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Broad money slightly increased by 0.37 percent during July-November FY25 and stood at BDT 20,40,785.00 crore at the end of November 2024 compared to 0.12 percent increase during July-November FY24. This increase mainly stemmed from the increase in net domestic assets (NDA) during the period.

Domestic credit increased by 1.67 percent during July-November FY25 and stood at BDT 21,50,833.00 crore at the end of November 2024 compared to 1.60 percent increase during July-November FY24. The increase in domestic credit has been driven by the increase in both credit to the public sector and credit to the private sector. Credit to the public sector increased by 2.57 percent during July-November FY25 and stood at BDT 4,86,508.80 crore at the end of November 2024 compared to 4.82 percent decrease during July-November FY24. The positive credit growth in the public sector emerged from net credit to govt. sector.

Credit to the private sector increased by 1.41 percent during July-November FY25 and stood at BDT 16,64,324.20 crore at the end of November 2024 compared to 3.46 percent increase during July-November FY24.

Bank deposits increased by 1.18 percent during July-November FY25 and stood at BDT 17,63,328.30 crore at the end of November 2024 compared to 2.87 percent increase during July-November FY24. The increase in bank deposits emerged from the increase in time deposits during the period.

Reserve money decreased by 10.71 percent during 01 July-15 December FY25 and stood at BDT 3,69,353.91 crore as on 15 December 2024 compared to the end of June 2024. Reserve money decreased due to decrease in both Net Foreign Assets (NFA) and Net Domestic Assets (NDA) of Bangladesh Bank under review.

Government borrowing from the banking system increased by BDT 23,246.42 crore during 01 July-15 December FY25 against the increase of BDT 2,944.82 crore during 01 July-14 December FY24^{©P}.

NBR tax revenue collection decreased by 1.03 percent and stood at BDT 1,01,281.53 crore during July-October FY25 compared to BDT 1,02,336.45 crore during July-October FY24. The target for NBR tax revenue collection was set at BDT 4,80,000.00 crore in the budget for FY25. NBR tax revenue collection during July-October FY25 was 21.10 percent of the target set for FY25.

Exports^{II} increased by 11.66 percent to USD 19.91 billion during July-November FY25 compared to the same period of the preceding fiscal year. Exports increased mainly due to increase in manufactured products exports during the period.

Custom-based imports slightly decreased 0.24 percent to USD 27.70 billion during July-November FY25 compared to 21.02 percent decrease during the same period of the previous fiscal year. Besides, opening of import LC increased by 0.05 percent whereas settlement of import LC decreased 0.83 percent during July-November FY25. A notable depreciation of BDT against USD and import monitoring by BB might have contributed to the negative growth of settlement of import LC during the reported period.

Source: [©] =Money and Banking Wing, Research Department, Bangladesh Bank. P=provisional

^{II} = Data revised by NBR, Compiled by Statistics Department, Bangladesh bank.

Inward Remittances increased by 28.82 percent to USD 12.73 billion during 01 July-15 December FY25 compared to 1.47 percent increase during the same period of the previous fiscal year. The consistent inflow of remittances can be linked to the interim government's initiatives aimed at persuading remitters to use formal banking channels instead of informal channels like hundi.

Current account balance recorded a deficit of USD 0.23 billion during July-November FY25, against the deficit of USD 3.94 billion during July-November FY24. The deficit in the current account balance mainly emerged from trade deficit.

Foreign exchange reserves stood at USD 24.81 billion as on 15 December 2024 from USD 24.73 billion as on 14 December 2023.

Headline Inflation (Point to point) and **headline inflation (twelve-month average)** edged up to 11.38 percent and 10.22 percent respectively in November 2024 from 10.87 percent and 10.05 percent respectively in October 2024. The headline inflation has increased due to rise in food prices, BDT depreciation against dollar and production shortages caused by supply disruption resulting from flood.

Detailed fortnightly information available up to 15 December 2024 is annexed herewith.

