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MESSAGE OF THE GOVERNOR

Financial stability, viewed as the resilience of the financial system to unanticipated adverse shocks, enables continued smooth functioning of the financial intermediation process. In line with its broader mandate, Bangladesh Bank publishes Quarterly Financial Stability Assessment Report in addition to publishing stability report on a yearly basis. Increased globalization of financial markets as well as growing inter-connectedness of the global financial system may exert negative spillover effect on our country too. Considering this reality, Bangladesh Bank enhances its surveillance on financial institutions, markets and infrastructures towards achieving a desired level of stability of our financial system.

During January-March 2017, prudent monetary policy management and fiscal discipline have supported macroeconomic stability, allowing the financial system to get benefit from favourable external demand, moderate flow of remittances and lower commodity prices. Stringent microprudential regulation and supervision, judicious application of macroprudential oversight and inclusive finance campaign, all contributed significantly to the stability of the financial system. An expanded structure of the banking and financial institutions with rising contribution to GDP along-with the gradual implementation towards Basel III capital and liquidity frameworks helped to maintain a moderate level of financial system stability. Several financial inclusion initiatives made way for domestic demand-driven employment, income and output that also helped improve the quality of growth and supported macro-financial stability strengthening the economy's resilience.

I hope our analyses and assessments will help creating risk awareness among the stakeholders of the financial system as well as enable them prepare for and adapt to possible shocks. I would like to thank the officials of Financial Stability Department for preparing this report.

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MESSAGE OF THE DEPUTY GOVERNOR

During the review quarter, January-March 2017, economic activity gained some momentum in advanced economies. For instance, growth picked up in the United States and also remained solid in the United Kingdom in the aftermath of the June 2016 referendum in favour of leaving the European Union (Brexit). Economic upturn has been evident in Japan attributable to strong net export growth. Similar trend was observed in the euro area countries, such as Germany and Spain, as a result of strong domestic demand. However, economic performance across emerging market has remained mixed. Though China's growth remained strong, activity has slowed in India and Brazil and remained weak in fuel and non-fuel commodity exporters more generally, while geopolitical factors held back growth in parts of the Middle East and Turkey. Amid these developments, Bangladesh financial system remained mostly stable during January-March 2017.

A number of domestic macroeconomic indicators demonstrated improving trend. Decline in inflation and interest rate and increase in foreign exchange reserve, wage earners' remittance and exports contributed notably to maintaining a reasonable level of stability in the financial system. Several initiatives have been taken by Bangladesh Bank to improve the macro-financial stability of the economy. Development of a tool named Composite Financial Stability Index (CFSI), revision of call borrowing limit and statutory liquidity requirement for financial institutions (FIs), issuance of guidelines on environmental and social risk management (ESRM) for banks and financial institutions, issuance of updated uniform account opening form & Know Your Customer (KYC) profile form for banks are instances of some notable ones.

I commend the dedication and effort of the officials of Financial Stability Department and other contributing departments of Bangladesh Bank in preparing this report. I believe the evaluation and assessment of this report will furnish important insights to the stakeholders that will contribute to maintaining the stability of our financial system in the forthcoming quarters.

Shitangshu Kumar Sur Chowdhury Deputy Governor

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Acronyms

| ADs | Authorised Dealers |
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| ADR | Advance-to-Deposit Ratio |
| B/L | Bad and Loss |
| BB | Bangladesh Bank |
| BBS | Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics |
| BDT | Bangladesh Taka |
| BRPD | Banking Regulation and Policy Department |
| CPI | Consumer Price Index |
| CRAR | Capital to Risk-weighted Asset Ratio |
| CRR | Cash Reserve Ratio |
| CSE | Chittagong Stock Exchange |
| CY | Calendar Year |
| DFIs | Development Finance Institutions |
| DFIM | Department of Financial Institutions and Markets |
| DOS | Department of Off-site Supervision |
| DSE | Dhaka Stock Exchange |
| FCBs | Foreign Commercial Banks |
| Fls | Financial Institutions |
| FOB | Free on Board |
| FSD | Financial Stability Department |
| FSV | Forced Sale Value |
| FX | Foreign Exchange |
| FY | Financial Year |
| GFET | Guidelines for Foreign Exchange Transactions |
| IS | Interest Suspense |
| LCAF | Letter of Credit Authorization Form |
| NPL | Non-performing Loan |
| PCBs | Private Commercial Banks |
| P/E Ratio | Price Earnings Ratio |
| QFSAR | Quarterly Financial Stability Assessment Report |
| ROA | Return on Assets |
| ROE | Return on Equity |
| RWA | Risk-weighted Assets |
| SCBs | State-owned Commercial Banks |
| SLR | Statutory Liquidity Requirement |
| SME | Small & Medium Enterprise |
| USD | United States Dollar |
| WAR | Weighted Average Resilience |
| WIR | Weighted Insolvency Ratio |
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Executive Summary

This report conveys the assessment of Bangladesh Bank on the resilience of the domestic financial system to risks and vulnerabilities during the January-March quarter of the calendar year 2017 (CY17). Also, the report discusses issues relating to development and regulation of the financial sector which may affect the stability of the financial system.

Global macro-financial condition improved despite the prevailing uncertainties. Economic activities gained momentum in advanced economies with pick up in investment, manufacturing and trade during the first quarter of CY17. Expectation of continued policy support in China and fiscal expansion in the United States (US) led to buoyant financial markets. However, further hike in Fed rate and potential further appreciation of US dollar pose risk of reversal in market sentiment and confidence in emerging market economies. In addition, geopolitical tensions in some jurisdictions may present renewed threats to global growth prospect.

During the review quarter, the domestic macroeconomic situation exhibited enhanced resilience compared to the preceding quarter. General inflation along with non-food inflation maintained the lower trend while food inflation demonstrated a rise. Gross foreign exchange reserves increased to USD 32.2 billion, which is equivalent to meeting more than seven months' imports of goods and services. Wage earners' remittance recorded an increase of 3.6 percent over the previous quarter. A positive growth was observed in both exports and imports. The Bangladesh Taka (BDT) experienced further depreciation against US Dollar (USD) enhancing export competitiveness. The interest rate spread remained unchanged during the quarter. Government borrowing from the banking sector remained on a downward path.

The banking sector displayed a mixed trend in the review quarter. The aggregate balance sheet of the banking sector increased and stood at 68 percent of the gross domestic product (GDP). The share of loans and advances in the total assets continued to increase while the share of investments in government and other securities declined. Gross nonperforming loan (NPL) ratio slightly increased over the previous quarter. However, provision maintenance ratio also increased leading to enhanced resilience of the banking system. Key profitability indicators, both Return on Assets (ROA) and Return on Equity (ROE), annualised from respective quarterly ratios, experienced a drop in the review quarter. At end-March 2017, capital to risk-weighted assets ratio (CRAR) of the banking sector declined slightly albeit remained above the minimum regulatory requirement. A majority of the banks were able to maintain the minimum capital conservation buffer which was introduced in early 2016 under Basel III framework. Besides, the banking industry maintained a leverage ratio much higher than the regulatory minimum requirement on both solo and consolidated bases. No sign of liquidity pressure was evident during the review quarter; banks were able to maintain the required Cash Reserve Ratio (CRR) and Statutory Liquidity Ratio (SLR).

Financial Institutions (FIs) sector also demonstrated a mixed development. During the review quarter, FIs faced challenge in the form of weakening in asset quality and profitability; on the

other hand, FIs enjoyed a comfortable capital adequacy and liquidity situation. The ratio of classified loans and leases to total loans and leases increased by 70 basis points (bps) during the quarter and reached at 8.1 percent. Both ROA and ROE decreased slightly over the previous quarter. However, the capital adequacy ratio (CAR) and Tier-1 capital ratio, in line with Basel II capital framework, stood at 15.9 and 14.4 percent respectively, well above the minimum regulatory requirements. FIs did not face any liquidity pressure during the review quarter as evident from their maintenance of higher CRR and SLR.

Most of the banks and FIs found resilient from standpoint of stress test. Stress test on banks, based on the data as of end-March 2017, indicates that default of top borrowers and rise in gross non-performing loan (NPL) would have major impacts on the banking sector CRAR. However, individual bank and the banking system, as a whole, appear to be resilient against various liquidity stress scenarios. On the other hand, stress test on financial institutions (FIs) reveals that a majority of them remain resilient in the event of stress scenarios as of end-March 2017, though 11 out of 33 FIs displayed vulnerability to some extent at different shock events.

The domestic capital market demonstrated a scenario of price appreciation. The main indices of DSE (DSEX) and CSE (CASPI), and P/E ratios in both bourses displayed an upward trend during the review quarter. DSE and CSE turnover recorded a notable increase of 77.5 and 74.9 percent respectively over the previous quarter. The highest turnover was recorded by the banking sector in both bourses. An increase in market capitalization was also registered in both bourses at end-March 2017. No corporate bonds were issued during this quarter.

Bangladesh Bank has taken a number of initiatives having bearings on financial stability. During the review quarter, Bangladesh Bank, among other initiatives, has developed a Composite Financial Stability Index (CFSI), advised banks to rationalize deposit and lending rates and schedule of charges, changed base for setting call borrowing limit of FIs, revised computation of Statutory Liquidity Reserve of FIs, issued consolidated guidelines on refinance scheme for green products/initiatives and guidelines on Environmental & Social Risk Management (ESRM) for Banks and FIs, brought about changes in foreign exchange regulations to make foreign exchange operations easier as well as more disciplined, updated Uniform Account Opening Form and Know Your Customer (KYC) Profile Form, and provided instructions to maintain discipline in Mobile Financial Services (MFS).

In sum, the financial system of Bangladesh remains resilient in the review quarter. While the global growth outlook has improved, potential risk arising from hike in Fed rate and appreciation of US dollar need to be dealt with cautiously.

Chapter-1

Macroeconomic Developments

Decline in inflation and interest rate, increase in foreign exchange reserves, wage earners' remittance, and exports contributed to the reasonable level of stability of Bangladesh financial sector during the review quarter, January-March 2017.

1.1 Inflation

At end-March 2017, inflation slightly decreased to 5.4 percent from 5.5 percent recorded at end-December 2016 and 6.1 percent at end-March 2016. Whereas, food inflation increased to 5.2 percent from 4.5 percent of end-December 2016, non- food inflation decreased to 5.7 percent from 7.1 percent recorded at-end December 2016 (Chart 1.1).

1.2 Foreign Exchange Reserve and its Import Coverage

At end-March 2017, the gross foreign exchange reserves reached at USD 32.2 billion recording an increment of 0.4 percent, from the USD 32.1 billion of end-December 2016. The reserve position was equivalent to meeting more than seven months' imports of goods and services¹. It is noteworthy that at the end-March, reserve position was USD 28.3 billion.

1.3 Wage Earners' Remittance

Remittance from Bangladeshi nationals, working abroad, stood at USD 3,027.7 million during the review quarter, recording an increase of 3.6 percent compared to USD 2,921.1 million recorded during the preceding quarter and decrease of 15.3 percent from USD 3,572.5 million at the same period of previous year. It is noteworthy that during fourth quarter of 2016, remittance inflow declined by 10.0 percent compared to the preceding quarter.

