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PREFACE

THE first issue of the Statistical Pocket Book appeared in the year 1967. This is the eleventh issue.

The statistical information has been revised and brought up to date to cover as far as possible the year 1977.

It is felt that the summarised statistical information in this compact hand book will continue to be of interest to the general public, the administrator, the student and the tourist.

Any suggestions for the improvement of this pocket publication will be most welcome.

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INTRODUCTORY NOTES

1. Symbols employed : The following symbols have been used throughout this book :—
 - .. Not available.
 - Nil or negligible.
2. Rounding of figures : Where necessary each figure has been rounded off to the nearest final digit. For this reason there may be in some tables an apparent discrepancy between the sum of the constituent items and the total.
3. Wherever information has not been given in respect of any table, it is because the information was not available at the time of going to the press or because the subject matter of the particular table was under review.
4. Explanations, where necessary, have been given in footnotes as far as space permits. A fuller explanation of the terms and expressions may be found in the Statistical Abstract of Sri Lanka.

Chapter I

GEOGRAPHY

TABLE 1—AREA BY DISTRICTS

	<i>Total land area including inland waters sq. miles</i>	<i>Large inland waters sq. miles</i>
SRI LANKA	25,332	370.3
Colombo	808.25	16.3
Kalutara	623.75	3.5
Kandy	914	0.1
Matale	770.28	—
Nuwara Eliya	474	—
Galle	652.25	6.0
Matara	481.25	—
Hambantota	1,012.75	11.5
Jaffna	998.65	34.13
Mannar	964	6.5
Vavuniya	1,466.75	35.25
Batticaloa	1,016.65	65.5
Amparai	1,177.6	24.9
Trincomalee	1,048	37.14
Kurunegala	1,844	1.25
Puttalam	1,172.15	22.75
Anuradhapura	2,808.64	56.05
Polonnaruwa	1,331.64	17.45
Badulla	1,089.57	1.5
Moneragala	2,785.32	30.5
Ratnapura	1,250.5	—
Kegalla	642	—

Source : Survey Dept.

TABLE 2—PRINCIPAL RIVERS

<i>Rivers</i>	<i>Length (in miles)</i>
Mahaweli Ganga	208
Aruvi Aru	102
Kala Oya	92
Kelani Ganga	90
Yan Oya	88
Deduru Oya	88
Walawe Ganga	86
Maduru Oya	85
Maha Oya	83
Kalu Ganga	80
Kirindi Oya	73
Kumbukkan-Oya	72
Menik Ganga	71
Gin Ganga	70
Mi Oya	68
Gal Oya	67

Source : Survey Dept.

TABLE 3—PRINCIPAL PEAKS

<i>Peak</i>	<i>Height in feet</i>	<i>District situated in</i>
Pidurutalagala	8,282	Nuwara Eliya
Kirigalpotta	7,837	do.
Totapalakanda	7,733	do.
Sri Pada (Adam's Peak)	7,341	Ratnapura
Kikilimana	7,342	Nuwara Eliya
Great Western	7,258	do.
Hakgala	7,118	do.
Conical Hill	7,106	do.
One Tree Hill	6,890	do.
Mahaakudagala	6,879	do.
Waterfall Point	6,803	do.
Namunukula	6,679	Badulla
Gommolli Kanda	6,674	Ratnapura, Badulla
Knuckles	6,112	Kandy
Kotagala	5,750	Kandy, Nuwara Eliya

Source : Survey Dept.

TABLE 4—ANNUAL RAINFALL AT SELECTED STATIONS

Station	(Inches)				
	30-year average 1931-60	1974	1975	1976	1977
Colombo	94.31	99.20	100.90	82.48	118.67
Jaffna	52.34	22.61	56.35	39.24	59.95
Trincomalee	67.98	43.85	50.22	43.72	60.85
Hambantota	42.34	29.66	56.57	31.70	38.47
Ratnapura	153.06	153.73	184.08	133.00	141.43
Anuradhapura	56.98	33.99	40.34	47.07	55.03
Kandy	79.70	68.60	84.21	56.59	66.70
Diyatalawa	68.10	56.27	70.40	56.46	72.68
Nuwara Eliya	85.15	85.33	81.64	51.01	75.50

Source : Dept. of Meteorology.

**TABLE 5—MAXIMUM AND MINIMUM TEMPERATURES AT
SELECTED STATIONS**

Station	(Degrees Fahrenheit)					
	30-year average 1931-60		1976		1977	
	Max.	Min.	Max.	Min.	Max.	Min.
Colombo	86.0	75.0	87.44	74.30	87.44	74.84
Jaffna	86.1	77.4	86.36	77.54	86.54	77.72
Trincomalee	87.8	76.9	89.6	77.18	88.52	77.54
Hambantota	86.3	75.2	86.54	75.38	86.90	75.20
Ratnapura	88.7	73.1	90.32	73.04	90.50	73.58
Anuradhapura	89.0	73.2	90.50	73.58	89.24	74.12
Kandy	83.8	68.0	85.28	67.82	84.74	68.72
Diyatalawa	76.3	60.4	77.00	59.36	76.64	60.44
Nuwara Eliya	68.1	51.3	67.10	52.70	67.28	53.24

Source : Dept. of Meteorology.

Chapter II

POPULATION AND VITAL STATISTICS

TABLE 6—POPULATION BY SEX

Year	Population (Thousands)			Density per Sq. Mile (Number)
	Total	Male	Female	
Census				
1871	2,400	1,280	1,120	95
1881	2,760	1,470	1,290	109
1891	3,008	1,593	1,414	119
1901	3,566	1,896	1,670	141
1911	4,106	2,175	1,931	162
1921	4,498	2,381	2,117	178
1931	5,307	2,811	2,495	209
1946	6,657	3,532	3,125	263
1953	8,098	4,269	3,829	320
1963	10,582	5,499	5,083	418
1971	12,690	6,531	6,159	501
1967 ⁽¹⁾	11,703	6,082	5,621	462
1968 ⁽¹⁾	11,992	6,224	5,768	473
1969 ⁽¹⁾	12,252	6,367	5,885	484
1970 ⁽¹⁾	12,516	6,504	6,012	494
1971 ⁽¹⁾	12,608	6,489	6,119	498
1972 ⁽¹⁾	12,861	6,619	6,242	508
1973 ⁽¹⁾	13,091	6,738	6,353	517
1974 ⁽¹⁾	13,284	6,837	6,447	524
1975 ⁽¹⁾	13,496	6,950	6,546	533
1976 ⁽¹⁾	13,717	7,060	6,657	541
1977 ⁽²⁾	13,940	7,175	6,765	550

Source : Dept. of Census & Statistics.
Registrar-General's Dept.

⁽¹⁾ Mid-year estimates.

⁽²⁾ Provisional.

TABLE 7—POPULATION BY AGE AND SEX ⁽¹⁾

(Thousands)
1977⁽²⁾

1976

1975

1974

Age Group	1974			1975			1976			1977 ⁽²⁾		
	Males	Fe- males	Total	Males	Fe- males	Total	Males	Fe- males	Total	Males	Fe- males	Total
0-4	889	857	1,746	900	871	1,771	914	886	1,800	929	900	1,829
5-9	889	864	1,753	901	876	1,777	915	891	1,806	930	905	1,835
10-14	860	826	1,686	874	838	1,712	887	852	1,739	902	866	1,768
15-19	716	703	1,419	733	713	1,446	744	726	1,470	757	737	1,494
20-24	670	658	1,328	681	671	1,352	692	682	1,374	703	693	1,396
25-29	497	496	993	510	505	1,015	518	514	1,032	526	522	1,048
30-34	396	368	764	402	374	776	408	380	788	415	387	802
35-39	382	375	757	390	381	771	397	387	784	403	394	797
40-44	328	284	612	335	290	625	340	294	634	345	299	644
45-49	300	265	565	308	271	579	313	276	589	318	280	598
50-54	238	201	439	242	203	445	245	206	451	249	210	459
55-59	198	168	366	204	167	371	208	170	378	211	173	384
60-64	157	123	280	160	125	285	163	127	290	165	129	294
65-69	131	103	234	129	105	234	131	107	238	133	109	242
70-74	96	72	168	95	75	170	97	76	173	99	77	176
75 and over	90	84	174	86	81	167	88	83	171	90	84	174
Total	6,837	6,447	13,284	6,950	6,546	13,496	7,060	6,657	13,717	7,175	6,765	13,940

Source : Registrar General's Department.

(1) Mid-year estimates.

(2) Provisional.

TABLE 8—POPULATION BY DISTRICTS (1)

(Thousands)

District	1972	1973	1974	1975	1976	1977 ⁽²⁾
SRI LANKA	12,861	13,091	13,284	13,496	13,717	13,940
Colombo	2,708	2,757	2,797	2,838	2,882	2,926
Kalutara	739	753	764	774	784	795
Kandy	1,204	1,225	1,243	1,250	1,263	1,273
Matale	319	325	330	335	341	347
Nuwara-Eliya	456	465	471	470	470	467
Galle	745	758	770	780	789	802
Matara	694	605	614	625	636	648
Hambantota	345	351	356	364	372	380
Jaffna	711	724	734	752	767	785
Mannar	79	80	83	85	86	88
Vavuniya	97	98	100	103	105	108
Batticaloa	260	265	269	276	283	291
Amparai	276	281	285	292	299	307
Trincomalee	191	194	197	203	209	216
Kurunegala	1,039	1,058	1,074	1,096	1,117	1,137
Puttalam	384	390	396	406	416	426
Anuradhapura	394	401	407	419	431	444
Polonnaruwa	166	169	171	176	180	185
Badulla	624	635	644	648	656	660
Moneragala	196	199	202	208	214	221
Ratnapura	670	682	692	703	716	726
Kegalle	664	676	685	693	901	708

Source : Dept. of Census & Statistics.
Registrar General's Dept.