Detailed Information of Major Economic Indicators 01-15 December 2024

I. Money and Credit

(Taka in crore)

Particulars	June 2023	November 2023	June 2024 ^R	November 2024 ^P	Flow of July-November of FY25	Flow of July-November of FY24
1	2	3	4	5	6=(5-4)	7=(3-2)
Broad money (M2)	1887168.10	1889423.10	2033234.00	2040785.00	7551.00	2255.00
	(+10.48)	(+0.12)	(+7.74)	(+0.37)		
 Currency Outside Banks (COB)	291913.50	248441.70	290436.50	277456.70	-12979.80	-43471.80
	(+23.46)	(-14.89)	(-0.51)	(-4.47)		
 Bank deposits[#]	1595254.60	1640981.40	1742797.50	1763328.30	20530.80	45726.80
	(+8.40)	(+2.87)	(+9.25)	(+1.18)		
Domestic credit	1926770.80	1957595.90	2115524.90	2150833.00	35308.10	30825.10
	(+15.25)	(+1.60)	(+9.80)	(+1.67)		
 Public sector (including govt.)	432514.60	411654.70	474296.20	486508.80	12212.60	-20859.90
	(+34.94)	(-4.82)	(+9.66)	(+2.57)		
 Net credit to govt. sector	387349.90	363992.40	424877.10	438647.60	13770.50	-23357.50
	(+36.72)	(-6.03)	(+9.69)	(+3.24)		
 Credit to other public sector	45164.70	47662.30	49419.10	47861.20	-1557.90	2497.60
	(+21.41)	(+5.53)	(+9.42)	(-3.15)		
 Credit to private sector	1494256.20	1545941.20	1641228.70	1664324.20	23095.50	51685.00
	(+10.58)	(+3.46)	(+9.84)	(+1.41)		
Particulars	30 June 2023	14 December 2023	30 June 2024 ^R	15 December 2024	Flow of 01 July-15 December of FY25	Flow of 01 July-14 December of FY24
Reserve money @	383585.20	344532.70	413647.00	369353.91	-44293.09	-39052.50
	(+10.49)	(-10.18)	(+7.84)	(-10.71)		

Source: Monetary Policy Department & Statistics Department, Bangladesh Bank.

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

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

Including both demand and time deposits

II. Government Financing

(Taka in crore)

Particulars	As on		Flow for the period of			
	14 December 2023	15 December 2024 ^P	01-14 Decmber 2023	01-15 December 2024 ^P	01 July to 14 December of FY24	01 July to 15 December of FY25
1. A. Net outstanding position of govt. borrowing from Bangladesh Bank	123532.45	116058.83	-7084.95	-2484.71	-34107.39	-39989.33
B. Net outstanding position of govt. borrowing from banking sector (including BB)	396722.86	497736.02	794.70	-1602.40	2944.82	23246.42
2. Net outstanding position of non-bank borrowing of the govt.*	As of end		Flow for the month of		Flow for the period of	
	September 2023	September 2024 ^P	September 2023	September 2024 ^P	July-September FY24	July-September FY25
	423339.01	455474.46	1659.98	11006.22	3492.11	22733.62
3. Govt. tax revenue collection (NBR portion)	October 2023	October 2024 ^P	July-October FY24		July-October FY25	
	26847.34 (+12.85)	27072.65 (+0.84)	102336.45 (+12.56)		101281.53 (-1.03)	

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.

III. External Sector

(In million USD)

Particulars	November 2023	November 2024	July-November of FY24	July-November of FY25
1. Exports ^u	3566.11 (NA)	4118.70 (+15.50)	17828.94 (NA)	19907.50 (+11.66)
2. Custom based import (c & f)	5890.80 (-22.40)	5377.90 (-8.71)	27762.90 (-21.02)	27696.50 (-0.24)
	November 23	November 24	July-November of FY24	July-November of FY25
3. Opening of Import L/C [^]	5578.31 (NA)	5388.99 (-3.39)	28107.16 (NA)	28121.94 (+0.05)
4. Settlement of Import L/C [^]	5911.59 (NA)	5204.50 (-11.96)	28174.16 (NA)	27939.56 (-0.83)
	14 December 2023	15 December 2024	01 July-14 December of FY24	01 July-15 December of FY25
5. Inward Remittances	1070.00 (+13.59)	1588.00 (+48.41)	9878.42 (+1.47)	12725.78 (+28.82)
	July-November of FY24		July-November of FY25	
6. Current Account Balance	-3939.00		-226.00	
	14 December 2023	28 November 2024	15 December 2024	
7. Foreign Exchange Reserve	24734.87 (-27.31)	24350.22 (-2.19)	24808.29 (+0.30)	
IV. Real Sector				
1. Headline Inflation	November 2023	October 2024	November 2024	
a. Point to Point Inflation	9.49	10.87	11.38	
b. Twelve Month Average Inflation	9.42	10.05	10.22	

Source: Statistics Department, Accounts & Budgeting Department, Foreign Exchange Operations Department of Bangladesh Bank, Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics and Export Promotion Bureau of Bangladesh.

^uData retrieved from OIMS on 15.12.2024

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

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μ= Data revised by NBR, Compiled by Statistics Department, Bangladesh bank.

NA=Not Available