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Executive Summary

1. Movement of monetary indicators

Broad money (M2) growth continued to slow down and private sector credit growth also slightly reduced in March 2018.

Broad money (M2) increased by 9.25 percent (y-o-y) in March 2018 which was lower than 13.08 percent of the same month of the previous year. Net foreign assets and net domestic assets registered 3.51 percent and 11.31 percent growth respectively in March 2018. Private sector credit recorded 17.98 percent growth in March 2018 which was significantly higher than 16.06 percent of the same month of the previous year but lower than 18.49 percent growth of the previous month.

2. Inflation scenario

Point to point inflation decreased but 12-month average inflation marginally increased in April 2018.

The point-to-point inflation decreased to 5.63 percent in April 2018 from 5.68 percent in March 2018 while **twelve-month average inflation** increased to 5.83 percent in April 2018 from 5.82 percent in March 2018.

3. State of the financial sector

Weighted average interest rate spread of all scheduled banks widened in March 2018 but call money rate markedly decreased up to May 23, 2018.

The spread between the weighted average interest rates on advances and deposits of all scheduled banks widened in March, 2018 from that of February, 2018 and stood at 4.40 percent. However, the weighted average call money rate in the inter-bank money market markedly decreased to 2.90 percent up to May 23, 2018 from 4.31 percent of April, 2018.

4. External sector performance

Export growth increased during July-April, 2017-18.

Merchandise commodity **export** increased to USD 30.41 billion during July-April 2017-18 which was 6.41 percent higher than USD 28.58 billion during July-April 2016-17, according to EPB data.

Import growth notably increased during July-March, 2017-18.

Custom based import during July-March, 2017-18 increased by 24.51 percent and stood at USD 43.56 billion which was USD 34.98 billion during July-March, 2016-17.

Fresh opening of import LCs during July-March, 2017-18 increased by 56.87 percent as compared to the same period of the previous year and stood at USD 55.96 billion. The sectoral distribution of LCs opening shows that during July-March 2017-18, the share of total LCs opening of industrial raw materials is 26.52%, consumer goods 12.09%, capital machinery 9.27%, machinery for miscellaneous industry 8.22%, intermediate goods 6.64%, petroleum and petroleum products 4.74%.

Workers' remittances inflow increased during July-April, 2017-18

Total Receipts of workers' remittances increased by USD 1.80 billion or 17.51 percent during July-April, 2017-18 as compared to that of July-April, 2016-17. Receipt of workers' remittances in April 2018 increased by 2.11 percent and stood at USD 1.33 billion against that of March 2018. It was also higher by 21.47 percent against USD 1.09 billion of April 2017.

Current account balance continued to a deficit during July-March, 2017-18.

Current account balance recorded a deficit of USD 7.08 billion during July-March, 2017-18 due mainly to a significant trade deficit and lower income from services and primary income accounts compared to that of July-March, 2016-17.

Total foreign aid and net receipts of foreign aid were significantly higher during July-March, 2017-18.

The total foreign aid disbursements during July-March, 2017-18 increased by USD 1.68 billion or 72.19 percent and stood at USD 4.00 billion as compared to that of July-March, 2016-17. Net receipt of foreign aid also increased by USD 1.50 billion or 91.25 percent and stood at USD 3.13 billion during July-March, 2017-18 as compared to that of July-March, 2016-17.

Forex reserves stood at 32.20 billion as on May 23, 2018

The gross foreign exchange reserves of BB stood at USD 33.11 billion (with ACU liability of USD 1.39 billion) as of end April 2018, as compared to USD 32.40 billion (with ACU liability of USD 0.67 billion) as of end March 2018. As per the latest available data, gross foreign exchange reserves stood at USD 32.20 billion (with ACU liability of USD 0.54 billion) as on May 23, 2018.

5. Developments in the fiscal sector

NBR tax revenue collection continued to a strong growth during July-March, 2017-18.

NBR Tax Revenue collection stood at Taka 144963.63 crore during July-March, 2017-18 which was 14.51 percent higher than Taka 126594.57 crore during July-March, 2016-17.

6. Credit disbursement and industrial production

Agricultural credit, SME loan and the general index of industrial production have increased while the disbursement of industrial term loans decreased during the period under review.

The disbursement of agricultural credit increased by 1.72 percent and **the disbursement of non-farm rural credit** increased by 10.54 percent during July-February, 2017-18 as compared to July-February, 2016-17.

Outstanding SME loans provided by banks and non-bank financial institutions at the end of December 2017 increased by 17.25 percent compared to the same period of the previous year.

Disbursement of industrial term loans during the second quarter of FY18 decreased by 8.65 percent and stood at Taka 17881.23 crore while recovery increased by 36.26 percent as compared to the corresponding period of the previous fiscal year.

The general index of industrial production (medium & large scale manufacturing) stood at 335.89 during July-December, 2017 recording an increase of 20.76 percent from the index of 278.14 during July-December, 2016.

Note: The information furnished in this executive summary and the subsequent pages are provisional and subject to revision.

1. Monetary and credit developments

(Taka in Crore)

Particulars	Outstanding stock			Changes in outstanding stock				
	June 2016	June 2017 ^R	March 2018 ^P	June 2017 over June 2016	March 2018 over June 2017	March 2018 over March 2017	March 2017 over June 2016	March 2017 over March 2016
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
A. Net Foreign Assets of the banking system	233120.90	266697.00	263071.40	33576.10 (+14.40)	-3625.60 (-1.36)	8925.50 (+3.51)	21025.00 (+9.02)	33818.40 (+15.35)
B. Net Domestic Assets of the banking system	683257.00	749379.00	791041.80	66122.00 (+9.68)	41662.80 (+5.56)	80364.60 (+11.31)	27420.20 (+4.01)	77819.90 (+12.30)
a) Domestic credit	801280.00	890670.30	964205.20	89390.30 (+11.16)	73534.90 (+8.26)	118963.90 (+14.07)	43961.30 (+5.49)	91750.40 (+12.18)
Public sector	130270.70	114613.80	92773.70	-15656.90 (-12.02)	-21840.10 (-19.06)	-13826.80 (-12.97)	-23670.20 (-18.17)	-10448.00 (-8.93)
Government (net)	114219.60	97333.60	74575.40	-16886.00 (-14.78)	-22758.20 (-23.38)	-15736.70 (-17.42)	-23907.50 (-20.93)	-9466.00 (-9.49)
Other Public	16051.10	17280.20	18198.30	1229.10 (+7.66)	918.10 (+5.31)	1909.90 (+11.73)	237.30 (+1.48)	-982.00 (-5.69)
Private sector	671009.30	776056.50	871431.50	105047.20 (+15.66)	95375.00 (+12.29)	132790.70 (+17.98)	67631.50 (+10.08)	102198.40 (+16.06)
b) Other items (net)	-118023.00	-141291.30	-173163.40	-23268.30	-31872.10	-38599.30	-16541.10	-13930.50
C. Broad money (A+B)	916377.90	1016076.00	1054113.20	99698.10 (+10.88)	38037.20 (+3.74)	89290.10 (+9.25)	48445.20 (+5.29)	111638.30 (+13.08)
i) Currency outside banks	122074.50	137531.80	128133.10	15457.30 (+12.66)	-9398.70 (-6.83)	14023.20 (+12.29)	-7964.60 (-6.52)	17513.70 (+18.13)
ii) Deposits	794303.40	878544.20	925980.10	84240.80 (+10.61)	47435.90 (+5.40)	75266.90 (+8.85)	56409.80 (+7.10)	94124.60 (+12.44)
a) Demand deposits	90356.20	102546.60	97139.00	12190.40 (+13.49)	-5407.60 (-5.27)	8640.20 (+9.76)	-1857.40 (-2.06)	13597.80 (+18.15)
b) Time deposits	703947.20	775997.60	828841.10	72050.40 (+10.24)	52843.50 (+6.81)	66626.70 (+8.74)	58267.20 (+8.28)	80526.80 (+11.81)

Source: Statistics Department, BB.

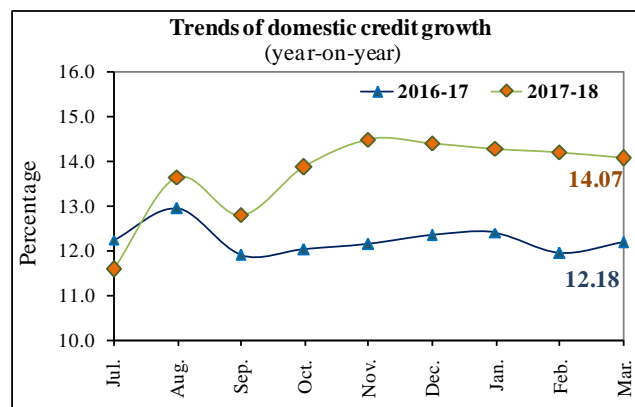
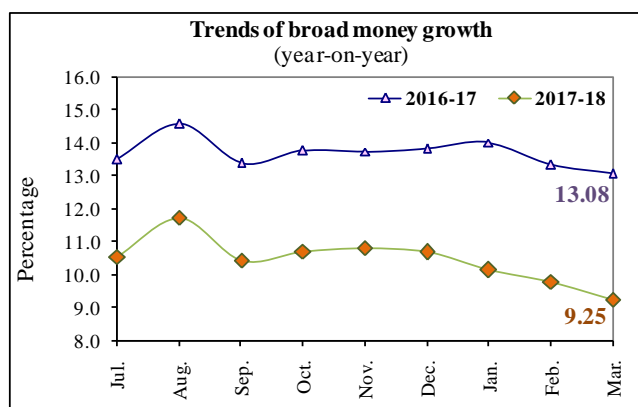
Note:- Figures in brackets indicate percentage changes. P=provisional, R= Revised.

Broad money

The broad money (M2) recorded an increase of Taka 89290.10 crore or 9.25 percent at the end of March 2018 against the increase of Taka 111638.30 crore or 13.08 percent at the end of March 2017. Of the sources of broad money, net domestic assets (NDA) rose by Taka 80364.60 crore or 11.31 percent and net foreign assets (NFA) rose by Taka 8925.50 crore or 3.51 percent at the end of March 2018 as compared to the same month of the previous year.

Domestic credit

The domestic credit recorded an increase of Taka 118963.90 crore or 14.07 percent at the end of March 2018 against the increase of Taka 91750.40 crore or 12.18 percent at the end of March 2017. Credit to the private sector recorded a growth of 17.98 percent while credit to the public sector decreased by 12.97 percent in March 2018 as compared to the same month of the previous year.



2. Reserve money developments

(Taka in crore)

Particulars	Outstanding stock			Changes in outstanding stock				
	June 2016	June 2017 ^R	March 2018 ^P	June 2017 over June 2016	March 2018 over June 2017	March 2018 over March 2017	March 2017 over June 2016	March 2017 over March 2016
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Net Foreign Assets of Bangladesh Bank	218889.40	252027.00	252905.80	33137.60 (+15.14)	878.80 (+0.35)	10536.90 (+4.35)	23479.50 (+10.73)	34951.40 (+16.85)
Net Domestic Assets of Bangladesh Bank*	-25688.10	-27367.60	-40655.40	-1679.50 (-6.54)	-13287.80 (-48.55)	9100.30 (+18.29)	-24067.60 (-93.69)	-4219.90 (-9.27)
Claims on Govt.(net)	13373.70	12977.70	10068.40	-396.00	-2909.30	10287.20	-13592.50	-4942.40
Claims on other public	2015.50	2157.80	2213.90	142.30 (+7.06)	56.10 (+2.60)	364.50 (+19.71)	-166.10 (-8.24)	-181.90 (-8.95)
Claims on DMBs	6024.40	5054.40	5064.90	-970.00 (-16.10)	10.50 (+0.21)	-72.90 (-1.42)	-886.60 (-14.72)	-210.10 (-3.93)
Other items (net)	-47101.70	-47557.50	-58002.60	-455.80	-10445.10	-1478.50	-9422.40	1114.50
Reserve money	193201.30	224659.40	212250.40	31458.10 (+16.28)	-12409.00 (-5.52)	19637.20 (+10.20)	-588.10 (-0.30)	30731.50 (+18.98)
Currency Issued	132305.20	151265.20	140175.90	18960.00 (+14.33)	-11089.30 (-7.33)	15701.10 (+12.61)	-7830.40 (-5.92)	19438.10 (+18.51)
i) Currency outside banks	122074.50	137531.80	128133.10	15457.30 (+12.66)	-9398.70 (-6.83)	14023.20 (+12.29)	-7964.60 (-6.52)	17513.70 (+18.13)
ii) Cash in tills	10230.70	13733.40	12042.80	3502.70 (+34.24)	-1690.60 (-12.31)	1677.90 (+16.19)	134.20 (+1.31)	1924.40 (+22.80)
Deposits held with BB	60896.10	73394.20	72074.50	12498.10 (+20.52)	-1319.70 (-1.80)	3936.10 (+5.78)	7242.30 (+11.89)	11293.40 (+19.87)
Of which: Excess reserves	5986.55	11130.58	4853.59	5144.03	-6277.00	-3797.27	2664.31	4063.67
Money multiplier	4.74	4.52	4.97	-0.22	0.44	-0.04	0.27	-0.26

Source: Statistics Department, BB.

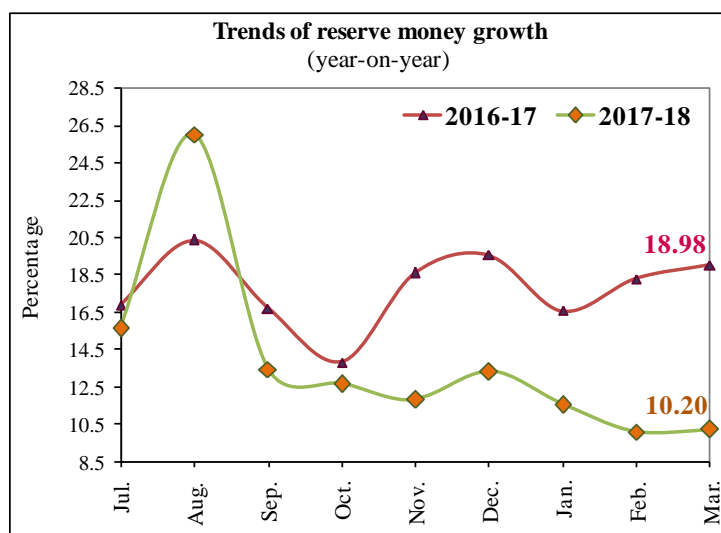
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* Note :- The change in Net Domestic Assets (NDA) is calculated with the formula : $\frac{NDA_{Current} - NDA_{Previous}}{|NDA_{Previous}|} \times 100$

Reserve Money

Reserve money recorded an increase of Taka 19637.20 crore or 10.20 percent at the end of March 2018 against the increase of Taka 30731.50 crore or 18.98 percent at the end of March 2017. Of the sources of reserve money, net foreign assets of Bangladesh Bank increased by Taka 10536.90 crore or 4.35 percent and net domestic assets of BB increased by Taka 9100.30 crore or 18.29 percent at the end of March 2018 as compared to March 2017.