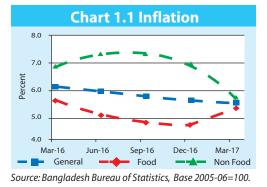
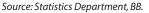
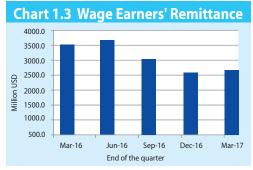


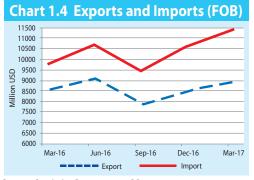
Chart 1.2 Foreign Exchange Reserves







Source: Monthly Economic Trends, BB (various issues).



Source: Statistics Department, BB.

¹ Compiled on the basis of import (shipment) data received from NBR (Since September 2016).

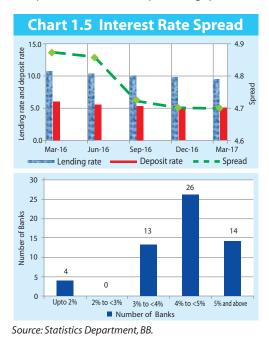
1.4 Imports and Exports

In the review quarter, aggregate import payments² increased by 7.5 percent and reached at USD 11,448.0 million as compared to USD 10,645.0 million recorded in the preceding quarter. Pertinently, in the same quarter of the previous year import payments were USD 9,765.0 million. Export receipts increased by 4.9 percent and reached at USD 8,920.0 million compared to USD 8,501.0 million recorded in the fourth quarter of CY16 while scoring an increment of 3.4 percent from USD 8,624.0 million recorded in first quarter of CY16.

1.5 Interest Rate

The spread between weighted average lending and deposit rates remained unchanged at 4.7 percent with respect to that of end-December 2016; spreads of 14 out of 57 banks were above 5.0 percent. Out of these 14 banks, 5 were FCBs and 9 PCBs.

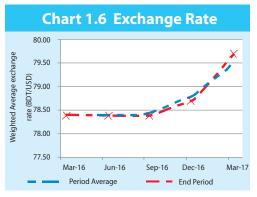
In March 2017, the weighted average lending and deposit rates were 9.7 and 5.0 percent respectively which were 10.8 and 5.9 percent in March 2016. Both the lending and deposit rates slightly declined in the review quarter compared to those of the preceding quarter.



² On FOB basis. Note: P = provisional

1.6 Exchange Rate

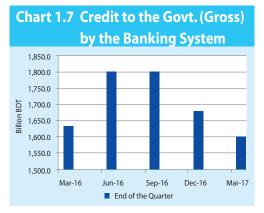
The Bangladesh Taka in terms of US dollar³, recording a slight depreciation, stood at BDT 79.50 per USD, in March 2017, from BDT 78.80 per USD in December 2016. The rate was BDT 78.41 per USD in March 2016.



Source: Monthly Economic Trends, BB (Various issues).

1.7 Credit to the Government (Gross) by the Banking System

Credit to the Government (gross), by the banking system, decreased by BDT 76.0 billion or 4.5 percent during the review quarter with respect to the position of end-December 2016 and it declined by BDT 78.1 billion or 4.6 percent from the same quarter of the previous year. Mentionable that in the preceding quarter, credit to the government recorded a decrease of 6.5 percent compared to July-September quarter of 2016.



Source: Statistics Department, BB. (Various issues).

³ On weighted average basis.

Banking Sector Performance

The banking sector demonstrated a mixed trend in terms of asset growth, profitability and asset quality during the January-March guarter of CY17.

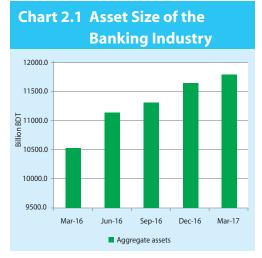
2.1 Assets Structure

The balance sheet size of the banking sector⁴ stood at BDT 11,781.2 billion, increasing by 1.3 percent from BDT 11,625.3 billion of end-December 2016 and 11.9 percent from BDT 10,529.8 billion of end-March 2016 position. Maximum portion of the banking industry's assets were held by PCBs. It is to mention that banking sector assets-to-GDP ratio stood at 68 percent at end-March 2017⁵ which was 67.2 percent at the end of the preceding guarter and 60.8 percent at end-March 2016.

Loans and advances, the largest segment among the asset items, constitute 62.6 percent of total assets during the review quarter. Major portion of loans and advances were held by PCBs. Pertinently, the share of loans and advances, as a percentage of total assets, increased by 120 basis points at end-March CY17, compared with that of end-December 2016.

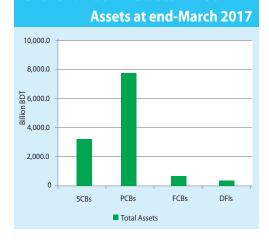
The share of banks' assets with Bangladesh Bank decreased by 20 basis points and balances with other banks and financial institutions remains almost same compared with that of end-December 2016. Banks' money at call increased by 20 basis points, while the share of other assets decreased by 10 basis points. However, the share of investments in government and other securities decreased by 110 basis points.

The asset concentration ratios of Top 5 and Top 10 banks against the total banking system assets were 31.6 and 45.2 percent respectively at end-March 2017 (Chart 2.5 & 2.6); the proportions decreased relative to those in the preceding guarter.



industry): FSD, BB.

Chart 2.2 Bank Cluster-wise



Source: Compilation (Aggregate B/S account of banking

Source: Compilation (Aggregate B/S account of banking industry): FSD, BB.

⁴ Taking into account only scheduled banks (57).

⁵ Taking into account GDP at current market price for the financial year 2015-16.

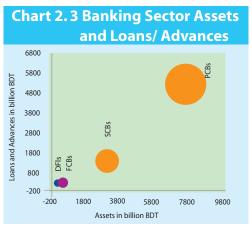
2.2 Asset Quality

The gross NPL ratio⁶ stood at 10.5 percent at end-March 2017, increasing by 130 basis points from 9.2 percents of end-December 2016 and 60 basis points from 9.9 percent of end-March 2016. Besides, non-performing loans net of specific loan loss provisions and interest suspense to total loans increased to 2.9 percent from 2.3 percent of both end-December 2016 and end-March 2016. Moreover, non-performing loans net of specific loan loss provisions and interest suspense to regulatory capital increased to 22.7 percent from 18.0 percent of end-December 2016 and 21.2 percent of end-March 2016.

The distribution of banks, based on their gross NPL ratios, indicates that 14 banks came up with double-digit ratios in March CY17 and same in March CY16. Pertinently, NPL of SCBs was highest in the review quarter.

The provision maintenance ratio⁷, at end-March 2017, increased to 87.5 percent from 84.9 percent recorded at end-December 2016 and decreased from 87.7 percent of end-March 2016.

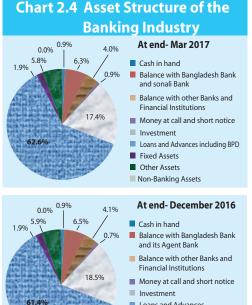
Pertinently, 48.1 and 65.5 percents of the non-performing loans were concentrated in the Top 5 and Top 10 banks respectively at end-March 2017 (chart 2.11 & 2.12).



Source: Compilation (Aggregate B/S account of banking industry): FSD, BB.

б Non-performing loan to total loan ratio.

Maintained provision to required provision.



Loans and Advances

Fixed Assets

Other Assets Non-Banking Assets

Source: Compilation (Aggregate B/S account of banking industry): FSD, BB.

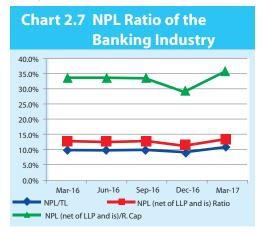


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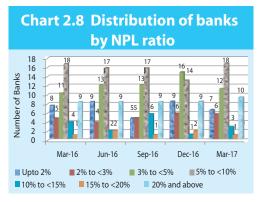
The ratio of bad and loss loans to total classified loans stood at 82.1 percent at end-March CY17 while sub-standard and doubtful loans constituted 11.1 and 6.8 percent of total NPLs respectively during the review quarter. Pertinently, the proportion of bad and loss loans decreased by 2.3 percentage points while the proportions of sub-standard and doubtful loans increased by 0.9 and 1.4 percentage points from those of the previous quarter.



Source: Compilation (Aggregate B/S account of banking industry): FSD, BB.





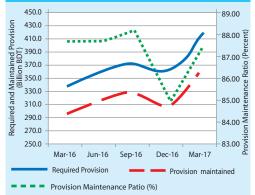




2.3 Profitability

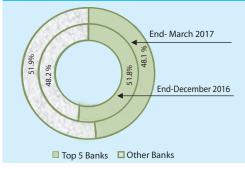
In the review quarter, profitability of the banking sector decreased on a quarter-on-quarter basis. Return on assets (ROA) and return on equity (ROE) of the banking sector stood at 0.1 and 1.2 percents respectively against 0.8 and 10.8 against percents of the respective of the preceding quarter⁸. Almost 87.7 percent of the banks' ROA was up to 2.0 percent. On the other hand, 61.4 percent of the banks' ROE was





Source: BRPD, BB.

Chart 2.10 Top 5 Banks based on NPL



Source: BRPD, Compilation FSD.

Chart 2.11 Top 10 Banks based on NPL



Source: BRPD, Compilation FSD.

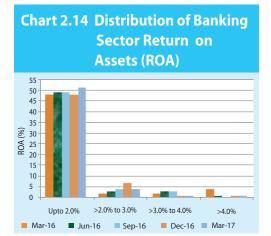
⁸ The figures are annualised form of quarterly ratios.



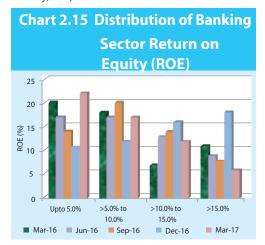
Source: BRPD, BB.



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Source: Compilation (Aggregate P/L account of banking industry): FSD, BB.



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Chapter-3

Financial Institutions' Performance

Financial Institutions (FIs) faced some strain in their performance during the review quarter of CY17. Key financial soundness indicators, such as gross non-performing loans and leases ratio along with profitability ratios slightly declined over the preceding quarter.

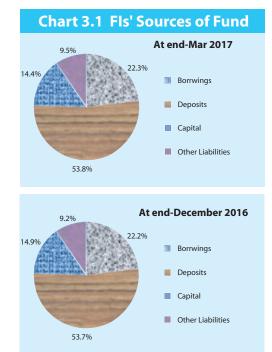
3.1 Sources of Funds

At end-March 2017, borrowings, deposits, capital and other liabilities constituted 22.3, 53.8, 14.4 and 9.5 percent of the sources of funds of the FIs respectively. In comparison with end-December 2016, the share of the liabilities remained almost same.

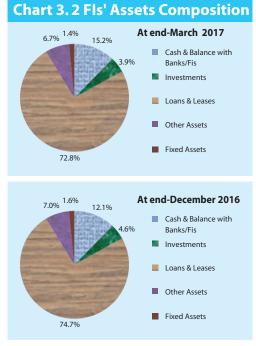
3.2 Assets Composition

Loans and leases constituted 72.8 percent of total assets of FIs at end-March 2017. Cash and balances with banks/FIs, investments, fixed assets and other assets comprised 15.2, 3.9, 1.4 and 6.7 percent of total assets respectively.