(1) Mid-Year Estimates.

(2) Provisional.

TABLE 9—POPULATION BY RELIGION⁽¹⁾

Religion	1946		1953		1963		1971	
	Number '000	Percentage	Number '000	Percentage	Number '000	Percentage	Number '000	Percentage
ALL RELIGIONS	6,657	100.0	8,098	100.0	10,582	100.0	12,689	100.0
Buddhists	4,295	64.5	5,209	64.3	7,003	66.3	8,537	67.3
Hindus	1,320	19.8	1,611	19.9	1,958	18.5	2,239	17.6
Christians	603	9.1	724	8.9	885	8.4	1,004	7.9
Muslims	437	6.6	542	6.8	724	6.7	902	7.1
Others	2	—	12	0.1	12	0.1	8	0.1

Source : Dept. of Census and Statistics.

⁽¹⁾ Census years.

TABLE 10—POPULATION BY RACE (1)

Race	1946		1953		1963		1971	
	Number '000	Percentage	Number '000	Percentage	Number '000	Percentage	Number '000	Percentage
ALL RACES	6,657	100.0	8,098	100.0	10,582	100.0	12,690	100.0
Low-country Sinhalese	2,903	43.6	3,470	42.9	4,470	42.2	5,426	42.8
Kandyan Sinhalese	1,718	26.0	2,147	26.3	3,043	28.8	3,705	29.2
Sri Lanka Tamils	734	11.0	885	10.9	1,165	11.0	1,424	11.2
Indian Tamils	781	11.7	974	12.0	1,123	10.6	1,175	9.3
Sri Lanka Moors	374	5.6	464	5.7	627	5.9	828	6.5
Indian Moors	36	0.5	47	0.6	55	0.5	27	0.2
Burghers and Eurasians	42	0.6	46	0.6	46	0.5	45	0.4
Malays	23	0.4	25	0.3	33	0.3	43	0.3
Others	49	0.6	40	0.5	20	0.2	16	0.1

Source : Dept. of Census and Statistics.

(1) Census years.

TABLE 11—POPULATION OF SRI LANKA—10 YEARS OF AGE AND OVER BY LITERACY AND SEX

	<i>Census 1953</i>		<i>Census 1963</i>		<i>Census 1971</i>	
	<i>Number Literate '000</i>	<i>Per- centage</i>	<i>Number Literate '000</i>	<i>Per- centage</i>	<i>Number Literate '000</i>	<i>Per- centage</i>
Total	4,006	69.0	5,789	76.9	7,344	78.5
Males	2,510	80.7	5,385	85.6	4,143	85.6
Females	1,496	55.5	2,404	67.3	3,201	70.9

Source : Dept. of Census & Statistics.

TABLE 12—POPULATION OF PRINCIPAL TOWNS (1)

(Thousands)

<i>Principal Towns</i>	1974 ⁽²⁾	1975 ⁽²⁾	1976 ⁽²⁾	1977 ⁽²⁾
Colombo	592	597	607	616
Dehiwala	162	164	166	169
Jaffna	114	114	117	118
Moratuwa	100	101	103	104
Kotte	98	98	100	102
Kandy	98	99	101	103
Galle	76	77	78	79
Negombo	60	61	62	63
Trincomalee	44	44	45	46
Matara	39	39	40	40
Anuradhapura	36	37	38	38
Badulla	36	37	37	38
Kalutara	31	31	32	32
Batticaloa	37	39	39	40
Matale	32	31	33	34
Ratnapura	31	31	31	32
Kurunegala	27	27	27	28
Nuwara-Eliya	17	17	18	18
Chilaw	17	19	19	19
Puttalam	19	19	19	19
Kegalle	13	14	13	14
Mannar	12	12	12	13
Vavuniya	16	17	17	17
Hambantota	07	07	07	08

Source : Dept. of Census & Statistics.

(1) Mid-year Estimates.

(2) Provisional.

TABLE 13—POPULATION BY SECTORS—URBAN AND RURAL AND BY SEX (1)

	<i>Population '000</i>		<i>Percentage of Total</i>	
	<i>Urban</i>	<i>Rural</i>	<i>Urban</i>	<i>Rural</i>
1946 Census				
Total	1,023	5,634	15.4	84.6
Male	595	2,937	8.9	44.1
Female	428	2,697	6.4	40.5
1953 Census				
Total	1,239	6,859	15.3	84.7
Male	703	3,566	8.7	44.0
Female	536	3,293	6.6	40.7
1963 Census				
Total	2,016	8,566	19.1	80.9
Male	1,091	4,407	10.3	41.7
Female	925	4,158	8.7	39.3
1971 Census				
Total	2,848	9,842	22.4	77.6
Male	1,513	5,018	23.2	76.8
Female	1,335	4,824	21.7	78.3

Source : Dept. of Census & Statistics.

(1) The total population in Town Council Area were included under "rural" in the 1946 and 1953 Censuses and under "urban" in the 1963 and 1971 Censuses. The population in Town Council areas was estimated at 428,660 and 871,005 in 1963 and 1971 respectively.

TABLE 14—EXPECTATION OF LIFE AT BIRTH

	<i>(Years)</i>					
	<i>1920-22</i>	<i>1946</i>	<i>1953</i>	<i>1962</i>	<i>1967</i>	<i>1971</i>
Males	32.7	43.9	58.8	61.9	64.8	64.2
Females	30.7	41.6	57.5	61.4	66.9	67.1

Source : Dept. of Census & Statistics.

TABLE 15—POPULATION PROJECTIONS FOR SRI LANKA

(Thousands)

	1971			1976			1981			1991			2001		
	T	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F
High	12,714	6,498	6,216	14,230	7,248	6,982	15,898	8,072	7,826	19,934	10,067	9,867	24,637	12,392	12,245
Medium	12,714	6,498	6,216	14,230	7,248	6,982	15,765	8,004	7,761	18,797	9,491	9,306	21,704	10,907	10,797
Low	12,714	6,498	6,216	14,154	7,210	6,945	15,282	7,759	7,523	17,180	8,671	8,509	19,244	9,661	9,582

Source : Dept. of Census and Statistics.

Note.—Three different projections, viz., High, Medium and Low projections based on 3 different assumptions with regard to future fertility combined with a single assumption regarding mortality have been computed up to the year 2001 A.D.

Fertility Assumption :

High projection.—Fertility will decline to 90 per cent of the 1971 levels by the year 1981 and will remain constant thereafter.

Medium projection.—Fertility will decline gradually to 60 per cent of the 1971 level by the year 2001.

Low projection.—Fertility will decline rapidly to 50 per cent of the 1971 levels by the year 1986 and remain constant, thereafter.

Mortality assumption.—Mortality will decline gradually with the expectation of life increasing to 72.2 years for males and 68.5 years for females by the year 2001.

TABLE 16—VITAL STATISTICS

Year	Mid-Year population ⁽¹⁾ (000)	Per 1,000 population			Per 1,000 live births	
		Live Births	Deaths	Natural increase	Maternal deaths	Deaths of infants under 1 year of age
1945	6,650	35.9	21.5	14.4	16.5	139.7
1950	7,678	39.7	12.4	27.3	5.6	81.6
1955	8,723	37.3	10.8	26.5	4.1	71.5
1960	9,896	36.6	8.6	28.0	3.0	56.8
1963	10,646	34.1	8.5	25.6	2.4	55.8
1966	11,439	32.3	8.3	24.0	2.2	54.2
1967	11,703	31.6	7.5	24.1	1.7	47.7
1968	11,992	32.0	7.9	24.1	1.8	50.2
1969	12,252	30.4	8.1	22.3	1.5	52.7
1970	12,516	29.4	7.5	21.9	1.2	47.5
1971	12,608	30.4	7.7	22.7	1.4	44.8
1972	12,861	30.4	8.1	22.3	1.3	45.6
1973	13,091	28.0	7.7	20.3	1.2	46.3
1974	13,284	27.5	9.0	18.5	1.0	51.2
1975	13,496	27.8	8.5	19.3	1.0	45.1
1976	13,717	27.8	7.8	20.0	0.9	43.7
1977 ⁽²⁾	13,940	27.5	7.4	20.1	..	..

Source : Registrar General's Office.

(¹) Estimated.

(²) Provisional.

TABLE 17—MARITAL STATUS OF THE POPULATION OF
SRI LANKA BY AGE AND SEX

(Thousands)

Census 1971

Age Group		Census 1971					
		Total	Never Married	Married	Widowed	Divorced	Legally Separated
ALL AGES	M	6,531.3	4,268.8	2,152.3	92.8	8.8	8.6
	F	6,158.5	3,596.4	2,203.4	325.0	12.0	11.6
Under 15	M	2,513.2	2,513.2	—	—	—	—
	F	2,431.4	2,429.3	1.9	0.1	—	—
15-19	M	688.7	684.6	3.9	0.1	—	—
	F	671.2	599.9	68.9	0.7	0.4	0.4
20-24	M	639.5	553.6	84.9	0.4	0.3	0.3
	F	631.1	335.6	289.4	3.2	1.5	1.4
25-29	M	478.9	255.0	221.2	1.1	0.9	0.7
	F	475.1	116.9	348.8	5.8	1.8	1.9
30-34	M	377.7	96.6	277.3	1.8	1.0	1.1
	F	352.0	38.4	302.1	8.2	1.6	1.7
35-39	M	366.8	49.2	311.9	3.2	1.2	1.3
	F	358.6	20.9	318.9	15.3	1.7	1.8

TABLE 17—MARITAL STATUS OF THE POPULATION OF
SRI LANKA BY AGE AND SEX—(Contd.)