Money multiplier stood at 4.97 at the end of March 2018 which was 4.52 at the end of June 2017.



3. CPI and Inflation

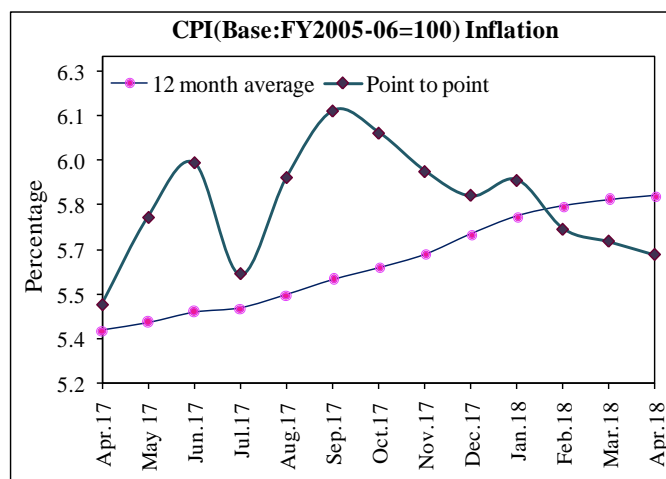
Consumer Price Index (CPI) and Rate of Inflation at National Level (Base : FY2005-06=100)

	Twelve-Month Average Basis						Point to Point Basis					
	General		Food		Non-food		General		Food		Non-food	
	Index	Inflation	Index	Inflation	Index	Inflation	Index	Inflation	Index	Inflation	Index	Inflation
2010-11	156.59	10.91	170.48	14.11	138.77	6.21	161.38	11.14	175.24	13.84	143.60	7.16
2011-12	170.19	8.69	183.65	7.72	152.94	10.21	170.32	5.54	179.74	2.57	158.25	10.20
2012-13	181.73	6.78	193.24	5.22	166.97	9.17	184.04	8.06	194.58	8.26	170.53	7.76
2013-14	195.08	7.35	209.79	8.57	176.22	5.54	196.86	6.97	210.15	8.00	179.82	5.45
2014-15	207.58	6.41	223.80	6.68	186.79	5.99	209.17	6.25	223.43	6.32	190.88	6.15
2015-16	219.86	5.92	234.77	4.90	200.74	7.47	220.74	5.53	232.87	4.23	205.19	7.50
2016-17												
July	220.82	5.84	235.60	4.76	201.86	7.48	224.13	5.40	237.69	4.35	206.75	6.98
August	221.78	5.77	236.43	4.62	202.99	7.53	226.57	5.37	241.89	4.30	206.93	7.00
September	222.78	5.71	237.43	4.56	204.00	7.48	230.27	5.53	247.88	5.10	207.69	6.19
October	223.80	5.66	238.53	4.53	204.91	7.38	231.85	5.57	250.64	5.56	207.75	5.58
November	224.78	5.60	239.60	4.51	205.79	7.27	231.18	5.38	249.41	5.41	207.81	5.33
December	225.71	5.52	240.66	4.51	206.54	7.05	231.53	5.03	249.29	5.38	208.76	4.49
January	226.66	5.43	241.94	4.70	207.07	6.57	234.34	5.15	251.86	6.53	211.88	3.10
February	227.65	5.41	243.29	4.95	207.60	6.11	234.40	5.31	251.93	6.84	211.92	3.07
March	228.65	5.39	244.65	5.20	208.14	5.67	235.29	5.39	253.32	6.89	212.18	3.18
April	229.67	5.38	246.02	5.46	208.71	5.25	235.58	5.47	253.60	6.94	212.48	3.30
May	230.73	5.41	247.44	5.75	209.29	4.89	232.83	5.76	248.94	7.37	212.18	3.44
June	231.82	5.44	248.90	6.02	209.92	4.57	233.86	5.94	250.35	7.51	212.72	3.67
2017-18												
July	232.86	5.45	250.28	6.23	210.53	4.29	236.61	5.57	254.20	6.95	214.05	3.53
August	233.97	5.50	251.75	6.48	211.17	4.03	239.92	5.89	259.60	7.32	214.68	3.75
September	235.15	5.55	253.38	6.72	211.77	3.81	244.36	6.12	267.38	7.87	214.84	3.44
October	236.31	5.59	254.97	6.89	212.40	3.65	245.86	6.04	269.73	7.62	215.26	3.61
November	237.45	5.64	256.44	7.03	213.11	3.56	244.85	5.91	267.10	7.09	216.33	4.10
December	238.58	5.70	257.92	7.17	213.78	3.50	245.03	5.83	267.06	7.13	216.79	3.85
January	239.73	5.76	259.52	7.26	214.35	3.51	248.13	5.88	271.05	7.62	218.73	3.23
February	240.84	5.80	261.05	7.30	214.94	3.54	247.81	5.72	270.25	7.27	219.04	3.36
March	241.96	5.82	262.54	7.31	215.56	3.57	248.65	5.68	271.27	7.09	219.64	3.52
April	243.06	5.83	264.03	7.32	216.18	3.58	248.85	5.63	271.42	7.03	219.90	3.49

Source: Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics, Ministry of Planning.

The twelve month average general inflation edged up marginally to 5.83 percent in April 2018 from 5.82 percent of March 2018. The average food inflation increased to 7.32 percent and the average non-food inflation increased to 3.58 percent in April 2018 from March 2018.

The point to point general inflation decreased to 5.63 percent in April 2018 from 5.68 percent in March 2018, as food inflation decreased to 7.03 percent from 7.09 percent of March 2018. Non-food inflation also decreased to 3.49 in April 2018 compared to 3.52 percent of March 2018.



4. Liquidity position of the scheduled banks

(Taka in crore)

Bank Group	As of end June, 2017	As of end March 2018 ^P						
	Total Liquid Assets	Cash in tills + balances with Sonali Bank Ltd.	Balances with Bangladesh Bank		Unencumbered approved securities	Total Liquid Assets	Minimum Required Liquid Assets ^{2/}	
			Local Currency ^{1/}	Foreign Currency				
1	2	3	4a		4b	5	6=(3+4a+4b+5)	7
			CRR *	Excess Reserve (un-invested cash)				
State-owned Banks	109029.15	1861.09	17424.00	492.86	206.96	71734.51	91719.43	51884.49
Specialised Banks	1692.35	0.00	1764.27	0.00	12.36	0.00	1776.63	1764.27
Private Banks (Other than Islamic)	107163.15	8096.47	30659.38	1115.46	2902.35	63068.34	105842.00	91378.83
Islamic Banks	29187.52	2499.59	12996.61	3773.13	511.34	8594.74	28375.42	23993.74
Foreign Banks	20122.14	654.59	2696.93	670.32	4514.06	13475.00	22010.90	7953.03
Total	267194.31	13111.74	65541.20	6051.77	8147.07	156872.60	249724.38	176974.35
		(+5.25)	(+26.25)	(+2.42)	(+3.26)	(+62.82)		

Source : Department of Offsite Supervision, BB.

Comment: The data shown on the above table are based on the regulatory purpose of Bangladesh Bank.

Note :- Figures in brackets indicate sectoral share in the total liquid assets. P=provisional, R= Revised.

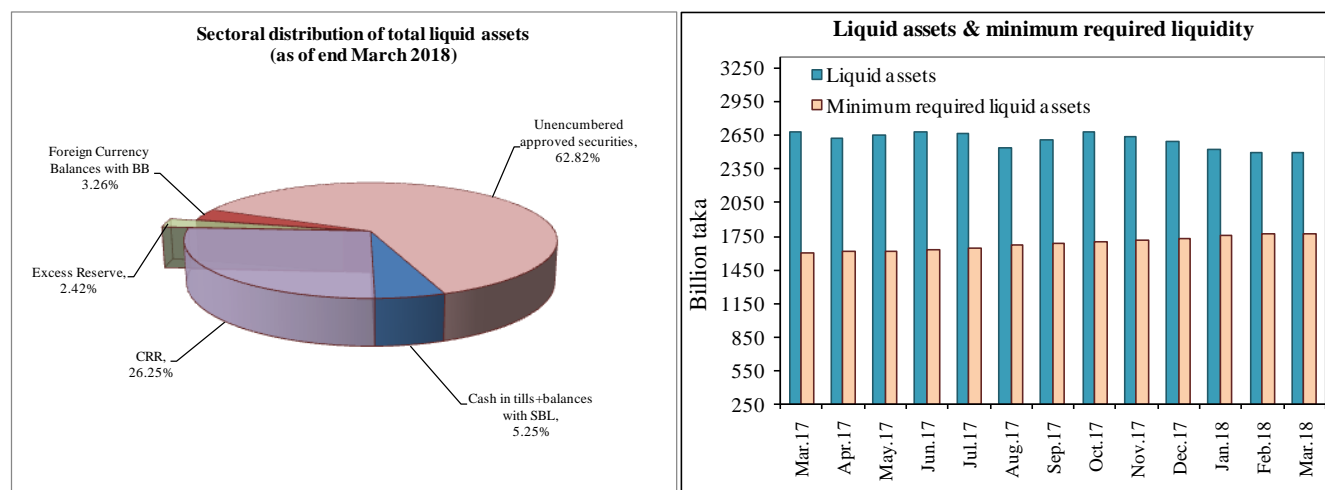
*CRR is calculated @ 6.5%

1/ Balances with Bangladesh Bank in local currency = CRR + Excess Reserve.

2/ Minimum required liquid assets is the sum of CRR and SLR.

Total liquid assets of the scheduled banks decreased by 6.54 percent and stood at Taka 249724.38 crore as of end March, 2018 which was Taka 267194.31 crore at the end of June, 2017. The minimum required liquid assets of the scheduled banks were Taka 176974.35 crore as of end March, 2018.

Sectoral distribution of total liquid assets as of end March, 2018 in the form of cash in tills & balances with Sonali Bank Ltd., CRR, excess reserves, foreign currency balances with Bangladesh Bank and un-encumbered approved securities were 5.25 percent, 26.25 percent, 2.42 percent, 3.26 percent, and 62.82 percent respectively of total liquid assets.



5. Financial sector prices:

a) Weighted average yields on bills and bonds:

	Treasury Bills			BGTB					BB Bill	Repo*	Reverse Repo	Call Money Rate
	91-Day	182-Day	364-Day	2-Year	5-Year	10-Year	15-Year	20-Year	30-Day			
2016-17												
July	4.72	5.31	5.88	6.50	7.05	7.46	7.97	8.44	2.93	6.75	4.75	3.68
August	3.48	----	----	5.99	6.53	7.10	7.80	8.24	2.96	6.75	4.75	3.65
September	3.26	3.99	4.25	5.31	----	----	7.69	8.17	2.96	6.75	4.75	3.64
October	3.12	3.35	4.00	5.19	6.00	6.89	7.53	7.99	2.97	6.75	4.75	3.52
November	2.99	----	----	4.39	5.72	6.77	7.46	7.91	2.97	6.75	4.75	3.56
December	2.98	3.23	3.76	----	5.91	6.32	7.64	7.89	2.97	6.75	4.75	3.62
January	2.97	3.14	3.53	4.23	5.79	6.65	7.47	7.78	2.97	6.75	4.75	3.54
February	2.90	----	----	----	5.02	6.62	7.15	7.48	2.97	6.75	4.75	3.50
March	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	2.97	6.75	4.75	3.66
April	2.86	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	2.97	6.75	4.75	3.76
May	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	2.97	6.75	4.75	3.81
June	3.65	4.11	4.37	4.90	5.68	6.74	7.66	8.00	2.96	6.75	4.75	3.93
2017-18												
July	4.05	4.28	4.42	4.98	5.86	6.91	----	----	2.96	6.75	4.75	3.72
August	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	2.97	6.75	4.75	3.77
September	3.85	4.01	4.25	4.82	5.68	6.91	7.71	8.02	2.97	6.75	4.75	3.91
October	3.33	----	----	----	5.63	6.94	----	----	2.97	6.75	4.75	3.87
November	3.06	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	2.97	6.75	4.75	3.82
December	3.38	3.86	4.35	5.03	5.90	7.17	7.93	8.25	2.97	6.75	4.75	3.92
January	3.36	3.86	4.25	5.12	5.95	7.35	8.19	8.48	2.97	6.75	4.75	3.90
February	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	2.96	6.75	4.75	4.11
March	3.23	3.63	4.00	5.26	5.82	7.32	8.08	8.45	2.97	6.75	4.75	4.40
April	2.78	---	---	5.33	5.66	7.08	---	---	---	6.00	4.75	4.31
May	0.87 @	---	2.94 @	3.42	---	6.71	---	---	---	6.00	4.75	2.90 @

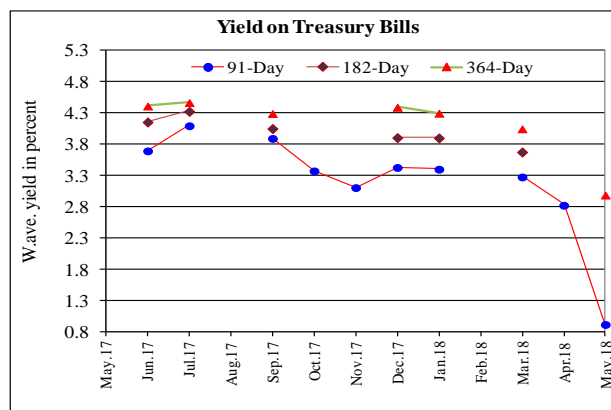
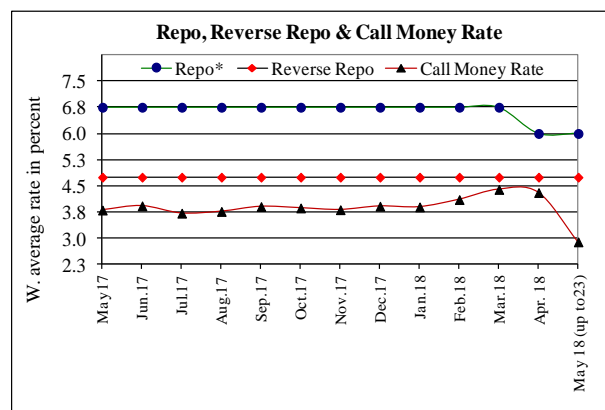
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* The Repo rate is re-fixed at 6.00% , with effect from 15.04.2018.