When compared with end-December 2016 positions, the share of loans and leases decreased by 1.9 percentage points. Cash and balances with other banks/FIs increased by 3.1 percentage points; the proportion of investments decreased by 0.7 percentage point while the share of rest of the assets remained almost same.



Source: FIs; Compilation: FSD, BB.



Source: FIs; Compilation: FSD, BB.

3.3 Asset Quality

NBFIs' asset quality slightly deteriorated in March 2017. The ratio of classified loans and leases to total loans and leases reached to 8.1 percent at end-March 2017, which is 70 basis points higher than the ratio of 7.4 recorded at end-December 2016

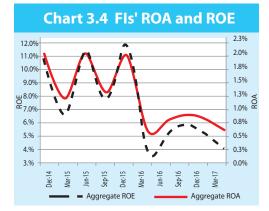
3.4 Profitability

FIs' profitability declined to some extent in the review quarter over the December quarter of 2016^9 .

The key profitability indicators - return on assets (ROA) and return on equity (ROE) stood at 0.6 and 4.2 percent respectively in the March quarter of 2017 as compared to 0.8 and 5.4 percent respectively recorded in the preceding quarter.



Source: DFIM, BB.



Source: Fls; Compilation: FSD, BB.

⁹ Here profitability indicators - ROA and ROE - have been annualized from quarterly ratios.

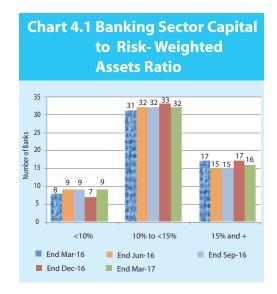
Banking Sector Liquidity and Capital Adequacy

The banking sector of Bangladesh operated under Basel III capital and liquidity frameworks in the review quarter. Banking sector capital to risk-weighted assets ratio (CRAR) slightly decreased with respect to that of the previous quarter; still the ratio was higher than the minimum regulatory requirement of 10.0 percent. Majority of the banks were able to maintain minimum capital conservation buffer. Besides, the advance-to-deposit ratio (ADR) increased.

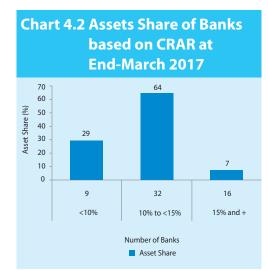
4.1 Capital Adequacy

In the review quarter, majority of the banks were compliant to the minimum CRAR requirement. Pertinently, 48 out of 57 banks were able to maintain CRARs of 10.0 percent or higher in line with Pillar 1 of the Basel III capital framework. In addition, substantial share of banking assets was concentrated within the CRAR-compliant group of banks (chart 4.2); CRARs of 32 banks were within the range of 10-15 percent and their assets accounted for nearly 64.0 percent of the total banking industry's assets at end-March 2017.

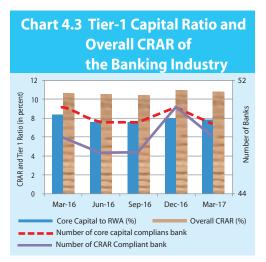
At end-March 2017, the banking sector aggregate CRAR was 10.7 percent, slightly higher than the minimum requirement of 10.0 percent and 10 basis points lower than the ratio recorded at end-December 2016 and 10 basis points higher than the ratio of 10.6 percent at end-March 2016. Tier-1 capital ratio remained same to 7.9 percent compared to its previous quarter and slightly lower than 8.2 percent of end-March 2016. Notably the ratio was significantly higher than the minimum regulatory requirement which was 5.5 percent for CY16 and 6.0 percent for CY17. Pertinently, FCBs maintained higher CRAR while CRAR of the DFIs was negative in the review quarter.



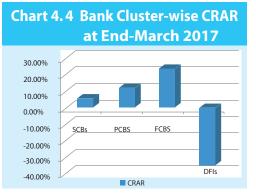
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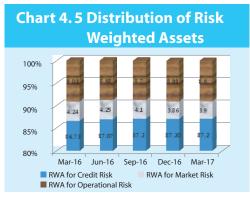
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At end-March 2017, risk-weighted assets, arising from credit risks, accounted for 87.2 percent of the total industry's risk-weighted assets under Pillar 1 of the Basel III capital adequacy framework which was same in previous quarter and 86.7 percent at end-March 2016. Next positions were held by operational and market risks (Chart 4.5). The Capital Conservation Buffer (CCB) requirement for banks has been started from early 2016 and would be fully implemented by 2019 in line with the Basel III framework. Against the regulatory requirement of 1.25 percent for CY17, 44 out of 57 banks have been able to maintain the minimum required CCB on solo basis during the review quarter. On the other hand, in case of consolidated basis, 26 out of 36 banks successfully fulfilled this regulatory requirement. The aggregate figure of CCB of the banking sector, in the stated quarter, was 0.68 and 1.28 percents on solo and consolidated bases respectively.

Chart 4.6 Banking Sector Advanceto-Deposit Ratio



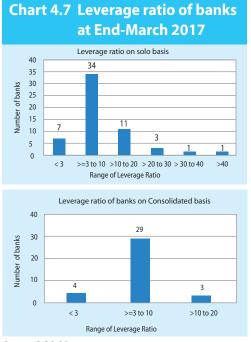
Source: DOS, BB.

4.2 Liquidity

During the review quarter, banking sector, as a whole, was able to maintain the required level of CRR¹⁰ and SLR.

ADR of the overall banking industry was 73.4 percent, 150 basis points higher than that of end-December 2016 and 190 basis points higher than that of end-March 2016 (Chart 4.6).

¹⁰ On bi-weekly average basis







Source: DOS, BB.

Source: DOS, BB.

4.3 Leverage ratio

In the review quarter, banking industry has been able to fulfill the minimum leverage ratio requirement of 3.0 percent, on both solo and consolidated bases. At end-March 2017, banking industry's leverage ratio was 4.9 percent on solo basis; 49 out of 57 banks have successfully maintained a leverage ratio of 3.0 percent or higher (Chart 4.7). On the other hand, in case of consolidated basis, 32 out of 36 banks have been able to fulfill the regulatory requirement. FCBs maintained higher leverage ratio compared to other banking clusters.

Financial Institutions' Liquidity and Capital Adequacy

During the review quarter, FI sector displayed a mixed performance in terms of liquidity and capital adequacy. There was no shortfall in cash reserve ratio (CRR) and statutory liquidity ratio (SLR); however, capital adequacy ratio decreased slightly compared to that of the previous quarter.

5.1 Liquidity

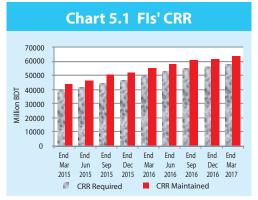
As of end-March 2017, the aggregate amount of maintained CRR was BDT 6,400.4 million as compared to BDT 6,177.73 million recorded at end-December 2016, scoring an increment of 3.6 percent. On the other hand, at end-March 2017, the amount of maintained SLR was BDT 83.3 billion against required amount of BDT 14.3 billion. During the review quarter, the FIs sector had no CRR and SLR shortfall¹¹.

5.2 Capital Adequacy

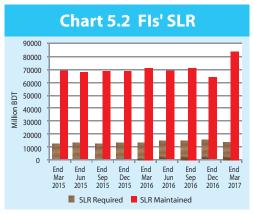
In the review quarter, FIs were required to maintain a capital adequacy ratio (CAR) of 10.0 percent with at least 5.0 percent in Tier-1 capital in line with the Basel II framework.

The CAR of the FI sector deceased from 16.6 percent¹² of the December quarter of CY16 to 15.9 percent in the March quarter of CY17.

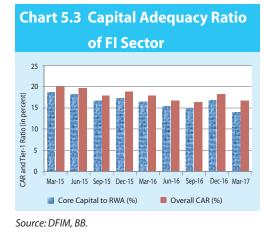
It is to mention that the maintained CAR was well above the minimum regulatory requirement. In addition, the Tier-1 capital ratio was recorded at 14.4 percent; 60 basis points lower than the ratio of end-December 2016.



Source: DFIM, BB.



Source: DFIM, BB.



 ¹¹ FIs taking term deposits are required to maintain a statutory liquidity requirement (SLR) of 5.0 percent of their total liabilities, inclusive of an average 2.5 percent cash reserve ratio (CRR) of their total term deposits. On the other hand, FIs operating without term deposits are required to maintain an SLR of 2.5 percent and are exempted from maintaining the CRR.

¹² Revised figure

Stress Test and Resilience of the Banking and FI Sectors

6.1 Stress Test

Bangladesh Bank performs stress tests on Banks and Financial Institutions (FIs) on quarterly basis.

6.2 Stress Test on Banks¹³

Stress test on banks is conducted through sensitivity analysis, incorporating impacts of the shock scenarios for credit, market and liquidity risks.

6.2.1 Individual Shocks

Data as of end-March 2017 revealed that the banking sector's capital to risk weighted asset ratio (CRAR)¹⁴ was 10.68 percent. Out of 57 banks (except 1 newly formed), 9 banks' pre-shock CRARs were below the minimum regulatory requirement of 10.0 percent. Therefore, the remaining 47 banks were considered for the analyses based on end-March 2017 data. The following sub-sections provide details of the shocks and the associated outcomes.

6.2.1.1 Credit Risk

 a) Increase in Non-performing Loans (NPL¹⁵): If NPLs increase by 3, 9 and 15 percent, then 2, 24 and 34 banks respectively may fail to maintain the minimum required CRAR (Table 6.1).

- b) Increase in NPL due to Default of Top Large Borrowers: If 3, 7 and 10 largest borrowers of each bank in the industry default, then 23, 35 and 38 banks respectively may become non-compliant in maintaining the minimum required CRAR.
- c) Fall in the Forced Sale Value (FSV) of Mortgaged Collateral: If FSV of mortgaged collateral decline by 10, 20 and 40 percent, then respectively 1, 3, and 8 banks may be non-compliant in maintaining the minimum required CRAR.
- d) Negative Shift in the NPL Categories : If NPL categories shift downward by 5, 10 and 15 percent, then 1, 11, and 15 banks respectively are likely become non-compliant in maintaining the minimum required CRAR.
- e) Increase in NPL in Highest Outstanding Sector : In the event of a minor shock, no bank would fall below the minimum regulatory requirement of CRAR. However, due to moderate and major shocks, 3 and 3 banks respectively may fall below the minimum regulatory requirement.

¹³ The analyses here are based on the data as of end-March 2017 unless stated otherwise.

¹⁴ CRAR = Capital to Risk-Weighted Asset Ratio =Total Eligible Capital/(Credit RWA + Market RWA + Operational RWA), where RWA₌Risk-weighted assets.

