

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

As per the latest available information, **broad money** increased by Tk. 45352.30 crore or 4.09 percent in December 2018 over end June 2018 against the increase of Tk. 39933.10 crore or 3.93 percent during the same period of the previous fiscal year. Broad money slightly increased due to positive growth in net foreign assets (NFA) during the period under review, while NFA constituted a negative growth in the same period of the previous fiscal year.

Reserve money stood at Tk. 231777.00 crore as on 15 January 2019 which was Tk. 233956.90 crore as on 31 December 2018. Reserve money decreased by 0.52 percent as on 15 January 2019 over end June 2018 as compared to the decrease of 4.62 percent during the same period of the previous fiscal year.

Domestic credit increased by 5.74 percent and stood at TK. 1080307.90 crore in December 2018 over end June 2018 as compared to the increase of 6.95 percent to Tk. 952534.80 crore during the same period of the previous fiscal year. Domestic credit growth slowed down during the reported period due to decrease in credit to private sector. Credit to Private sector increased by only 5.65 percent in December 2018 over the end June 2018 as compared to the increase of 9.14 percent during the same period of the previous fiscal year. However, Public sector credit growth increased by 6.46 percent in December 2018 over the end June 2018 which decreased by 7.94 percent during the same period of the previous fiscal year.

Government borrowing from the banking system including BB increased by Tk. 1183.97 crore during the period of 01-15 January 2019 as compared to the decrease of Tk. 1780.29 crore in the same period of the previous year. However, as per the latest data, government overall borrowing from the banking system increased by Tk. 5031.59 crore during the period of 01 July-15 January 2018-19 while it was decreased by Tk. 9439.17 crore during the same period of the previous fiscal year.

NBR tax revenue collection increased by 7.15 percent (y-o-y) and stood at Tk. 79732.87 crore during July-November 2018 as compared to the increase of 21.92 percent during the same period of the previous fiscal year.

Inward Remittances increased by 8.03 percent and stood at US\$ 7489.13 million during July-December 2018 against the increase of 12.41 percent during the same period of the previous fiscal year.

Exports increased by 14.42 percent and stood at US\$ 20499.87 million during July- December 2018 against the increase of 7.15 percent during the same period of the previous fiscal year.

Current account balance recorded a deficit of US\$ 2558 million in July-November 2018 as compared to the deficit of US\$ 4744 million during the same period of the previous year. Lower deficit in current account emerged from decrease in deficit both in trade account and service account.

Foreign exchange reserves of BB decreased by US\$ 0.97 billion and stood at US\$ 31.05 billion as on 15 January 2019 from US\$ 32.02 billion as on 27 December 2018 as Bangladesh Bank made payments to Asian Clearing Union (ACU) amounted to US\$ 1145.80 million as on 08 January, 2019.

Inflation on twelve-month average basis (Base: FY2005-06=100) decreased to 5.54 percent in December 2018 from 5.58 percent in November 2018 due mainly to decrease in food inflation. Point to point general inflation also decreased marginally to 5.35 percent in December 2018 from 5.37 percent in November 2018 due to decrease in both food and non-food inflation.

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

Detailed Information on Trends of Major Economic Indicators upto 15 January 2019

I. Money and Credit

(Taka in crore)

Particulars	December 2017	November 2018 ^R	December 2018 ^P
1. Broad money (M2)	1056009.20	1131503.10	1155333.30
	(+3.93)	(+1.94)	(+4.09)
2. Reserve money @	213640.40 ***	233956.90 **	231777.00 *
	(-4.62)	(+0.42)	(-0.52)
3. Bank deposits^{##}	926877.90	992393.90	1010654.20
	(+5.50)	(+2.41)	(+4.29)
4. Domestic credit (A+B)	952534.80	1062174.80	1080307.90
	(+6.95)	(+3.97)	(+5.74)
A. Public sector (including govt.) (a+b)	105512.90	119381.40	121466.80
i. Net credit to govt. sector	87266.40	97786.70	98179.60
	(-7.94)	(+4.63)	(+6.46)
ii. Credit to other public sector	18246.50	21594.60	23287.20
	(-10.34)	(+3.05)	(+3.46)
B. Credit to private sector	847021.90	942793.50	958841.10
	(+5.59)	(+12.47)	(+21.29)
	(+9.14)	(+3.89)	(+5.65)

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 January 2019, **Figure is as of 31st December 2018, ***Figure is as of 15th January 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 January 2018	15 January 2019	01-15 January 2018	01-15 January 2019	01 July -15 January 2017-18	01 July -15 January 2018-19
1. A. Net outstanding position of govt. borrowing from Bangladesh Bank	13480.32	24441.26	2987.01	59.39	-2248.49	795.62
B. Net outstanding position of govt. borrowing from banking sector(including BB)	80277.33	93289.26	-1780.29	1183.97	-9439.17	5031.59
2. Net outstanding position of non-bank borrowing of the govt.*	As of end		Flow for the month of		Flow for the period of	
	November 2017	November 2018 ^P	November 2017	November 2018 ^P	July-November 2017	July-November 2018 ^P
	238432.36	287075.39	(+)3639.58	(+)5046.97	(+)21850.57	(+)23001.00
3. Govt.revenue collection (NBR portion)	November 2017	November 2018 ^P	July-November 2017		July-November 2018 ^P	
	15839.31 (+20.07)	17318.91 (+9.34)	74414.18 (+21.92)		79732.87 (+7.15)	

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	November 2017	November 2018 ^P	July-November 2017	July-November 2018 ^P
1. Custom based import (c&f)	5222.20 (+23.70)	5081.60 (-2.69)	23748.80 (+27.57)	25326.50 (+6.64)
2. Opening of Import L/C	16365.97 (+330.46)	5170.86 (-68.40)	35751.08 (+91.25)	24681.40 (-30.96)
3. Settlement of Import L/C	4397.00 (+13.24)	4902.14 (+11.49)	20592.10 (+8.25)	22545.67 (+9.49)
	December 2017	December 2018 ^P	July-December 2017	July-December 2018 ^P
4. Inward Remittances	1163.82 (+21.39)	1202.85 (+3.35)	6932.36 (+12.41)	7489.13 (+8.03)
5. Exports	3353.11 (+8.42)	3426.11 (+2.18)	17916.02 (+7.15)	20499.87 (+14.42)
	July-November 2017 ^P		July-November 2018 ^P	
6. Current Account Balance	-4744.00		-2558.00	
	15 January 2018	27 December 2018	15 January 2019	
7. Foreign Exchange Reserve [#]	32203.79 (-3.85)	32016.25 (-2.81)	31048.88 (-5.75)	

IV. Price Index

1. CPI inflation at national level (Base : FY 2005-06=100)	December 2017	November 2018 ^P	December 2018
a. Twelve month average basis	5.70	5.58	5.54
b. Twelve month point to point basis	5.83	5.37	5.35

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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