The weighted average yields on 91-Day treasury bills notably decreased from that of April, 2018 to 0.87 percent up to May 23, 2018. The weighted average yields on 364-Day treasury bills decreased from that of March, 2018 to 2.94 percent up to May, 2018. The weighted average yields on 182-Day treasury bills decreased from that of January, 2018 to 3.63 percent in March 2018.

The weighted average yields on 2-Year and 10-Year BGTB stood at 3.42 percent and 6.71 percent respectively in May, 2018. The weighted average yields on 5-Year BGTB stood at 5.66 percent in April, 2018. The weighted average yields on 15-Year and 20-Year BGTB stood at 8.08 percent and 8.45 percent in March 2018.

The weighted average yield on 30-Day BB Bill in March, 2018 stood at 2.97 percent, which is marginally higher from February, 2018. The weighted average call money rate in the inter-bank money market decreased to 2.90 percent up to May 23, 2018 as compared to 4.31 percent in April, 2018.

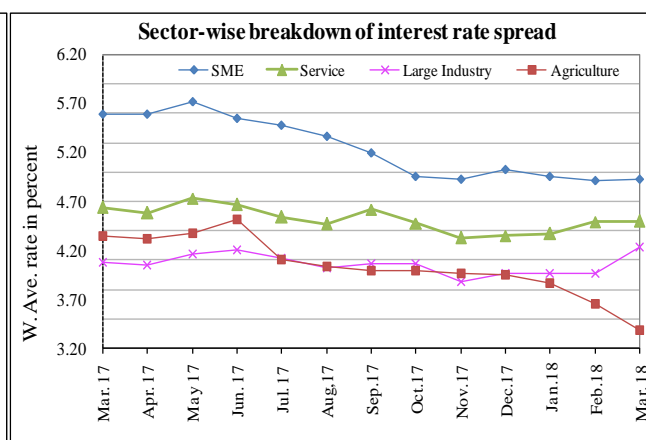
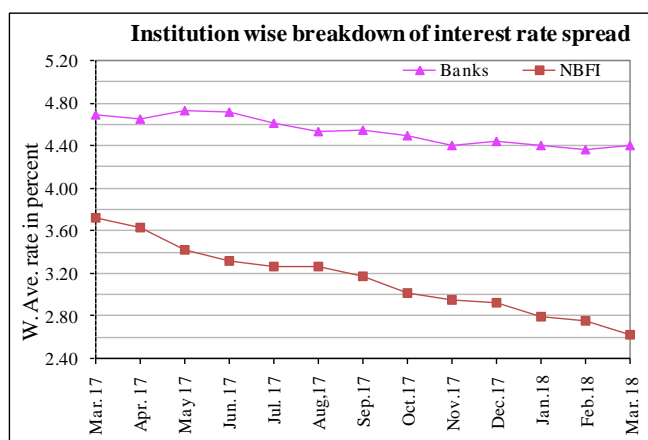


b) Interest rate spread:

	Sector-wise break down of interest rate spread in the banks													Non-Bank FIs		
	All Banks			SME		All other sectors (excluding SME)		Agriculture		Large Industries		Services				
	Interest rate on deposits	Interest rate on advances	Spread	Interest rate on advances	Spread	Interest rate on advances	Spread	Interest rate on advances	Spread	Interest rate on advances	Spread	Interest rate on advances	Spread	Interest rate on deposits	Interest rate on advances	Spread
2016-17																
July	5.48	10.32	4.84	11.35	5.87	10.03	4.55	9.43	3.95	9.77	4.29	10.32	4.84	8.90	12.89	3.99
August	5.44	10.24	4.80	11.21	5.77	9.97	4.53	9.61	4.17	9.75	4.31	10.29	4.85	8.84	12.80	3.96
September	5.39	10.11	4.72	11.04	5.65	9.90	4.51	9.70	4.31	9.62	4.23	10.07	4.68	8.71	12.68	3.97
October	5.33	10.03	4.70	10.90	5.57	9.79	4.46	9.57	4.24	9.46	4.13	10.02	4.69	8.61	12.73	4.12
November	5.29	9.94	4.65	10.86	5.57	9.68	4.39	9.34	4.05	9.33	4.04	10.03	4.74	8.53	12.35	3.82
December	5.22	9.93	4.71	10.79	5.57	9.68	4.46	9.31	4.09	9.32	4.10	9.95	4.73	8.47	12.32	3.85
January	5.13	9.85	4.72	10.67	5.54	9.61	4.48	9.37	4.24	9.25	4.12	9.90	4.77	8.42	12.26	3.84
February	5.08	9.77	4.69	10.66	5.58	9.51	4.43	9.34	4.26	9.17	4.09	9.82	4.74	8.38	12.19	3.81
March	5.01	9.70	4.69	10.60	5.59	9.44	4.43	9.35	4.34	9.09	4.08	9.65	4.64	8.34	12.07	3.73
April	4.97	9.62	4.65	10.56	5.59	9.35	4.38	9.29	4.32	9.02	4.05	9.55	4.58	8.35	11.98	3.63
May	4.93	9.66	4.73	10.65	5.72	9.39	4.46	9.30	4.37	9.09	4.16	9.66	4.73	8.37	11.79	3.42
June	4.84	9.56	4.72	10.39	5.55	9.32	4.48	9.36	4.52	9.05	4.21	9.51	4.67	8.37	11.69	3.32
2017-18																
July	4.89	9.51	4.62	10.37	5.48	9.26	4.37	9.00	4.11	9.01	4.12	9.43	4.54	8.34	11.61	3.27
August	4.93	9.46	4.53	10.30	5.37	9.22	4.29	8.97	4.04	8.95	4.02	9.40	4.47	8.33	11.59	3.26
September	4.90	9.45	4.55	10.09	5.19	9.27	4.37	8.90	4.00	8.96	4.06	9.52	4.62	8.31	11.49	3.18
October	4.89	9.39	4.50	9.85	4.96	9.25	4.36	8.89	4.00	8.95	4.06	9.37	4.48	8.33	11.35	3.02
November	4.90	9.30	4.40	9.83	4.93	9.15	4.25	8.87	3.97	8.78	3.88	9.23	4.33	8.39	11.34	2.95
December	4.91	9.35	4.44	9.93	5.02	9.19	4.28	8.86	3.95	8.87	3.96	9.26	4.35	8.48	11.41	2.93
January	5.01	9.42	4.41	9.97	4.96	9.26	4.25	8.88	3.87	8.97	3.96	9.38	4.37	8.63	11.42	2.79
February	5.18	9.55	4.37	10.09	4.91	9.39	4.21	8.84	3.66	9.14	3.96	9.67	4.49	8.96	11.71	2.75
March	5.30	9.70	4.40	10.22	4.92	9.55	4.25	8.69	3.39	9.54	4.24	9.80	4.50	9.35	11.98	2.63

Source: Statistics Department, Bangladesh Bank.

The spread between the weighted average interest rate on advances and deposits of all banks widened at the end of March, 2018 as compared to February, 2018 and stood at 4.40 while the spread between the weighted average interest rate on advances and deposits of of NBFIs also narrowed and stood at 2.63 percent. Both weighted average interest rate on deposits of all banks and NBFIs increased to 5.30 percent and 9.35 percent respectively at the end of March, 2018 as compared to that of February, 2018.



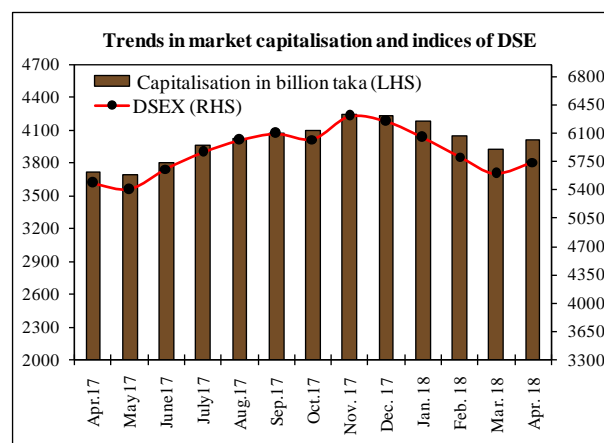
6. Capital market developments:

Annual capital market developments in DSE					
Calendar Year	Enlisted issues (Incl. Mutual Funds/Deb.)	(Taka in crore)			General Index / DSE Broad Index
		Issued Capital and Debentures	Market Capitalisation	Turnover during the Year	
2010	445	66436.00	347250.20	400991.28	8290.41
2011	501	87890.50	261673.00	156055.63	5257.61
2012	515	94987.60	240356.00	100108.49	4219.31
2013	529	99978.50	264779.00	95269.21	4266.55
2014	546	105492.60	325925.00	118852.15	4864.96
2015	559	110608.10	315976.00	103139.86	4629.64
2016	560	114530.00	341244.10	119157.12	5036.05
2017	569	119416.20	422894.50	216959.71	6244.52

Monthly capital market developments in DSE					
End Month	Enlisted issues (Incl. Mutual Funds/Deb.)	(Taka in crore)			DSE Broad Index (DSEX)
		Issued Capital and Debentures	Market Capitalisation	Turnover during the month	
January'18	568	119361.80	418513.30	10072.16	6039.78
February'18	568	119471.20	404438.90	7679.69	5804.94
March'18	570	119743.70	391718.60	6714.94	5597.44
April'18	571	120109.90	400628.70	11494.73	5739.23

Source : Dhaka Stock Exchange

The DSE Broad Index (DSEX) at the end of April 2018 stood higher at 5739.23 compared to that of end March, 2018. The total market capitalization of all shares and debentures of the listed securities at the end of April, 2018 also stood higher at Taka 400628.70 crore from Taka 391718.60 crore at the end of March, 2018.



7. Agricultural credit and non-farm rural credit

a. Agricultural credit

(Taka in crore)

Month	2017-18 ^P		2016-17 ^R	
	Disbursement	Recovery	Disbursement	Recovery
July	1489.57	1500.40	945.31	868.12
August	1153.12	1159.76	933.15	1109.60
September	1355.18	1548.65	1238.48	1228.38
October	1875.81	1521.40	1644.19	1475.02
November	1808.02	1754.58	2133.42	1718.80
December	2251.64	1826.67	2114.37	1787.99
January	1729.80	1573.98	2013.73	1655.57
February	1416.02	1376.70	1574.79	1349.69
March	1488.68	1680.21	1723.59	1573.66
July-March	14567.85 (+1.72)	13942.34 (+9.21)	14321.03 (+22.73)	12766.83 (+11.71)

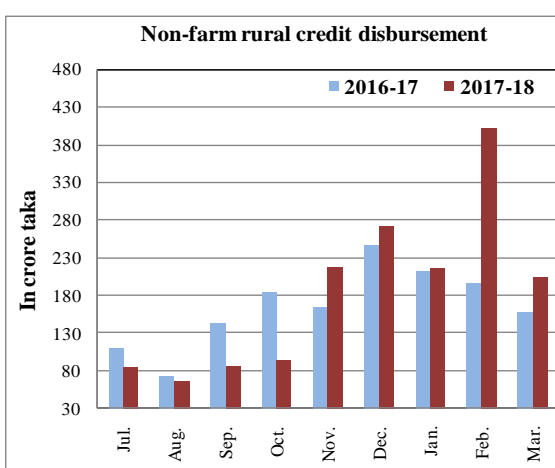
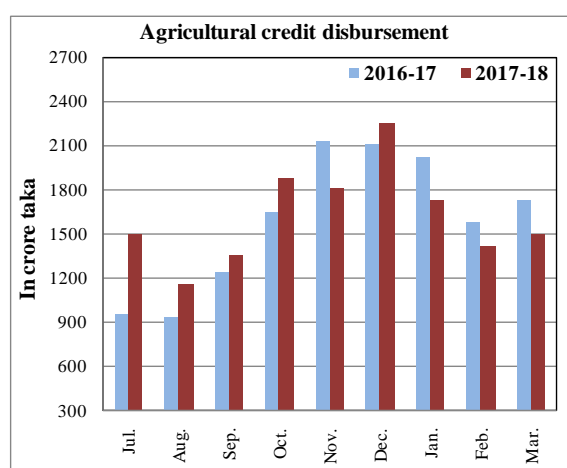
b. Non-farm rural credit

(Taka in crore)

Month	2017-18 ^P		2016-17 ^R	
	Disbursement	Recovery	Disbursement	Recovery
July	84.50	113.21	110.69	77.53
August	66.86	92.41	73.48	80.25
September	86.51	149.38	142.74	178.51
October	93.21	92.94	184.67	109.42
November	218.10	210.42	164.94	123.79
December	273.22	162.00	247.61	233.90
January	216.63	170.43	211.93	168.17
February	402.23	344.06	195.95	151.45
March	205.07	117.44	157.38	75.11
July-March	1646.32 (+10.54)	1452.30 (+21.21)	1489.39 (+30.11)	1198.13 (-1.38)

Programmed level for disbursement of agricultural credit and non-farm rural credit was Tk.20400.00 crore for FY18.

Disbursement of agricultural credit and non-farm rural credit increased by 1.72 percent and 10.54 percent during July-March, 2017-18 compared to that of July-March, 2016-17. The banks disbursed a total of Taka 162.14 billion to both the sectors during July-March, 2017-18. The recovery of the agriculture credit and non-farm rural credit increased by 9.21 percent and 21.21 percent respectively during July-March, 2017-18 as compared to the same period of the previous year.