(Thousands)

Census 1971

Age Group		Total	Never Married	Married	Widowed	Divorced	Legally Separated
40-44	M	314.3	29.0	278.7	4.2	1.2	1.2
	F	271.8	12.6	236.1	20.3	1.4	1.3
45-49	M	289.6	23.1	258.0	6.4	1.1	1.0
	F	255.1	10.5	213.0	29.3	1.2	1.1
50-54	M	227.0	17.0	200.2	8.1	0.8	0.8
	F	190.9	8.9	145.4	35.5	0.8	0.7
55-59	M	192.1	13.8	167.0	9.9	0.7	0.7
	F	157.3	6.8	109.6	39.7	0.6	0.6
60-64	M	150.6	11.3	126.2	12.0	0.5	0.6
	F	117.4	5.5	68.0	43.1	0.4	0.3
65-69	M	121.3	8.9	98.3	13.2	0.4	0.4
	F	99.2	4.5	50.0	44.2	0.3	0.2
70-74	M	89.7	6.9	68.8	13.5	0.3	0.1
	F	70.3	3.3	27.0	39.7	0.1	0.2
Over 75	M	81.2	6.1	55.8	18.9	0.2	0.2
	F	76.5	3.1	23.2	50.0	0.1	0.1

Source : Dept. of Census and Statistics.

Chapter III

SOCIAL CONDITIONS

EMPLOYMENT

**TABLE 18—EMPLOYED POPULATION CLASSIFIED BY INDUSTRY
(MAJOR DIVISION) AND SEX**

Census 1971

<i>Industry (Major Division)</i>	<i>Number (Thousands)</i>			<i>Percentages</i>		
	<i>Total</i>	<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>
Total employed	3,648.8	2,838.4	810.4	100.00	77.8	22.2
Agriculture, hunting, forestry and fishing	1,828.9	1,327.7	501.2	50.1	36.4	13.7
Mining and quarrying	13.0	12.0	1.0	0.4	0.3	—
Manufacturing	339.4	240.1	99.2	9.3	6.6	2.7
Electricity, gas and water	9.5	9.2	0.2	0.3	0.3	—
Construction	103.5	102.3	1.2	2.8	2.8	—
Wholesale and retail trade and restaurants and hotels	343.7	320.4	23.3	9.4	8.8	0.6
Transport, storage and communication	178.8	175.5	3.3	1.7	1.6	0.1
Financing, insurance, real estate and business	24.9	23.2	1.7	0.7	0.7	—
Community, social and personal services	492.7	361.0	131.7	13.5	9.9	3.6
Activities not adequately defined	313.9	266.6	47.2	8.6	7.3	1.3

Source : Dept. of Census & Statistics.

**TABLE 19—EMPLOYED POPULATION CLASSIFIED BY OCCUPATION
(MAJOR GROUPS) AND SEX**

Census 1971

<i>Occupation (Major Group)</i>	<i>Number (Thousands)</i>		<i>Percentage</i>			
	<i>Total</i>	<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>
Total employed	3,648.8	2,838.4	810.4	100.0	77.8	22.2
Professional, technical and related workers	178.4	105.2	73.2	4.9	2.9	2.0
Administrative and managerial workers	13.9	13.0	0.8	0.4	0.4	—
Clerical and related workers	186.1	166.5	19.6	5.1	4.6	0.5
Sales workers	272.3	255.1	17.2	7.5	7.0	0.5
Service workers	197.6	152.0	45.9	5.4	4.2	1.3
Agricultural, animal husbandry and forestry workers, fishermen and hunters	1,782.1	1,287.1	494.9	48.8	35.3	13.6
Production and related workers, transport equipment operators and labourers	926.3	790.7	135.6	25.4	21.7	3.7
Workers not classified by occupation	91.4	68.5	22.9	2.5	1.9	0.6

Source : Dept. of Census and Statistics.

TABLE 20—NUMBER OF REGISTRANTS FOR EMPLOYMENT AND BETTER EMPLOYMENT (1)

<i>Category</i>	1974	1975	1976	1977
Technical and clerical	89,086	96,450	103,993	113,764
Skilled	44,418	47,323	49,836	53,794
Semi-skilled	112,574	120,379	127,728	138,564
Unskilled	242,870	257,562	265,687	278,619
Total	489,348	521,714	547,244	584,741

Source : Dept. of Labour.

(1) These figures are obtained from registers maintained at the Employment Exchanges in the Island. These figures comprise : (i) Unemployed persons seeking employment ; (ii) Under-employed persons seeking full-time employment ; and (iii) Employed persons seeking better employment.

TABLE 21—MINIMUM AVERAGE DAILY RATES OF WAGES
(Base : 1952=100)

<i>Class of Workers</i>		1972	1973	1974	1975	1976	1977
Workers in agriculture	R	2.91	3.29	4.11	4.73	4.83	6.30
	I	148.47	168.07	209.91	241.20	246.43	321.43
Workers in trade other than agriculture	R	5.30	5.83	6.68	8.04	8.24	8.96
	I	181.48	199.74	235.81	275.20	282.30	306.90
Combined rate and index number	R	3.10	3.49	4.33	4.99	5.10	6.51
	I	151.88	171.24	212.38	244.52	250.00	319.12

Source : Dept. of Labour.

R = Wage Rate in Rs. I = Index Number.

TABLE 22—COLOMBO CONSUMERS' PRICE INDEX NUMBERS
(BASE : AVERAGE PRICE 1952=100)

Group	(Annual Averages)					
	1972	1973	1974	1975	1976	1977
All items	150.9	165.4	185.8	198.3	200.7	203.2
Food	147.5	166.2	189.7	204.3	202.1	203.3
Clothing	163.5	186.1	204.6	208.2	211.7	223.8
Fuel and light	145.9	164.4	220.9	237.0	265.2	257.5
Rent	109.8	109.8	109.8	109.8	109.8	109.8
Miscellaneous	169.5	169.8	178.3	191.9	203.8	208.4

Source : Dept. of Census & Statistics.

TABLE 23—TRADE UNIONS

Item	(Number)					
	1972	1973	1974	1975	1976	1977
Registered ⁽¹⁾	141	135	116	147	195	175
Cancelled ⁽²⁾	76	91	168	171	185	117
Functioning ⁽²⁾	1,578	1,644	1,592	1,565	1,578	1,636
Total membership	1,220,995	1,217,740	398,446 ⁽³⁾	1,266,271	1,066,429	1,397,893 ⁽⁴⁾

Source : Dept. of Labour.

⁽¹⁾ During the year.

⁽²⁾ End of year.

⁽³⁾ This figure is in respect of 654 Trade Unions which furnished information for the year 1970 and 412 for the year 1974.

⁽⁴⁾ Provisional.

TABLE 24—STRIKES, WORKERS INVOLVED AND MAN-DAYS LOST (NUMBER)

Year	TOTAL		PLANTATIONS				OTHER	
	Strikes	Workers Involved	Strikes	Workers Involved	Man-days lost	Strikes	Workers Involved	Man-days lost
1967	230	89,851	194	74,968	414,636	36	14,883	284,709
1968	197	77,217	171	65,909	722,690	26	11,308	265,727
1969	189	573,178	146	566,861	406,150	43	6,317	58,015
1970	340	149,018	254	125,530	1,033,310	86	23,488	281,252
1971	157	90,802	125	50,847	273,531	32	39,955	239,763
1972	187	55,037	165	52,832	273,717	22	2,205	28,180
1973	238	93,656	215	89,393	360,217	23	4,263	30,522
1974	91	27,073	75	25,381	70,108	16	1,692	26,816
1975	69	21,897	66	19,981	66,474	3	1,916	12,750
1976	155	56,219	125	49,794	138,887	30	6,425	19,661
1977	125	44,874	93	39,657	178,788	32	5,217	43,259

Source : Dept. of Labour.

TABLE 25—NUMBER OF INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENTS AND COMPENSATION PAID

	1972	1973	1974	1975 ⁽¹⁾	1976 ⁽¹⁾	1977
Fatal accidents	17	15	7	135	160	—
{ Number	90,582	101,040	45,540	730,955	893,821	..
{ Compensation paid—Rs.						
Permanent disablements	53	35	56	82	90	..
{ Number	81,573	73,282	88,410	144,330	161,160	..
{ Compensation paid—Rs.						
Temporary disablements	2,719	2,525	2,114	972	93	..
{ Number	169,379	155,749	137,344	153,785	92,822	..
{ Compensation paid—Rs.						

Source : Dept. of Social Services.

Note.—The increase in the number of fatal accidents shown for 1975 and 1976 was due mainly to the expeditious settlement of cases, which had arisen in previous years as well.

(1) Figures relate to year ended 31st December.

HOUSING

TABLE 26—OCCUPIED PRIVATE HOUSING UNITS ⁽¹⁾

	<i>Number</i>	<i>Average floor space in sq. ft. per housing unit</i>	<i>Average No. of rooms per housing unit</i>	<i>Average size of housing unit (No. of persons)</i>	<i>Average No. of persons per room</i>	<i>Percentage supplied with electricity</i>	<i>Percentage supplied with pipe-borne water</i>
CENSUS 1963							
Urban	318,140		2.0	6.6	2.8	32.4	45.6
Rural	1,653,600		1.9	5.4	2.6	2.2	13.3
TOTAL	1,971,740		1.9	5.5	2.6	7.0	18.7
CENSUS 1971							
Urban	421,155		2.4	6.2	2.8	34.5	45.3
Rural	1,558,765		2.3	5.6	2.5	2.8	4.8
Estate	237,558		1.4	4.8	3.4	4.1	74.8
TOTAL	2,217,478		2.2	5.6	2.4	9.0	20.1

Source : Dept. of Census and Statistics.

⁽¹⁾ A housing unit was taken to be any structure used as a place of residence (a) which was separate from other places of residence ; (b) which had independent access from a street, a public or common passage or staircase.