¹⁵ NPL = Non-performing loans, composed of sub-standard, doubtful and bad/loss loans.

| | ble 6.1 Stress test on the Banking Sector Based on Data a | |
|----------|---|--------------------|
| | Shocks ¹⁶ | Banking Sector (%) |
| | ock CRAR | 10.68 |
| | fter shock (%) | |
| Credit I | | |
| Inci | rease in NPLs: | |
| | Shock-1:3% | 9.83 |
| | Shock-2:9% | 7.68 |
| | Shock-3:15% | 4.12 |
| Inci | rease in NPLs due to default of top large borrowers | |
| | Shock-1:Top 3 borrowers | 9.05 |
| | Shock-2: Top 7 borrowers | 7.65 |
| | Shock-3: Top 10 borrowers | 6.81 |
| Fall | in the FSV ¹⁷ of mortgaged collateral | |
| | Shock-1:10% | 10.14 |
| | Shock-2:20% | 9.60 |
| | Shock-3:40% | 8.48 |
| Neg | gative shift in the NPL categories | |
| | Shock-1:5% | 10.00 |
| | Shock-2:10% | 7.53 |
| | Shock-3:15% | 6.34 |
| Inci | rease in NPLs in highest outstanding sectors | |
| | Sector concentration 1 ¹⁸ | |
| | (Performing loan directly downgraded to B/L ¹⁹) | |
| | Shock-1:3% | 10.63 |
| | Shock-2:9% | 10.54 |
| | Shock-3:15% | 10.44 |
| | Sector concentration 2 ²⁰ | |
| | (Performing loan directly downgraded to B/L) | |
| | Shock-1:3% | 10.64 |
| | Shock-2:9% | 10.54 |
| | Shock-3:15% | 10.45 |
| Market | Risks | |
| | erest rate risk (Change in interest rate) | |
| | Shock-1:1% | 10.32 |
| | Shock-2:2% | 9.95 |
| | Shock-3:3% | 9.59 |
| Fxc | hange rate risk (Currency appreciation/depreciation) | 5.55 |
| -//- | Shock-1:5% | 10.64 |
| | Shock-2:10% | 10.59 |
| | Shock-3: 15% | 10.55 |
| Fau | lity price risk (Fall in equity prices) | 10.55 |
| Lqu | Shock-1:10% | 10.42 |
| | Shock-2:20% | 10.42 |
| | Shock-3:40% | 9.62 |
| omh: | Shock-3:40% | 9.02 |
| liamo | | 7.04 |
| | Shock-1 | 7.94 |
| | Shock-2 | 2.10 |
| | Shock-3 | -4.71 |

Shock-1 = Minor, Shock-2 = Moderate, Shock-3 = Major.
FSV = Forced Sale Value.
Sector with highest outstanding.

B/L = Bad/Loss.
 Sector with second highest outstanding.

6.2.1.2 Market Risk

The banking industry²¹ found to be mostly resilient in the face of various shocks arising from market risks:

a) Interest Rate Risk: In the event of interest rate shock of 1, 2 and 3 percents, 1, 2 and 5 banks respectively may fail to maintain the minimum required CRAR.

b) Exchange Rate Risk: In the event of currency appreciation or depreciation by 5, 10 and 15 percent, no bank would fall below the minimum regulatory requirement.

c) Equity Price Risk: In the event of a 10, 20 and 40 percent fall in equity prices, 1, 1 and 3 banks respectively are likely be non-compliant in maintaining the minimum required CRAR.

6.2.2 Combined Shock²²

In the event of minor, moderate and major combined shocks, 15, 35 and 38 banks respectively are likely become undercapitalized; CRAR in these cases may be downgraded to 7.94, 2.10, and -4.71 percent respectively.

Altogether, among different specified shocks, the default of the top large loan borrowers and increase in NPLs may have the most adverse impact on the banking sector CRAR.

6.2.3 Liquidity Shock

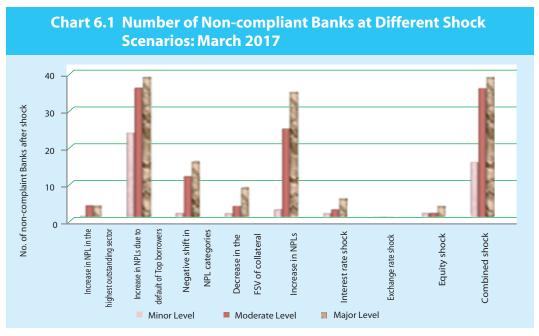
The individual banks and the banking system as a whole seemed to remain resilient against specified liquidity stress scenarios at end-March 2017.

| Table 6.2 Liquidity Risk in the Banking Sector: End-March 2017 | | | |
|---|-------|--------------|-------|
| Liquidity | Sti | ess Scenario | s |
| Stress* | Minor | Moderate | Major |
| Day 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Day 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Day 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Day 4 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Day 5 | 1 | 1 | 1 |

* Consecutive 5 working days.

Note: '1' indicates that the system is liquid and '0' not liquid.

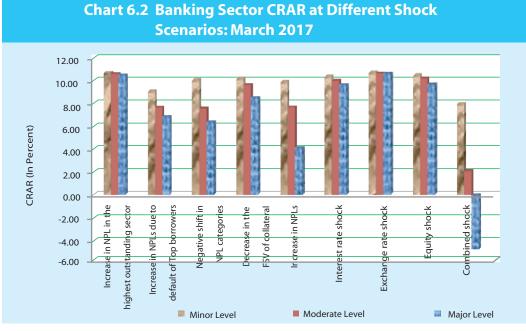
Source: FSD, BB.



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21 Only scheduled banks have been considered here.

²² Combined shock comprised of aggregate stress results of increase in NPLs, negative shifts in NPL categories, decrease in the FSV of the mortgaged collateral, exchange rate shock, equity price shock and interest rate shock.



Source: FSD, BB.

6.3 Stress Test on Fls

Bangladesh Bank also conducts stress tests on Fls based on a simple sensitivity analysis, in which four risk factors-credit, interest rate, equity price and liquidity - are analyzed.

At end-March 2017, out of 33 Fls, 4, 18, and 11 were positioned in Green, Yellow, and Red zones respectively (Table 6.3).²³ It is worth mentioning that the results of stress tests, furnished here, are based on sensitivity analysis under several hypothetical assumptions. Therefore, the results should not be treated as exact materialization of shock events.

| Table 6.3 Stress Tests: Zonal Position of Fls (Number of Fls) | | | | |
|---|---|----|----|--|
| Quarter Green Yellow Red | | | | |
| End-Dec 2015 | 4 | 18 | 10 | |
| End-Mar 2016 | 4 | 17 | 11 | |
| End-Jun 2016 | 5 | 13 | 15 | |
| End-Sep 2016 | б | 17 | 10 | |
| End-Dec 2016 | 5 | 21 | 7 | |
| End-Mar 2017 | 4 | 18 | 11 | |

Source: DFIM, BB.

²³ The overall financial strength and resilience of an FI is identified by plotting its achieved ratings in a Weighted Average Resilience-Weighted Insolvency Ratio (WAR-WIR) Matrix.

Chapter-7

Capital Market Development

In the review quarter²⁴, the domestic capital market maintained the uptrend exhibiting a scenario of price appreciation as evident from the movements of a number of key indicators in both bourses of the country.

7.1 Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE)

7.1.1DSE Performance

In the first quarter of CY17, DSE turnover increased by 77.5 percent and reached BDT 754.1 billion from BDT 424.9 billion recorded in the last quarter of CY16. At end-March 2017, key DSE indices-DSEX, DS30 and DSES-increased by 13.6, 15.5 and 9.4 percents respectively from those of end-December 2016.

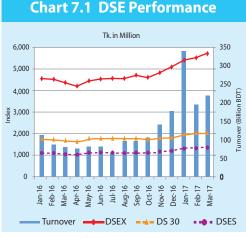
7.1.2 Price/Earnings (P/E) Ratio

The weighted average P/E ratio increased sharply by 200 basis points (bps) during the quarter and stood at 16.3 in March 2017. The overall market P/E ratio displayed an upward trend since the first quarter of CY16.

7.1.3 Sectoral Turnover

In the review quarter, the highest turnover was recorded by the banking sector followed by engineering and pharmaceuticals & chemicals sectors. Next two positions were held by textile and financial institutions sectors respectively (Chart 7.3).

It is mentionable that, in the review quarter, contribution of the banking sector to DSE turnover increased to 16.0 percent from 9.4 percent recorded in December quarter of CY16. The financial institutions sector's contribution was 10.2 percent which was 6.6 percent in the previous quarter.



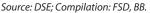
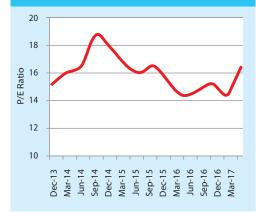


Chart 7.2 Price/Earnings Ratio



Source: DSE.

7.1.4 Market Capitalization

At end-March 2017, the market capitalization stood at BDT 3,798.3 billion, which is about 11.3 percent higher than that of the previous end-quarter (i.e. December 2016). Though growth rate of market capitalization displayed a mixed trend, an overall positive trend was observed since November 2016.

²⁴ First quarter of calendar year 2017.

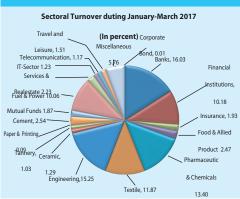


Chart 7.3 Sectoral Turnover (in percent) in DSE

Source: DSE; Compilation: FSD, BB.

7.1.5 Corporate Bond Market

No corporate bonds were issued in the first quarter of CY17. It is the fourth consecutive quarter without any new issuance of corporate bonds.

7.2 Chittagong Stock Exchange (CSE)

7.2.1 CSE Performance

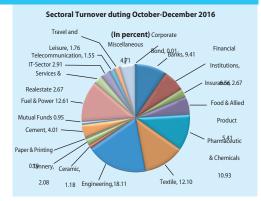
In the review quarter, CSE turnover was BDT 45.7 billion compared to BDT 26.2 billion recorded in the last quarter of CY16, registering a 74.9 percent gain in terms of volume. While most of the companies, mutual funds and corporate bonds listed in DSE are also listed with CSE, debentures and Govt. T-bonds are traded only through DSE. Noticeable that CSE turnover was only 6.1 percent of the DSE turnover recorded during the quarter. Like those of DSE, upward trend was also observed in key CSE indices-CASPI²⁵, CSE30 and CSI²⁶, which increased by 14.6, 14.7 and 10.8 percents respectively during the review quarter.

7.2.2 Price/Earnings (P/E) Ratio

The weighted average P/E ratio increased sharply by 310 bps during the quarter and stood at 17.1 in March 2017.

²⁵ CASPI refers to CSE All Share Price Index.

²⁶ CSI refers to CSE Shari'ah Index.



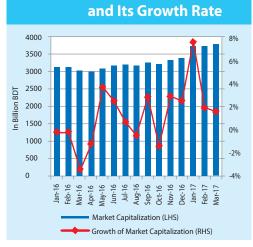


Chart 7.4 Market Capitalization

Source: DSE; Compilation: FSD, BB.

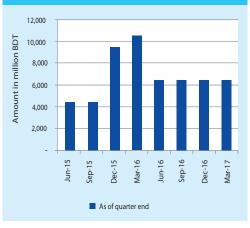


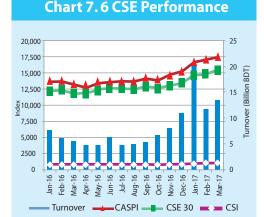
Chart 7.5 Corporate Bond Issuance

Source: DFIM, BB.

7.2.3 Sectoral Turnover

Banking sector recorded the highest turnover during the March quarter of CY17. Contribution of the banking sector to CSE turnover was 20.7 percent compared to 9.7 percent recorded in the previous quarter (Chart 7.8). Highest turnover by banking sector in both bourses indicates investors' growing confidence in the stability of this sector.

