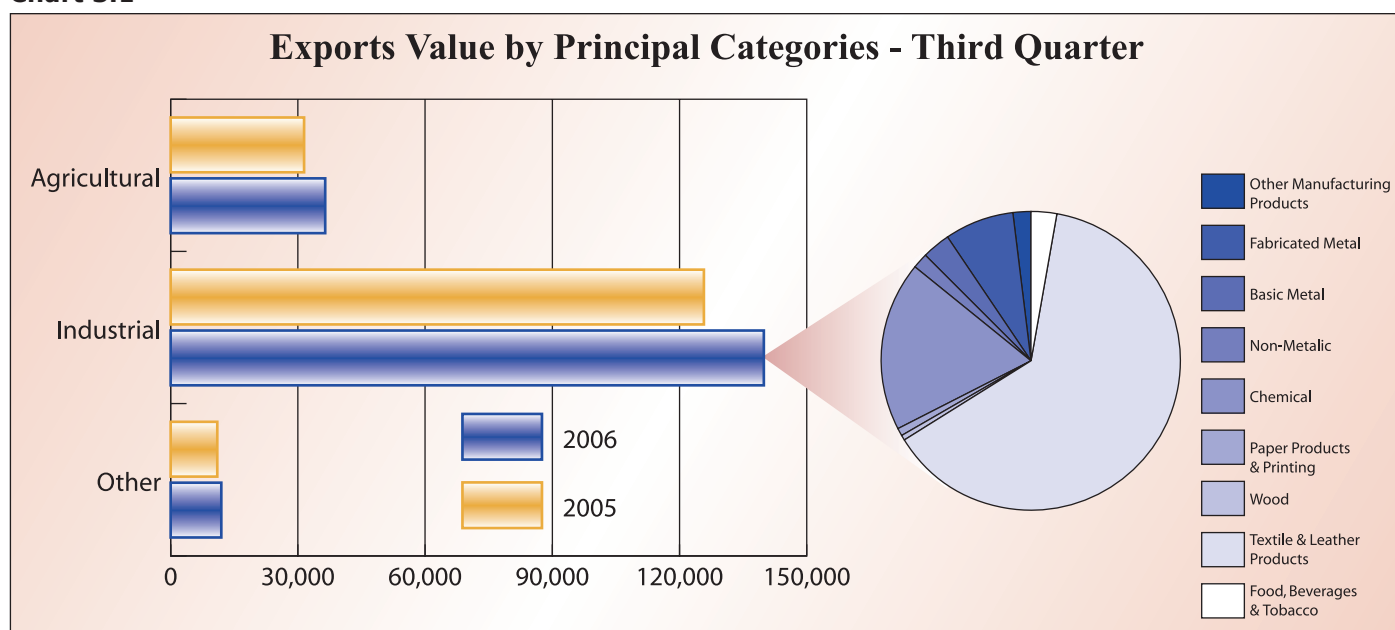


Table 2.4 Export Value of Food Processing

Year	First Quarter		Second Quarter		Third Quarter		Fourth Quarter		Annual	
	Index	Point to Point % Change	Index	Point to Point % Change	Index	Point to Point % Change	Index	Point to Point % Change	Index	Point to Point % Change
1998	Rs.Mn. 1,770=100		Rs.Mn. 1,949=100		Rs.Mn. 2,273=100		Rs.Mn. 1,595=100		Rs.Mn. 7,586=100	
1999	75.0	-25.0	72.1	-27.9	63.5	-36.5	120.0	20.0	80.3	-19.7
2000	140.9	87.8	122.5	69.9	136.2	114.4	225.1	87.6	152.5	89.9
2001	173.2	22.9	148.9	21.6	142.0	4.3	137.5	-38.9	150.1	-1.6
2002	139.7	-19.3	115.0	-22.8	144.5	1.8	238.2	73.2	155.5	3.6
2003	230.2	64.8	151.9	32.1	144.6	0.1	230.0	-3.4	184.4	18.6
2004	261.1	13.4	184.5	21.5	179.4	24.1	340.2	47.9	233.6	26.7
2005	326.9	25.2	350.8	90.1	393.4	119.3	657.1	93.2	422.4	80.8
2006	530.3	62.2	633.9	80.7	285.6	-27.4				

Data Source: Department of Customs

Table 2.5 Import Quantity of Crude Oil

Year	First Quarter		Second Quarter		Third Quarter		Fourth Quarter		Annual	
	Index	Point to Point % Change	Index	Point to Point % Change	Index	Point to Point % Change	Index	Point to Point % Change	Index	Point to Point % Change
1998	000'Mt. 567=100		000'Mt. 431=100		000'Mt. 662=100		000'Mt. 496=100		000'Mt. 2,156=100	
1999	43.0	-57.0	116.7	16.7	82.8	-17.2	108.3	8.3	85.0	-15.0
2000	107.2	149.2	135.3	15.9	92.6	11.9	109.5	1.1	108.9	28.1
2001	41.8	-61.0	125.1	-7.5	94.3	1.8	111.7	2.0	90.6	-16.7
2002	95.1	127.4	119.0	-4.8	89.6	-5.0	132.1	18.2	106.7	17.7
2003	67.4	-29.1	108.1	-9.2	75.5	-15.7	130.4	-1.2	92.5	-13.3
2004	103.7	53.9	106.3	-1.7	123.6	63.6	149.6	14.7	120.9	30.7
2005	69.5	-33.0	101.2	-4.8	101.1	-18.2	95.7	-36.0	91.5	-24.3
2006	190.2	173.7	101.7	0.5	74.4	-26.4				

Data Source: Department of Customs

Table 2.6 Value of Exports 2005 & 2006 by Sector

Rs.Mn.

Sector	Third Quarter				
	2005		2006		2006/05
	Value	% Share	Value	% Share	% Change
1 Food Beverage & Tobacco	7,479	5.9	4,201	3.0	-43.8
2 Textile, Wearing Apparel & Leather	79,986	63.6	88,595	63.3	10.8
3 Wood & Wood Products	867	0.7	747	0.5	-13.9
4 Paper & Paper Products Printing & Publishing	1,060	0.8	1,135	0.8	7.1
5 Chemicals, Petroleum, Coal, Rubber & Plastic	18,468	14.7	25,648	18.3	38.9
6 Non Metallic Mineral Products	1,687	1.3	2,354	1.7	39.5
7 Basic Metal	5,620	4.5	4,289	3.1	-23.7
8 Fabricated Metal, Machinery & Transport Eq.	7,516	6.0	10,379	7.4	38.1
9 Other	3,064	2.4	2,534	1.8	-17.3
TOTAL	125,746	100.0	139,881	100.0	11.2

Source : Department of Customs

Table 2.7 Value of Imports 2005 & 2006 by Intermediate Goods

Rs.Mn.