HEALTH

TABLE 27—HOSPITALS, BEDS, PERSONNEL, PATIENTS TREATED AND EXPENDITURE ON HEALTH SERVICES

	1973	1974	1975	1976	1977
No. of hospitals ⁽¹⁾	338	345	345	347	..
No. of beds ⁽¹⁾	38,443	38,767	39,568	39,838	..
No. of doctors ⁽²⁾	2,164	2,185	2,113	2,248	..
No. of assistant medical practitioners ⁽²⁾	1,871	1,123	1,068	1,959	..
No. of nurses ⁽²⁾	6,348	5,288	5,653	5,640	..
No. of in-patients treated ⁽³⁾	2,038,195	1,926,390	2,146,379	2,281,895	..
No. of central dispensaries	349	356	355	343	..
No. of out-patients visits ⁽³⁾	20,577,366	20,333,187	24,371,977	26,589,717	..
Expenditure on health services (Rs. million)	257.8	335.7	340.7	416.6	..

Source : Dept. of Health Services.

⁽¹⁾ Excludes maternity homes.

⁽²⁾ Includes only those in the Department of Health Services.

⁽³⁾ These figures do not indicate the number of patients. Repeated visits of the same patient after short intervals have been regarded as new cases.

**TABLE 28—HOSPITALS, BEDS, DOCTORS AND EXPENDITURE
PER 100,000 OF THE POPULATION (1)**

<i>Year</i>	<i>Hospitals</i> (2)	<i>Beds</i> (2)	<i>Doctors</i> (3)	<i>Expenditure</i> (Rs. '000)
1945	2.30	109.4	5.7	324.8
1950	3.42	260.0	8.8	310.1
1955	3.14	278.7	10.9	1,058.1
1960	2.92	301.3	11.9	1,405.6
1967	2.58	308.4	13.8	1,555.4
1970	2.66	305.9	15.7	1,864.4
1971	2.63	304.8	16.8	2,112.7
1972	2.65	294.7	15.7	2,402.3(5)
1973(4)	2.6	290.0	16.4	1,945.2
1974	2.55	286.6	16.2	2,482.1
1975	2.50	286.1	15.3	2,461.5
1976	2.52	290.1	16.4	3,034.2

Source : Dept. of Health Services.

(1) Based on estimates prepared by the Department of Health Service.

(2) Excludes maternity homes.

(3) Includes only those in the Department of Health Services.

(4) From 1973 onwards figures relate to the calendar year as ended 31st December.

(5) Expenditure in respect of the 15-month period (October 1971 to December 1972).

EDUCATION

TABLE 29—GENERAL ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION

Number of Schools by Category⁽¹⁾

	1973	1974	1975	1976	1977
Elementary	6,288	6,226	6,218	5,553	5,900
Secondary	3,102	3,139	3,168	3,807	3,511
Other ⁽²⁾	270	260	289	289	278
Total	9,660	9,625	9,675	9,649	9,689

Source : Ministry of Education.

(1) Government Schools other than special schools which conduct classes from grades 1-8 and private schools which conduct classes from grades 1-12 are classified as elementary Schools. Maha Vidyalayas are classified as Secondary Schools.

(2) Pirivenas.

**TABLE 30—NUMBER OF MADHYA MAHA VIDYALAYAS,
MAHA VIDYALAYAS AND VIDYALAYAS (1)**

	1973	1974	1975	1976	1977
Madhya Maha Vidyalayas	59	58	58	58	59
Maha Vidyalayas	1,542	1,599	1,628	1,628	1,714
Vidyalayas	6,970	6,914	6,938	6,936	6,900
Total	8,571	8,571	8,622	8,622	8,673

Source : Ministry of Education.

(1) Government Schools only.

TABLE 31—TEACHERS CLASSIFIED BY QUALIFICATIONS

	1976	1977
Graduates—Science/Maths.	1,523	1,647
Graduates—Arts/Commerce	10,139	20,771
University Diploma Holders—Maths./ Science	155	255
Special Trained	13,942	15,771
Other Trained	48,096	51,195
All other Teachers	32,095	27,738
Teachers in Training Colleges	5,147	5,367
Total	111,097	122,744

Source : Ministry of Education.

TABLE 32—NUMBER OF SCHOOLS, TEACHERS, PUPILS AND GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURE ON EDUCATION

	1973	1974	1975	1976	1977
Schools	9,660	9,625	9,675	9,649	9,689
Teachers (1)	98,925	100,910	99,067	111,097	122,744(3)
Pupils	2,596,970	2,534,071	2,431,626	2,461,503	2,462,147
Pupil/Teacher ratio	26.3	25.1	24.5	22.2	20.0
Actual expenditure in Rs. '000—					
(a) Education(2)	610,350	626,838	71,584	692,684	837,000(4)
(b) Universities	42,491	48,138	56,749	45,000	20,000(4)

Source : Ministry of Education

(1) Includes teachers in Government Schools, Estates Schools and Government authorised Private Schools but excludes teacher trainees.

Note.—The fluctuation in the figure of the No. of Schools from 1973 is due to—

- (a) Large schools which had a junior department and a senior department were treated as two separate entities in certain years and as one entity in other years.
- (b) Amalgamation of schools.
- (c) The drop in the number of pupils since 1973 may be due to the change in the age of admissions being raised from 5 years to 6 years.

(2) Government Schools only.

(3) Excludes expenditure in the Examinations Department and the educational publications department.

(4) Estimated expenditure.

Source : Ministry of Education

HIGHER EDUCATION

**TABLE 33—INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING
BY DEPARTMENTS, STUDENTS AND TEACHERS
(ACADEMIC YEAR) 1976**

<i>University</i>	<i>Number of Depart- ments</i>	<i>Number of Students</i>			<i>Number of Teachers</i>
		<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>Total</i>	
Colombo Campus	32	1,736	1,507	3,243	592
Peradeniya Campus	48	2,687	1,756	4,443	722
Katubedda Campus	17	656	80	736 ⁽¹⁾	396 ⁽²⁾
Vidyodaya Campus	13	1,303	851	2,154	313
Vidyalankara Campus	26	1,135	833	1,968	347
Jaffna Campus	16	403	207	610	128
Law College	01	..	..	..	..

Source : University of Sri Lanka, Senate House.

⁽¹⁾Excluding students following non Degree Course.

⁽²⁾Including visiting lecturers.

**TABLE 34—STUDENTS AT INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING
BY MAJOR COURSES OF STUDY⁽¹⁾**

	1974	1975 ⁽²⁾	1976
<i>University of Sri Lanka :</i>			
Peradeniya Campus—			
Arts	2,404	2,097	2,085
Science	656	631	631
Engineering	574	607	605
Medicine	402	410	417
Dental Surgery	178	193	191
Veterinary Science	96	108	109
Agriculture	330	390	405
Total	4,640	4,436	4,443
Colombo Campus—			
Development Studies	719	715	847
Education	824	971	794
Law	151	144	152
Public Finance and Taxation	163	180	129
Estate Management and Valuation	190	186	—
Science	526	561	485
Medicine	729	829	836
Total	3,302	3,586	3,243
Vidyodaya Campus—			
Arts	757	43	61
Estate Management and Valuation	88	110	136
Business and Public Administration	536	506	491
Commerce	178	278	348
Science	110	161	176
Development Studies	—	73	942
Total	1,659	1,844	2,154

**TABLE 34—STUDENTS AT INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING
BY MAJOR COURSES OF STUDY⁽¹⁾—Contd.**

	1974	1975 ⁽²⁾	1976
Vidyalankara Campus—			
Arts	1,387	1,528	1,817
Education	334	—	—
Science	167	187	151
Total	1,888	1,715	1,968
Katubedda Campus—			
Engineering	595	603	610
Architecture	55	73	71
Applied Science	16	36	55
Total	666	712	736
Jaffna Campus—			
Arts	10	129	254
Science	104	221	356
Total	114	350	610

*Source : University of Sri Lanka,
Senate House.*

(1) Academic Year January–December.

(2) Includes Post-graduate students.

**TABLE 35—NUMBER OF UNIVERSITY GRADUATES
BY FACULTIES—1975**

<i>Faculty</i>	<i>Colombo Campus</i>	<i>Katu- bedda Campus</i>	<i>Pera- deniya Campus</i>	<i>Vidya- lankara Campus</i>	<i>Vidyo- daya Campus</i>	<i>Total</i>
1. Arts and Oriental Studies	281	—	780 ⁽¹⁾	465	324	1,850
2. Education	—	—	—	—	—	—
3. Commerce	—	—	—	—	—	—
4. Management Studies	—	—	—	—	148	148
5. Law	82	—	—	—	—	82
6. Science	141	—	181	60	—	382
7. Engineering	—	104	142	—	—	246
8. Medicine	162	—	99	—	—	261
9. Dental Surgery	—	—	50	—	—	50
10. Agriculture	—	—	90	—	—	90
11. Vet. Science	—	—	20	—	—	20
12. Architecture	—	9	—	—	—	9
Total	666	113	1,362	525	472	3,138

Source : University of Sri Lanka,
Senate House.

(¹) Includes 52 commerce graduates.