Overdue and outstanding credit in agricultural sector

(Taka in crore)

End Month	2017-18 ^P			2016-17 ^R		
	Overdue	Outstanding	Overdue as % of outstanding	Overdue	Outstanding	Overdue as % of outstanding
March	6809.91 (+5.34)	40420.62 (+8.87)	16.85	6464.63 (+9.62)	37128.07 (+14.26)	17.41

Source: Agricultural Credit Department.

The position of overdue agricultural credit as percentage of total outstanding credit improved, decreasing from 17.41 percent at the end of March, 2017 to 16.85 percent at the end of March, 2018.

8. Industrial and SME loans

a) Industrial term loans

(Taka in crore)

Yearly	Period	Disbursement				Recovery			
		LSI	MSI	SSCI	Total	LSI	MSI	SSCI	Total
	FY 2013-14	29046.19	9585.93	3679.20	42311.32	28999.63	9423.48	3383.58	41806.69
	FY 2014-15	45468.67	9689.37	4625.66	59783.70	32801.39	9897.35	4842.07	47540.81
	FY 2015-16	49252.75	9349.24	6936.69	65538.69	34217.02	8709.42	5298.84	48225.28
FY2016-17									
Quarterly	July-September	9929.23	1977.24	1138.48	13044.95	8757.30	2393.42	1272.31	12423.03
	October-December	14174.89	3068.03	2332.28	19575.20	9845.57	2137.40	1696.30	13679.28
	January-March	11874.89	2297.39	1610.79	15783.08	11068.85	2186.06	1292.14	14547.05
	April-June	10303.45	1780.86	1667.54	13751.85	8189.85	1991.79	1263.57	11445.21
	FY2017-18								
	July-September	11786.87 (+18.71)	2434.86 (+23.14)	1544.26 (+35.64)	15765.99 (+20.86)	11380.69 (+29.96)	2473.49 (+3.35)	1659.56 (+30.44)	15513.74 (+24.88)
	October-December	11932.42 (-15.82)	3352.06 (+9.26)	2596.75 (+11.34)	17881.23 (-8.65)	13816.51 (+40.33)	2712.16 (+26.89)	2110.65 (+24.43)	18639.32 (+36.26)

The disbursement of total industrial term loans during October-December, 2017 decreased by 8.65 percent and stood at Taka 17881.23 crore as compared to Taka 19575.20 crore during October-December, 2016. While the recovery of industrial term loans increased by 36.26 percent and stood at Taka 18639.32 crore during October-December, 2017 against Taka 13679.28 crore during the same period of the previous fiscal year.

Outstanding amount of industrial term loans at the end of December, 2017 stood at Taka 185016.12 crore. At the same time the overdue of industrial term loans was 28322.75 crore.

End Period	Overdue				Outstanding			
	LSI	MSI	SSCI	Total	LSI	MSI	SSCI	Total
December, 2016	10693.01	6230.83	2284.58	19208.42	100504.66	23001.86	10856.37	134362.89
December, 2017	18133.38	7261.41	2927.96	28322.75	139368.03	31072.90	14575.19	185016.12

Source: SME & Special Programmes Department.

Note:- Figures in brackets indicate overdue as % of outstanding. LSI=Large Scale Industries, MSI=Medium Scale Industries, SSCI= Small Scale & Cottage Industries.

b) Outstanding position of SME loans

The total SME loans by the banks and non-bank financial institutions increased by Taka 29771.85 crore or 17.25 percent and stood at Taka 202410.85 crore at the end of December, 2017 as compared to Taka 172639.00 crore at the end of December, 2016. The increase of SME loans of different category-wise institution at the end of December, 2017 are 13.14 percent in state-owned banks, 17.17 percent in private banks, 61.93 percent in specialized banks and 38.84 percent in non-bank financial institutions as compared to that of December, 2016. While for the foreign banks it decreased by 0.55 percent.

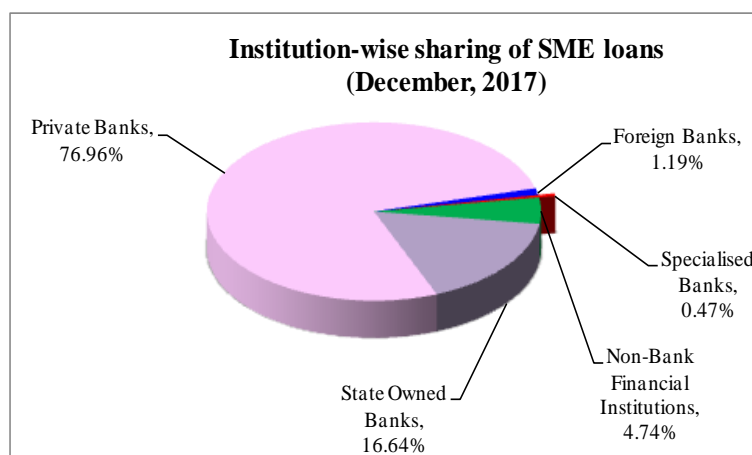
SME loans as percentage of total loans stood at 18.94 percent at the end of December, 2017 as compared to 23.89 percent of December, 2016.

The percentage share of SME loans from different categories of bank and non-bank financial institutions to total SME loan as of end December, 2017 is shown in the pie diagram.

Quarter Ending	Banks/NBFI's	Types of Loans	Banks/NBFI's					Total
			State Owned Banks	Private Banks	Foreign Banks	Specialised Banks	Non-Bank Fin. Ins.	
December, 2016		Total Loans	123836.09	503052.70	25148.72	21842.40	48853.18	722733.09
		SME Loans	29774.05 (24.04)	132953.57 (26.43)	2413.27 (9.60)	594.31 (2.72)	6903.80 (14.13)	172639.00 (23.89)
March, 2017		Total Loans	125046.13	523441.58	26615.69	21842.40	51193.32	748139.12
		SME Loans	29930.47 (23.94)	134136.23 (25.63)	2275.57 (8.55)	848.57 (3.88)	7373.96 (14.40)	174564.79 (23.33)
June, 2017		Total Loans	128832.98	550088.87	29402.98	23193.82	53618.35	785137.00
		SME Loans	31260.33 (24.26)	139924.51 (25.44)	2500.85 (8.51)	851.23 (3.67)	8168.88 (15.24)	182705.80 (23.27)
September, 2017		Total Loans	131889.48	593843.20	48567.57	23193.78	54938.05	852432.08
		SME Loans	31765.60 (24.09)	145692.91 (24.53)	2632.05 (5.42)	889.16 (3.83)	9126.67 (16.61)	190106.39 (22.30)
December, 2017		Total Loans	152751.96	813283.24	31038.62	23200.14	48475.82	1068749.78
		SME Loans	33685.31 (22.05)	155778.17 (19.15)	2399.93 (7.73)	962.35 (4.15)	9585.09 (19.77)	202410.85 (18.94)
% changes of SME loans at the end of December, 2017 over December, 2016			13.14	17.17	-0.55	61.93	38.84	17.25

Source: SME & Special Programmes Department.

Note:- Figures in brackets indicate SME loans as percentage of total loans.



9. Industrial production

Quantum index of medium and large-scale manufacturing industry (Base: 2005-06=100)

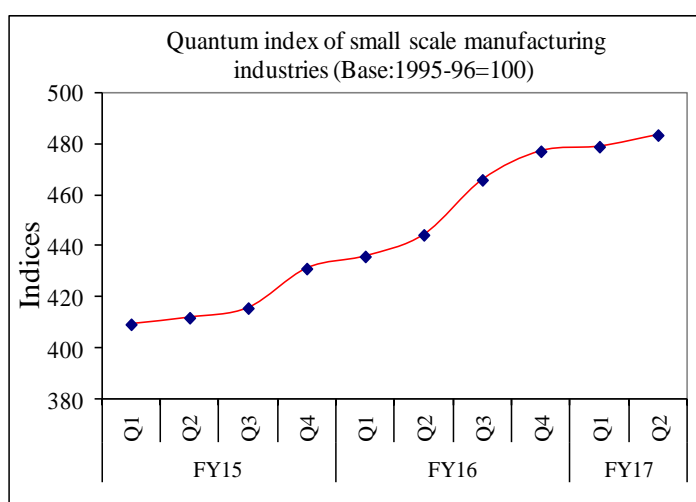
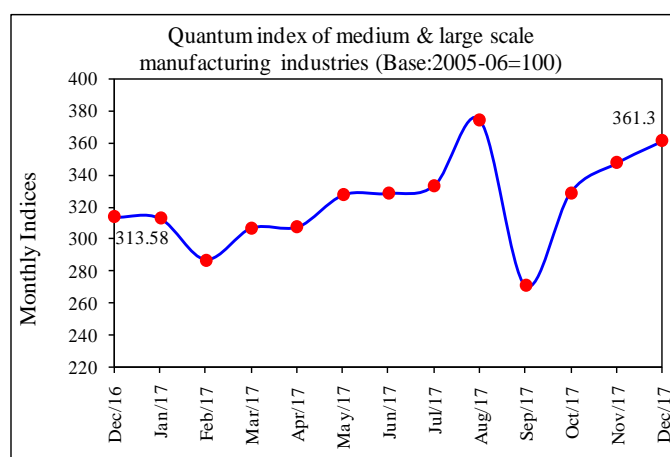
Major Industry Group	Weight	Monthly Index		Average Index		Percentage change ^P	
		December'16	December'17 ^P	July-December, 2016 ^R	July-December, 2017	December'17 over December'16	July-December, 2017 over July-December, 2016
General	100.00%	313.58	361.30	278.14	335.89	15.22	20.76
Wearing apparel	34.84%	373.16	429.36	332.28	371.17	15.06	11.70
Textile	14.07%	247.37	233.99	156.52	192.29	-5.41	22.85
Food products	10.84%	380.74	510.40	371.43	503.79	34.05	35.64
Pharmaceuticals and medicinal chemical	8.23%	396.38	455.61	373.61	520.81	14.94	39.40
Non-metallic mineral products	7.12%	356.70	385.30	301.59	362.18	8.02	20.09
Leather and related products	4.40%	173.58	290.77	160.28	297.14	67.51	85.39
Chemicals and chemical products	3.67%	109.13	95.95	97.38	107.91	-12.08	10.81
Basic metals	3.15%	164.29	187.67	171.27	182.70	14.23	6.68
Tobacco products	2.92%	140.55	183.30	134.25	163.72	30.42	21.95
Fabricated metal products except machinery	2.32%	242.01	269.41	229.36	271.42	11.32	18.34
Others*	8.44%	271.74	292.67	267.83	277.73	7.70	3.69

Source: Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics.

*Others means residual items. P = Provisional, R=Revised.

The general index of industrial production (medium & large scale manufacturing) significantly increased by 20.76 percent and stood at 335.89 during July-December, 2017 over July-December, 2016.

All of the sub-indices recorded increases during July-December, 2017 compared to July-December, 2016: leather and related products (85.39%), pharmaceuticals & medicinal chemical (39.40%), food products (35.64%), textile (22.85%), tobacco products (21.95%), non-metallic mineral products (20.09%), fabricated metal products except machinery (18.34%), wearing apparel (11.70%), chemicals and chemical products (10.81%), and basic metals (6.68%).



The general index of small scale manufacturing industry during the second quarter (October-December, 2016) of FY17 increased by 0.95 percent and stood at 483.36 from the index of 478.84 during the first quarter (July-September, 2016) of FY17, it also increased by 8.77 percent as compared to the same quarter of FY16.

10. Exports

A. Annual exports

(US\$ in million)

2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17
24301.90	27027.36	30186.62	31208.94	34257.18	34846.84
(+5.99)	(+11.22)	(+11.69)	(+3.39)	(+9.77)	(+1.72)

B. Monthly exports

Month	2017-18 ^{P*}	2016-17 ^{*R}
July	2987.66	2534.31
August	3640.94	3288.65
September	2034.13	2227.15
October	2843.07	2700.25
November	3057.11	2878.09
December	3353.11	3092.6
January	3408.85	3292.23
February	3072.15	2705.99
March	3054.53	3097.33
April	2954.86	2758.6
July-April	30406.41	28575.20
	(+6.41)	(+3.39)

Export target was set USD 37500.00 million for FY 2017-18 of which export target for July-April, 2017-18 was USD 30497.00 million.

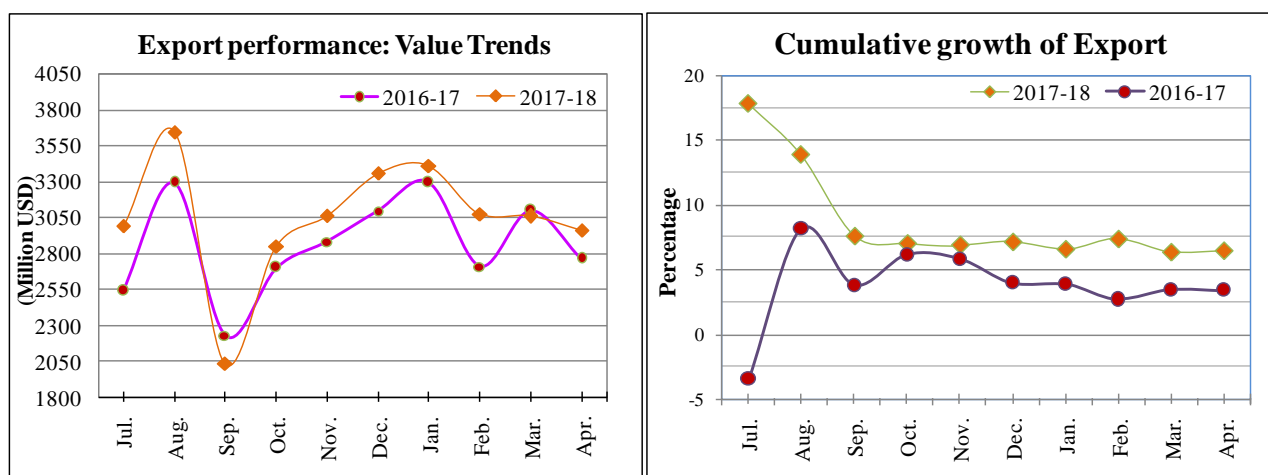
Source : Export Promotion Bureau (EPB). R=Revised; P=Provisional.

* Revised according to the revised definition (Primary Commodities+Manufactured Commodities) of commodity exports by EPB.

Note:- Figures in brackets indicate percentage changes over the corresponding period of the preceding year.

Merchandise commodity export in April 2018 decreased by USD 0.10 billion or 3.26 percent to USD 2.95 billion from USD 3.05 billion in March 2018 according to EPB data.