Sector	Third Quarter				
	2005		2006		2006/05
	Value	% Share	Value	% Share	% Change
1 Fertilizer	3,647	2.4	3,116	2.1	-14.6
2 Crude Oil	25,846	17.1	25,917	17.8	0.3
3 Other Petroleum	21,841	14.5	5,688	3.9	-74.0
4 Chemical Elements & Compounds	6,646	4.4	5,968	4.1	-10.2
5 Dyeing, Tanning & Colouring	1,846	1.2	2,087	1.4	13.1
6 Paper & Paper Boards	5,730	3.8	6,617	4.5	15.5
7 Wheat & Meslin	3,883	2.6	5,781	4.0	48.9
8 Textile & Clothin	40,690	27.0	41,766	28.7	2.6
9 Other	40,582	26.9	48,694	33.4	20.0
TOTAL	150,711	100.0	145,634	100.0	-3.4

Source : Department of Customs

Table 2.8 Generation of Electricity

Year	First Quarter		Second Quarter		Third Quarter		Fourth Quarter		Annual	
	Index	Point to point % change	Index	Point to point % change	Index	Point to point % change	Index	Point to point % change	Index	Point to point % change
1998	Gwh. 1,339=100		Gwh. 1,356=100		Gwh. 1,433=100		Gwh. 1,435=100		Gwh. 5,564=100	
1999	106.4	6.4	108.0	8.0	110.2	10.2	110.4	10.4	108.8	8.8
2000	117.9	10.8	109.8	1.6	117.4	6.5	121.6	10.1	116.7	7.3
2001	125.2	6.2	122.6	11.7	105.8	-9.8	114.7	-5.7	116.9	0.1
2002	116.7	-6.8	126.4	3.1	127.4	20.4	127.2	10.8	124.5	6.5
2003	137.9	18.1	133.7	5.8	136.8	7.4	138.8	9.2	136.8	9.9
2004	147.6	7.1	143.2	7.1	144.1	5.3	143.8	3.6	144.7	5.7
2005	155.3	5.2	159.1	11.1	157.7	9.4	157.7	9.7	157.4	8.8
2006	168.6	8.6	176.5	11.0	166.3	5.5				

Data Source: Ceylon Electricity Board

Table 2.9 Sales Quantity of Gas

Year	First Quarter		Second Quarter		Third Quarter		Fourth Quarter		Annual	
	Index	Point to point % change	Index	Point to point % change	Index	Point to point % change	Index	Point to point % change	Index	Point to point % change
1998	MT. 28,195=100		MT. 26,999=100		MT. 26,996=100		MT. 29,966=100		MT. 112,156=100	
1999	116.1	16.1	123.8	23.8	131.5	31.5	126.1	26.1	124.3	24.3
2000	157.5	35.7	121.0	-2.3	136.5	3.8	119.4	-5.3	133.5	7.4
2001	131.3	-16.6	110.2	-8.9	138.4	1.4	112.0	-6.2	122.8	-8.0
2002	131.1	-0.1	146.9	33.4	144.6	4.5	134.0	19.7	138.9	13.2
2003	143.5	9.4	118.0	-19.7	171.1	18.3	135.6	1.2	141.9	2.1
2004	131.8	-8.1	154.8	31.2	157.6	-7.9	139.5	2.9	145.2	2.3
2005	139.8	6.0	147.3	-4.8	152.9	-3.0	148.4	6.4	147.1	1.3
2006	146.2	4.6	150.4	2.1	159.2	4.1				

Data Source: Laugfs Lanka Gas (pvt) Limited
Shell Gas Lanka Limited

Table 2.10 Production of Water

Year	First Quarter		Second Quarter		Third Quarter		Fourth Quarter		Annual	
	Index	Point to Point % Change	Index	Point to Point % Change	Index	Point to Point % Change	Index	Point to Point % Change	Index	Point to Point % Change
1998	m ³ Mn. 72=100		m ³ Mn. 75=100		m ³ Mn. 75=100		m ³ Mn. 76=100		m ³ Mn. 298=100	
1999	105.6	5.6	105.3	5.3	108.3	8.3	104.9	4.9	106.0	6.0
2000	109.6	3.8	110.4	4.8	112.5	3.9	110.0	4.9	110.7	4.4
2001	118.9	8.5	114.7	3.9	114.3	1.5	113.3	2.9	115.2	4.1
2002	116.9	-1.6	116.3	1.4	119.9	4.9	116.5	2.8	117.4	1.9
2003	121.1	3.6	118.4	1.8	119.5	-0.3	119.0	2.1	119.5	1.8
2004	126.9	4.8	122.8	3.7	123.1	3.0	120.1	0.9	123.2	3.0
2005	131.9	3.9	128.0	4.2	128.7	4.5	125.8	4.8	128.6	4.4
2006	134.4	1.9	129.7	1.3	132.5	2.9				

m³ Mn. - Million Cubic Meters

Data Source: National Water Supply and Drainage Board

Table 2.11 Availability of Cement

Year	First Quarter		Second Quarter		Third Quarter		Fourth Quarter		Annual	
	Index	Point to point % change	Index	Point to point % change	Index	Point to point % change	Index	Point to point % change	Index	Point to point % change
1998	MT.'000' 708.8=100		MT. 587.7=100		MT. 823.4=100		MT. 719.0=100		MT. 2,838.9=100	
1999	106.2	6.2	146.4	46.4	111.2	11.2	107.6	7.6	116.3	16.3
2000	113.6	7.0	118.9	-18.7	115.4	3.8	106.6	-0.9	113.5	-2.4
2001	120.2	5.8	116.4	-2.2	98.3	-14.8	98.9	-7.3	107.7	-5.1
2002	86.7	-27.9	108.8	-6.5	90.5	-8.0	118.3	19.7	100.4	-6.8
2003	97.7	12.8	110.3	1.4	89.6	-1.0	162.4	37.2	114.4	14.0
2004	109.8	12.3	114.8	4.1	98.9	10.3	98.4	-39.4	104.8	-8.4
2005	131.5	19.8	139.6	21.6	137.5	39.1	145.0	47.4	138.4	32.1
2006	176.9	34.5	173.0	23.9	143.7	4.5				

Data Source: Department of Customs, Puttalam Cement Co.LTD., Ruhunu Cement Co.LTD, Tokoyo Cement Co.LTD.