Mentionable that next four positions in terms of turnover were recorded by engineering, pharmaceuticals & chemicals, textile and miscellaneous sectors respectively.



Source: CSE; Compilation: FSD, BB.

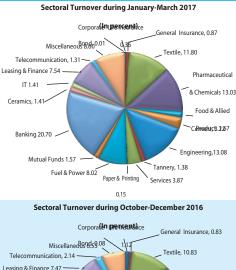


Source: CSE.

7.2.4 Market Capitalization

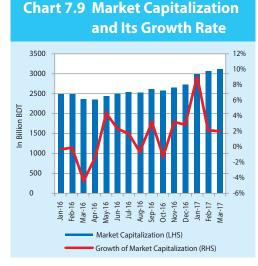
At end-March 2017, the market capitalization of CSE stood at BDT 3,124.9 billion, which is about 14.0 percent higher than that of end-December 2016. Similar to DSE, an overall positive trend of market capitalization growth was observed in CSE since November 2016.

Chart 7.8 Sectoral Turnover (in percent) in CSE



Telecommunication, 2.14 Leasing & Finance 7.47 Geramics, 1.56 Banking 9.74 Mutual Funds 0.96 Fuel & Power 9.04 Paper & Printing 0.76 Services 4.88 Tannery, 3.25

Source: CSE; Compilation: FSD, BB.



Source: CSE; Compilation: FSD, BB.

Recent Stability Initiatives of Bangladesh Bank

During the January-March quarter of the calendar year 2017 (CY17), Bangladesh Bank (BB) has taken a number of initiatives having implications to domestic financial system stability. Some of the important ones are:

8.1 Composite Financial Stability Index (CFSI)

BB has developed a tool named Composite Financial Stability Index (CFSI) to measure the stability of the financial system as well as to monitor build-up of any systemic stress in the financial system. It takes into account the interconnectedness among different sectors of the economy and thus reflects any stress in the financial sector stemming from other sectors as well. CFSI is a combination of eighteen different macroeconomic and financial soundness indicators aggregated under three sub-indices- Banking Soundness Index (BSI), Financial Vulnerability Index (FVI) and Regional Economic Climate Index (RECI). This index reflects the volatility of the financial system. Excess volatility in any direction for a prolonged period can be an indication of build-up of systemic risk in the system provided that other relevant information is taken into consideration during the time of analysing the index.

8.2 Rationalisation of Rate of Interest on Deposit and Lending

Observing banks' recent trend of decreasing interest rate on deposit more than the same on lending, BB advised them to stem the declining trend in deposit rates and urged to reduce the intermediation spread and to emphasize on recovery of defaulted loans along with different aspects of management efficiency for maintaining the lower trend of lending rate.

8.3 Rationalisation of Schedule of Charges

Analysing the recent trends in schedule of charges, for instance charging of varying/differential fees/commissions in diverse forms and rates at different stages of loan processing in the Cottage, Micro, Small and Medium Enterprise (CMSME) sector, BB issued instructions regarding loan application fee, documentation fee, CIB charge, stamp charge, legal and valuation fee, and early settlement fee for CMSME sector and prohibited banks to impose any charge/fee/commission other than the ones mentioned above.

8.4 Call Borrowing Limit for Financial Institutions (FIs)

BB decided that the base for setting the upper limit of call borrowing for Financial Institutions (FIs) would be equity instead of net asset from 01 February 2017 onward. Accordingly, FIs were instructed to determine their equities based on the balance sheet as of 31st December of each year and allowed to borrow maximum 30 percent of the calculated equities from the call money market for the next 12 months (i.e. 01 February-31 January). Earlier, FIs were allowed to borrow maximum 15 percent of their net assets from the call money market.

8.5 Computation of Statutory Liquidity Reserve of FIs

BB replaced section-02 of the FID circular no. 06/2003 regarding computation of Statutory

Liquidity Reserve of Fls. The section was replaced as follows: "For computing the liquidity reserves of FIs, the eligible components include cash balance (Bangladeshi currency and note), balance maintained with Bangladesh Bank, balance maintained with other banks/Fls, unencumbered Bangladesh treasury bills and treasury bonds, and assets approved by notification in Government gazette or by Bangladesh Bank."

8.6 Changes in the Foreign Exchange Regulations

During the review quarter, BB has brought a number of changes in its foreign exchange regulations:

- i) To widen the scope of Taka working capital loans for foreign owned/controlled companies, BB decided that resident persons/companies may purchase Commercial Papers (CPs) issued by such companies in terms of general instructions of the Guidelines on Commercial Paper (CP) for Banks issued vide BRPD Circular No. 07, dated 25 September 2016.
- ii) To facilitate foreign exchange transactions, authorized dealers (ADs) were allowed to issue guarantee, bid bond or performance bond in local currency against taka equivalent back to back foreign currency guarantee with suitable coverage for exchange rate fluctuation from counter guarantee issuing banks abroad.
- iii) BB clarified that shares may be issued in favor of non-residents by debit to non-resident Taka accounts maintained by ADs in the names of their overseas branches and correspondents against

- inward remittance in convertible foreign currencies. Hence, ADs may issue certificate in support of the payment from such account for purchase of shares in Bangladeshi companies.
- iv) In order to keep minimum involvement of AD's own fund for settlement of import, ADs maintaining exporter's retention quota (ERQ) accounts were allowed to transfer fund from their ERQ accounts to other ADs of same exporters or their subsidiaries/sister concerns for settlement of import payment subject to observance of specific terms and conditions stipulated for both the fund transferring and receiving ADs.
- v) BB enhanced the limit of advance payment by ADs on behalf of exporters from ERQ up to USD 25,000 or its equivalent for bona fide business purposes subject to observance of specific terms and conditions. Earlier the limit was USD 10,000 or its equivalent.
- vi) To enhance the scope of business travel abroad by officials of enterprises located in Export Processing Zones (EPZs) and Economic Zones (EZs), card issuing ADs were permitted to issue International Debit/Prepaid card up to three (03) top tier officials of concerned enterprise against balances held in foreign currency accounts maintained as per Paragraph 31, Chapter 13 of Guidelines for Foreign Exchange Transactions-2009 (GFET) and FE circular no. 22 dated 09 August 2016. EPZs and EZs enterprises may avail such card facility from one card issuing bank only.
- vii) In order to ease short-term borrowing by Type A industries in EPZs/EZs, it was

- decided that they may access short-term foreign currency loans from parent companies/shareholders abroad and other Type A subsidiaries/associates operating in EPZs/EZs. Before transferring the fund as such, ADs were advised to satisfy themselves that the fund is unencumbered.
- viii) To facilitate the remittance on account of registration fee for medical check-up services to migrant workers, ADs were allowed, upon requests from approved medical centers, to remit the fee to the Bank Account of the beneficiaries subject to production of invoices specifying details of the check-up by persons and deduction of applicable taxes.
- ix) Besides usual/quarterly payments, LCs/Contracts for import of capital machinery require phase-wise payments as part of the total import value, which, in some cases, leads Letter of Credit Authorization Form (LCAF) to expire before settlement of such remainder payments. To facilitate these remainder payments, BB decided that ADs may effect such remittances within 30 months of LCAF issuance against import of capital without obtaining machinery its revalidation. Moreover, revalidation of LCAF will not be required for remittances against import out of fund held in foreign currencv accounts of importers maintained under general or special authorization from BB.
- x) In order to ease reconversion of unspent Bangladesh Taka into foreign currency by foreign tourists, any licensed Money Changers (MCs), whether it encashed earlier or not, may reconvert up to USD

500 in cash of the unspent Taka of foreign tourists provided that the tourist submits system generated encashment certificate provided by any licensed MC.

8.7 Refinance Scheme for Green Products/Initiatives

To facilitate private sector credit flow into environment friendly products/ initiatives, BB issued a consolidated guidelines on Refinance Scheme for Green Products/Initiatives. The guideline lists 51 green products/initiatives under 8 sectors eligible for the refinance scheme. It features different aspects of the refinance scheme including interest rate applicable for Participatory Financial Institution (PFI) and customers, calculation of duration of loan repayment and interest rate, eligibility criteria, application procedure, recovery procedure, utilization of refinanced loan and other relevant issues.

8.8 Guidelines on Environmental & Social Risk Management (ESRM) for Banks and Financial Institutions

In order to broaden the scope of Guidelines on Environmental Risk Management (ERM) issued vide BRPD circular no. 01 dated 30 January 2011, BB issued the 'Guidelines on Environmental & Social Risk Management (ESRM) for Banks and Financial Institutions in Bangladesh' by incorporating Social Risks and expanding risk rating system. This guideline includes typical Environmental and Social (E&S) Risks for banks and FIs in Bangladesh, risks associated with E&S Risks in credit management, applicability of the guidelines, applicable standards and other relevant issues.

8.9 Amendment to Guidelines for Customer Services and Complaint Management

BB amended section no. 2.09.01 of the Guidelines for Customer Services and Complaint Management issued vide FICSD circular no. 01 dated 13 July 2014. The amendment comprises instructions governing the change in interest rates for term loans with variable interest rates, early settlement fee for continuous or demand loans and late fee/penal rate/compensation imposed for late payment of installation of term loans. Besides, banks were advised not to accept blank cheques as collateral against loans due to recent rise in fraudulent activities involving MICR cheques.

8.10 Instructions Regarding Mobile Financial Services Operation

To prevent misuse of and to maintain discipline in the Mobile Financial Services

(MFS), BB instructed MFS providers to close all accounts of a customer except one if the customer had more than one account. The transaction limits for individual accounts of MFS were also revised. Besides, BB advised MFS providers to keep record of cash-in or cash-out amounting to BDT 5,000 and beyond.