SOCIAL SERVICE

TABLE 36—SOCIAL SERVICE INSTITUTIONS (1)

<i>Institutions</i>		1972	1973	1974	1975	1976	1977
Homes for the Elders	A	3	3	3	3	3	03
	B	45	45	48	49	52	48
Cottage Homes for the Elders (2)	A	13	13	16	15	15	15
	B	—	—	—(2)	—	—	..
Institutions for the physically handicapped	A	3	3	3	3	3	03
	B	24	24	29	29	28	28
Creches(3)	A	—	—	—	—	—	28
	B	96	108	160	134	183	183
Boys and Girls Homes(2)	A	—	—	—	05	05	05
	B	39	—	—	150	134	134
Voluntary Agencies engaged in outdoor relief work	A	—	—	—	—	—	..
	B	23	28	51	20	25	25
Homes for the socially handicapped	A	—	—	2	—	2	..
	B	—	—	4	—	—	..
National Co-ordinating councils in Social Work	A	—	—	—	—	—	..
	B	—	5	5	5	5	05
House of Ditution	A	—	—	—	—	—	03
	B	—	—	—	—	—	—

Source : Dept. of Social Services.

A=State managed.

B=Privately managed.

(1)Figures relate to the year ending December 31.

(2)These institutions are run by *ad-hoc* Committees and managed by Divisional Revenue Officers.

(3)Department of Probation and Child Care.

TABLE 37—PERSONS IN RECEIPT OF ASSISTANCE

		1976	1977
Public assistance monthly allowances	No. of persons	1,51,932	151,974
	Amount paid (Rs. '000)	23,707	24,383
Casual relief	No. of persons	4,184	3,767
	Amount paid (Rs. '000)	449	451
Food relief	No. of persons	19,909	31,903
	Amount paid (Rs. '000)	1,341	908
Drought relief	No. of persons	807,222	..
	Amount paid (Rs. '000)	23,738	..
Fishermen's relief	No. of persons	53	91
	Amount paid (Rs. '000)	12	16
Supply of drinking water	No. of persons	—	7,818
	Amount paid (Rs. '000)	151	68
Assistance to T. B. Patients	No. of persons	4,479	4,850
	Amount paid (Rs. '000)	8,825	3,279
Cyclone relief	No. of persons	—	..
	Amount paid (Rs. '000)	—	..
Communal disturbances	No. of persons	—	8,679
	Amount paid (Rs. '000)	—	2,609
Leprosy	No. of persons	33	414
	Amount paid (Rs. '000)	241	261
Assistance to physically handicapped	No. of persons	140	..
	Amount paid (Rs. '000)	41	..

Source : Dept. of Social Services.

RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND CO-OPERATIVES

TABLE 38—RURAL DEVELOPMENT SOCIETIES AND THE VALUE OF SELF-HELP

<i>Item</i>	1971 ⁽¹⁾	1972 ⁽²⁾	1973 ⁽³⁾	1974	1975	1976	1977
Number of Rural Development Societies	6,950	6,576	6,674	1,973	2,983	4,495	..
Total expenditure on utility works (Rs. '000)	2,926	4,180	2,091	..	2,983	..	..
Government contribution (Rs. '000)	1,600	1,957	1,558	..	1,625	..	..
Value of self-help (Rs. '000)	1,326	2,223	5,325	..	1,200	..	..

Source : Dept. of Rural Development.

⁽¹⁾ For the year ended September 30.

⁽²⁾ For the 15-month period October 1971 to December 1972.

⁽³⁾ From 1973 onwards the figures relate to the calendar year ending 31st Decemb

TABLE 39—STATISTICS OF THE CO-OPERATIVE MOVEMENT—1975

Type of Societies	No. of Societies	No. of Members	Working Capital (Rs. '000)	Turnover (Rs. '000)	Net Profit (Rs. '000)	Net Loss (Rs. '000)
Primary Societies—Total	8,339	2,225,330	878,758	3,128,544	54,645	20,074
Credit Unlimited	2,541	108,825	19,988	11,566	450	47
Credit Limited	320	63,770	42,923	27,452	1,089	67
Thrift	214	65,525	29,334	11,529	707	02
Multi-Purpose Large Primary	347	1,315,195	636,059	2,903,753	36,809	7,388
Multi-Purpose Others	25	3,836	2,810	4,898	96	54
Stores	112	60,582	3,615	22,158	202	285
Agriculture	801	61,466	57,924	80,624	7,431	6,908
Fisheries	50	13,590	29,013	6,734	26	3,130
Industries	1,172	144,890	43,200	93,957	46,206	1,542
Labour	133	12,685	4,588	412	861	153
School Co-operatives	2,457	330,862	1,079	2,395	160	59
Other Primary	167	44,104	6,225	36,934	39,392	439
Secondary Societies Others—Total	66	4,335	64,159	269,755	8,157	1,541
<i>Agricultural Unions—All Island</i>						
Marketing Federation	01	395	25,391	209,486	4,842	—
Coconut Union	01	25	5,019	1,751	03	—
Rubber Union	01	17	1,355	2,158	—	485
<i>Others</i>						
C. A. P. & S. Union	01	542	487	—	—	32
Other Agricultural Union	02	52	36	—	—	48

TABLE 39—STATISTICS OF THE CO-OPERATIVE MOVEMENT—1975

Industrial Unions—All Island

Industrial Union	01	43	1,701	4,016	613	—
Light Engineering Union	01	50	2,267	2,972	—	107
Geological Union	01	29	—	—	—	—
Medical Union	01	31	—	—	—	—

Others

Textiles Union	15	1,409	19,587	48,965	2,508	770
Carpentry Union	02	40	06	—	—	—
Coir Union	02	32	122	201	03	—
Other Industrial Union	06	119	872	58	—	14

Fishing Unions—All Island

Fish Sales Union	01	100	1,834	14	49	—
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Others

Fish Sale Union	01	13	372	134	47	—
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Other Unions

Credit Unions	26	392	08	—	—	—
Other Union	02	331	353	—	92	—
National Co-operative Council	01	716	4,749	—	—	85

Source : Dept. of Co-operative Development.

Chapter IV

AGRICULTURE

TABLE 40—DISTRIBUTION OF LAND USE

<i>Land Use</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Total	16,228,230	100.0
1. Settlements and associated non-agricultural lands	48,270	0.3
2. Horticulture	1,418,800	9.0
3. Tree and other perennial crops :		
(a) Tea	636,230	3.9
(b) Rubber ⁽¹⁾	561,850	3.5
(c) Coconut ⁽¹⁾	618,910	3.8
(d) Other	133,510	0.7
4. Cropland :		
(a) Paddy	1,261,910	7.8
(b) Land under development	107,290	0.7
(c) Other	2,495,030	15.3
5. Improved permanent pasture	6,160	—
6. Grassland and scrubland	1,052,010	6.4
7. Woodland	7,164,710	44.2
8. Swamp and marsh	81,020	0.5
9. Unused land	106,620	0.7
10. Inland waters including salterns	505,910	3.2

Source : Aerial Survey based on a Canada-Colombo Plan Project—1961.

(¹) It is possible that small holdings and mixed plantations have been included under items 2, 3 (d) and 4 (c). The aerial survey figures may, therefore, differ from the figures obtained at the Census of Agriculture—1962.

TABLE 41—AREA OF LAND UNDER PRINCIPAL CROPS (EXCLUDING PADDY) (1)

	1971	1972	1973	1974	1975	1976	1977
Tea	597,171	597,645	598,740	598,466	597,691	594,481	..
Rubber	567,994	567,002	564,824	563,406	562,494	..	..
Coconut(2)	1,152,428	1,152,428	1,152,428	1,152,428	1,152,428	1,152,428	..
Kurakkan	52,303	52,892	74,598	94,386	108,274	97,630	..
Maize	44,478	49,669	72,122	83,516	98,094	94,592	..
Chillies	57,769	85,480	110,438	131,679	122,304	134,873	..
Red Onions	16,867	20,351	21,399	22,348	22,408	23,892	..
Potatoes	7,579	8,746	8,283	7,896	7,714	7,693	..
Manioc	167,037	146,781	284,797	450,661	407,160	373,575	..
Sweet Potatoes	36,773	35,918	66,615	100,868	119,848	112,548	..

Source : Dept. of Census and Statistics.

(1) The annual acreage under other crops except tea, rubber and coconut was arrived at, by adding together the area under cultivation during Maha and Yala season.

(2) Estimated from the 1962 agricultural census.

TABLE 42—AREA AND YIELD OF PADDY

Year	Season	Asweddumised Area Acres	Sown Area Acres	Harvested Area Acres	Production in '000 (bushels)	Yield per Acre in (bushels)
1967-68	Maha ⁽¹⁾	1,349,056	1,146,958	1,077,853	43,509	47.49
	Yala ⁽²⁾		595,511	556,285	21,084	44.59
1968-69	Maha	1,385,709	1,182,001	1,078,540	46,962	51.23
	Yala		527,151	460,885	18,898	48.24
1969-70	Maha	1,408,420	1,191,473	1,115,225	49,492	52.28
	Yala		684,084	660,672	27,955	49.71
1970-71	Maha	1,419,192	1,147,458	1,088,966	41,560	44.90
	Yala		646,153	625,379	25,335	47.66
1971-72	Maha	1,448,403	1,186,038	1,035,491	42,327	48.09
	Yala		608,534	543,438	20,574	44.54
1972-73	Maha	1,439,874	1,178,969	1,085,124	42,004	45.54
	Yala		613,133	574,656	20,896	42.78
1973-74	Maha	1,498,487	1,317,819	1,288,362	52,629	41.74
	Yala		720,239	681,119	24,165	45.65
1974-75	Maha	1,533,568	1,095,851	875,301	34,458	46.24
	Yala		623,519	600,483	20,857	40.84
1975-76	Maha	1,557,680	1,146,962	1,051,943	42,278	47.17
	Yala		641,929	518,338	17,756	40.30
1976-77	Maha	1,589,776	1,329,779	1,250,982	54,833	51.52
	Yala		718,001	683,581	25,554	43.55

Source : Dept. of Census and Statistics.

⁽¹⁾Maha Season.—Crop sown from July to November (in Badulla and Moneragala, July to December).

⁽²⁾Yala Season.—Crop sown from February to June (in Badulla and Moneragala, January to June).