Total merchandise commodity export during July-April, 2017-18 increased by USD 1.83 billion or 6.41 percent to USD 30.41 billion compared to USD 28.58 billion during July-April, 2016-17.



Latest available data on category-wise breakdown of exports are shown in the next page.

C. Category-wise breakdown of exports

(US\$ in million)

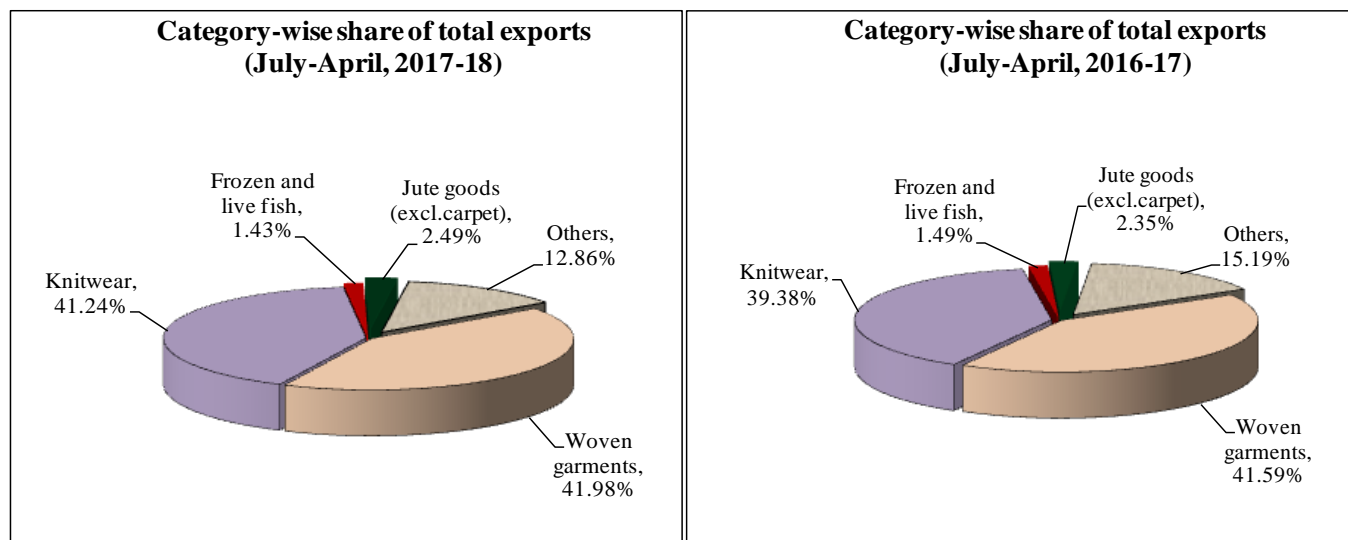
Particulars	July-April, 2017-18	July-April, 2016-17	Changes during July-April, 2017-18 over July-April, 2016-17	
			In amount	In percent
1. Raw Jute	132.84	154.02	-21.18	-13.75
2. Jute goods (excl.carpet)	756.90	672.44	+84.46	+12.56
3. Tea	2.45	4.03	-1.58	-39.21
4. Frozen and live fish	434.97	425.09	+9.88	+2.32
5. Leather	155.94	213.90	-57.96	-27.10
6. Woven garments	12765.27	11883.14	+882.13	+7.42
7. Knitwear	12540.29	11254.17	+1286.12	+11.43
8. Chemical products	121.28	117.69	+3.59	+3.05
9. Agricultural products*	118.34	110.50	+7.84	+7.10
10. Engineering products (including electrical goods)	292.03	587.20	-295.17	-50.27
11. Others**	3086.10	3153.02	-66.92	-2.12
TOTAL	30406.41	28575.20	1831.21	6.41

Source : Export Promotion Bureau (EPB).

Note:- * = Includes vegetables, fruits & tobacco, **Others = residual items.

Category-wise breakdown of exports shows that during July-April, 2017-18 exports of jute goods (+12.56%), knitwear (+11.43%), woven garments (+7.42%), agricultural products (+7.10%), chemical products (3.05%) and frozen & live fish (+2.32%) experienced positive growth compared to that of July-April, 2016-17; on the other hand, engineering products (-50.27%), tea (-39.21%), leather (-27.10%) and raw jute (-13.75%) experienced negative growth during July-April, 2017-18 compared to that of July-April, 2016-17.

The category-wise share of total exports during July-April, 2017-18 and July-April, 2016-17 are shown in the following pie diagrams.



11. Imports

a) Custom based import, import LCs settlement and LCs opening

(US\$ in million)

Month FY	Custom based import (c&f) ^R		Import LCs settlement		Import LCs opening	
	2014-15	2013-14	2014-15	2013-14	2014-15	2013-14
	40703.70 (+0.21)	40616.40 (+8.92)	38455.24 (+3.41)	37188.84 (+14.93)	43068.76 (+2.99)	41818.56 (+16.29)
Month	2016-17 ^P	2015-16 ^R	2016-17 ^P	2015-16 ^R	2016-17 ^P	2015-16 ^R
July	2941.50	2856.80	2804.36	3437.71	3097.80	3011.64
August	3796.60	3415.70	4353.94	3502.55	4203.03	3631.73
September	3531.30	3197.20	4451.61	2985.45	3471.54	3135.37
October	4124.70	3866.90	3530.65	3268.84	4119.23	3232.57
November	4221.60	3664.60	3882.78	3407.74	3801.95	4468.22
December	3994.10	3898.30	3565.47	3701.53	4329.31	3585.21
January	4301.70	3591.50	3962.34	3351.55	4441.16	3387.16
February	3760.90	3353.00	3294.44	3200.16	3775.34	3125.36
March	4311.20	3654.00	3790.07	3365.75	4430.74	3988.72
April	4170.50	3541.80	3738.15	3154.28	4297.71	3546.88
May	4352.00	4266.00	3624.66	3285.88	4150.92	3599.03
June	3499.10	3816.70	3274.28	3414.75	4007.21	4623.44
July-June	47005.20 (+9.00)	43122.50 (+5.94)	44272.76 (+10.47)	40076.19 (+4.22)	48125.92 (+11.05)	43335.33 (+0.62)
Month	2017-18 ^P	2016-17	2017-18 ^P	2016-17	2017-18 ^P	2016-17
July	4325.60	2941.50	4046.06	2804.36	4709.68	3097.80
August	4701.20	3796.60	3994.93	4353.94	5422.31	4203.03
September	4157.60	3531.30	3785.62	4451.61	4571.17	3471.54
October	5342.20	4124.70	4368.49	3530.65	4681.95	4119.23
November	5222.20	4221.60	4397.00	3882.78	16365.97	3801.95
December	4692.10	3994.10	4068.44	3565.47	4483.35	4329.31
January	5255.00	4301.70	4986.34	3962.34	5432.58	4441.16
February	5019.10	3760.90	4195.08	3294.44	4536.93	3775.34
March	4842.40	4311.20	4565.76	3790.07	5753.41	4430.74
July-March	43557.40 (+24.51)	34983.60 (+11.07)	38407.72 (+14.19)	33635.67 (+11.30)	55957.34 (+56.87)	35670.09 (+13.00)

Source: National Board of Revenue (NBR), Foreign Exchange Operations Department of Bangladesh Bank

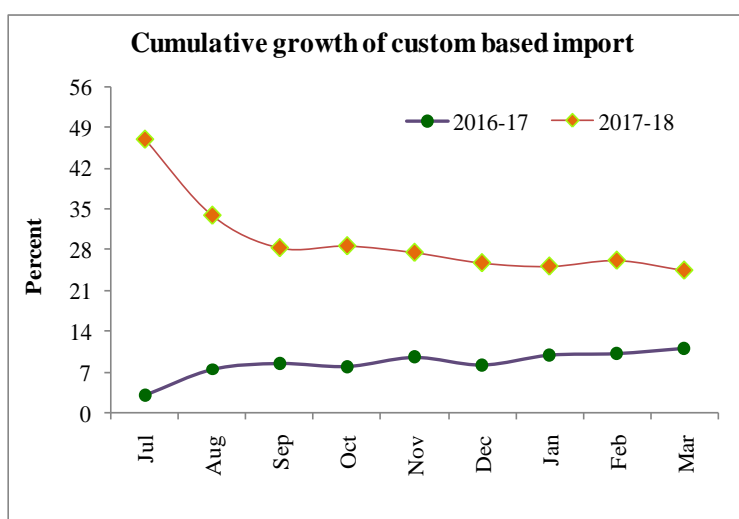
Note:- Figures in brackets indicate percentage changes over the corresponding period of the preceding year.

P = Provisional, R = Revised.

Custom based import during July-March, 2017-18 stood higher by USD 8.57 billion or 24.51 percent and stood at USD 43.56 billion against USD 34.98 billion during July-March, 2016-17.

Settlement of import LCs during July-March, 2017-18 increased by 14.19 percent and stood at USD 38.41 billion against USD 33.64 billion during July-March, 2016-17.

Fresh opening of import LCs during July-March, 2017-18 increased by 56.87 percent and stood at USD 55.96 billion compared to USD 35.67 billion during July-March, 2016-17.



b) Sector-wise fresh opening, settlement and outstanding of import LCs

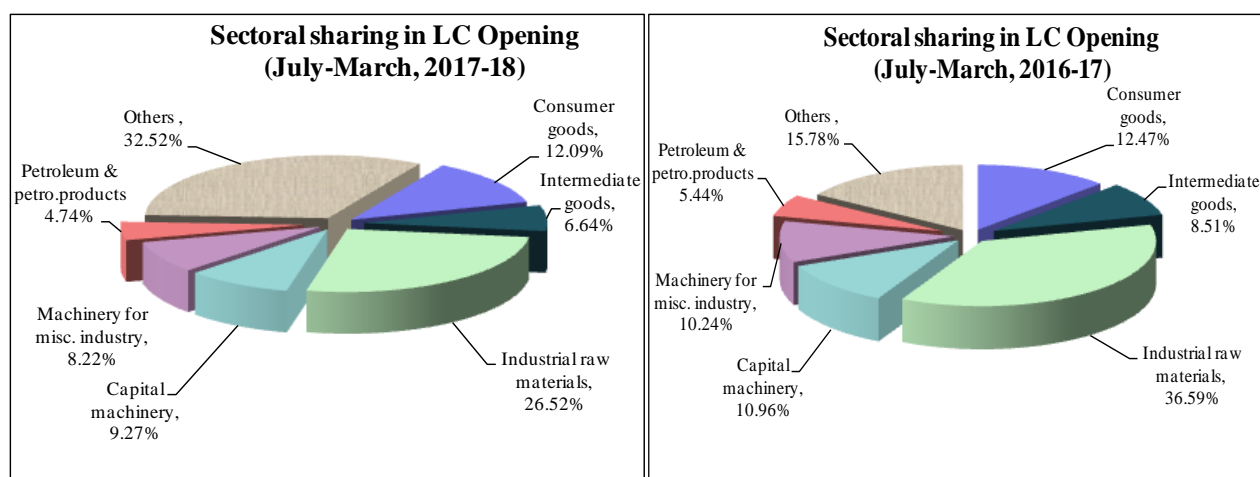
Sector-wise comparative statistics of fresh opening, settlement and outstanding of import LCs during July-March, 2017-18 and July-March, 2016-17 are shown below:

(US\$ in million)

Sectors / Commodities	July-March, 2017-18 ^P			July-March, 2016-17			Percentage changes during July-March, 2017-18 over July-March, 2016-17		
	Fresh opening of LCs	Settlement of LCs	Outstanding LCs at the end period	Fresh opening of LCs	Settlement of LCs	Outstanding LCs at the end period	Fresh opening of LCs	Settlement of LCs	Outstanding LCs at the end period
A. Consumer goods	6764.21	6017.66	2600.99	4447.21	3820.09	1985.70	52.10	57.53	30.99
B. Intermediate goods	3717.15	2982.59	2196.48	3036.54	2834.60	1738.14	22.41	5.22	26.37
C. Industrial raw materials	14837.22	13425.03	7492.83	13052.62	12195.66	6229.43	13.67	10.08	20.28
D. Capital machinery	5188.68	3989.90	7055.78	3910.33	3833.15	5828.04	32.69	4.09	21.07
E. Machinery for misc. inds.	4600.89	3765.53	2623.08	3653.46	3437.24	1915.65	25.93	9.55	36.93
F. Petroleum & petro.prods.	2653.20	2239.99	810.16	1939.46	1893.40	554.92	36.80	18.31	46.00
G. Others	18195.99	5987.03	15366.04	5630.47	5621.52	3486.82	223.17	6.50	340.69
Total	55957.34	38407.72	38145.37	35670.09	33635.67	21738.69	56.87	14.19	75.47
of which back to back	6443.37	5772.75	3167.17	5885.58	5348.33	2609.32	9.48	7.94	21.38

Source: Foreign Exchange Operations Department, Bangladesh Bank. P=Provisional.

The developments of sectoral share in total LCs opening during July-March, 2017-18 and July-March, 2016-17 are shown in the following pie diagrams.



Sector-wise detailed statistics of fresh opening, settlement and outstanding of import LCs during July-March, 2017-18 and July-March, 2016-17 are given in the appendix.

C) Projected data on opening of import LCs and probable liabilities against back to back LCs of authorised dealer banks

(In million USD)

Month	Opening of import LCs	Probable liabilities of banks against back to back LCs
May'18	4851.65	933.24
June'18	5065.30	931.52
July'18	5133.67	871.73
May-July, 2018	15050.63	2736.49

Source: All authorized dealer banks, compiled by Monetary Policy Department (MPD), Bangladesh Bank.

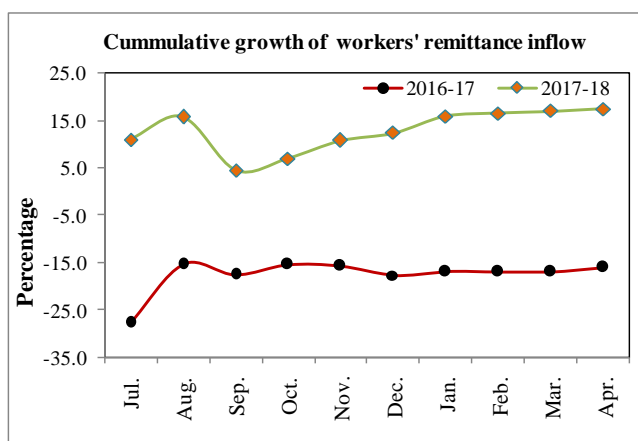
Data on projection of opening of import LCs and probable liabilities against back to back LCs are USD 15.05 billion and USD 2.74 billion respectively during May-July, 2018. The mentioned liability is around 9 percent of gross foreign exchange reserves of Bangladesh Bank as on May 23, 2018.