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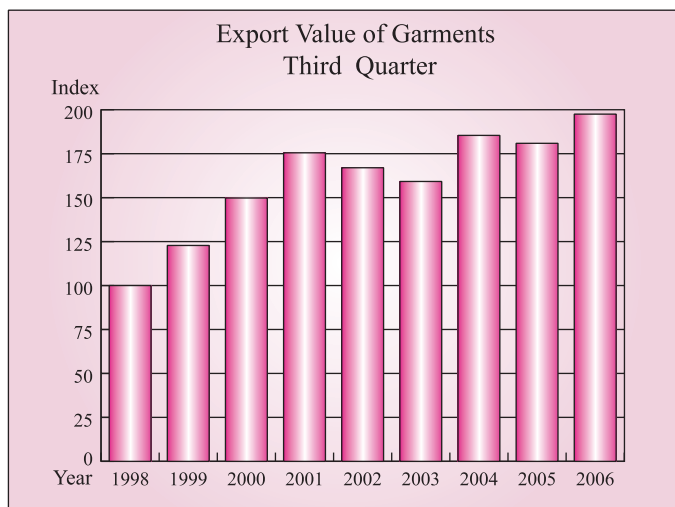


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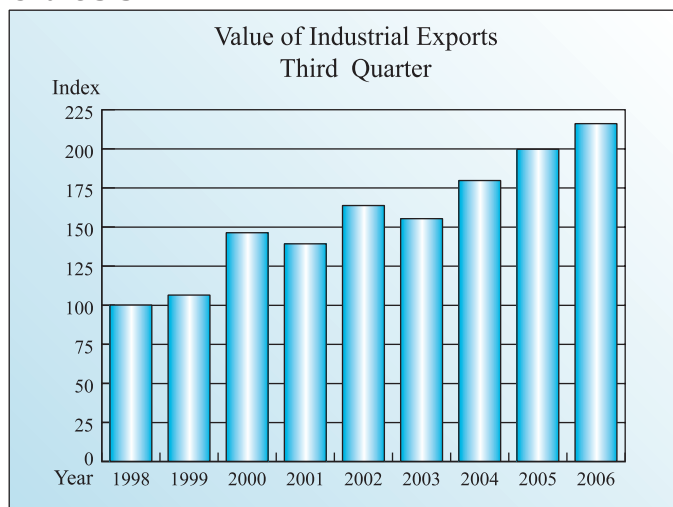


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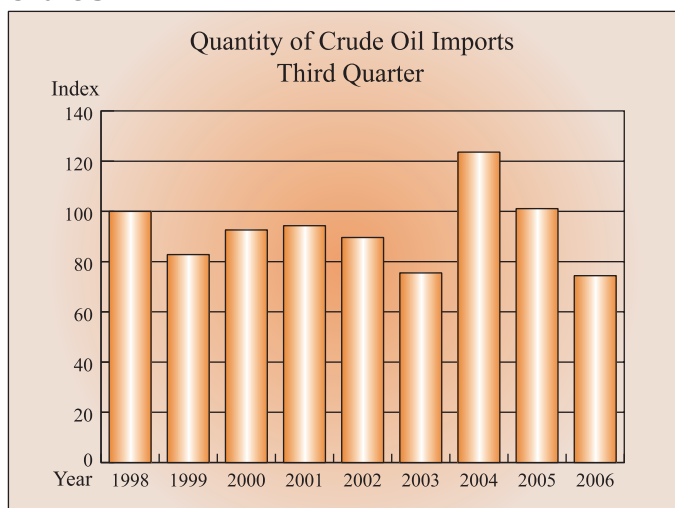


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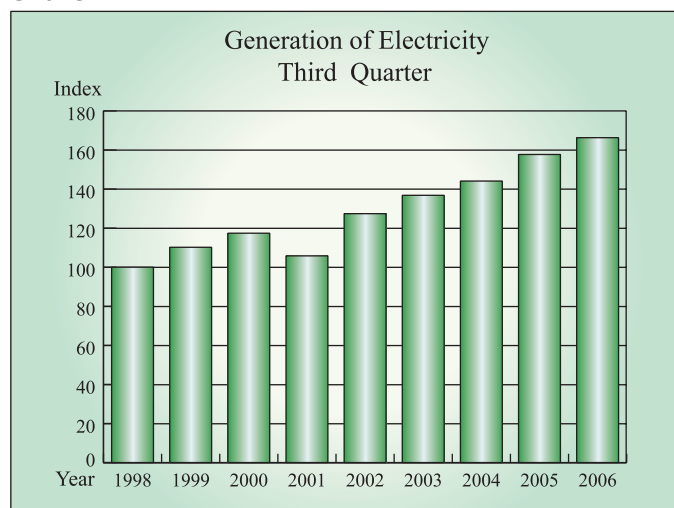


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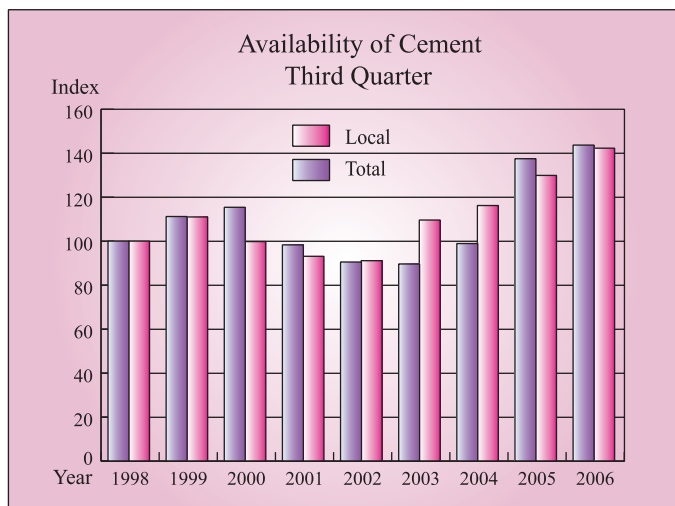
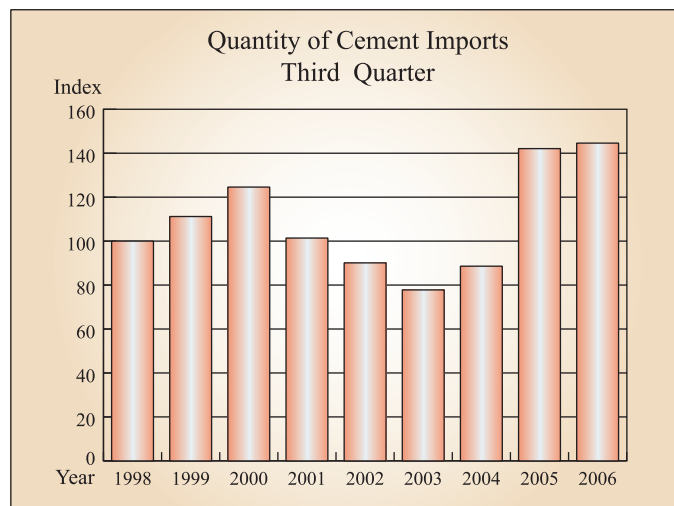


