Fortnightly of Major Economic Indicators: Updated up to 15 December 2022

During July-October 2022, **broad money** increased 1.09 percent to Tk 1726769.20 crore at the end of October 2022 from the level of end June 2022. The increase in net domestic assets (NDA) contributed to broad money growth during the period.

Domestic credit growth rose 3.67 percent in October 2022 over June 2022 compared to 2.93 percent growth in October 2021 over June 2021 because of higher growth of credit to public sector. Credit to public sector edged up to 7.31 percent at the end of October 2022 over June 2022 compared with 4.59 percent rise at the end of October 2021 over end June 2021. Credit to public sector increased due to increase in net credit to govt. sector. As per the latest available data, government borrowing from the banking system increased Tk 31972.82 crore during 01 July to 15 December 2022 against the increase of Tk 19636.19 crore during 01 July to 15 December 2021. Credit to private sector grew 2.81 percent at the end of October 2022 over end June 2022 against 2.58 percent rise during the same period of the preceding fiscal year.

During 01 July to 15 December 2022, **reserve money** increased 3.55 percent to Tk 359472.70 crore as on 15 December 2022 from the level of end June 2022. Reserve money increased due mainly to the higher growth in Net Domestic Assets (NDA) of Bangladesh Bank during the reported period under review.

NBR tax revenue collection rose 14.19 percent to Tk 90917.69 crore during July-October of FY23 which was Tk 79622.46 crore during July-October of FY22. Target for NBR tax revenue collection has been set at Tk 370000.00 crore in the budget for FY23. NBR tax revenue during July-October of FY23 was 24.57 percent of the target set for FY23.

Exports surged 10.89 percent to USD 21.95* billion during July-November 2022 compared to 24.29 percent to USD 19.79* billion during July-November 2021. Exports growth stood lower compared to previous year due to fall off global demand arising from Russia-Ukraine war.

Custom based imports experienced a lower growth of 6.69 percent during July-October 2022 compared to 51.39 percent growth during July-October 2021 because of partly higher base of the previous period and partly BDT depreciation along with import restriction of luxurious items. However, custom based imports went up because of increase in economic demand including apparel exports with the reopening of economies from covid-19 pandemic, resulting in the rise of demand for import of raw materials and capital goods along with higher prices in the global market. Opening of import LCs decreased 8.57 percent during July-September 2022. On the other hand, Settlement of import LCs increased 31.59 percent during July-September 2022.

*Source: EPB

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Inward Remittances surged 1.84 percent to USD 9.73 billion during 01 July to 15 December 2022 compared to 21.16 percent fall during the same period of the previous year. Remittances seem to increase because of the increased number of remitters in FY22, higher BDT depreciation along with Government's phenomenal 2.50 percent cash incentives for sending it through the formal banking channels.

Current account balance recorded a deficit of USD 4.50 billion in July-October 2022 against the deficit of USD 3.83 billion in July-October 2021. The deficit in current account balance occurred mainly because of the larger deficit in trade balance and service account.

Foreign exchange reserve came down to USD 34.03 billion as on 15 December 2022 from USD 45.27 billion as on 15 December 2021. As per latest available data, foreign exchange reserve stood at USD 34.13 billion as on 19 December 2022.

Headline Inflation (Point to point) edged down to 8.85 percent in November 2022 from 8.91 percent in October 2022. On the other hand, headline inflation (twelve-month average) went up to 7.48 percent in November 2022 from 7.23 percent in October 2022. Supply bottleneck due to Russia-Ukraine war, higher commodity price in the international market, fuel price upward adjustment in domestic market along with BDT depreciation, and rise in domestic demand were contributing factors for the increasing headline inflation (twelve-month average).

Detailed fortnightly information available up to 15 December 2022 is annexed herewith.

<u>Detailed Information of Major Economic Indicators upto 15 December 2022</u>

I. Money and Credit

(Taka in crore)

| Particulars | June 2021 | October 2021 | June 2022 ^R | October 2022 P | July-October of FY23 ^P | July-October of FY22 ^R |
|---|------------------|------------------|------------------------|------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| 1. Broad money (M2) | 1560895.30 | 1594460.40 | 1708122.30 | 1726769.20 | 18646.90 | 33565.10 |
| | (+13.62) | (+2.15) | (+9.43) | (+1.09) | | |
| 2. Bank deposits [#] | 1351377.60 | 1388565.20 | 1471673.30 | 1490655.00 | 18981.70 | 37187.60 |
| - | (+14.37) | (+2.75) | (+8.90) | (+1.29) | | |
| 3. Domestic credit (A+B) | 1439899.10 | 1482105.40 | 1671749.00 | 1733085.90 | 61336.90 | 42206.30 |
| | (+10.11) | (+2.93) | (+16.10) | (+3.67) | | |
| A. Public sector (including govt.) (i+ii) | 251043.70 | 262568.70 | 320513.30 | 343937.50 | 23424.20 | 11525.00 |
| | (+19.34) | (+4.59) | (+27.67) | (+7.31) | | |
| i. Net credit to govt. sector | 221025.90 | 230981.50 | 283314.50 | 305145.30 | 21830.80 | 9955.60 |
| | (+22.01) | (+4.50) | (+28.18) | (+7.71) | | |
| ii. Credit to other public sector | 30017.80 | 31587.10 | 37198.90 | 38792.20 | 1593.30 | 1569.30 |
| | (+2.75) | (+5.23) | (+23.92) | (+4.28) | | |
| B. Credit to private sector | 1188855.30 | 1219536.80 | 1351235.60 | 1389148.40 | 37912.80 | 30681.50 |
| | (+8.35) | (+2.58) | (+13.66) | (+2.81) | | |
| Particulars | 30 November 2021 | 15 December 2021 | 30 November 2022 | 15 December 2022 | 01 July-15 December 2022 | 01 July-15 December 2021 |
| 4. Reserve money @ | 331991.40 | 327876.20 | 345755.50 | 359472.70 | 12310.60 | -20195.60 |
| | (-4.62) | (-5.80) | (-0.41) | (+3.55) | | |