8.11 Issuance of Uniform Account Opening Form & KYC Profile Form

In the context of various legal amendments and changes in international standards regarding anti-money laundering activities, BB issued updated "Uniform Account Opening Form & Know Your Customer (KYC) Profile Form". Banks were advised to introduce the updated forms within 01 April 2017.

| Table I : CPI Inflation (12 month Average) | | | | |
|--|------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|--|
| | | | (Percent) | |
| Month | Inflation (General) | Inflation (Food) | Inflation (Non-Food) | |
| Dec-15 | 6.2 | 6.1 | 6.4 | |
| Mar-16 | 6.1 | 5.5 | 7.0 | |
| Jun-16 | 5.9 | 4.9 | 7.5 | |
| Sep-16 | 5.7 | 4.6 | 7.5 | |
| Dec-16 | 5.5 | 4.5 | 7.1 | |
| Mar-17 | 5.4 | 5.2 | 5.7 | |

Base: 2005-06=100

Table II Foreign Exchange Reserve

| | (Amount in million USD) |
|-----------|-------------------------|
| Month-end | International Reserve |
| Jun-15 | 25,021.0 |
| Sep-15 | 26,379.0 |
| Dec-15 | 27,493.3 |
| Mar-16 | 28,265.9 |
| Jun-16 | 30,137.6 |
| Sep-16 | 31,385.9 |
| Dec-16 | 32,092.0 |
| Mar-17 | 32,215.0 |

| Table III Wage Ear | ners' Remittance (Amount in million USD) |
|--------------------|---|
| Quarter | Amount |
| Jun-15 | 4,058.6 |
| Sep-15 | 3,933.6 |
| Dec-15 | 3,553.6 |
| Mar-16 | 3,572.5 |
| Jun-16 | 3,871.5 |
| Sep-16 | 3,245.8 |
| Dec-16 | 2,921.1 |
| Mar-17 | 3,027.7 |

| Table IV Exports and Imports (Amount in million USD) | | | | |
|--|---------------------------|---------------------------|--|--|
| Quarter | Aggregate Exports (F.O.B) | Aggregate Imports (F.O.B) | | |
| Mar-15 | 7,990.5 | 9,711.0 | | |
| Jun-15 | 8,156.0 | 10,924.0 | | |
| Sep-15 | 7,640.0 | 9,155.0 | | |
| Dec-15 | 8,089.0 | 9,836.0 | | |
| Mar-16 | 8,624.0 | 9,765.0 | | |
| Jun-16 | 9,088.0 | 10,720.0 | | |
| Sep-16 | 7,909.0 | 9,502.0 | | |
| Dec-16 | 8,501.0 | 10,645.0 | | |
| Mar-17 | 8,920.0 | 11,448.0 | | |

Table V Interest Rate (Weighted Average) Spread

| | | | (In Percent) |
|--------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Period | Lending Rate | Deposit Rate | Spread |
| Mar-15 | 11.9 | 7.1 | 4.9 |
| Jun-15 | 11.7 | 6.8 | 4.9 |
| Sep-15 | 11.5 | 6.7 | 4.8 |
| Dec-15 | 11.2 | 6.3 | 4.8 |
| Mar-16 | 10.8 | 5.9 | 4.9 |
| Jun-16 | 10.4 | 5.5 | 4.9 |
| Sep-16 | 10.1 | 5.4 | 4.7 |
| Dec-16 | 9.9 | 5.2 | 4.7 |
| Mar-17 | 9.7 | 5.0 | 4.7 |

| Table VI Weighted Average Exchange Rate | | | | | |
|---|----------------|------------|--|--|--|
| | | (BDT/USD) | | | |
| Quarter | Period Average | End Period | | | |
| Mar-15 | 77.8000 | 77.8000 | | | |
| Jun-15 | 77.8002 | 77.8050 | | | |
| Sep-15 | 77.8000 | 77.8000 | | | |
| Dec-15 | 78.7800 | 78.5100 | | | |
| Mar-16 | 78.4100 | 78.4000 | | | |
| Jun-16 | 78.4000 | 78.4000 | | | |
| Sep-16 | 78.4000 | 78.4000 | | | |
| Dec-16 | 78.8040 | 78.7022 | | | |
| Mar-17 | 79.5000 | 79.7000 | | | |

Table VII Credit to the Government (Gross) by the Banking System

| | (Amount in billion BDT) |
|--------|-------------------------|
| Period | Amount |
| Mar-15 | 1,738.6 |
| Jun-15 | 1,703.4 |
| Sep-15 | 1,803.0 |
| Dec-15 | 1,710.6 |
| Mar-16 | 1,632.5 |
| Jun-16 | 1,804.8 |
| Sep-16 | 1,807.7 |
| Dec-16 | 1,691.1 |
| Mar-17 | 1,615.1 |

Table VIII Asset Structure of the Banking Industry

| | (Amount in billion BD1 | | | |
|---|------------------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Property and Assets | 30-06-2016 | 30-09-2016 | 31-12-2016 | 31-03-2017 |
| Cash in hand | 133.1 | 107.5 | 107.2 | 109.1 |
| Balance with Bangladesh Bank and its Agent Bank | 669.1 | 691.1 | 756.5 | 747.8 |
| Balance with other banks and financial Institutions | 442.7 | 408.1 | 473.9 | 474.9 |
| Money at call and short notice | 125.0 | 102.2 | 86.8 | 107.9 |
| Investment | 2070.2 | 2154.9 | 2148.6 | 2055.4 |
| Loans and Advances | 6660.6 | 6736.4 | 7136.5 | 7370.4 |
| Fixed Assets | 225.3 | 225.8 | 224.7 | 224.9 |
| Other Assets | 799.1 | 867.1 | 687.3 | 687.0 |
| Non-banking assets | 3.4 | 3.5 | 3.7 | 3.7 |
| Total Assets | 11,128.5 | 11,296.6 | 11,625.3 | 11,781.1 |

(Amount in billion BDT)

Table IX Banking Sector Assets & NPL Concentration (March-2017)

| (Amount in billion BDT) | | | | | |
|-------------------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|--|
| Assets | Top 5 Banks | Other Banks | Top 10 Banks | Other Banks | |
| Amount | 3,727.1 | 8,060.0 | 5,323.2 | 6,463.9 | |
| Share (%) | 31.6 | 68.4 | 45.2 | 54.8 | |
| NPL | Top 5 banks | Other banks | Top 10 banks | Other banks | |
| Amount | 352.8 | 381.3 | 480.9 | 253.2 | |
| Share (%) | 48.1 | 51.9 | 65.5 | 34.5 | |

| Table X Banking Sector NPL Ratio | | | | | |
|----------------------------------|------------------|---------------------------------------|--|---|--|
| | | | (A | mount in billion BDT) | |
| Quarter | Aggregate NPL | Gross NPL Ratio (NPL/TL) (%) | NPL (net of LLP and IS) Ratio (%) | NPL (net of LLP and IS)/ Reg. Cap. (%) | |
| Jun-15 | 525.2 | 9.7 | 2.8 | 20.8 | |
| Sep-15 | 547.1 | 9.9 | 2.8 | 20.1 | |
| Dec-15 | 513.7 | 8.3 | 2.3 | 16.5 | |
| Mar-16 | 594.1 | 9.9 | 2.9 | 21.2 | |
| Jun-16 | 633.7 | 10.1 | 2.8 | 21.1 | |
| Sep-16 | 657.3 | 10.3 | 2.8 | 20.8 | |
| Dec-16 | 621.7 | 9.2 | 2.3 | 18.0 | |
| Mar-17 | 734.1 | 10.5 | 2.9 | 22.7 | |

| Table X | l Distribution of Banks by NPL Ratio | |
|---------|--------------------------------------|--|
| | | |

| Range | Number of Banks as at end | | | | | |
|-----------------|---------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--|
| nange | Mar-16 | Jun-16 | Sep-16 | Dec-16 | Mar-17 | |
| Up to 2.0% | 8 | 9 | 5 | 9 | 7 | |
| 2.0% to <3.0% | 5 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 6 | |
| 3.0% to <5.0% | 11 | 13 | 13 | 16 | 12 | |
| 5.0% to <10.0% | 18 | 17 | 17 | 14 | 18 | |
| 10.0% to <15.0% | 4 | 2 | 6 | 1 | 3 | |
| 15.0% to <20.0% | 1 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 1 | |
| 20.0% & above | 9 | 9 | 9 | 9 | 10 | |
| Total | 56 | 56 | 56 | 57 | 57 | |

Table XII Banking Sector Loan Loss Provisions

(Amount in billion BDT)

| Period | Required Provision | Provision Maintained | Provision Maintenance Ratio (%) |
|--------|-----------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Mar-15 | 306.8 | 269.0 | 87.7 |
| Jun-15 | 300.3 | 275.6 | 91.8 |
| Sep-15 | 308.5 | 285.2 | 92.4 |
| Dec-15 | 308.9 | 266.1 | 86.1 |
| Mar-16 | 336.2 | 294.9 | 87.7 |
| Jun-16 | 361.8 | 317.3 | 87.7 |
| Sep-16 | 372.3 | 328.5 | 88.2 |
| Dec-16 | 362.1 | 307.4 | 84.9 |
| Mar-17 | 419.2 | 366.9 | 87.5 |

| Table XIII Banking Sector Classified Loans Ratios | | | | | |
|---|---------------------------------------|--|--|-------------------------------------|--|
| | | | | (In percent) | |
| Period | Classified Loans To Total Loans | Sub-Standard Loans To Classified Loans | Doubtful Loans To Classified Loans | Bad Loans To Classified Loans | |
| Mar-15 | 10.5 | 14.1 | 8.8 | 77.1 | |
| Jun-15 | 9.7 | 11.3 | 8.5 | 80.2 | |
| Sep-15 | 9.9 | 11.2 | 8.8 | 80.0 | |
| Dec-15 | 8.8 | 8.9 | 6.4 | 84.7 | |
| Mar-16 | 9.9 | 15.1 | 5.4 | 79.6 | |
| Jun-16 | 10.1 | 11.8 | 8.3 | 79.9 | |
| Sep-16 | 10.3 | 11.6 | 6.0 | 82.4 | |
| Dec-16 | 9.2 | 10.2 | 5.4 | 84.4 | |
| Mar-17 | 10.5 | 11.1 | 6.8 | 82.1 | |

Table XIV Classified Loan Composition (End-March 2017)

(Amount in billion BDT)

| Particulars | Amount | Percent Of Total |
|--------------|--------|------------------|
| Sub-Standard | 81.5 | 11.1 |
| Doubtful | 50.0 | 6.8 |
| Bad & Loss | 602.6 | 82.1 |
| Total | 734.1 | 100.0 |

Table XV Banking Sector ROA Range

| | ROA Range | | | | |
|---------|-----------------|-----------------------|------------------|----------------|--|
| Quarter | Up to 2.0% | > 2.0% to \leq 3.0% | > 3.0% to ≤ 4.0% | > 4.0% | |
| Mar-15 | 51 | 1 | 3 | 1 | |
| Jun-15 | 49 | 4 | 2 | 1 | |
| Sep-15 | 49 | 3 | 1 | 3 | |
| Dec-15 | 35 | 12 | 5 | 4 | |
| Mar-16 | 48 | 2 | 2 | 4 | |
| Jun-16 | 49 ^R | 3 ^R | 3 ^R | 1 ^R | |
| Sep-16 | 49 ^R | 4 ^R | 3 ^R | 0 ^R | |
| Dec-16 | 48 ^R | 7 ^R | 1 ^R | 1 ^R | |
| Mar-17 | 51 | 4 | 1 | 1 | |

Note: ROAs have been annualized from respective quarterly ratios. R - revised

| Table XVI Banking Sector ROE Range | | | | | |
|------------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|--|
| | | ROE | Range | | |
| Quarter | Up to 5.0% | > 5.0% to ≤ 10.0% | > 10.0% to \leq 15.0% | > 15.0% | |
| Mar-15 | 22 | 16 | 14 | 4 | |
| Jun-15 | 16 | 15 | 12 | 13 | |
| Sep-15 | 23 | 15 | 9 | 9 | |
| Dec-15 | 9 | 7 | 12 | 28 | |
| Mar-16 | 20 | 18 | 7 | 11 | |
| Jun-16 | 17 ^R | 17 ^R | 13 ^R | 9 ^R | |
| Sep-16 | 14 ^R | 20 ^R | 14 ^R | 8 ^R | |
| Dec-16 | 11 ^R | 12 ^R | 16 ^R | 18 ^R | |
| Mar-17 | 22 | 17 | 12 ^R | 6 | |

Notes: ROEs have been annualized from respective quarterly ratios .R- revised

| Table XVII Banking Sector ROA and ROE | | | | | | | |
|---------------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|------------------|------------------|-------------------|--------|
| | | | | Quarter | | | |
| | Sep-15 | Dec-15 | Mar-16 | Jun-16 | Sep-16 | Dec-16 | Mar-17 |
| ROA | 0.6 | 1.3 | 0.5 | 0.4 ^R | 0.5 ^R | 0.8 ^R | 0.1 |
| ROE | 6.6 | 14.2 | 6.8 | 5.0 ^R | 6.1 ^R | 10.8 ^R | 1.2 |

Notes: 1. The figures are annualized from respective quarterly ratios; e.g.