Chart 5.2



3.Services

Wholesale and retail trade,restaurants and hotels

Table 3.1 Value of Total Imports

Year	First Quarter		Second Quarter		Third Quarter		Fourth Quarter		Annual	
	Index	Point to point % change	Index	Point to point % change	Index	Point to point % change	Index	Point to point % change	Index	Point to point % change
1998	Rs.Mn 88,704=100		Rs.Mn 88,957=100		Rs.Mn 89,396=100		Rs.Mn 101,954=100		Rs.Mn 369,102=100	
1999	92.4	-7.6	97.2	-2.8	107.6	7.6	111.7	11.7	102.6	2.6
2000	122.7	32.8	132.4	36.2	139.7	29.8	123.5	10.6	129.4	26.1
2001	147.4	20.1	143.0	8.0	118.9	-14.9	114.2	-7.6	130.3	0.7
2002	142.6	-3.2	150.9	5.5	162.7	36.9	156.6	37.2	153.3	17.7
2003	156.2	9.6	180.0	19.3	228.7	40.5	179.7	14.7	170.7	11.3
2004	188.3	20.5	212.7	18.1	179.7	-21.4	233.3	29.9	215.8	26.4
2005	197.0	4.6	218.5	2.7	269.8	50.1	220.8	-5.4	226.4	4.9
2006	296.9	50.7	268.7	23.0	279.3	3.5				

Data Source : Department of Customs

Table 3.2 Value of Total Exports

Year	First Quarter		Second Quarter		Third Quarter		Fourth Quarter		Annual	
	Index	Point to point % change	Index	Point to point % change	Index	Point to point % change	Index	Point to point % change	Index	Point to point % change
1998	Rs.Mn 67,348=100		Rs.Mn 71,005=100		Rs.Mn 84,264=100		Rs.Mn 80,548=100		Rs.Mn 303,165=100	
1999	99.4	-0.6	101.0	1.0	105.1	5.1	109.7	9.7	104.1	4.1
2000	129.8	30.5	122.0	20.9	139.3	32.6	137.6	25.4	132.7	27.5
2001	154.9	19.4	142.6	16.8	132.6	-4.8	120.8	-12.3	136.7	3.0
2002	146.1	-5.7	120.6	-15.4	157.0	18.4	164.0	35.8	147.9	8.2
2003	162.8	11.4	154.9	28.5	188.2	19.9	155.8	-5.0	157.0	6.2
2004	189.4	16.3	171.6	10.8	163.2	-13.3	201.2	29.2	186.0	18.5
2005	212.7	12.3	186.9	8.9	199.6	22.3	217.7	8.2	204.3	9.8
2006	228.3	7.3	234.7	25.6	221.2	10.8				

Data Source : Department of Customs

Transport and communication

Table 3.3 Number of Tourist Arrivals

Year	First Quarter		Second Quarter		Third Quarter		Fourth Quarter		Annual	
	Index	Point to point % change	Index	Point to point % change	Index	Point to point % change	Index	Point to point % change	Index	Point to point % change
1998	Number 104,763=100		Number 68,382=100		Number 92,628=100		Number 115,290=100		Number 381,063=100	
1999	121.2	21.2	125.5	25.5	114.7	14.7	101.8	1.8	114.5	14.5
2000	120.9	-0.2	115.3	-8.1	106.6	-7.1	83.4	-18.1	105.1	-8.3
2001	128.9	6.6	134.8	16.8	60.5	-43.2	46.4	-44.3	88.4	-15.9
2002	88.8	-31.1	117.1	-13.1	112.5	85.9	100.5	116.3	103.2	16.7
2003	115.1	29.5	139.8	19.4	131.6	17.0	141.0	40.4	131.4	27.3
2004	126.0	9.5	135.9	-2.8	162.7	23.6	165.3	17.2	148.6	13.1
2005	119.6	-5.1	188.4	38.6	163.6	0.5	124.7	-24.6	144.1	-3.0
2006	152.4	27.5	201.1	6.7	158.5	-3.1				

Data Source: Sri Lanka Tourist Board.

Table 3.4 Total Number of Registered Private Buses

Year	First Quarter		Second Quarter		Third Quarter		Fourth Quarter		Annual	
	Index	Point to point % change	Index	Point to point % change	Index	Point to point % change	Index	Point to point % change	Index	Point to point % change
1998	Number 43,130=100		Number 43,726=100		Number 44,577=100		Number 45,426=100		Number 45,426=100	
1999	106.5	6.5	106.1	6.1	105.1	5.1	103.9	3.9	103.9	3.9
2000	110.1	3.3	109.3	3.0	108.2	2.9	106.7	2.7	106.7	2.7
2001	114.0	3.5	112.9	3.3	111.2	2.8	109.5	2.6	109.5	2.6
2002	115.8	1.6	114.9	1.8	113.6	2.2	112.5	2.8	112.5	2.8
2003	120.0	3.6	119.2	3.8	117.8	3.7	116.6	3.7	116.6	3.7
2004	124.2	3.5	123.5	3.6	122.5	4.0	121.2	3.9	121.2	3.9
2005	128.8	3.7	128.1	3.7	126.7	3.4	125.5	3.6	125.5	3.6
2006	134.2	4.2	133.6	4.3	133.1	5.1				

Data Source: Department of Motor Traffic

Table 3.5 Total Number of SLCTB* Buses

Year	First Quarter		Second Quarter		Third Quarter		Fourth Quarter		Annual	
	Index	Point to point % change	Index	Point to point % change	Index	Point to point % change	Index	Point to point % change	Index	Point to point % change
1998	Number 14,182=100		Number 14,299=100		Number 14,467=100		Number 14,635=100		Number 14,635=100	
1999	105.5	5.5	105.4	5.4	105.6	5.6	105.9	5.9	105.9	5.9
2000	111.8	6.0	114.1	8.3	114.0	8.0	112.7	6.5	112.7	6.5
2001	116.3	4.0	115.7	1.4	114.4	0.3	113.1	0.3	113.1	0.3
2002	116.8	0.4	115.9	0.2	114.7	0.2	113.5	0.4	113.5	0.4
2003	117.3	0.5	116.5	0.5	115.2	0.5	114.0	0.5	114.0	0.5
2004	117.8	0.5	117.0	0.5	115.8	0.5	114.6	0.5	114.6	0.5
2005	118.4	0.5	117.6	0.5	116.4	0.5	115.2	0.5	115.2	0.5
2006	119.1	0.6	118.3	0.6	117.2	0.7				

SLCTB* - Sri Lanka Central Transport Board

Data Source: Department of Motor Traffic

Table 3.6 Air Travel - Passenger carriage

Year	First Quarter		Second Quarter		Third Quarter		Fourth Quarter		Annual	
	Index	Point to point % change	Index	Point to point % change	Index	Point to point % change	Index	Point to point % change	Index	Point to point % change
1998	PKM '000' 1,016=100		PKM '000' 898=100		PKM '000' 1,141=100		PKM '000' 1,098=100		PKM '000' 4,154=100	
1999	125.9	25.9	127.9	27.9	123.1	23.1	119.5	19.5	123.8	23.8
2000	152.9	21.5	158.1	23.7	175.6	42.7	171.2	43.3	165.1	33.3
2001	210.8	37.9	204.6	29.3	127.3	-27.5	102.2	-40.3	157.8	-4.4
2002	142.5	-32.4	161.9	-20.8	151.2	18.8	141.2	38.2	148.8	-5.7
2003	165.0	15.7	168.3	3.9	168.7	11.6	165.0	16.9	166.7	12.1
2004	199.4	20.9	204.9	21.8	208.1	23.3	188.7	14.4	200.2	20.1
2005	182.4	-8.5	230.7	12.6	212.6	2.1	199.6	5.8	205.7	2.8
2006	232.1	27.3	247.5	7.3	213.9	0.6				

PKM - Passenger Km

Data Source: SriLankan Airlines Ltd.