TABLE 43—PRODUCTION AND THE COST OF PRODUCTION OF PRINCIPAL CROPS (EXCLUDING PADDY)

Year	TEA		RUBBER		COCONUT	
	Production (pounds) Thousands	Cost of Production per lb. cts.	Production (pounds) Thousands	Cost of Production per lb. cts.	Production (Thousand nuts)	Cost of Production per 1,000 nuts Rs. c.
1966	490,115	145	288,837	71	2,243,682	64.32
1967	486,652	147	315,710	71	2,416,000	65.54
1968	496,000	149	328,000	72	2,601,000	69.29
1969	484,222	151	332,532	71	2,528,419	73.03
1970	467,845	152	350,884	69	2,536,263	76.70
1971	470,107	154	309,753	74	2,681,856	76.50
1972	470,631	160	315,773	75	2,875,604	77.13
1973	465,807	203 ⁽¹⁾	341,001	117 ⁽¹⁾	1,956,780	98.32
1974	449,827	252 ⁽¹⁾	291,027	138 ⁽¹⁾	2,044,000	103.34
1975	471,159	284	327,939	156	2,585,000	114.63
1976	433,336	291 ⁽²⁾	335,396	..	2,330,000	162.00

Source : Dept. of Census & Statistics.

(¹)Marketing costs depreciation of fixed asset and directors' fees are not being included in the computation.

(²)Provisional.

TABLE 44—IRRIGATION OF PADDY LAND

(Acres)

Year	MAJOR SCHEMES		MINOR SCHEMES	
	Irrigable Area ⁽¹⁾	Irrigated Area ⁽²⁾	Irrigable Area ⁽¹⁾	Irrigated Area ⁽²⁾
1970	441,255	650,822	401,105	497,760
1971	447,564	629,217	403,424	456,090
1972	454,805	607,526	411,835	455,464
1973	465,561	607,480	407,612	447,680
1974	485,353	676,086	416,804	502,649
1975	501,542	526,490	428,074	387,740
1976	509,913	584,838	438,676	408,730
1977	514,896	701,377	447,197	501,907

Source : Dept. of Census & Statistics

⁽¹⁾Irrigable denotes asweddumized extent during the yala.

⁽²⁾Irrigated area denotes the extent in respect of which irrigation facilities were available for purpose of cultivation for both seasons together in the cultivation year.

**TABLE 45—INDEX OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION⁽¹⁾
(VOLUME)**

(Base 1962=100)

	1972	1973	1974	1975	1976
Tea	100.77	99.75	96.31	100.88	92.78
Rubber	137.66	148.66	126.88	142.97	146.22
Coconut	111.89	76.14	79.53	100.59	90.66
Paddy	131.04	131.04	159.99	115.24	125.07
Highland crops	174.00	226.64	269.36	260.88	286.99
Livestock and livestock produces	166.43	162.40	140.44	146.84	135.06
Minor export crops	126.57	162.32	136.79	104.31	98.14
Overall index	124.32	120.34	122.94	121.16	120.26

Source : Dept. of Census and Statistics.

⁽¹⁾A revised series.

TABLE 46—LIVESTOCK (INCLUDING POULTRY)

	<i>Census</i> 1946	<i>Census</i> 1962	1975	1976	1977
Neat cattle	1,166,909	1,363,785	1,711,618	1,743,754	1,690,579 ⁽¹⁾
Buffaloes	410,418	596,481	818,878	853,726	796,347
Sheep and goats	296,151	308,906	574,505	591,859	572,496
Pigs	63,301	50,184	33,186	35,801	36,186
Chicken	1,479,444	3,765,239	5,684,564	5,699,675	5,832,998
Ducks	23,441	22,364	14,756	14,496	11,318
Turkeys	7,471	5,968	..	..	..

Source : Dept. of Census & Statistics.

⁽¹⁾ Provisional.

TABLE 47—MILK AND EGG PRODUCTION

<i>Unit</i>	1972	1973	1974	1975	1976	1977
Milk '000 gallons	38,268	35,862	39,344	47,112	55,061	58,493
Eggs '000 Dozens	48,560	38,901	33,854	31,059	30,443	31,650

Source : Dept. of Census & Statistics.

TABLE 48—FISH PRODUCTION

Item	(Metric Tons)					
	1972	1973	1974	1975	1976	1977
Fresh fish (Marine) ⁽¹⁾	93,278	93,700	103,040	115,838	123,330	129,194
Fresh water fish	8,438	7,006	7,660	13,302	13,514	11,225
Cured fish ⁽²⁾	5,052	4,292	5,664	6,234	6,334	7,161

Source : Dept. of Fisheries.

(1) Includes Government and private trawler landings.

(2) Already included in wet form in the items above.

TABLE 49—FISHING CRAFT

Craft used	(Number)					
	1972	1973	1974	1975	1976	1977 ⁽¹⁾
Trawlers	5	4	4	4	9	15
Tuna boats	2	2	1	1	2	2
3½-ton mechanical craft	1,861	2,003	2,124	2,294	2,445	2,769
Other mechanized craft	3,252	4,094	4,170	4,939	5,281	6,472
Other non-mechanized craft	14,453	16,148	17,954	21,033	14,456	19,217
11-ton boats	26	19	11	12	15	13

Source : Dept. of Fisheries.

(1) Provisional.

TABLE 50—FOREST AREA AND WILD LIFE RESERVES

	1975 (Acres)	1976 (Acres)	1977 (Acres)
1. Proclaimed Reserves	1,162,812	1,163,260	1,161,353
2. Proposed Reserves	1,192,580	1,192,500	1,192,577
3. Other State Forests	4,354,000	2,000,000 ⁽¹⁾	2,000,000 ⁽¹⁾
4. Forest Plantations	235,344	253,220	271,623
(a) Teak	132,748	145,616	155,147
(b) Mahogany	55,317	55,777	57,267
(c) Eucalyptus	22,506	24,511	27,315
(d) Pines/Bamboo	16,957	20,983	24,827
(e) Other Species	7,516	6,333	7,067
5. National Parks	752,256	752,256	752,288
5. Intermediate Zones	89,146	89,146	89,145
7. Nature Reserves	136,866	156,866	157,868
8. Jungle Corridor	25,977	25,977	25,600
9. Sanctuaries	493,824	493,824	506,899

Source : Forest Dept.

Wild Life Conservation Dept.

⁽¹⁾Provisional.

TABLE 51--TIMBER PRODUCTION

<i>Item</i>	<i>Unit</i>	<i>1974</i>	<i>1975</i>	<i>1976</i>	<i>1977</i>
Soft Timber	Cubic feet	773,333	625,887	587,169	364,813
Other logs	"	3,245,483	2,792,325	2,742,245	2,046,841
Ebony logs	"	25,666	12,255	34,502	17,700
Sawn Timber	"	644,358	797,426	827,157	609,649
Railway Sleepers	Number	92,628	117,485	118,150	42,708
Electrical Trans- mission Posts	"	21,312	19,111	18,206	14,100
Telegraph Posts	"	—	—	—	—
Fire Wood	Cubic Yards	128,263	179,926	180,180	96,336

Source : State Timber Corporation.

TABLE 52—SUMMARY OF FOOD BALANCE SHEET 1976

Items	('000 Metric Tons)			Cal's per day	Proteins per day	Fats per day		
	Produc- tion	Gross Imports	Available Supply					
Cereals	1,306.17	1,110.75	2,600.67	1,895.24	377.14	1,313.87	29.77	2.27
Roots and other Starchy foods	961.91	—	961.91	674.23	134.17	198.56	1.10	0.29
Sugar	23.28	46.22	79.42	77.46	15.42	61.37	—	—
Pulses and Nuts	816.40	—	814.02	443.09	88.16	386.38	4.86	34.83
Vegetables (including Onions)	723.54	—	723.54	489.48	97.40	54.44	2.52	0.22
Fruits	161.68	—	161.68	137.43	27.35	21.13	0.24	0.03
Meat	19.39	—	19.39	19.39	3.83	4.29	0.85	0.12
Eggs	20.71	—	20.71	20.34	4.05	7.01	0.54	0.54
Fish	145.02	10.96	154.11	94.35	18.77	32.69	4.85	1.31
Milk	221.48	2.83	224.31	170.57	33.93	35.47	1.55	2.07
Oils and Fats	297.96	1.17	193.45	32.58	6.48	57.86	—	6.44

Source : Dept. of Census and Statistics.

Chapter V

INDUSTRY

TABLE 53—ELECTRIC POWER AND GAS⁽¹⁾

Item	Unit	1974	1975	1976	1977
1. Electricity—					
Installed capacity	1000 K.W.	362	362	402	402
Energy production	1000 K.W.H.	1,011,500	1,078,600	1,133,000	1,219,000
Domestic users :					
(a) No. of consumers	Number	72,283	79,799	86,604	96,009
(b) Energy consumed	1000 K.W.H.	80,900	84,873	93,000	103,596
Commercial users :					
(a) No. of consumers	Number	21,279	22,832	24,200	24,311
(b) Energy consumed	1000 K.W.H.	117,400	121,348	139,600	154,378
Industrial users :					
(a) No. of Consumers	Number	2,791	2,960	3,120	3,296
(b) Energy consumed	1000 K.W.H.	463,400	521,832	513,500	515,325
2. Gas—					
Production ⁽¹⁾	1000 Cu.Ft.	100,867	..	135,695	152,126

Source : Ceylon Electricity Board.

51 (1) Figures relates to calendar year.