(a) annualized ROA of 1st quarter of 2017 = (Profit in 1st quarter of 2017 x 4/Total asset at the end of 1st quarter of 2017) x 100. (b) Annualized ROA of 4th quarter of 2016 = (Aggregate of profits in four quarters of 2016/Average of total assets at the end of four quarters of 2016) x100.

(c) Similar method applied for annualizing quarterly ROE.

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| Table XVIII FIs' Borrowing, Deposit and Capital | | | | |
|---|----------------|---------------|-------------------------|--|
| | | | (Amount in billion BDT) | |
| Particulars | September-2016 | December-2016 | March-2017 | |
| Borrowings | 155.9 | 158.7 | 167.3 | |
| Deposits | 362.1 | 383.7 | 404.0 | |
| Capital | 102.1 | 106.8 | 108.1 | |
| Other Liabilities | 66.0 | 65.9 | 71.5 | |
| Total | 686.1 | 715.1 | 750.9 | |

Table XIX FIs' Asset Composition

| | | | (Amount in billion BDT) |
|-------------------------------|----------------|---------------|-------------------------|
| Particulars | September-2016 | December-2016 | March-2017 |
| Cash & Balance with Banks/FIs | 99.3 | 86.7 | 113.8 |
| Investments | 20.6 | 33.0 | 29.3 |
| Loans & Leases | 511.7 | 534.2 | 546.7 |
| Other Assets | 47.2 | 49.9 | 50.6 |
| Fixed Assets | 7.3 | 11.3 | 10.5 |
| Total | 686.1 | 715.1 | 750.9 |

Table XX FIs' Classified Loans and Leases

(Amount in billion BDT)

| Quarter | Aggregate NPL | Aggregate NPL to total loan (%) |
|---------|---------------|---------------------------------|
| Mar-15 | 27.6 | 7.0 |
| Jun-15 | 31.6 | 7.7 |
| Sep-15 | 45.2 | 10.6 |
| Dec-15 | 40.0 | 8.9 |
| Mar-16 | 41.8 | 8.9 |
| Jun-16 | 45.1 | 9.0 |
| Sep-16 | 45.6 | 8.9 |
| Dec-16 | 39.3 | 7.4 |
| Mar-17 | 45.0 | 8.1 |

| Table XXI FIs' ROA & ROE (In percent) | | | | |
|---------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|--|--|
| Quarter | Aggregate ROA | Aggregate ROE | | |
| Mar-15 | 1.2 | 6.7 | | |
| Jun-15 | 2.0 | 11.4 | | |
| Sep-15 | 1.3 | 7.8 | | |
| Dec-15 | 2.0 | 11.8 | | |
| Mar-16 | 0.6 | 3.9 | | |
| Jun-16 | 0.8 | 5.5 | | |
| Sep-16 | 0.9 | 6.0 | | |
| Dec-16 | 0.8 | 5.4 | | |
| Mar-17 | 0.6 | 4.2 | | |

Note: The displayed ratios are annualized figures from respective quarterly ratios.

| Table XXII Banking Sector CAR/CRAR Distribution | | | | | | | |
|---|---------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| CAD | Number Of Banks (At End Period) | | | | | | |
| CAR | Sep-15 | Dec-15 | Mar-16 | Jun-16 | Sep-16 | Dec-16 | Mar-17 |
| < 10% | 9 | 8 | 8 | 9 | 9 | 7 | 9 |
| 10% to ≤15% | 29 | 30 | 31 | 32 | 32 | 33 | 32 |
| 15% + | 18 | 18 | 17 | 15 | 15 | 17 | 16 |

| Table XXIII Banking Sector Asset Share based on CRAR as at end-Mar 201 | Table XXIII Bankin | Sector Asset Share based | d on CRAR as at end-Mar 2017 |
|--|---------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|
|--|---------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|

| CRAR | Number of banks | A | | |
|--------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------|-----------------|--|
| Chan | Number of banks | Asset size (in billion BDT) | Asset share (%) | |
| <10% | 9 | 3,452.0 | 29.3 | |
| 10% to $\leq 15\%$ | 32 | 7,509.9 | 63.7 | |
| 15% + | 16 | 819.1 | 7.0 | |
| Total | 57 | 11,781.0 | 100.0 | |

Table XXIV Tier-1 Capital Ratio and Overall CAR/CRAR of the Banking Industry

| Particulars | Jun-15 | Sep-15 | Dec-15 | Mar-16 | Jun-16 | Sep-16 | Dec-16 | Mar-17 |
|--|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Core Capital to RWA (%) | 7.9 | 8.0 | 8.1 | 8.2 | 7.6 | 7.6 | 7.9 | 7.8 |
| Number of core capital compliant banks | 49 | 49 | 49 | 50 | 49 | 49 | 50 | 49 |
| Overall CAR (%) | 10.3 | 10.5 | 10.8 | 10.6 | 10.3 | 10.3 | 10.8 | 10.7 |
| Number of CAR compliant banks | 47 | 47 | 48 | 48 | 47 | 47 | 50 | 48 |
| No. of banks in the industry | 56 | 56 | 56 | 56 | 56 | 56 | 57 | 57 |

Table XXV Distribution of Risk Weighted Assets of the Banking Industry

| | | | | (Amount | in billion BDT) |
|--------------------------|---------|---------|--------|---------|-----------------|
| Particulars | Mar-16 | Jun-16 | Sep-16 | Dec-16 | Mar-17 |
| RWA for Credit Risk | 6,174.5 | 6474.93 | 6570.6 | 6,758.4 | 6,891.7 |
| RWA for Market Risk | 301.4 | 316.25 | 310.2 | 299.6 | 304.7 |
| RWA for Operational Risk | 643.1 | 645.50 | 653.3 | 696.4 | 707.2 |
| Total RWA | 7,119.0 | 7,436.7 | 7534.1 | 7,754.4 | 7,903.6 |

Table XXVI Banking Sector Regulatory Capital Position (Solo Basis)

(Amount in billion BDT)

| Period | Minimum Capital Requirement | Total Regulatory Capital |
|--------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|
| Sep-15 | 727.6 | 727.2 |
| Dec-15 | 729.6 | 746.0 |
| Mar-16 | 745.3 | 756.1 |
| Jun-16 | 775.2 | 768.8 |
| Sep-16 | 783.4 | 776.9 |
| Dec-16 | 808.1 | 837.6 |
| Mar-17 | 820.9 | 844.2 |

Table XXVII Banking Sector Advance-to-Deposit Ratio (ADR)

| | (in percent) |
|--------|--------------|
| Period | ADR % |
| Jun-14 | 70.5 |
| Sep-14 | 69.9 |
| Dec-14 | 70.9 |
| Mar-15 | 70.5 |
| Jun-15 | 70.3 |
| Sep-15 | 69.8 |
| Dec-15 | 71.0 |
| Mar-16 | 71.5 |
| Jun-16 | 71.6 |
| Sep-16 | 71.1 |
| Dec-16 | 71.9 |
| Mar-17 | 73.4 |

| Table XXVIII Bank Cluster-wise ADR at end-March 2017 (In percent) | | | | |
|---|---------|--|--|--|
| Bank wise | ADR (%) | | | |
| SCBs | 52.5 | | | |
| PCBs | 82.8 | | | |
| FCBs | 61.5 | | | |
| DFIs | 76.0 | | | |
| Industry | 73.4 | | | |

Table XXIX FIs' CRR & SLR

| | (Amount in billion BDT, | | | | | | |
|----------|-------------------------|------------|-------------------|---------------|------------|-------------------|--|
| Quarter | Aggregate CRR | | | Aggregate SLR | | | |
| End | Required | Maintained | Surplus/Shortfall | Required | Maintained | Surplus/Shortfall | |
| Jun 2015 | 4,251.0 | 4,594.1 | 343.1 | 13,169.1 | 67,786.3 | 54,617.2 | |
| Sep 2015 | 4,542.1 | 5,052.1 | 510.0 | 12,433.1 | 68,748.9 | 56,315.8 | |
| Dec 2015 | 4,781.6 | 5,234.6 | 453.0 | 12,935.7 | 68,042.7 | 55,107.0 | |
| Mar 2016 | 4,976.3 | 5,540.4 | 564.1 | 13,567.2 | 71,023.4 | 57,456.2 | |
| Jun 2016 | 5,312.6 | 5,829.6 | 517.0 | 14,570.9 | 69,361.9 | 54,791.0 | |
| Sep 2016 | 5,576.8 | 6,115.4 | 538.6 | 15,122.4 | 71,110.0 | 55,987.6 | |
| Dec 2016 | 5,805.0 | 6,177.7 | 372.8 | 15,514.5 | 64,958.2 | 49,443.7 | |
| Mar 2017 | 5,939.4 | 6,400.4 | 461.00 | 14,313.4 | 83,290.4 | 68,977.0 | |

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| Table XXX Capital Adequacy Ratio of FI Sector | | | | | | |
|---|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Particulars | End Dec-15 | End Mar-16 | End Jun-16 | End Sep-16 | End Dec-16 | End Mar-17 |
| Eligible Capital to RWA (%) | 18.7 | 17.9 | 16.7 | 16.3 | 16.6 | 16.0 |

Table XXXI Overall Risk-weighted Assets and Tier 1 Capital of FI Sector

| Particulars | End Dec-15 | End Mar-16 | End Jun-16 | End Sep-16 | End Dec-16 | End Mar-17 |
|----------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Risk Weighted Assets (RWA) | | | | | | |
| Credit RWA | 465.0 | 481.3 | 496.0 | 506.4 | 518.3 | 543.8 |
| Market RWA | 40.5 | 39.5 | 42.5 | 47.6 | 50.0 | 55.3 |
| Operational RWA | 37.1 | 37.9 | 38.7 | 38.9 | 41.3 | 42.4 |
| Total RWA | 542.6 | 558.7 | 577.2 | 592.9 | 609.6 | 641.5 |
| Capital | | | | | | |
| Core Capital (Tier -1) | 94.6 | 92.7 | 88.5 | 88.8 | 91.3 | 92.2 |
| Supplementary Capital | 6.7 | 7.2 | 7.9 | 8.0 | 9.7 | 10.2 |
| Eligible Capital 101.3 | 99.9 | 96.3 | 96. | 8 | 101.0 | 102.4 |

(Amount in billion BDT)