Chart 6.1



Chart 6.2

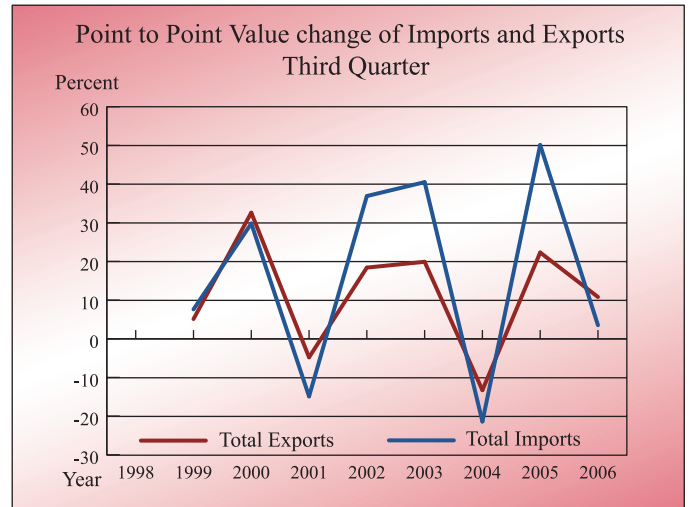


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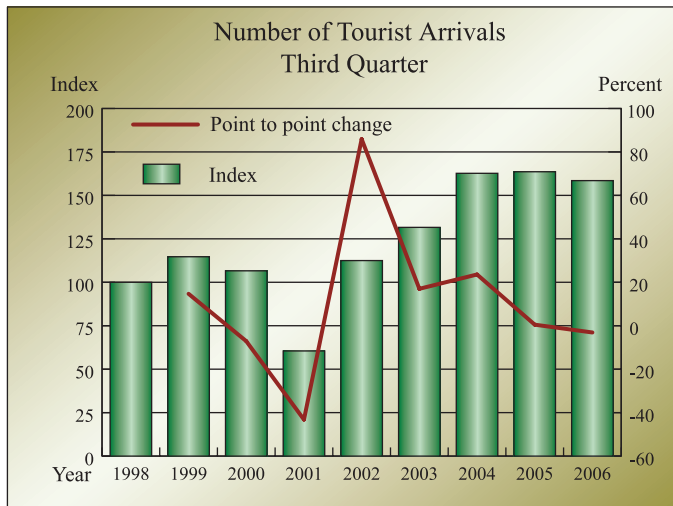


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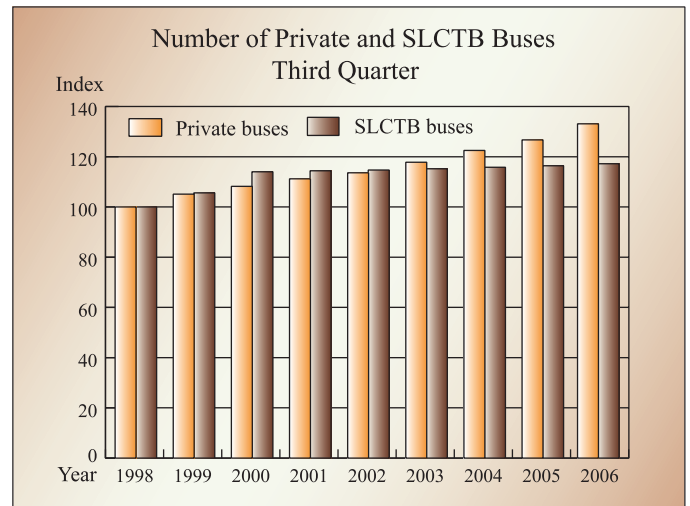


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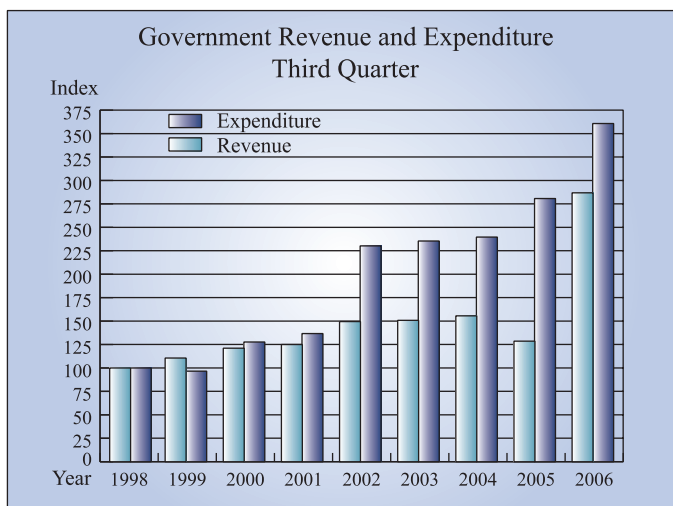


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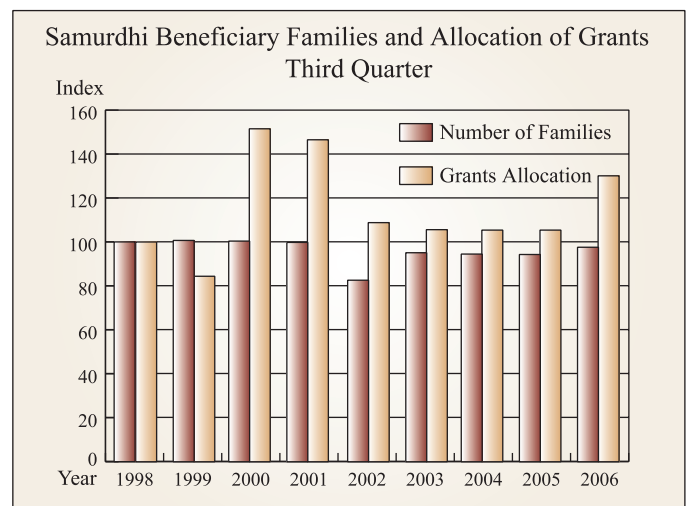