TABLE 54—ANNUAL OUTPUT OF STATE INDUSTRIES

Corporation	Product	Unit	1973	1974	1975	1976	1977
1. National Milk Board	Milk processed	'000 Litres	15,475	11,293	11,693	11,848	16,862
2. Condensed Milk Factory	Condensed milk	'000 Cans	19,203	13,050	17,117	16,767	14,834
	Powdered milk	'000 lb Tins	15,801	15,661	16,895	21,384	20,684
3. Eastern Paper Mills—							
Manufacturing	Paper	Metric tons	20,528	17,565	19,025	17,257	19,740
Trading	Exercise books	'000	8,060	9,359	8,420	—	7,727
4. Ceylon Ceramics—							
Negombo Factory	Ceramicware	Metric tons	2,974	2,857	2,520	682	29,474
Piliyandala	Ceramicware	Metric tons	—	—	—	1,740	—
	Sanitaryware	Metric tons	583	611	672	550	647
	Wall tiles	Metric tons	222	340	432	1,767	1,910
Kaolin Refinery	Kaolin	Metric tons	4,868	5,884	4,139	4,353	5,182
	Bricks and Tiles	Value Rs. '000	8,174	11,368	—	25,728	26,598
	Electrical apparatus	Metric tons	..	..	..	326	314
5. Ceylon Oils and Fats—							
Oil Mill	Coconut oil ⁽¹⁾	Metric tons	1,019	209	—	264	217
Provender Plant	Animals foods	Metric tons	53,552	43,740	41,243	46,741	42,017
Fatty Acid Plant	Fatty acid	Metric tons	510	11,225	1,059	958	443
	Glycerine	Metric tons	185	84	138	111	54
	Other oils	Metric tons	—	9	—	..	..

6. Ceylon Plywood Corporation—

3 plywood (17)	'000 Sq. metre	4,012	4,565	4,832	4,282	..
Tea Chests (Full)	'000 Sets	1,620	2,905	1,996	2,266	1,461
Tea Chests (Half)	'000 Sets	289	424	510	..	575
3 plywood Board	'000 Sq. metre	122	106	62	..	109
Doors	'000	23	—	26	44	33
Black-Boards	'000	23	—	21	..	20
Office Tables	Number	698	—	—	..	—
Ping-pong Tables	Number	67	—	—	..	—
Office Trays	Number	1,649	—	—	..	—
Chip-board veneered	Cu. metre	5,380	3,058	—	..	—
Chip-board unveneered	Cu. metre	2,067	2,662	2,294	..	2,472
Sawn Timber	Cu. metre	1,812	3,313	3,030	..	4,154

Carpentry Division

Furniture

Value Rs. '000

7,358 9,163 1,000

7. Ceylon Leather Products Chrome

Shoes

'000 Sq. metre

112 116 92 114

Other products

'000 Pairs

209 248 140 167 177

'000 kgs

120 98 87

8. Paranthan Chemicals

Caustic Soda

Metric tons

1,504 1,344 1,320 1,571 1,515

Chlorine

Metric tons

794 705 588 703 644

Table salt

Metric tons

392 316 408 502 530

Hydrochloric Acid

Metric tons

494 495 483 600 540

TABLE 54—ANNUAL OUTPUT OF STATE INDUSTRIES—(Contd.)

Corporation	Product	Unit	1973	1974	1975	1976	1977
9. Sri Lanka Sugar— Kantalai Factory	Sugar	Metric tons	5,394	8,623	4,221	9,394	8,868
	Spirits	Kilo litres	1,766	1,645	1,145	2,594	3,274
	Sugar	Metric tons	6,695	10,672	9,210	13,881	14,185
	Spirits	Kilo litres	1,520	2,173	1,362	3,998	2,490
	Dry Gin	Litres	70,878	20,889	20,962	17,484	17,281
	Lemon Gin	Litres	12,347	6,683	3,510	1,005	3,214
	Orange Gin	Litres	8,879	2,378	1,082	—	1,282
	Beehive Brandy	Litres	50,707	24,890	35,596	31,236	30,115
	Gregsons Whiskey	Litres	4,201	9,929	3,578	4,010	3,578
Rum	Litres	4,587	5,864	10,401	723	8,192	
Arrack	Litres	162,568	350,581	428,551	324,407	265,426	
Methylated spirits	Bottles	258,949	558,288	489,503	498,837	436,702	
10. Ceylon Cement— KKS Factory	Cement	Metric tons	185,012	189,309	166,461	109,352	161,860
	Cement	Metric tons	55,765	50,747	50,151	36,622	31,898
	Puttalam Factory	Metric tons	181,028	233,574	176,383	189,678	167,684
11. Ceylon Mineral Sands	Ilmenite	Metric tons	93,482	81,098	63,984	55,810	20,137
	Rutile	Metric tons	2,252	3,051	3,708	1,039	1,070
12. National Salt	Salt	Metric tons	123,040	120,287	120,969	140,497	47,101

13. National Textiles	Yarn	'000 Kgs	4,777	4,574	5,580	7,374	5,030
	Textiles	'000 Metres	10,052	11,990	18,504	10,886	14,918
14. Ceylon Steel	Rolled Iron	Metric tons	23,896	28,982	21,240	28,295	24,558
	Wire Products	Metric tons	4,697	8,169	10,140	9,028	7,604
15. Ceylon Tyre	Tyres	No.	149,460	172,155	173,840	181,416	156,496
	Tubes	No.	82,233	166,149	12,496	156,276	141,039
	Flaps	No.	33,511	26,978	40,632	41,916	33,291
16. State Hardware	Hardware Items	'000 Units	2,007	2,164	1,918	1,124	1,104
	Cast Iron Factory						
	Castings	Metric tons	4,166	3,150	3,660	2,053	2,055
17. Ceylon Fisheries	Fish Caught	Kgs	2,385	2,230	956	548	312(9)
	Fished Purchased	Kgs	1,720	2,267	3,192	3,896	2,449
	Cured Fish	Kgs	197	283	319	96	50
	Fish Meal	Kgs	129	132	605	203	171
	Liver Oil	Kgs	1	2	17	..	..
	Medicinal Shark						
	Liver Oil	Litres	..	..	..	2,161	13,655
	Veterinary Shark						
	Liver Oil	Litres	..	..	..	2,721	1,283
18. State Flour Milling	Flour	Metric tons	65,722	48,019	65,261	93,639	72,740
	By-Products	Metric tons	26,330	40,155	31,115	33,774	27,132
19. State Timber	Sawn Timber	Cu. metre	20,360	1,812	22,569	23,408	185,821
20. State Graphite	Plumbago	Metric tons	7,802	10,428	7,980	8,135	..

TABLE 54—ANNUAL OUTPUT OF STATE INDUSTRIES—(Contd.)

Corporation	Product	Unit	1973	1974	1975	1976	1977	
21. Sri Lanka Petroleum	Gasoline	Metric tons	119,000	98,613	87,648	99,371	103,348	
	Kerosene	Metric tons	251,000	198,986	207,791	188,331	185,447	
	Chemical Naptha	Metric tons	128,000	107,124	107,391	103,484	102,197	
	Diesel	Metric ton	407,000	351,740	362,151	320,394	368,428	
	Asphalt	Metric tons	31,000	23,892	20,721	30,000	25,202	
	Fuel Oil	Metric tons	673,000	591,585	537,473	513,678	545,349	
	Blending Plant	Litre	18,184	14,143	16,352	..	..
	Lubricating Oil	L. G.	..	..	..	..	3,385,561
	22. Ayurvedic Drugs		Value Rs. '000	3,764	3,303	2,561	1,144	4,901
	23. Sri Lanka Tobacco Industries	Beedi	Millions	2,150	2,274	2,001	1,586	2,318
Cigars		1,000	..	..	..	916	370

Source : Central Bank and Corporations.

Note.—All figures relate to the calendar year ended 31 December.

(1) For industrial uses.

(2) Provisional.

TABLE 55—INDUSTRIAL STATISTICS—PRIVATE SECTOR⁽¹⁾

Div.	Industry Description	1975 ⁽²⁾		1976 ⁽²⁾		1977 ⁽³⁾				
		Rep. units	Value Rs. million	Rep. units	Value Rs. million	Rep. units	Value Rs. million			
4.31	Food Beverages and Tobacco	145	782.4	8,068	177	992.5	10,735	176	899.2	8,583
2.32	Textile wearing apparel and leather industries	792	323.3	26,442	664	516.7	26,792	796	691.1	27,027
3.33	Wood and wood product and furniture	11	6.4	177	3	2.6	115	6	7.9	578
4.34	Paper and paper products excluding printing and publishing	67	59.4	2,685	118	66.7	2,430	65	81.1	2,715
5.35	Chemical, chemical petroleum, coal rubber and plastic products	302	297.4	12,181	395	274.6	12,171	327	721.7	20,141
6.36	Non-metallic mineral products	95	46.6	7,560	87	58.8	5,768	60	91.1	3,492
7.37	Basic metal industries	14	32.8	938	19	41.2	1,753	19	21.1	1,881
8.38	Fabricated metal products, machinery and equipment	532	407.2	24,653	494	456.2	22,684	544	898.5	18,696

TABLE 55—INDUSTRIAL STATISTICS—PRIVATE SECTOR⁽¹⁾—(Contd.)

Div.	Industry Description	1975 ⁽²⁾		1976 ⁽²⁾		1977 ⁽³⁾	
		Rep. Value units	Emp. million	Rep. Value units	Emp. million	Rep. Value Rs.	Emp.
9.39	Other manufacturing industries	20	19.8	28	88.1	29	28.6
	Grand Total	1,978	1,984.3	1,985	2,497.4	2,022	3,440.2
							83,701

Source: Ministry of Industries and Scientific Affairs.
Dept. of Census and Statistics.

Note.—Rep. unit—Reporting unit.

Emp.—Employed number.

Base 1966 = 100 Value added

(1) Coverage confined to Industrial establishments registered with the Ministry of Industries and Scientific Affairs. Value refers to "Ex-factory value".