12. Workers' remittances

Annual and monthly trends of remittances

(USD in million)

Annual Remittances	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17 ^R
	15316.91 (+7.65)	14931.15 (-2.52)	12769.45 (-14.48)
Monthly Remittances	Month	2017-18 ^P	2016-17 ^R
	July	1115.57	1005.51
	August	1418.58	1183.61
	September	856.87	1056.64
	October	1162.77	1010.99
	November	1214.75	951.37
	December	1163.82	958.73
	January	1379.79	1009.47
	February	1149.08	940.75
	March	1299.77	1077.52
	April	1327.18	1092.64
	July-April	12088.18 (+17.51)	10287.23 (-16.03)



Receipt of workers' remittances in April 2018 increased by 2.11 percent and stood at USD 1.33 billion against that of March 2018. It was also higher by 21.47 percent against USD 1.09 billion of April 2017. Total receipts of workers' remittances increased by USD 1.80 billion or 17.51 percent during July-April, 2017-18 as compared to that of July-April, 2016-17.

Source : Statistics Department, Bangladesh Bank.

Note:- Figures in brackets indicate percentage changes over the same period of the previous year P=Provisional; R = Revised.

13. Foreign exchange holdings by Bangladesh Bank and Commercial Banks

(a) Gross foreign exchange reserves of Bangladesh Bank(BB):

The gross foreign exchange reserves of BB stood at USD 33.11 billion (with ACU liability of USD 1.39 billion) as of end April 2018, as compared to USD 32.40 billion (with ACU liability of USD 0.67 billion) as of end March, 2018. The foreign exchange reserves (less ACU liability) is equivalent to import liability of 6.91 months; according to the average of the previous 12 months (April, 2017-March, 2018) import liability is of USD 4.59 billion per month on an average basis.

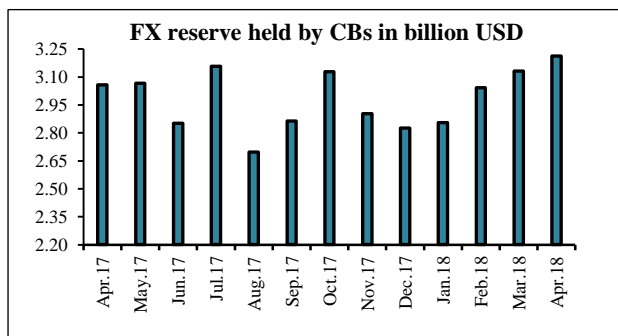
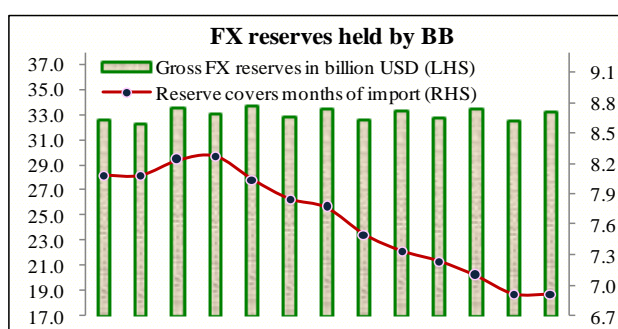
(b) Gross foreign exchange balances held by Commercial Banks(CBs):

The gross foreign exchange balances held by commercial banks stood at USD 3.12 billion as of end April, 2018 which was slightly lower than USD 3.21 billion of end March, 2018. It was also higher than the balance of USD 3.06 billion at the end of April, 2017.

(US\$ in million)

A. Outstanding stock at the end of the year	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16
	21507.99 (+40.44)	25025.25 (+16.35)	30168.23 (+20.55)
B. Outstanding stock at the end of the month	Month / Year	2016-17 ^R	2015-16
	July	30039.29	25469.08
August	31165.06	26175.34	
September	31385.87	26379.04	
October	31895.31	27058.39	
November	31370.88	26407.63	
December	32092.19	27493.31	
January	31724.17	27139.14	
February	32556.66	28058.56	
March	32215.19	28265.93	
April	32518.77	29106.26	
May	32245.69	28802.90	
June	33492.95	30168.23	
Month / Year	2017-18 ^P	2016-17 ^R	
July	32993.98	30039.29	
August	33596.25	31165.06	
September	32816.59	31385.87	
October	33452.29	31895.31	
November	32623.86	31370.88	
December	33226.86	32092.19	
January	32694.69	31724.17	
February	33368.99	32556.66	
March	32403.15	32215.19	
April	33109.53	32518.77	

Source : Accounts & Budgeting Department, Bangladesh Bank.



14. Foreign aid

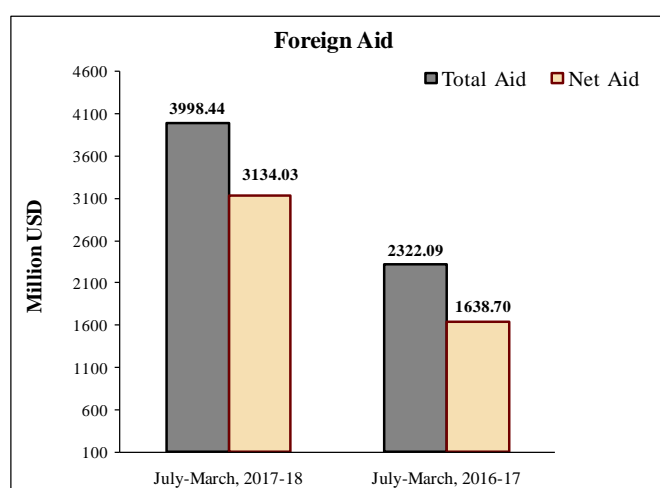
(US\$ in million)

Month	Food Aid	Project Aid	Total Aid	Payment (Principal)	Net Foreign Aid	Food Aid	Project Aid	Total Aid	Payment (Principal)	Net Foreign Aid
Month	FY2016-17^R					FY2015-16				
July	0.00	142.27	142.27	89.60	52.67	0.00	120.15	120.15	96.50	23.65
August	0.00	158.64	158.64	45.18	113.46	0.00	132.02	132.02	97.50	34.52
September	8.44	211.84	220.28	85.41	134.87	6.46	223.76	230.22	44.03	186.19
October	0.00	251.48	251.48	79.00	172.48	0.00	258.48	258.48	69.19	189.29
November	0.00	174.22	174.22	71.88	102.34	0.00	192.17	192.17	75.79	116.38
December	5.22	442.98	448.20	75.95	372.26	6.15	599.50	605.65	69.90	535.75
January	0.00	144.05	144.05	81.57	62.48	0.00	216.23	216.23	82.12	134.11
February	0.00	431.83	431.83	42.86	388.97	0.00	242.96	242.96	40.50	202.46
March	6.20	344.93	351.13	111.94	239.19	12.56	556.94	569.50	77.26	492.24
April	0.00	145.79	145.79	80.74	65.05	0.00	120.71	120.71	80.59	40.12
May	0.00	315.41	315.41	67.92	247.49	0.00	248.82	248.82	69.30	179.52
June	0.00	748.16	748.16	62.50	685.66	6.74	506.32	513.06	64.53	448.53
July-June	19.86 (-37.76)	3511.60 (+2.74)	3531.46 (+2.36)	894.55 (+3.15)	2636.91 (+2.10)	31.91 (-14.95)	3418.06 (+11.53)	3449.97 (+11.21)	867.20 (-4.17)	2582.77 (+17.54)
Month	FY2017-18^P					FY2016-17^R				
July	0.00	366.95	366.95	109.56	257.39	0.00	142.27	142.27	89.60	52.67
August	4.12	123.65	127.77	44.77	83.00	0.00	158.64	158.64	45.18	113.46
September	3.08	388.79	391.87	124.51	267.36	8.44	211.84	220.28	85.41	134.87
October	5.12	573.69	578.81	86.78	492.03	0.00	251.48	251.48	79.00	172.48
November	8.29	254.73	263.02	71.88	191.14	0.00	174.22	174.22	71.88	102.34
December	5.85	883.55	889.40	94.16	795.24	5.22	442.98	448.20	75.95	372.26
January	0.00	477.15	477.15	108.84	368.31	0.00	144.05	144.05	81.57	62.48
February	0.00	328.88	328.88	47.56	281.32	0.00	431.83	431.83	42.86	388.97
March	0.00	574.62	574.62	176.36	398.26	6.20	344.93	351.13	111.94	239.19
July-March	26.46 (+33.23)	3971.98 (+72.53)	3998.44 (+72.19)	864.42 (+26.49)	3134.03 (+91.25)	19.86 (-21.10)	2302.23 (-9.44)	2322.09 (-9.55)	683.39 (+4.69)	1638.70 (-14.41)

Source : Bangladesh Bank & Ministry of Finance, P=Provisional; R = Revised

Total foreign aid disbursements during July-March, 2017-18 increased significantly by USD 1.68 billion or 72.19 percent compared to July-March, 2016-17 and stood at USD 4.00 billion.

After principle repayment of USD 0.86 billion, the net receipts of foreign aid stood at USD 3.13 billion during July-March, 2017-18 as compared to USD 1.64 billion of the same period of the previous year.



15. Exchange rate movements:

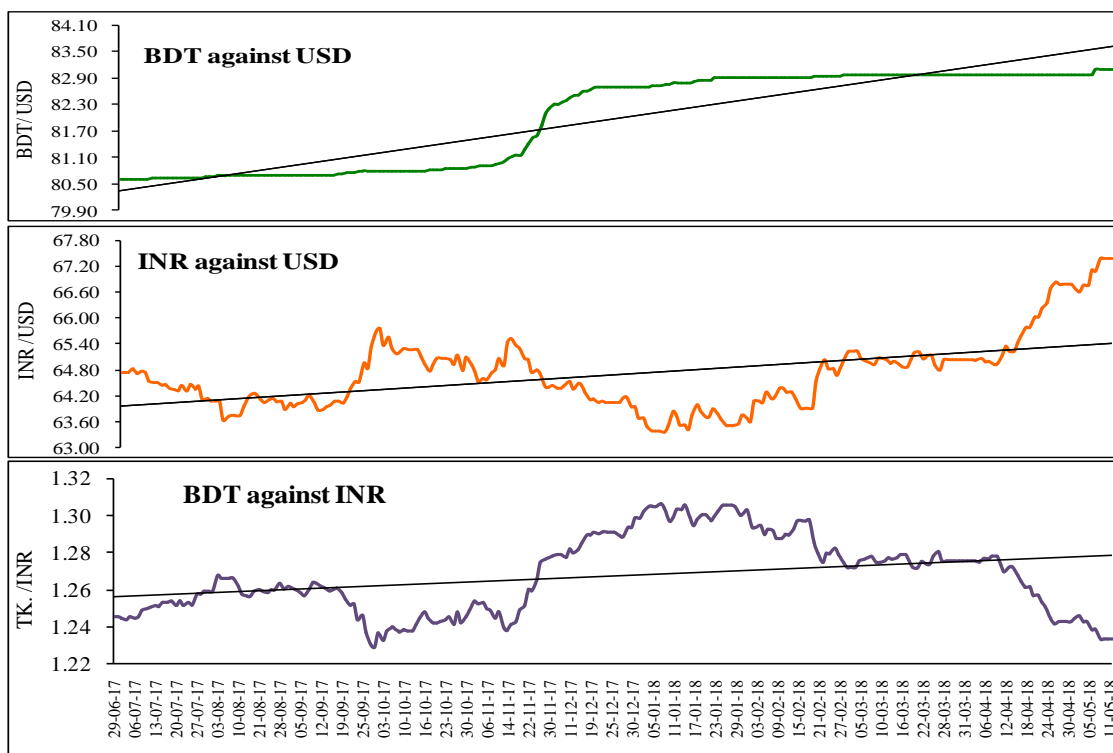
Month	FY 2015-16 (Taka/USD)		FY 2016-17 (Taka/USD)		FY 2015-16 (Rupee/USD)	FY 2016-17 (Rupee/USD)
	Month Avg. ^{1/}	Month End ^{2/}	Month Avg. ^{1/}	Month End ^{2/}	Month End ^{3/}	Month End ^{3/}
July	77.8007	77.8000	78.4000	78.4000	64.0061	67.0340
August	77.8000	77.8000	78.4000	78.4000	66.3062	66.9813
September	77.8008	77.8000	78.4000	78.4000	65.7418	66.7875
October	77.8215	77.9978	78.4010	78.4161	65.1515	66.8566
November	78.5274	78.9364	78.5417	78.7233	66.8148	68.5260
December	78.7794	78.5000	78.8030	78.7004	66.3260	68.1241
January	78.5008	78.5000	78.8573	79.0741	67.8763	67.8125
February	78.5517	78.4500	79.2353	79.3700	68.6160	66.7375
March	78.4130	78.4000	79.5398	79.6797	66.3329	64.9325
April	78.4000	78.4000	79.8376	80.2300	66.5176	64.2170
May	78.4000	78.4000	80.4896	80.5609	67.2030	64.5459
June	78.4000	78.4000	80.5850	80.5995	67.6166	64.7379

Month	FY 2016-17 (Taka/USD)		FY 2017-18 (Taka/USD)		FY 2016-17 (Rupee/USD)	FY 2017-18 (Rupee/USD)
	Month Avg. ^{1/}	Month End ^{2/}	Month Avg. ^{1/}	Month End ^{2/}	Month End ^{3/}	Month End ^{3/}
July	78.4000	78.4000	80.6262	80.6598	67.0340	64.0773
August	78.4000	78.4000	80.6937	80.7000	66.9813	64.0154
September	78.4000	78.4000	80.7354	80.8000	66.7875	65.7604
October	78.4010	78.4161	80.8202	80.8810	66.8566	64.7745
November	78.5417	78.7233	81.2550	82.3000	68.5260	64.4332
December	78.8030	78.7004	82.5520	82.7000	68.1241	63.9273
January	78.8573	79.0741	82.8150	82.9000	67.8125	63.6878
February	79.2353	79.3700	82.9196	82.9600	66.7375	65.1031
March	79.5398	79.6797	82.9600	82.9600	64.9325	66.1031
April	79.8376	80.2300	82.9746	82.9800	64.2170	66.7801

Source : ^{1/} Statistics Department and ^{3/} Forex Reserve and Treasury Management Department, Bangladesh Bank & ^{2/} Bangladesh Foreign Exchange Dealer's Association (BAFEDA).