Table 3.7 Air Travel - Cargo carriage

Year	First Quarter		Second Quarter		Third Quarter		Fourth Quarter		Annual	
	Index	Point to point % change	Index	Point to point % change	Index	Point to point % change	Index	Point to point % change	Index	Point to point % change
1998	TKM* 40,482=100		TKM* 38,696=100		TKM* 41,622=100		TKM* 39,022=100		TKM* 159,822=100	
1999	92.1	-7.9	102.9	2.9	113.0	13.0	140.5	40.5	112.0	12.0
2000	133.7	45.2	144.0	40.0	165.2	46.2	197.6	40.6	160.0	42.9
2001	161.0	20.4	147.8	2.6	106.2	-35.7	110.5	-44.1	131.2	-18.0
2002	103.7	-35.6	104.7	-29.1	118.9	11.9	144.0	30.3	117.7	-10.3
2003	134.0	29.3	134.1	28.1	143.0	20.3	165.3	14.8	144.0	22.3
2004	160.5	19.8	182.2	35.9	184.8	29.2	198.0	19.8	181.2	25.8
2005	177.8	10.8	186.6	2.4	187.2	1.3	200.3	1.1	187.9	3.6
2006	179.1	0.7	197.4	5.8	197.5	5.5				

TKM* - Ton Km

Data Source: SriLankan Airlines Ltd.

Table 3.8 Number of Fixed Telephone Subscribers

Year	First Quarter		Second Quarter		Third Quarter		Fourth Quarter		Annual	
	Index	Point to point % change	Index	Point to point % change	Index	Point to point % change	Index	Point to point % change	Index	Point to point % change
1998	Number 367,816=100		Number 400,960=100		Number 442,719=100		Number 489,710=100		Number 489,710=100	
1999	148.5	48.5	142.5	42.5	129.2	29.2	116.5	16.5	116.5	16.5
2000	189.5	27.6	180.2	26.5	167.7	29.8	156.7	34.5	156.7	34.5
2001	212.7	12.2	198.3	10.1	182.0	8.5	169.3	8.0	169.3	8.0
2002	228.5	7.4	212.2	7.0	195.8	7.6	180.2	6.4	180.2	6.4
2003	243.9	6.7	226.0	6.5	207.4	5.9	191.7	6.4	191.7	6.4
2004	258.4	5.9	238.9	5.7	220.1	6.1	202.4	5.6	202.4	5.6
2005	272.2	5.3	255.3	6.9	255.4	16.0	254.0	25.5	254.0	25.5
2006	377.3	38.6	376.6	47.5	381.5	49.4				

Data Source: Telecommunications Regulatory Commission of Sri Lanka

Banking, insurance and real estate etc.

Table 3.9 Average Exchange Rates

Sri Lanka Rupees Per Unit of US Dollar

Year	First Quarter		Second Quarter		Third Quarter		Fourth Quarter		Annual	
	Index	Point to point % change	Index	Point to point % change	Index	Point to point % change	Index	Point to point % change	Index	Point to point % change
1998	Rs. 61.86=100		Rs. 63.82=100		Rs. 65.76=100		Rs. 66.92=100		Rs. 64.59=100	
1999	110.8	10.8	109.9	10.0	108.2	8.2	107.2	7.2	109.0	9.0
2000	117.6	6.2	116.4	5.8	117.9	9.0	117.4	9.4	117.3	7.7
2001	138.2	17.5	140.5	20.7	137.0	16.3	137.7	17.4	138.3	17.9
2002	151.7	9.8	150.6	7.2	146.3	6.7	144.2	4.7	148.1	7.1
2003	156.6	3.2	152.2	1.1	146.8	0.4	142.8	-1.0	149.4	0.9
2004	158.3	1.1	155.4	2.1	156.9	6.9	156.0	9.2	156.6	4.8
2005	160.8	1.6	156.5	0.7	153.3	-2.3	152.3	-2.4	155.6	-0.6
2006	165.4	2.9	161.4	3.2	157.3	2.6				

Data Source: Central Bank Annual Report

Table 3.10 Monetary Aggregates

Year and Item	First Quarter		Second Quarter		Third Quarter		Fourth Quarter		Annual	
	Index	Point to Point % Change	Index	Point to Point % Change	Index	Point to Point % Change	Index	Point to Point % Change	Index	Point to Point % Change
1998	Rs. Mn		Rs. Mn		Rs. Mn		Rs. Mn		Rs. Mn	
(M1)	92,195=100		90,126=100		93,463=100		96,268=100		96,268=100	
(M2)	297,205=100		296,943=100		301,678=100		316,174=100		316,174=100	
2001										
(M1)	123.6	3.8	120.4	-0.2	119.9	0.4	126.9	3.2	126.9	3.2
(M2)	135.9	10.3	136.6	9.4	139.7	9.9	142.6	11.4	142.6	11.4
2002										
(M1)	136.3	10.3	139.3	15.6	138.5	15.5	144.8	14.0	144.8	14.0
(M2)	156.8	15.4	160.4	17.5	162.1	16.0	161.4	13.2	161.4	13.2
2003										
(M1)	153.2	12.3	157.8	13.3	166.6	20.3	167.9	16.0	167.9	16.0
(M2)	176.5	12.6	179.4	11.9	184.2	13.7	183.7	13.8	183.7	13.8
2004										
(M1)	186.4	21.7	188.4	19.4	190.5	14.4	195.8	16.6	195.8	16.6
(M2)	204.0	15.6	207.3	15.5	213.9	16.1	217.6	18.5	217.6	18.5
2005										
(M1)	225.7	21.1	231.2	22.7	230.4	20.9	239.6	22.4	239.6	22.4
(M2)	242.6	18.9	248.7	20.0	257.0	20.2	260.3	19.6	260.3	19.6
2006										
(M1)	254.0	12.5	264.2	14.3						
(M2)	290.3	19.6	299.0	20.2						