Table XXXII Banking Sector's After Shock CRAR at Different Shock Scenarios

(Based on data as of end-Mar 2017)

| Shocks | | C | RAR after Shock | (%) |
|--|-------------|----------------|-----------------|-------|
| SHOCKS | Minor Level | Moderate Level | Major Level | |
| Increase in NPL in the highest outstanding | g sector | 10.63 | 10.54 | 10.44 |
| Increase in NPLs due to default of Top bo | rrowers | 9.05 | 7.65 | 6.81 |
| Negative shift in NPL categories | | 10.00 | 7.53 | 6.34 |
| Decrease in the FSV of collateral | | 10.14 | 9.60 | 8.48 |
| Increase in NPLs | | 9.83 | 7.68 | 4.12 |
| Interest rate shock | | 10.32 | 9.95 | 9.59 |
| Exchange rate shock | | 10.64 | 10.59 | 10.55 |
| Equity shock | | 10.42 | 10.15 | 9.62 |
| Combined shock 7.9 | 2.10 | -4.71 | | |

Table XXXIII Number of Non-complaint Banks at Different Shock Scenarios Banks at data as for

| | | (Based on data as | of end-Mar 2017) | |
|--|--------------|-------------------|------------------|--|
| Shocks | No. of Banks | | | |
| Silocks | Minor Level | Moderate Level | Major Level | |
| Increase in NPL in highest outstanding sector | 0 | 3 | 3 | |
| Increase in NPLs due to default of Top borrowers | 23 | 35 | 38 | |
| Negative shift in NPL categories | 1 | 11 | 15 | |
| Decrease in the FSV of collateral | 1 | 3 | 8 | |
| Increase in NPLs | 2 | 24 | 34 | |
| Interest rate shock | 1 | 2 | 5 | |
| Exchange rate shock | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| Equity shock | 1 | 1 | 3 | |
| Combined shock | 15 | 35 | 38 | |

NB: Pre-shock CRARs of 9 banks out of 56 (except one newly formed) were below the minimum required level of 10% as of 31 March, 2017. Therefore, the above table represents 49 bank's data.

| Table XXXIV Price/Earnings Ratio of Capital Market | | | | | | |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|--|--|--|--|
| Quarter | DSE Price/Earnings Ratio | CSE Price/Earnings Ratio | | | | |
| Dec-13 | 15.1 | 14.7 | | | | |
| Mar-14 | 15.9 | 15.4 | | | | |
| Jun-14 | 16.4 | 15.4 | | | | |
| Sep-14 | 18.6 | 18.2 | | | | |
| Dec-14 | 17.8 | 17.2 | | | | |
| Mar-15 | 16.5 | 16.1 | | | | |
| Jun-15 | 15.9 | 15.4 | | | | |
| Sep-15 | 16.4 | 15.9 | | | | |
| Dec-15 | 15.2 | 14.7 | | | | |
| Mar-16 | 14.3 | 14.7 | | | | |
| Jun-16 | 14.6 | 14.6 | | | | |
| Sep-16 | 15.1 | 15.2 | | | | |
| Dec-16 | 14.3 | 14.0 | | | | |
| Mar-17 | 16.3 | 17.1 | | | | |

| Table XXXV DSE Performance | | | | | | |
|----------------------------|-------------------|----------|----------|----------|--|--|
| Month | DSE Turnover | Index | | | | |
| | (BDT in millions) | DSEX | DSE 30 | DSES | | |
| Jan-16 | 113.50 | 4,540.89 | 1,719.15 | 1,095.27 | | |
| Feb-16 | 86.42 | 4,511.97 | 1,722.85 | 1,099.78 | | |
| Mar-16 | 79.97 | 4,357.54 | 1,648.95 | 1,052.14 | | |
| Apr-16 | 75.05 | 4,195.70 | 1,612.34 | 1,025.15 | | |
| May-16 | 81.42 | 4,419.39 | 1,745.81 | 1,091.87 | | |
| Jun-16 | 81.38 | 4,507.58 | 1,770.82 | 1,110.84 | | |
| Jul-16 | 65.74 | 4,525.35 | 1,770.28 | 1,109.10 | | |
| Aug-16 | 96.29 | 4,526.58 | 1,735.36 | 1,097.48 | | |
| Sep-16 | 86.89 | 4,695.19 | 1,778.70 | 1,125.86 | | |
| Oct-16 | 105.60 | 4,592.18 | 1,733.43 | 1,100.04 | | |
| Nov-16 | 141.50 | 4,801.24 | 1,775.34 | 1,140.59 | | |
| Dec-16 | 177.80 | 5,036.05 | 1,810.91 | 1,191.87 | | |
| Jan-17 | 342.32 | 5,468.34 | 1,993.15 | 1,268.28 | | |
| Feb-17 | 194.04 | 5,612.70 | 2,025.83 | 1,305.64 | | |
| Mar-17 | 217.70 | 5,719.61 | 2,090.76 | 1,303.72 | | |

Table XXXIV Price/Earnings Ratio of Capital Market

| Table XXXVI CSE Performance | | | | |
|-----------------------------|-------------------|-----------|-----------|----------|
| Month | CSE Turnover | | Index | |
| | (BDT in millions) | CASPI | CSE 30 | CSI |
| Jan-16 | 7.76 | 13,987.34 | 12,329.86 | 958.42 |
| Feb-16 | 6.17 | 13,920.51 | 12,567.92 | 967.56 |
| Mar-16 | 5.58 | 13,407.24 | 12,036.79 | 921.23 |
| Apr-16 | 4.97 | 12,918.64 | 11,995.51 | 900.13 |
| May-16 | 4.79 | 13,623.07 | 12,503.52 | 966.16 |
| Jun-16 | 6.43 | 13,802.59 | 12,773.70 | 983.54 |
| Jul-16 | 4.93 | 13,917.27 | 12,828.17 | 984.75 |
| Aug-16 | 5.15 | 13,900.78 | 12,632.72 | 978.74 |
| Sep-16 | 5.43 | 14,429.44 | 13,096.15 | 1,005.13 |
| Oct-16 | 6.80 | 14,146.41 | 12,748.85 | 984.32 |
| Nov-16 | 8.30 | 14,778.22 | 13,178.89 | 1,028.41 |
| Dec-16 | 11.05 | 15,477.66 | 13,583.60 | 1,072.08 |
| Jan-17 | 20.07 | 16,937.97 | 14,768.35 | 1,150.34 |
| Feb-17 | 11.88 | 17,375.73 | 15,064.53 | 1,185.02 |
| Mar-17 | 13.77 | 17,738.31 | 15,583.38 | 1,188.16 |

Table XXXVII Market Capitalization

| As on end- | | | Growth of market capitalization (in percent) | | |
|---------------|----------|----------|---|-------|--|
| month | DSE | CSE | DSE | CSE | |
| Jan-16 | 3,153.07 | 2,485.35 | -0.21 | -0.33 | |
| Feb-16 | 3,143.50 | 2,482.52 | -0.30 | -0.11 | |
| Mar-16 | 3,036.42 | 2,373.19 | -3.41 | -4.40 | |
| Apr-16 | 2,999.85 | 2,342.99 | -1.20 | -1.27 | |
| May-16 | 3,108.75 | 2,447.87 | 3.63 | 4.48 | |
| Jun-16 | 3,185.75 | 2,506.11 | 2.48 | 2.38 | |
| Jul-16 | 3,207.37 | 2,548.01 | 0.68 | 1.67 | |
| Aug-16 | 3,192.56 | 2,529.59 | -0.46 | -0.72 | |
| Sep-16 | 3,281.91 | 2,612.52 | 2.80 | 3.28 | |
| Oct-16 | 3,236.34 | 2,579.05 | -1.39 | -1.28 | |
| Nov-16 | 3,328.81 | 2,664.98 | 2.86 | 3.33 | |
| Dec-16 | 3,412.44 | 2,741.34 | 2.51 | 2.87 | |
| Jan-17 | 3,668.12 | 2,998.77 | 7.49 | 9.39 | |
| Feb-17 | 3,739.30 | 3,064.14 | 1.94 | 2.18 | |
| Mar-17 | 3,798.31 | 3,124.93 | 1.58 | 1.98 | |

| Table XXXVIII Corporate Bond Issuance (Amount in million BDT) | | | | | | |
|---|------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| Componente | End Period | | | | | |
| Corporate Bond | Dec-2015 | Mar-2016 | Jun-2016 | Sep-2016 | Dec-2016 | Mar-2017 |
| Issuance | 9,500.0 | 10,500.0 | 6,450.0 | 6,450.0 | 6,450.0 | 6,450.0 |

| Table XXXIX Sectoral Turnover of DSE | | | | | | |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------|--------------|--|--|--|
| | | | (In percent) | | | |
| Broad Sector | SECTOR | % of Total Turnover | | | | |
| | | 2016Q4 | 2017Q1 | | | |
| Financial Sector | Banks | 9.41 | 16.03 | | | |
| | Financial Institutions | 6.56 | 10.18 | | | |
| | Insurance | 2.67 | 1.93 | | | |
| Manufacturing | Food & Allied Product | 5.41 | 2.47 | | | |
| | Pharmaceuticals & Chemicals | 10.93 | 13.40 | | | |
| | Textile | 12.10 | 11.87 | | | |
| | Engineering | 18.11 | 15.25 | | | |
| | Ceramic | 1.18 | 1.29 | | | |
| | Tannery | 2.08 | 1.03 | | | |
| | Paper & Printing | 0.19 | 0.09 | | | |
| | Jute | 0.18 | 0.08 | | | |
| | Cement | 4.01 | 2.54 | | | |
| Service & Miscellaneous | Fuel & Power | 12.61 | 10.06 | | | |
| | Services & Real estate | 2.67 | 2.23 | | | |
| | IT - Sector | 2.91 | 1.23 | | | |
| | Telecommunication | 1.55 | 1.17 | | | |
| | Travel and Leisure | 1.76 | 1.51 | | | |
| | Mutual Funds | 0.95 | 1.87 | | | |
| | Miscellaneous | 4.71 | 5.76 | | | |
| Bond | Corporate Bond | 0.01 | 0.01 | | | |
| | Total | 100.00 | 100.00 | | | |

Note: 2016Q4 = December quarter 2016, 2017Q1 = March quarter 2017.

Table XL Sectoral Turnover of CSE

(In percent)

| Broad Sector | SECTOR | % of Total Turnover | |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------|--------|
| broad Sector | | 2016Q4 | 2017Q1 |
| Financial Sector | Banks | 9.74 | 20.70 |
| | Leasing & Finance | 7.47 | 7.54 |
| | Life Insurance | 1.12 | 0.36 |
| | General Insurance | 0.83 | 0.87 |
| | Manufacturing Food & Allied Product | 3.50 | 1.67 |
| | Pharmaceuticals & Chemicals | 12.19 | 13.03 |
| | Textile | 10.83 | 11.80 |
| | Engineering | 17.27 | 13.08 |
| | Ceramic | 1.56 | 1.41 |
| | Tannery | 3.25 | 1.38 |
| | Paper & Printing | 0.76 | 0.15 |
| | Cement | 5.30 | 3.22 |
| Service & Miscellaneous | Fuel & Power | 9.04 | 8.02 |
| | Services | 4.88 | 3.87 |
| | IT | 2.62 | 1.41 |
| | Telecommunication | 2.14 | 1.31 |
| | Mutual Funds | 0.96 | 1.57 |
| | Miscellaneous | 6.55 | 8.60 |
| Bond | Corporate Bond | 0.00 | 0.01 |
| Total | | 100.00 | 100.00 |
| | | | |

Note: 2016Q4 = December quarter 2016, 2017Q1 = March quarter 2017.

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