

Fortnightly Trends of Major Economic Indicators: Updates on 15 May 2019

As per the latest available information, **broad money** increased by Tk. 58598.40 crore or 5.28 percent in March 2019 over end June 2018 against the increase of Tk. 38037.10 crore or 3.74 percent during the same period of the previous fiscal year. Broad money increased due to increase in both net domestic assets (NDA) and net foreign assets (NFA) during the period under review.

Reserve money stood at Tk. 233113.50 crore as on 15 May 2019 which was Tk. 226287.60 crore as on 30 April 2019. Reserve money increased by 0.06 percent as on 15 May 2019 over end June 2018 as compared to the decrease of 5.61 percent during the same period of the previous fiscal year.

Domestic credit increased by 7.31 percent and stood at TK. 1096260.00 crore in March 2019 over end June 2018 as compared to the increase of 8.26 percent to Tk. 964205.10 crore during the same period of the previous fiscal year. Domestic credit growth slowed down during the reported period due mainly to slow growth in credit to the private sector. Credit to Private sector increased by 7.95 percent in March 2019 over the end June 2018 as compared to the increase of 12.29 percent during the same period of the previous fiscal year. However, Public sector credit growth increased by 2.17 percent in March 2019 over the end June 2018 which decreased by 19.06 percent during the same period of the previous fiscal year.

Government borrowing from the banking system including BB increased by Tk. 7431.88 crore during the period of 01-15 May 2019 as compared to the increase of Tk. 1505.24 crore in the same period of the previous year. As per the latest data, government overall borrowing from the banking system also increased by Tk. 7998.03 crore during the period from 01 July to 15 May in FY2018-19, while, it was decreased by Tk. 22976.50 crore during the same period of the previous fiscal year.

NBR tax revenue collection increased by 7.08 percent (y-o-y) and stood at Tk. 153419.89 crore during July-March 2018-19 as compared to the increase of 17.23 percent during the same period of the previous fiscal year.

Inward Remittances increased by 10.01 percent and stood at US\$ 13303.02 million during July-April 2018-19 against the increase of 17.55 percent during the same period of the previous fiscal year.

Exports increased by 11.61 percent and stood at US\$ 33937.23 million during July-April 2018-19 against the increase of 6.41 percent during the same period of the previous fiscal year.

Current account balance recorded a deficit of US\$ 4234 million during July-March 2018-19 as compared to the deficit of US\$ 6487.00 million during the same period of the previous fiscal year. Lower deficit in current account emerged from decrease in deficit in trade account as well as increased remittance inflows.

Foreign exchange reserves of BB decreased by US\$ 0.99 billion and stood at US\$ 31.13 billion as on 15 May 2019 from US\$ 32.12 billion as on 30 April 2019 as Bangladesh Bank made payments to Asian Clearing Union (ACU) amounted to US\$ 1241.79 million as on 8th May 2019.

Inflation on twelve-month average basis (Base: FY2005-06=100) decreased marginally to 5.48 percent in March 2019 from 5.49 percent in February 2019 due to decrease in food inflation. However, point to point general inflation increased to 5.55 percent in March 2019 from 5.47 percent in February 2019.

Detailed fortnightly information upto 15 May 2019 are given at annex-1.

Detailed Information on Trends of Major Economic Indicators upto 15 May 2019**I. Money and Credit**

(Taka in crore)

Particulars	March 2018	February 2019 ^R	March 2019 ^P
1. Broad money (M2)	1054113.20	1160572.80	1168579.40
	(+3.74)	(+4.56)	(+5.28)
2. Reserve money @	211440.30 ***	226287.60 **	233113.50 *
	(-5.61)	(-2.87)	(+0.06)
3. Bank deposits^{##}	925980.10	1014609.80	1023932.90
	(+5.40)	(+4.70)	(+5.66)
4. Domestic credit (A+B)	964205.10	1087163.30	1096260.00
	(+8.26)	(+6.41)	(+7.31)
A. Public sector (including govt.) (a+b)	92773.70	116814.50	116573.90
	(-19.06)	(+2.38)	(+2.17)
 i. Net credit to govt. sector	74575.40	92946.10	92511.90
	(-23.38)	(-2.05)	(-2.51)
 ii. Credit to other public sector	18198.30	23868.40	24062.00
	(+5.31)	(+24.31)	(+25.32)
B. Credit to private sector	871431.50	970348.70	979686.10
	(+12.29)	(+6.92)	(+7.95)

Source: Statistics Department, BB.

Note: Figures in the parenthesis indicate percentage changes over corresponding end June.

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

*Figure is as of 15th May 2019, **Figure is as of 30th April 2019, ***Figure is as of 15th May 2018.

Advances, import and inland bills. ## Demand and time deposits (excluding inter-bank)

II. Government Financing

Particulars	As on		Flow for the period of			
	15 May 2018	15 May 2019	01-15 May 2018	01-15 May 2019	01 July -15 May 2017-18	01 July-15 May 2018-19
1. A. Net outstanding position of govt. borrowing from Bangladesh Bank	12685.70	25317.40	431.55	6622.98	-3043.11	1671.76
B. Net outstanding position of govt. borrowing from banking sector(including BB)	66740.00	96255.70	1505.24	7431.88	-22976.50	7998.03
2. Net outstanding position of non-bank borrowing of the govt.*	As of end		Flow for the month of		Flow for the period of	
	March 2018	March 2019 ^P	March 2018	March 2019 ^P	July-March 2017-18	July-March 2018-19 ^P
	254292.40	306034.38	(+)3526.41	(+)4193.95	(+)37710.61	(+)41959.99
3. Govt.revenue collection (NBR portion)	March 2018	March 2019 ^P	July-March 2017-18		July-March 2018-19 ^P	
	18569.68 (+10.45)	19891.63 (+7.12)	143277.27 (+17.23)		153419.89 (+7.08)	

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\$)

III. External Sector

Particulars	March 2018	March 2019 ^P	July-March 2017-18	July-March 2018-19 ^P
1. Custom based import (c&f)	4842.40 (+12.32)	4893.60 (+1.06)	43557.40 (+24.51)	45789.00 (+5.12)
2. Opening of Import L/C	5753.41 (+29.85)	4992.97 (-13.22)	55957.34 (+56.87)	44266.23 (-20.89)
3. Settlement of Import L/C	4565.76 (+20.47)	4315.69 (-5.48)	38407.72 (+14.19)	41217.74 (+7.32)
	April 2018	April 2019 ^P	July-April 2017-18	July-April 2018-19 ^P
4. Inward Remittances	1331.33 (+21.85)	1434.05 (+7.72)	12092.33 (+17.55)	13303.02 (+10.01)
5. Exports	2954.71 (+7.11)	3034.21 (+2.69)	30406.41 (+6.41)	33937.23 (+11.61)
	July-March 2017-18 ^P		July-March 2018-19 ^P	
6. Current Account Balance	-6487.00		-4234.00	
	15 April 2018	30 April 2019	15 May 2019	
7. Foreign Exchange Reserve [#]	32022.52 (-4.39)	32122.87 (-2.49)	31127.09 (-5.51)	

IV. Price Index

1. CPI inflation at national level (Base : FY 2005-06=100)	March 2018	February 2019	March 2019
a. Twelve month average basis	5.82	5.49	5.48
b. Twelve month point to point basis	5.68	5.47	5.55

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

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

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