

Fortnightly Trends of Major Economic Indicators: Updates on 15 September 2018

As per the latest available information, **broad money** decreased by Tk. 3820.30 crore or 0.34 percent and stood at Tk.1106160.70 crore in July 2018 over end June 2018 against the decrease of Tk.6484.40 crore or 0.64 percent during the same period of the previous fiscal year.

Reserve money stood at Tk. 230663.90 crore as on 15 September 2018 which was Tk. 233627.20 crore as on 30 August 2018. Reserve money decreased by 1.00 percent as on 30 August 2018 over end June 2018 as compared to the decrease of 1.30 percent during the same period of the previous fiscal year.

Domestic credit decreased by 0.34 percent and stood at TK. 1018132.30 crore in July 2018 over end June 2018 as compared to the decrease of 0.04 percent to Tk. 890340.40 crore during the same period of the previous fiscal year. Domestic credit decreased over the reported period due mainly to decrease in credit to private sector. Credit to private sector recorded 0.67 percent negative growth in July 2018 over the end June 2018, while it was increased by 0.25 percent in the same period of the previous fiscal year. On the other hand, credit to public sector increased by 2.25 percent in July 2018 over the end June 2018 which decreased by 2.00 percent during the same period of the previous fiscal year.

Government borrowing from the banking system including BB decreased by Tk. 1384.89 crore during the period of 01-15 September 2018-19 as compared to the decrease of Tk. 1025.00 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. 6183.22 crore during the period of 01 July-15 September 2018, which was increased by Tk. 2280.85 crore during the same period of the previous fiscal year.

NBR tax revenue collection increased by 2.57 percent (y-o-y) and stood at Tk. 13565.33 crore in July 2018 as compared to the increase of 34.23 percent during the same month of the previous year.

Inward Remittances increased by 7.70 percent and stood at US\$ 2729.23 million during July-August 2018-19 against the increase of 15.76 percent to US\$ 2534.15 million during the same period of the previous fiscal year.

Exports increased by 2.51 percent and stood at US\$ 6795.02 million during July-August 2018-19 against the increase of 13.84 percent to US\$ 6628.60 million during the same period of the previous fiscal year.

Current account balance recorded a deficit of US\$ 278 million in July 2018 as compared to the deficit of US\$ 478 million during the same month of the previous year. Larger deficit in current account balance emerged from increase in deficit both in trade and service account.

Foreign exchange reserves of BB decreased by US\$ 1.18 billion and stood at US\$ 31.75 billion as on 15 September 2018 from US\$ 32.93 billion as on 30 August 2018 as Bangladesh Bank made payments to Asian Clearing Union (ACU) amounted to US\$ 1151.66 million as on 09 September 2018.

Inflation on twelve-month average basis (Base: FY2005-06=100) marginally decreased to 5.74 percent in August 2018 from 5.78 percent in July 2018. Similarly, point to point general inflation decreased marginally to 5.48 percent in August 2018 from 5.51 percent in July 2018. Both twelve-

month average and point to point general inflation decreased in August 2018 as compared to the previous month due to decrease in food inflation.

Detailed fortnightly information upto 15 September 2018 are given at annex-1.

Detailed Information on Trends of Major Economic Indicators upto 15 September 2018**I. Money and Credit**

(Taka in crore)

Particulars	July 2017	June 2018 ^R	July 2018 ^P
1. Broad money (M2)	1009591.70	1109981.00	1106160.70
	(-0.64)	(+9.24)	(-0.34)
2. Reserve money @	221086.60 ***	233627.20 **	230663.90 *
	(-1.30)	(+4.30)	(-1.00)
3. Bank credit[#]	770492.90	899493.00	893967.30
	(-0.24)	(+16.46)	(-0.61)
4. Bank deposits^{##}	883333.30	969063.60	968458.40
	(+0.55)	(+10.30)	(-0.06)
5. Domestic credit (A+B)	890340.40	1021626.80	1018132.30
	(-0.04)	(+14.70)	(-0.34)
A. Public sector (including govt.) (a+b)	112324.60	114095.20	116666.70
	(-2.00)	(-0.45)	(+2.25)
 i. Net credit to govt. sector	94759.80	94895.00	97182.50
	(-2.64)	(-2.51)	(+2.41)
 ii. Credit to other public sector	17564.80	19200.10	19484.20
	(+1.65)	(+11.11)	(+1.48)
B. Credit to private sector	778015.80	907531.60	901465.60
	(+0.25)	(+16.94)	(-0.67)

Source: SBS from 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 September 2018, **Figure is as of 30th August 2018, ***Figure is as of 15th September 2017.

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

II. Government Financing

Particulars	As on		Flow for the period of			
	15 September 2017	15 September 2018	01-15 September 2017-18	01-15 September 2018-19	01 July -15 September 2017-18	01 July -15 September 2018-19
1. A. Net outstanding position of govt. borrowing from Bangladesh Bank	14843.16	17183.07	-3309.44	-3459.40	-885.65	-6462.57
B. Net outstanding position of govt. borrowing from banking sector(including BB)	91997.35	94440.89	-1025.00	-1384.89	2280.85	6183.22
2. Net outstanding position of non-bank borrowing of the govt.*	As of end		Flow for the month of		Flow for the period of	
	July 2017	July 2018 ^P	July 2017	July 2018	July-June 2016-17	July-June 2017-18 ^p
	221892.87	269259.35	(+)5311.08	(+)5184.96	(+)53685.30	(+)47492.60
3. Govt.revenue collection (NBR portion)	July 2017	July 2018 ^P	July-June 2016-17		July-June 2017-18 ^P	
	13225.65 (+34.23)	13565.33 (+2.57)	171679.14 (+10.39)		206407.25 (+20.23)	

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	July 2017-18 ^P	July 2018-19 ^P	July-June 2016- 17	July-June 2017-18 ^P
1. Custom based import (c&f)	4325.60 (+47.05)	5079.10 (+17.42)	47005.20 (+9.00)	58865.30 (+25.23)
2. Opening of Import L/C	4709.68 (+52.03)	5065.09 (+7.55)	48125.92 (+11.05)	69421.15 (+44.25)
3. Settlement of Import L/C	4046.06 (+44.28)	4686.46 (+15.83)	44272.76 (+10.47)	51530.56 (+16.39)
	August 2017-18	August 2018-19 ^P	July-August 2017- 18	July-August 2018-19 ^P
4. Inward Remittances	1418.58 (+19.85)	1411.05 (-0.53)	2534.15 (+15.76)	2729.23 (+7.70)
5. Exports	3640.94 (+10.71)	3213.54 (-11.74)	6628.60 (+13.84)	6795.02 (+2.51)
	July 2017 ^P		July 2018 ^P	
6. Current Account Balance	-478.00		-278.00	
	15 September 2017	30 August 2018	15 September 2018	
7. Foreign Exchange Reserve [#]	32737.15 (-2.26)	32926.51 (+0.03)	31746.49 (-3.55)	

IV. Price Index

1. CPI inflation at national level (Base : FY 2005-06=100)	August 2017	June 2018	August 2018 ^P
a. Twelve month average basis	5.50	5.78	5.74
b. Twelve month point to point basis	5.89	5.51	5.48

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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