(M1) = Narrow Money Supply (M2) = Broad Money supply

Data Source: Central Bank Annual Report

Table 3.11 Loans and advances, Deposits and Borrowings of Commercial Banks

Year and Item	First Quarter		Second Quarter		Third Quarter		Fourth Quarter		Annual	
	Index	Point to Point % Change	Index	Point to Point % Change	Index	Point to Point % Change	Index	Point to Point % Change	Index	Point to Point % Change
1998										
Loans and advances	234,885=100		244,372=100		249,899=100		263,776=100		263,776=100	
Deposits	308,853=100		315,810=100		321,229=100		339,461=100		339,461=100	
Borrowings	32,319=100		27,498=100		31,358=100		32,039=100		32,039=100	
2001										
Loans and advances	159.6	19.8	151.7	16.8	146.5	11.9	143.4	6.0	143.4	6.0
Deposits	148.9	15.3	148.2	15.8	150.7	16.5	152.8	16.4	152.8	16.4
Borrowings	153.7	38.6	202.3	22.6	192.3	33.7	195.8	-13.6	195.8	-13.6
2002										
Loans and advances	162.0	1.5	150.8	-0.6	149.0	1.8	145.6	1.5	145.6	1.5
Deposits	173.4	16.4	169.5	14.4	171.2	13.6	168.9	10.5	168.9	10.5
Borrowings	174.6	13.6	203.4	0.6	175.2	-8.9	136.5	-30.3	136.5	-30.3
2003										
Loans and advances	165.2	2.0	161.8	7.3	163.3	9.5	164.0	12.7	164.0	12.7
Deposits	190.4	9.8	190.6	12.4	195.5	14.2	191.8	13.6	191.8	13.6
Borrowings	124.7	-28.6	155.2	-23.7	149.6	-14.7	128.5	-5.9	128.5	-5.9
2004										
Loans and advances	191.8	16.1	192.3	18.8	197.6	21.1	200.4	22.2	200.4	22.2
Deposits	218.0	14.5	219.8	15.3	228.7	17.0	233.5	21.7	233.5	21.7
Borrowings	153.0	22.7	179.2	15.5	155.1	3.7	129.6	0.9	129.6	0.9
2005										
Loans and advances	228.2	19.0	232.3	20.8	241.5	22.2	245.7	22.6	245.7	22.6
Deposits	263.3	20.8	266.0	21.1	271.9	18.9	278.6	19.3	278.6	19.3
Borrowings	108.8	-28.9	165.9	-7.4	130.5	-15.9	157.0	21.1	157.0	21.1
2006										
Loans and advances	292.3	28.0	294.8	26.9						
Deposits	319.9	21.5	321.0	20.7						
Borrowings	175.9	61.7	244.7	47.5						

Data Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

Government services

Table 3.12 Government Revenue

Year	First Quarter		Second Quarter		Third Quarter		Fourth Quarter		Annual	
	Index	Point to point % change	Index	Point to point % change	Index	Point to point % change	Index	Point to point % change	Index	Point to point % change
1998	Rs. Mn 45,654=100		Rs. Mn 42,317=100		Rs. Mn 48,646=100		Rs. Mn 52,599=100		Rs. Mn 189,216=100	
1999	104.5	4.5	107.5	7.5	110.6	10.6	113.4	13.4	109.2	9.2
2000	116.4	11.4	120.0	11.6	121.1	9.5	111.2	-2.0	117.0	7.1
2001	137.1	17.9	167.1	39.2	125.0	3.2	105.4	-5.2	131.9	12.8
2002	152.7	11.4	150.5	-9.9	149.5	19.6	163.4	55.0	154.3	17.0
2003	192.9	26.3	148.8	-1.1	150.8	0.9	162.3	-0.6	163.7	6.1
2004	171.6	-11.1	175.9	18.2	155.6	3.2	193.8	19.4	176.6	7.9
2005	173.9	1.3	200.6	14.0	128.6	-17.4	667.9	244.6	305.6	73.0
2006	226.1	30.0	247.0	23.1	286.8	123.0				

Data Source: General Treasury

Table 3.13 Government Expenditure

Year	First Quarter		Second Quarter		Third Quarter		Fourth Quarter		Annual	
	Index	Point to point % change	Index	Point to point % change	Index	Point to point % change	Index	Point to point % change	Index	Point to point % change
1998	Rs. Mn 67,656=100		Rs. Mn 64,377=100		Rs. Mn 72,214=100		Rs. Mn 76,175=100		Rs. Mn 280,422=100	
1999	106.1	6.1	104.3	4.3	96.6	-3.4	108.8	8.8	104.0	4.0
2000	120.1	13.3	119.6	14.6	127.7	32.1	129.4	18.9	124.5	19.7
2001	156.1	30.0	135.6	13.4	136.7	7.0	139.7	8.0	142.0	14.0
2002	146.7	-6.0	211.9	56.3	230.2	68.4	246.4	76.3	210.3	48.1
2003	246.4	67.9	212.4	0.2	235.4	2.2	309.4	25.6	252.9	20.3
2004	171.3	-30.5	281.9	32.7	239.6	1.8	438.0	41.6	231.1	-8.6
2005	248.9	45.3	282.3	0.1	280.7	17.2	303.6	-30.7	279.6	21.0
2006	314.6	26.4	365.2	29.4	360.7	28.5				

Data Source: General Treasury

Table 3.14 Government Expenditure on Education

Year	First Quarter		Second Quarter		Third Quarter		Fourth Quarter		Annual	
	Index	Point to point % change	Index	Point to point % change	Index	Point to point % change	Index	Point to point % change	Index	Point to point % change
1998	Rs. Mn. 5,156=100		Rs. Mn. 1,888=100		Rs. Mn. 2,244=100		Rs. Mn. 6,026=100		Rs. Mn. 15,314=100	
1999	114.3	14.3	116.8	16.8	111.2	11.2	99.0	-1.0	108.1	8.1
2000	63.9	-44.1	232.7	99.2	191.2	71.9	101.6	2.6	118.2	9.3
2001	71.8	12.4	190.3	-18.2	176.7	-7.6	120.8	18.9	121.0	2.4
2002	88.5	23.3	205.2	7.8	208.7	18.1	108.7	-10.0	128.5	6.2
2003	77.5	-12.4	203.6	-0.8	207.0	-0.8	121.0	11.3	129.1	0.5
2004	82.0	5.8	233.6	14.7	220.4	6.5	158.8	31.2	151.2	17.1
2005	95.8	16.8	310.5	32.9	358.2	62.5	179.4	13.0	193.6	28.0
2006	121.2	26.5	371.7	19.7	353.9	-1.2				

Data Source: General Treasury, Central Bank of Sri Lanka

Table 3.15 Government Expenditure on Health

Year	First Quarter		Second Quarter		Third Quarter		Fourth Quarter		Annual	
	Index	Point to point % change	Index	Point to point % change	Index	Point to point % change	Index	Point to point % change	Index	Point to point % change
1998	Rs. Mn. 1,522=100		Rs. Mn. 1,883=100		Rs. Mn. 2,982=100		Rs. Mn. 3,838=100		Rs. Mn. 10,225=100	
1999	145.1	45.1	132.8	32.8	101.0	1.0	161.6	61.6	136.2	36.2
2000	142.6	-1.7	173.6	30.7	104.7	3.7	209.5	29.6	162.4	19.2
2001	192.0	34.6	196.2	13.0	108.4	3.5	151.0	-27.9	153.0	-5.8
2002	262.9	36.9	268.8	37.0	176.5	62.8	180.9	19.8	208.0	35.9
2003	267.4	1.7	308.3	14.7	189.0	7.1	183.3	1.3	220.5	6.0
2004	311.2	16.4	390.5	26.7	214.5	13.5	288.2	57.2	289.0	31.1
2005	303.6	-2.4	374.2	-4.2	252.1	17.5	291.4	1.1	297.0	2.8
2006	477.8	57.4	438.8	17.3	278.3	10.4				