Note:- Exchange rate represents the mid-value of buying and selling rates.

Bangladesh Taka has depreciated by 2.87 percent against the US dollar at the end of April, 2018 from its level of end June 2017. Indian Rupee (INR) also depreciated by 3.06 percent against US dollar as of end April, 2018 compared to its level of end June 2017. As per the latest available data, graphical presentation of exchange rate of Bangladesh Taka (BDT) and Indian Rupee (INR) against the US Dollar (USD) and BDT against the INR are shown below:



16. Balance of payments (BOP)

(US\$ in million)

Particulars	July-March, 2017-18 ^P	July-March, 2016-17 ^R
Trade balance	-13202	-7039
Exports f.o.b(including EPZ)	27098	25330
Imports f.o.b(including EPZ)	40300	32369
Services	-3336	-2468
Credit	3212	2718
Debit	6548	5186
Primary income	-1607	-1448
Credit	78	51
Debit	1685	1499
Of which:Official interest payment	405	296
Secondary income	11062	9583
Official transfers	44	39
Private transfers	11018	9544
of which : Workers' remittances (current a/c. portion)	10543	9056
Current account balance	-7083	-1372
Capital account	229	252
Capital transfers	229	252
Financial account	6055	3139
i) Foreign direct investment(net)*	1376	1417
ii) Portfolio investment (net)	320	312
of which : Workers' remittances (financial a/c. portion)	218	139
iii) Other investment(net)	4359	1410
Medium and long-term (MLT) loans	3726	2019
MLT amortization payments	865	684
Other long-term loans (net)	171	-145
Other short-term loans (net)	1083	771
Trade credit (net)	-1320	-716
DMBs & NBDCs(net)	1564	165
Assets	-595	-309
Liabilities	969	-144
Errors and omissions	-610	579
Overall balance	-1409	2598
Reserve assets	1409	-2598
Bangladesh Bank(net)	1409	-2598
Assets	-1060	2193
Liabilities	349	-405

Source : Statistics Department, Bangladesh Bank.

Note:- Both of exports and imports are compiled on the basis of customs data. P=Provisional; R = Revised.

* FDI is calculated as net, deducting disinvestment, repayments of loans & loss.

Trade balance recorded a deficit of USD 13.20 billion during July-March, 2017-18 as compared to the deficit of USD 7.04 billion during July-March, 2016-17. Despite financial account surplus of USD 6.06 billion, overall balance incurred a deficit of USD 1.41 billion due to the large deficit in current account balance during July-March, 2017-18. The deficit in current account was mainly due to high import payables along with the shortfall in the primary income and income from services.

17. Public finance

a) Government tax revenue collections

(Taka in crore)

Annual tax revenue collections	2010-2011	2011-2012	2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016
NBR Tax Revenue	79403.11 (75600.00)	95058.99 (92370.00)	103332.00 (112259.00)	120819.86 (125000.00)	135700.70 (135028.00)	155518.72 (150000.00)
Non-NBR Tax Revenue ^{1/}	3229.36 (3452.00)	3631.58 (3915.00)	4120.00 (4565.00)	4612.64 (5178.00)	4821.57 (5648.00)	5642.46 (5400.00)
Total Tax Revenue	82632.47 (79052.00)	98690.57 (96285.00)	107452.00 (116824.00)	125432.50 (130178.00)	140522.27 (140676.00)	161161.18 (155400.00)

Note:- Figures in brackets indicate the target of revenue collection.

(Taka in crore)

	NBR Tax Revenue					Non-NBR Tax Revenue ^{1/}	Total Tax Revenue Collections	NBR Tax Revenue					Non-NBR Tax Revenue ^{1/}	Total Tax Revenue Collections
	Customs duties	VAT	Income Tax	others*	Total			Customs duties	VAT	Income Tax	others*	Total		
	1	2	3	4	5=(1+...+4)			1	2	3	4	5=(1+...+4)		
	2016-17^P						2015-16^R							
July	1242.47	3862.23	2683.49	1805.95	9594.14	417.46	10011.60	1122.01	3528.60	2459.71	1617.74	8728.06	376.09	9104.15
August	1737.32	5074.41	2861.17	2754.57	12427.47	523.38	12950.85	1261.38	3780.11	2634.03	1952.19	9627.71	610.69	10238.40
September	1443.81	4999.08	5146.28	2824.75	14413.92	373.37	14787.29	1382.36	4835.24	4432.91	2109.32	12759.83	408.38	13168.21
October	1567.22	5264.70	3652.38	2896.85	13381.15	481.58	13862.73	1309.26	4394.23	3307.76	2223.82	11235.07	406.43	11641.50
November	1779.09	5509.87	3929.55	2827.47	14045.98	471.80	14517.78	1569.71	4985.84	3138.55	2820.29	12514.39	462.98	12977.37
December	1921.88	5628.52	5939.36	2844.95	16334.71	464.60	16799.31	1593.82	4488.25	4610.99	2531.17	13224.23	486.57	13710.80
January	2085.41	5914.39	4275.72	3316.88	15592.40	525.52	16117.92	1490.70	4328.79	3447.14	2618.11	11884.74	424.56	12309.30
February	1711.09	5251.14	3744.71	2770.20	13477.14	435.77	13912.91	1483.99	4174.79	3247.01	2485.55	11391.34	425.24	11816.58
March	1869.65	5946.53	6258.52	3252.96	17327.66	622.68	17950.34	1660.76	4680.54	5217.03	2514.77	14073.10	465.53	14538.63
April	1901.29	5901.29	5153.29	3207.40	16163.27	634.18	16797.45	1447.16	4516.18	5348.65	2593.77	13905.76	478.24	14384.00
May	1992.71	6007.60	4611.41	3325.01	15936.73	573.96	16510.69	1833.02	5715.28	4093.18	2711.74	14353.22	518.83	14872.05
June	1890.97	6843.35	14473.36	3101.44	26309.12	758.08	27067.20	1862.41	6018.83	11298.49	2641.54	21821.27	578.92	22400.19
July-June	21142.91	66203.11	62729.24	34928.43	185003.69	6282.39	191286.08	18016.58	55446.68	53235.45	28820.01	155518.72	5642.46	161161.18
	2017-18^P						2016-17							
July	1908.89	5119.56	2968.41	2186.30	12183.16	1305.28	13488.44	1242.47	3862.23	2683.49	1805.95	9594.14	417.46	10011.60
August	2071.38	5974.88	3832.67	3087.19	14966.12	529.87	15495.99	1737.32	5074.41	2861.17	2754.57	12427.47	523.38	12950.85
September	1649.40	5459.73	5890.10	3576.21	16575.44	387.75	16963.19	1443.81	4999.08	5146.28	2824.75	14413.92	373.37	14787.29
October	1959.98	6054.29	3991.38	3172.04	15177.69	564.63	15742.32	1567.22	5264.70	3652.38	2896.85	13381.15	481.58	13862.73
November	2240.69	6497.38	4497.23	3157.69	16392.99	528.94	16921.93	1779.09	5509.87	3929.55	2827.47	14045.98	471.80	14517.78
December	2076.26	6210.68	6307.16	3563.43	18157.53	468.18	18625.71	1921.88	5628.52	5939.36	2844.95	16334.71	464.60	16799.31
January	2202.48	6578.49	4628.97	3616.38	17026.32	591.36	17617.68	2085.41	5914.39	4275.72	3316.88	15592.40	525.52	16117.92
February	1868.15	6238.58	4293.95	3477.53	15878.21	493.46	16371.67	1711.09	5251.14	3744.71	2770.20	13477.14	435.77	13912.91
July-February	15977.23	48133.59	36409.87	25836.77	126357.46	4869.46	131226.92	13488.29	41504.34	32232.66	22041.62	109266.91	3693.49	112960.40
March	2084.89	6369.23	6551.10	3600.95	18606.17			1869.65	5946.53	6258.52	3252.96	17327.66	622.68	17950.34
July-March	18062.12	54502.82	42960.97	29437.72	144963.63			15357.94	47450.87	38491.18	25294.58	126594.57	4316.17	130910.74

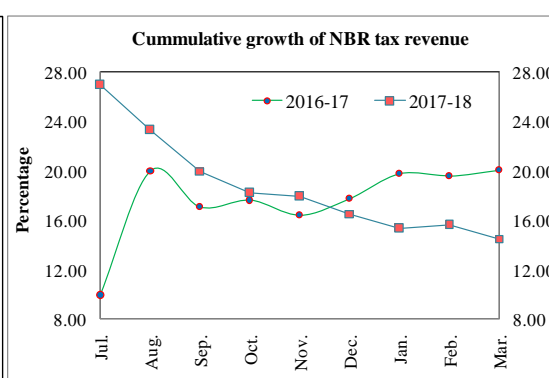
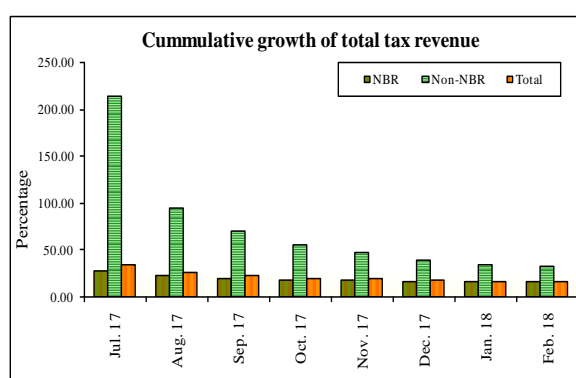
Source: National Board of Revenue and Office of the Controller General of Accounts. P=Provisional, R=Revised; *include supplementary duties & travel tax.

Note:- Figures in brackets indicate percentage changes over the corresponding period of the preceding year.

^{1/} Non-NBR tax revenue includes narcotics & liquor duty, taxes on vehicles, land revenue and stamp duty(non judicial).

Total tax revenue collection (NBR & non-NBR) during July-February, 2017-18 stood at TK 131226.92 crore which was higher by Taka 18266.52 crore or 16.17 percent against the collection of Taka 112960.40 crore during July-February, 2016-17.

NBR tax revenue collection during July-March, 2017-18 stood at TK 144963.63 crore which was higher by Taka 18369.06 crore or 14.51 percent against the collection of Taka 126594.57 crore during July-March, 2016-17.



b) Sale and repayment of National Savings Certificates (NSC)

(Taka in crore)

FY	Sale	Repayment (Principal)	Net sale	Outstanding at the end of the year
(1)	(2)	(3)	4=(2-3)	(5)
2011-12	18955.35	18476.33	479.02	63917.34
2012-13	23326.77	22553.93	772.84	64690.18
2013-14	24309.59	12602.29	11707.30	76397.48
2014-15	42659.79	13927.13	28732.66	105130.14
2015-16	53712.45	20023.85	33688.60	138818.74

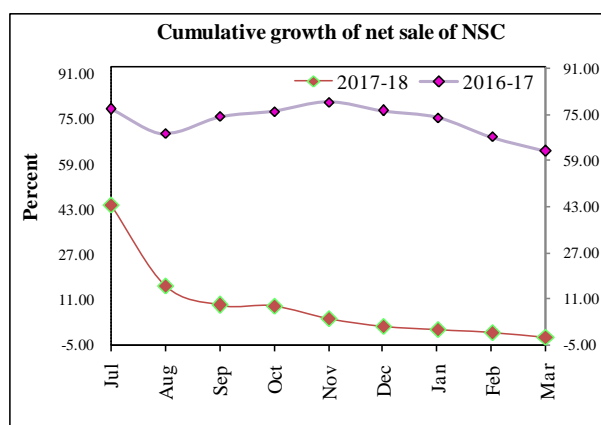
(Taka in crore)

Months	Sale	Repayment (Principal)	Net sale	Outstanding at the end period	Sale	Repayment (Principal)	Net sale	Outstanding at the end period
2016-17				2015-16				
July	4932.05	1433.68	3498.37	142317.11	3236.40	1260.12	1976.28	107106.42
August	6327.61	2030.40	4297.21	146614.32	4524.42	1873.51	2650.91	109757.33
September	5390.50	1535.99	3854.50	150468.82	3436.03	1382.23	2053.80	111811.13
October	6104.91	1838.31	4266.61	154735.43	4061.46	1708.75	2352.71	114163.84
November	6106.62	1703.76	4402.85	159138.28	4031.68	1739.52	2292.16	116456.00
December	4881.59	1727.57	3154.02	162292.30	3734.30	1754.57	1979.73	118435.73
January	7357.29	1936.70	5420.59	167712.89	5069.06	1771.68	3297.38	121733.11
February	6030.93	1642.51	4388.42	172101.31	4973.90	1686.33	3287.57	125020.69
March	6556.47	2190.62	4365.85	176467.16	5121.42	1823.71	3297.71	128318.40
April	6831.48	2380.22	4451.26	180918.42	4919.52	1620.06	3299.46	131617.86
May	7118.05	2248.70	4869.35	185787.78	5294.97	1689.91	3605.06	135222.91
June	7497.24	2048.80	5448.44	191236.22	5309.29	1713.47	3595.83	138818.74
July-June	75134.74 (+39.88)	22717.26 (+13.45)	52417.48 (+55.59)	191236.22 (+37.76)	53712.45 (+25.91)	20023.85 (+43.78)	33688.60 (+17.25)	138818.74 (+32.04)
2017-18				2016-17				
July	7352.11	2298.57	5053.54	196289.76	4932.05	1433.68	3498.37	142317.11
August	6464.94	2489.90	3975.04	200264.79	6327.61	2030.40	4297.21	146614.32
September	5767.80	2102.05	3665.75	203930.54	5390.50	1535.99	3854.50	150468.82
October	7378.03	2757.70	4620.33	208550.87	6104.91	1838.31	4266.61	154735.43
November	6700.36	2842.94	3857.42	212408.29	6106.62	1703.76	4402.85	159138.28
December	5505.52	2854.06	2651.46	215059.76	4881.59	1727.57	3154.02	162292.30
January	8060.49	2920.76	5139.73	220199.49	7357.29	1936.70	5420.59	167712.89
February	6602.40	2445.89	4156.51	224356.00	6030.93	1642.51	4388.42	172101.31
March	6293.27	2704.04	3589.23	227945.22	6556.47	2190.62	4365.85	176467.16
July-March	60124.91 (+11.99)	23415.91 (+45.99)	36709.00 (-2.50)	227945.22 (+29.17)	53687.97 (+40.59)	16039.55 (+6.93)	37648.42 (+62.36)	176467.16 (+37.52)
Target for net sale of NSC is Taka 30,150.00 crore for FY 2017-18.								