Source: Statistics Department, BB.

Note: Figures in the parenthesis of column no 2 to 5 of data indicate percentage changes over the previous June

P= Provisional, @=excluding F.C. clearing account, R=Revised

Including both demand and time deposits

II. Government Financing (Taka in crore)

| Particulars | As on | | Flow for the period of | | | |
|--|----------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1 at uculais | 15 December 2021 | 15 December 2022 ^P | 01-15 December 2021 | 01-15 December 2022 | 01 July-15 December 2021 | 01 July-15 December 2022 |
| 1. A. Net outstanding position of govt. borrowing from Bangladesh Bank | 17810.09 | 104884.09 | -5991.04 | 5711.23 | -6732.05 | 49017.69 |
| B. Net outstanding position of govt. borrowing from banking sector(including BB) | 221751.28 | 302158.38 | 1808.11 | 934.62 | 19636.19 | 31972.82 |
| | As of end | | Flow for the month of | | Flow for the period of | |
| | October 2021 | October 2022 ^P | October 2021 | October 2022 ^P | July-October of FY22 | July-October of FY23 |
| 2. Net outstanding position of non-bank borrowing of the govt.* | 395000.90 | 414953.62 | (+)1007,27 | (-)546.37 | (+)44280.64 | (+)26934.23 |
| | October 2021 | October 2022 ^P | July-October of FY22 | | July-October of FY23 | |
| 3. Govt. tax revenue collection (NBR portion) | 21599.19 (+19.08) | 23790.31 (+10.14) | 79622.46 (+16.87) | | 90917.69 (+14.19) | |

Source: Research Department & Statistics Department, BB and National Board of Revenue.

Note: Figures in the parenthesis indicate percentage changes over the same period of the previous year P= Provisional

^{*} Excludes saving certificates held by the banks and includes T.bills & T.bonds held by non-bank financial institutions.

(In million US\$)

| Particulars | October 2021 | October 2022 | July-October 2021 | July-October 2022 | |
|---|------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|--|
| 1.Custom based import (c&f) | 7110.80 | 6654.70 | 25831.20 | 27560.00 | |
| | (+62.50) | (-6.41) | (+51.39) | (+6.69) | |
| Particulars | September 2021 | September 2022 | July-September 2021 | July-September 2022 | |
| 2. Opening of Import L/C ^{R#} | 7965.02 | 6051.42 | 20322.36 | 18580.92 | |
| | (+55.59) | (-24.03) | (+52.79) | (-8.57) | |
| 3. Settlement of Import L/C ^{R#} | 6087.90 | 7100.34 | 17062.88 | 22453.21 | |
| F | (+47.04) | (+16.63) | (+48.36) | (+31.59) | |
| | 15 December 2021 | 15 December 2022 | 01 July to 15 December 2021 | 01 July to 15 December 2022 | |
| 4. Inward Remittances | 949.20 | 941.10 | 9558.07 | 9734.22 | |
| | (-22.75) | (-0.85) | (-21.16) | (+1.84) | |
| | November 2021 | November 2022 | July-November 2021 | July-November 2022 | |
| 5. Exports | 4041.39 | 5092.56 | 19790.87 | 21946.07 | |
| | (+31.26) | (+26.01) | (+24.29) | (+10.89) | |
| | | July-October 2021 | July-October 2022 | | |
| 6. Current Account Balance | | -3834.00 | -4501.00 | | |
| | 15 December 2021 | 30 November 2022 | 15 Dece | mber 2022 | |
| 7. Foreign Exchange Reserve [®] | 45272.98 | 33789.62 | 34028.76 | | |
| | (+7.55) | (-24.71) | (-24.84) | | |
| IV. Price Index | | | | | |
| 1. CPI inflation at national level (Base : FY 2005-06=100) | November 2021 | October 2022 | November 2022 | | |
| a. Point to point basis | 5.98 | 8.91 | 8.85 | | |
| b. Twelve month average basis | 5.48 | 7.23 | 7.48 | | |

Source: Statistics Department and Accounts & Budgeting Department, BB website, Export Promotion Bureau and Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics.

Note: Figures in the parenthesis indicate percentage changes over the same period of the preceding year.

III. External Sector

P=Provisional, @ Figures in the parenthesis indicate percentage changes over the previous June.