Data Source: General Treasury, Central Bank of Sri Lanka

Table 3.16 Recurrent Expenditure on Provincial Councils

Year	First Quarter		Second Quarter		Third Quarter		Fourth Quarter		Annual	
	Index	Point to point % change	Index	Point to point % change	Index	Point to point % change	Index	Point to point % change	Index	Point to point % change
1998	Rs. Mn. 5,557=100		Rs. Mn. 5,967=100		Rs. Mn. 6,578=100		Rs. Mn. 7,248=100		Rs. Mn. 25,350=100	
1999	103.7	3.7	103.7	3.7	103.7	3.7	103.7	3.7	103.7	3.7
2000	114.4	10.3	105.2	5.2	115.7	11.7	115.6	11.5	113.8	9.8
2001	137.0	19.7	136.2	24.9	128.1	10.7	128.5	11.2	132.1	16.0
2002	155.0	13.2	160.1	17.5	148.0	15.5	143.0	11.3	151.0	14.3
2003	163.7	5.6	163.9	2.4	149.5	1.0	153.0	7.0	157.0	4.0
2004	183.3	12.0	183.5	12.0	176.7	0.2	177.5	16.0	180.0	14.6
2005	244.5	33.4	234.5	27.8	223.9	26.7	232.1	30.8	233.3	29.6
2006	302.0	23.5	293.4	25.1						

Data Source: Provincial Councils.

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Table 3.17 Value Granted to Samurdhi Beneficiaries

Year	First Quarter		Second Quarter		Third Quarter		Fourth Quarter		Annual	
	Index	Point to point % change	Index	Point to point % change	Index	Point to point % change	Index	Point to point % change	Index	Point to point % change
1998	RS. Mn 2,057=100		Rs. Mn 2,057=100		Rs. Mn 2,039=100		Rs. Mn 2,039=100		Rs. Mn 8,192=100	
1999	63.5	-36.5	115.3	15.3	84.4	-15.6	130.6	30.6	98.4	-1.6
2000	148.7	134.2	148.7	29.0	151.5	79.4	151.5	16.0	150.1	52.5
2001	146.6	-1.4	146.6	-1.4	146.5	-3.3	146.5	-3.3	146.5	-2.4
2002	143.9	-1.8	107.9	-26.4	108.8	-25.7	105.9	-27.7	116.7	-20.4
2003	104.9	-27.1	104.6	-3.0	105.6	-3.0	105.6	-0.3	105.2	-9.8
2004	104.3	-0.6	104.4	-0.2	105.4	-0.2	105.4	-0.2	104.9	-0.3
2004	90.3	-13.4	104.5	0.1	105.4	0.0	131.6	24.9	111.4	6.2
2006	130.5	44.5	128.9	23.3	130.1	23.4				

Data Source: Department of Poor Relief

Table 3.18 Samurdhi Beneficiaries (Total number of Samurdhi Families)

Year	First Quarter		Second Quarter		Third Quarter		Fourth Quarter		Annual	
	Index	Point to point % change	Index	Point to point % change	Index	Point to point % change	Index	Point to point % change	Index	Point to point % change
1998	No.of families 1,988,979=100		No.of families 1,988,979=100		No.of families 1,973,183=100		No.of families 1,973,183=100		No.of families 1,973,183=100	
1999	99.0	-1.0	99.0	-1.0	100.7	0.7	100.7	0.7	100.7	0.7
2000	99.6	0.7	99.6	0.7	100.4	-0.3	100.4	-0.3	100.4	-0.3
2001	99.4	-0.3	99.4	-0.3	99.8	-0.7	99.8	-0.7	99.8	-0.7
2002	98.1	-1.3	81.9	-17.6	82.6	-17.2	95.6	-4.2	95.6	-4.2
2003	94.9	-3.3	94.3	15.1	95.1	15.1	95.1	-0.6	95.1	-0.6
2004	93.7	-1.2	93.7	-0.7	94.5	-0.6	94.5	-0.6	94.5	-0.6
2005	93.3	-0.4	93.5	-0.2	94.3	-0.2	99.4	5.2	95.5	1.1
2006	98.6	5.7	96.8	3.5	97.6	3.5				

Data Source: Department of Poor Relief

Investment

Table 4.1 Import Value of Investment Goods

Year	First Quarter		Second Quarter		Third Quarter		Fourth Quarter		Annual	
	Index	Point to point % change	Index	Point to point % change	Index	Point to point % change	Index	Point to point % change	Index	Point to point % change
1998	Rs.Mn. 25,167=100		Rs. Mn. 22,055=100		Rs.Mn. 23,359=100		Rs.Mn. 24,747=100		Rs.Mn. 95,327=100	
1999	83.4	-16.6	101.7	1.7	102.0	2.0	88.9	-11.1	93.6	-6.4
2000	94.2	12.9	142.1	39.7	117.3	15.0	106.9	20.2	114.2	22.0
2001	113.4	20.4	113.9	-19.8	83.7	-28.6	91.7	-14.1	100.6	-11.9
2002	94.3	-16.9	122.7	7.7	114.9	37.3	139.1	51.6	117.5	16.8
2003	109.0	15.7	114.4	-6.8	151.5	31.8	158.9	14.2	133.6	13.7
2004	158.3	45.2	182.2	59.3	184.3	21.7	186.0	17.1	177.4	32.8
2005	158.1	-0.1	211.6	16.1	231.7	25.7	227.6	22.4	206.6	16.5
2006	230.2	45.6	270.8	28.0	231.5	-0.1				

Data Source: Department of Customs

Table 4.2 Share Market Developments - All Share Index

Year	First Quarter		Second Quarter		Third Quarter		Fourth Quarter		Annual	
	Index	Point to point % change	Index	Point to point % change	Index	Point to point % change	Index	Point to point % change	Index	Point to point % change
1998	689.9=100		681.8=100		530.5=100		557.2=100		597.3=100	
1999	81.0	-19.0	78.9	-21.1	106.9	6.9	99.2	-0.8	95.8	-4.2
2000	76.9	-5.1	71.8	-9.0	96.2	-10.0	82.3	-17.0	74.9	-21.8
2001	63.1	-18.0	61.9	-13.9	77.3	-19.7	99.6	21.0	104.0	38.7
2002	86.2	36.7	98.4	59.1	145.1	87.7	145.8	46.5	136.5	31.3
2003	110.2	27.9	133.5	35.6	214.9	48.2	190.6	30.7	177.8	30.3
2004	186.1	68.9	199.3	49.2	268.7	25.0	270.4	41.9	252.3	41.9
2005	253.9	36.4	278.4	39.7	458.9	70.8	345.0	27.6	321.8	27.6
2006	328.2	29.3	310.1	11.4	449.2	-2.1				

Data Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