Source:- Department of National Savings

Note:- Figures in brackets indicate percentage changes over the corresponding period of the preceding year.

The sale of National Savings Certificates (NSC) during July-March, 2017-18 stood at Taka 60124.91 crore which was 11.99 percent higher than the amount of sale during July-March, 2016-17. The net borrowing of the government through NSC during July-March, 2017-18 was Taka 36709.00 crore against Taka 37648.42 crore of July-March, 2016-17. The outstanding borrowing of the government through NSC as of end March, 2018 stood at Taka 227945.22 crore.



c) Budget financing

(Taka in crore)

Year	Net borrowing of the Govt. from the banking system ^{1/}	Net non-bank borrowing of the Govt. from the public ^{2/}	Total domestic financing	Net foreign financing ^{3/}	Total financing	Total financing as % of GDP [@] at current market price	Outstanding Domestic debt (end period)	Outstanding domestic debt as % of GDP [@] at current market price ^R
1	2	3	4=(2+3)	5	6=(4+5)	7	8	9
2009-2010	-4376.00	12256.14	7880.14	10218.86	18099.00	2.27	116823.84	14.65
2010-2011	19175.90	3012.93	22188.83	7470.44	29659.27	3.24 ^R	139012.67	15.18
2011-2012	18784.20	2241.10	21025.30	9714.35	30739.65	2.91	160037.97	15.17
2012-2013	17873.00	7724.86	25597.86	15080.19	40678.05	3.39	185635.83	15.48
2013-2014	6627.80	15351.72	21979.52	14224.04	36203.56	2.69	207615.35	15.45
2014-2015	-7370.70	34723.57	27352.87	17067.58	44420.45	2.93	234968.22	15.50
2015-2016	4326.60	34166.55	38493.15	20213.70	58706.85	3.39	273461.37	15.78
2016-2017	-17464.80	53685.30	36220.50	20863.05	57083.55	2.89	309681.87	15.67
July-March, 2016-17	-24399.80	38072.67	13672.87	12901.35	26574.22	1.34	287134.24	14.53
July-March, 2017-18 ^P	-21255.10	37710.61	16455.51	25603.54	42059.06	1.89	326137.38	14.67

Source: Bangladesh Bank & Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics. P=Provisional; R=Revised, 1/: Excludes interest. 2/: Includes

treasury bills & bonds held by the non-bank financial institutions through secondary auctions, T.bills & bonds have been taken at face value.

3/: Total foreign aid disbursement less amortization payment, @: nominal GDP (base 2005-06=100) has been used.

Government's budget financing from domestic sources stood higher at Taka 164.56 billion during July-March, 2017-18 as compared to that of Taka 136.73 billion of July-March, 2016-17. Net foreign financing stood significantly higher at Taka 256.04 billion in the period under review. The total budget financing of the government during July-March, 2017-18 also stood significantly higher at Taka 420.59 billion against Taka 265.74 billion during July-March, 2016-17. Govt.'s net borrowing from the banking system stood negative at Taka 212.55 billion as government's repayment exceeded borrowing during July-March, 2017-18. Govt.'s borrowing from the non-banking sources stood lower at Taka 377.11 billion during July-March, 2017-18 as compared to that of July-March, 2016-17. The total budget financing during July-March, 2017-18 stood at 1.88 percent of projected GDP against 4.80 percent as envisaged in the national budget for FY18.

18. Food situations

(In lakh metric ton)

Year	Production Target	Actual Domestic Production (Gross)	Net Domestic Production*	Food grain Imports			Public Domestic Procurement	Public Distribution	Foodgrain Stock Public (End June)
				Govt. & food aid	Private	Total			
FY2010-11	360.65	345.13	310.62	22.04	35.00	57.04	4.62	22.91	8.87
FY2011-12	357.25	348.20	313.38	10.50	12.40	22.90	14.26	20.95	12.48
FY2012-13	354.66	350.88	315.79	4.72	14.18	18.90	14.06	20.87	14.97
FY2013-14	358.81	356.56	320.90	8.56	21.37	29.93	14.34	22.20	11.53
FY2014-15	360.50	360.58	324.52	3.34	49.40	52.74	16.76	18.38	12.86
FY2015-16	364.24	360.03	324.03	3.34	42.06	45.40	12.32	20.64	8.56
FY2016-17	365.91	351.16	316.04	3.93	54.30	58.23	16.14	22.42	3.79
FY2017-18 ^{RT}	372.97	---	---	15.50	0.00	15.50	15.47	21.74	-

Particulars	July-April, 2017-18 ^P	July-April, 2016-17
1. Production**	-	157.91
2. Imports (Rice & Wheat)	87.84	48.95
3. Procurement (Rice)	9.78	14.57
4. Distribution (Rice & Wheat)	15.42	18.25
5. Food Stock (Rice & Wheat)	11.81	5.61

Source: Bangladesh Food Situation Report, FPMU, Ministry of Food.

Note: RT = Revised Target, P = Provisional.

*= After 10% deduction for seed, feed, waste etc. ** Data of only Aus production available upto April

Imports of rice and wheat were higher at 87.84 lakh metric tons during July-April, 2017-18 compared to 48.95 lakh metric tons during July-April, 2016-17. While, procurement of rice during July-April, 2017-18 was lower than that of July-April, 2016-17. Public food distribution of rice and wheat was also lower at 15.42 lakh metric tons during July-April, 2017-18 compared to 18.25 lakh metric tons during July-April, 2016-17. However, outstanding food stock was 110.52 percent higher at 11.81 lakh metric tons at the end of April, 2018 as compared to the end of April, 2017.

Break-up of fresh opening, settlement and outstanding of import LCs

(US\$ in million)

Sectors / Commodities	July-March, 2017-18 ^P			July-March, 2016-17			Changes during July-March, 2017-18 over July-March, 2016-17		
	Fresh opening of LCs	Settlement of LCs	Outstanding LCs at the end period	Fresh opening of LCs	Settlement of LCs	Outstanding LCs at the end period	Fresh opening of LCs	Settlement of LCs	Outstanding LCs at the end period
A. Consumer goods	6764.21	6017.66	2600.99	4447.21	3820.09	1985.70	52.10%	57.53%	30.99%
Rice and wheat	3223.38	2472.10	972.90	1013.76	913.13	343.56	217.96%	170.73%	183.18%
Sugar and salt	692.02	817.91	425.01	684.21	625.19	435.80	1.14%	30.83%	-2.48%
Milk food	249.42	212.29	134.25	225.97	158.12	126.28	10.38%	34.25%	6.31%
Edible oil (refined)	646.72	679.71	312.73	609.64	564.99	334.97	6.08%	20.31%	-6.64%
All kinds of fruits	309.59	265.68	74.58	255.64	200.79	57.64	21.10%	32.32%	29.39%
Pulses	331.26	301.87	196.91	529.29	359.22	265.96	-37.41%	-15.97%	-25.96%
Onion	284.76	269.11	26.51	142.73	141.21	27.10	99.51%	90.58%	-2.20%
Spices	123.58	116.42	32.68	131.50	120.72	29.62	-6.02%	-3.56%	10.31%
Second hand clothings	2.15	2.14	0.76	0.54	2.13	0.04	295.38%	0.29%	1689.57%
Drugs and medicines(finished)	62.98	58.43	23.47	64.14	53.78	23.16	-1.82%	8.65%	1.36%
Others	838.35	822.00	2600.99	789.77	680.81	341.56	6.15%	20.74%	661.50%
B. Intermediate goods	3717.15	2982.59	2196.48	3036.54	2834.60	1738.14	22.41%	5.22%	26.37%
Coal	319.86	251.52	85.85	235.00	203.56	69.82	36.11%	23.56%	22.97%
Cement	14.75	12.42	14.80	11.49	12.60	8.92	28.44%	-1.38%	65.97%
Clinker & limestone	612.63	443.68	400.47	481.84	436.92	236.39	27.14%	1.55%	69.41%
B. P. sheet	353.31	239.97	189.77	229.59	217.71	180.77	53.89%	10.22%	4.97%
Tin plate	8.75	13.54	5.81	9.04	7.46	5.27	-3.21%	81.44%	10.27%
Scrap Vessels	756.68	579.93	455.58	553.13	554.33	400.22	36.80%	4.62%	13.83%
Iron and steel scrap	666.37	528.56	464.94	524.97	508.64	310.94	26.93%	3.92%	49.53%
Non-ferrous metal	151.35	138.04	113.03	169.15	168.56	88.78	-10.52%	-18.11%	27.31%
Paper and paper board	357.61	270.14	219.11	276.91	249.92	132.90	29.14%	8.09%	64.87%
Others	475.84	504.77	2196.48	545.43	474.90	304.14	-12.76%	6.29%	622.21%
C. Industrial raw materials	14837.22	13425.03	7492.83	13052.62	12195.66	6229.43	13.67%	10.08%	20.28%
Edible oil (Crude) & oil seeds	986.68	753.42	640.71	783.63	687.37	588.88	25.91%	9.61%	8.80%
Textile fabrics (B/B & others)	5741.29	5154.41	2722.86	5356.23	4865.10	2280.38	7.19%	5.95%	19.40%
Pharmaceutical raw materials	506.25	468.54	181.53	471.06	413.21	160.28	7.47%	13.39%	13.26%
Raw cotton	2172.63	2007.35	1175.04	2024.13	1879.92	1084.06	7.34%	6.78%	8.39%
Cotton yarn	1231.23	1050.54	693.33	975.08	875.68	510.76	26.27%	19.97%	35.74%
Copra	3.15	2.87	4.85	4.23	3.60	3.68	-25.66%	-20.17%	31.85%
Synthetic fibre & yarn	679.76	608.44	341.19	569.73	495.57	307.01	19.31%	22.77%	11.13%
Chemicals & chem. products	3516.22	3379.46	7492.83	2868.51	2975.21	1294.38	22.58%	13.59%	478.87%

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(US\$ in million)

Sectors / Commodities	July-March, 2017-18 ^P			July-March, 2016-17			Changes during July-March, 2017-18 over July-March, 2016-17		
	Fresh opening of LCs	Settlement of LCs	Outstanding LCs at the end period	Fresh opening of LCs	Settlement of LCs	Outstanding LCs at the end period	Fresh opening of LCs	Settlement of LCs	Outstanding LCs at the end period
D. Capital machinery	5188.68	3989.90	7055.78	3910.33	3833.15	5828.04	32.69%	4.09%	21.07%
Textile machinery	685.45	649.32	736.47	609.03	525.77	676.30	12.55%	23.50%	8.90%
Leather / tannery	12.96	6.54	15.29	17.66	19.48	10.51	-26.63%	-66.41%	45.47%
Jute industry	11.74	14.03	7.77	3.32	13.46	4.33	253.34%	4.22%	79.28%
Garment industry	614.03	563.58	764.41	652.74	514.00	721.87	-5.93%	9.65%	5.89%
Pharmaceutical industry	109.95	82.53	104.35	121.83	85.30	103.02	-9.75%	-3.25%	1.29%
Packing industry	14.64	12.95	10.55	8.08	14.99	7.31	81.17%	-13.62%	44.18%
Other industry	3739.92	2660.94	5416.96	2497.66	2660.14	4304.70	49.74%	0.03%	25.84%
E. Machinery for misc. inds.	4600.89	3765.53	2623.08	3653.46	3437.24	1915.65	25.93%	9.55%	36.93%
Other machineries	660.34	613.50	328.22	632.22	598.66	296.73	4.45%	2.48%	10.61%
Marine diesel engine	21.15	17.74	45.62	9.38	15.18	47.48	125.41%	16.92%	-3.92%
Computer & its accessories	301.59	298.41	127.04	284.52	275.56	108.29	6.00%	8.29%	17.32%
Motor vehicle & motorcycle parts	147.31	124.24	63.23	98.40	79.23	37.00	49.70%	56.81%	70.92%
Bicycle parts	66.14	62.51	30.93	59.66	44.05	31.60	10.88%	41.91%	-2.13%
Other iron and steel products	373.00	343.36	199.79	361.34	347.57	192.31	3.23%	-1.21%	3.89%
Motor vehicles	1097.17	854.49	517.48	824.37	714.78	306.69	33.09%	19.55%	68.73%
Other electronics components	279.39	192.85	174.11	142.80	105.47	109.47	95.65%	82.85%	59.05%
Tractors & power tiller	73.71	67.01	32.08	62.68	55.39	23.55	17.60%	20.98%	36.24%
Others	1581.09	1191.42	1104.58	1178.09	1201.38	762.54	34.21%	-0.83%	44.86%
F. Petroleum & petro.prodts.	2653.20	2239.99	810.16	1939.46	1893.40	554.92	36.80%	18.31%	46.00%
Crude	478.02	319.90	193.73	315.18	236.56	183.34	51.66%	35.23%	5.67%
Refined	2175.18	1920.09	616.44	1624.28	1656.83	371.58	33.92%	15.89%	65.90%
G. Others	18195.99	5987.03	15366.04	5630.47	5621.52	3486.82	223.17%	6.50%	340.69%
Commercial sector	14093.00	2304.76	13428.84	2512.44	2971.61	2050.82	460.93%	-22.44%	554.81%
Industrial sector	4102.98	3682.27	1937.19	3118.04	2649.91	1436.01	31.59%	38.96%	34.90%
Total	55957.34	38407.72	38145.37	35670.09	33635.67	21738.69	56.87%	14.19%	75.47%
of which back to back	6443.37	5772.75	3167.17	5885.58	5348.33	2609.32	9.48%	7.94%	21.38%

Source: Foreign Exchange Operations Department (FEOD), Bangladesh Bank.