(2) 1975 and 1976 figures are provisional.

(3) Estimated.

Chapter VI

TRADE

TABLE 56—BALANCE OF TRADE

Year	Customs Data ⁽¹⁾		Rs. Million	Customs Data Adjusted ⁽²⁾		Rs. Millions
	Total Exports (f.o.b.)	Total Imports (c.i.f.)	Balance of Trade	Total Exports (f.o.b.)	Total Imports (c.i.f.)	Balances of Trade
1971	1,947	1,965	- 18	1,947	2,115	- 168
1972	2,009	2,064	- 55	2,009	2,218	- 209
1973	2,617	2,715	- 98	2,629	2,765	- 133
1974	3,472	4,554	- 1,082	3,503	4,770	- 1,267
1975	3,933	5,251	- 1,318	3,968	5,196	- 1,228
1976	4,815	4,689	+ 126	4,840	4,945	- 105
1977	6,638	6,007	+ 631	6,570	6,061	+ 509

Sources : Customs Returns.
Dept. of Census & Statistics.

(¹)Trade data compiled from export and import entries. There is a considerable timing between the actual data of export/import and the date on which the entries are passed.

(²)Adjusted for actual imports of Food Commissioner and Petroleum Corporation.

TABLE 57—VALUE AND DISTRIBUTION OF IMPORTS⁽¹⁾ AND DOMESTIC EXPORTS⁽²⁾

	1975		1976		1977	
	<i>Value</i> <i>Rs. '000</i>	<i>Per</i> <i>cent</i>	<i>Value</i> <i>Rs. '000</i>	<i>Per</i> <i>cent</i>	<i>Value</i> <i>Rs. '000</i>	<i>Per</i> <i>cent</i>
IMPORTS						
Total	5,251,315	100.00	4,688,351	100.00	5,953,019	100.00
Commonwealth—						
United Kingdom	223,482	4.26	275,155	5.87	327,159	5.49
Canada	62,395	1.19	106,261	2.27	70,797	1.19
Australia	429,482	8.18	272,531	5.81	290,914	4.89
India	149,898	2.85	181,142	3.86	357,590	6.01
Other	164,573	3.13	159,454	3.40	307,998	5.17
Foreign—						
Pakistan	219,818	4.19	317,075	6.77	273,365	4.59
U. S. A.	336,645	6.41	378,840	8.08	537,494	9.03
U. S. S. R.	112,145	2.14	71,804	1.53	130,753	2.19
China	661,512	12.60	56,194	1.20	284,073	4.77
Japan	447,041	8.51	375,520	8.01	397,712	6.68
Other	1,652,480	31.40	1,435,371	30.61	1,980,283	33.27
G. D. R.	24,346	.46	34,880	.74	11,547	0.19
Finance	429,120	8.17	293,846	6.27	230,792	3.88
Burma	120,649	2.30	231,046	4.93	167,011	2.81
Iran	217,730	4.15	499,223	10.65	585,531	9.84

TABLE 57—VALUE AND DISTRIBUTION OF IMPORTS⁽¹⁾ AND DOMESTIC EXPORTS⁽²⁾—(Contd.)

	1975		1976		1977	
	Value Rs. '000	Per cent	Value Rs. '000	Per cent	Value Rs. '000	Per cent
DOMESTIC EXPORTS						
Total	3,922,937	100.00	4,801,284	100.0	6,613,382	100.00
Commonwealth—						
United Kingdom	311,144	7.95	464,548	9.68	527,620	7.98
Canada	95,097	2.42	116,972	2.44	127,146	1.93
Australia	109,908	2.81	129,228	2.69	198,751	3.00
India	2,129	.05	2,061	.04	9,873	0.15
Other	259,506	6.62	467,496	9.74	542,593	8.21
Foreign—						
Pakistan	344,881	8.79	362,901	7.56	534,187	8.08
U. S. A.	218,859	.58	334,636	6.97	500,425	7.56
U. S. S. R.	102,574	2.61	153,243	3.19	124,588	1.88
China	460,146	11.73	481,427	10.03	433,459	6.55
Japan	178,282	4.54	213,366	4.44	321,055	4.85
G. F. R.	118,217	3.01	162,984	3.37	261,173	3.95
South Africa	120,624	3.08	141,239	2.94	201,268	3.04
Others	1,307,716	33.34	1,031,091	29.18	2,383,183	36.04
Bunkers	293,854	7.49	370,045	7.71	448,061	6.77

Source : Customs Returns.

⁽¹⁾Excludes bullion and specie.

⁽²⁾Includes postal articles and ships stores.

TABLE 58—COMPOSITION OF IMPORTS⁽¹⁾

	(Rs. million)					
	1972	1973	1974	1975	1976	1977
1. Consumer goods	1,069	1,424	2,138	2,651	1,732	2,534
(a) Food and drink	917	1,248	1,950	2,520	1,534	2,181
(i) Rice	161	270	720	1,062	642	916
(ii) Flour	193	453	857	1,002	671	871
(iii) Sugar	248	321	190	248	63	196
(b) Textile (inc. clothing)	48	55	59	20	49	150
(c) Other consumer goods	104	120	129	111	149	203
2. Intermediate goods	502	815	1,920	1,888	2,256	2,648
3. Investment goods	438	452	457	653	643	746
4. Unclassified imports	55	25	39	59	54	79
5. Total	2,064	2,715	4,554	5,251	4,634	6,007

Source : Central Bank and Customs Returns.

⁽¹⁾Customs data adjusted for Food Commissioner's and Petroleum Corporation's actual imports.

TABLE 59—COMPOSITION OF EXPORTS

	(Rs. Million)				
Commodity	1973	1974	1975	1976	1977
Tea	1,261	1,360	1,932	2,100	3,502
Rubber	592	738	654	830	931
Major Coconut products	145	397	397	383	334
(a) Copra	4	1	7	7	2
(b) Coconut Oil	27	141	188	188	40
(c) Desiccated Coconut	111	252	193	180	292
(d) Fresh Nuts	3	3	9	8	—
Precious and Semi Precious Stones	141	109	180	261	297
Other Domestic exports	346	583	467	1,167	1,103
Bunkers Domestic	111	260	293	46	448
Total Domestic exports	2,596	3,447	3,923	4,787	6,615
Re-exports	22	25	10	14	22
Total	2,618	3,472	3,933	4,801	6,637

Source : Central Bank and Customs Returns.

TABLE 60—IMPORTS OF RICE, FLOUR AND SUGAR

<i>Commodity</i>	('000 Metric Tons)			
	1974	1975	1976	1977
Rice	297	452	419	543
Flour	442	455	380	532
Sugar	42	61	45	100

Source : Food Commissioner's Dept.

TABLE 61—EXPORTS (VOLUME) OF MAJOR COMMODITIES

<i>Commodity</i>	1974	1975	1976	1977
Tea—Thousand Metric-Tons	175	212	199	184
Rubber—Thousand M/T	128	161	136	134
(i) Sheet	72	97	78	78
(ii) Crepe	56	64	58	56
Copra—Metric Tons	426	1,415	1,277	275
Coconut oil—Thousand Metric Tons	21	54	61	9
Coconut desiccated—Thousand Metric Tons	42	59	46	30

Source : Customs Returns.

TABLE 62—PRICES OF EXPORT COMMODITIES

Commodity	(Kilogramme)									
	1973	1974	1975	1976						
	1977		1977							
	F.O.B. Average Colombo		F.O.B. Average Colombo							
	Market ⁽¹⁾		Market ⁽¹⁾							
Tea	6.05	4.22	7.70	5.32	8.91	6.16	10.29	7.04	18.86	13.71
Rubber—										
(1) RSS No. 1	3.33	2.38	5.40	2.97	3.39	2.93	5.66	4.09	6.85*	4.33
(2) Latex crepe	4.42	3.17	6.58	4.60	4.71	4.11	8.00	6.10		5.12
Copra	1.35	1.27	2.23	2.21	4.76	1.15	5.48	1.83	7.91	3.44
Coconut oil	1.47	1.46	6.47	3.45	3.34	2.04	3.10	2.91	4.40	5.67
Coconut desiccated	2.94	1.98	5.90	3.13	3.25	1.93	3.90	3.24	9.62	5.95

Source : Dept. of Census and Statistics.

⁽¹⁾ Average Colombo Market price—

Tea—Derived from the Colombo Auction price.

Rubber—Derived from the Weekly Market Report.

Copra—Estate No. 1.

Coconut oil

Coconut desiccated

* all Rubber Varieties

} Annual Report of the Central Bank.

**TABLE 63—INDEX NUMBERS OF EXTERNAL TRADE,
PRICE, VOLUME AND TERMS OF TRADE**

(Base 1967=100)

	1972	1973	1974	1975	1976	1977
Price						
Imports	158	209	370	433	383	471
Exports	118	137	213	199	239	382
Terms of Trade ⁽¹⁾	75	65	58	46	62	81
Volume						
Imports	88	79	56	69	75	97
Exports	97	98	85	102	97	89

Source : Central Bank.

⁽¹⁾ Export price index/Import price index × 100.

TABLE 64—BALANCE OF PAYMENTS

(Rs. million)
1977⁽¹⁾

1976

1975

Goods and Services

	Credit	Debit	Net	Credit	Debit	Net	Credit	Debit	Net
Merchandise	3,913.0	5,334.2	-1,421.2	4,707.3	5,416.6	-709.3	6,640.0	6,150.0	+490.0
Non-monetary gold	—	6.7	-6.7	—	—	—	—	—	—
Freight and merchandise insurance	16.2	23.1	-6.9	17.0	23.9	-6.9	18.0	25.0	-7.0
Other transportation	186.4	60.5	+125.9	197.9	70.2	+127.7	220.0	80.0	+140.0
Travel	124.0	12.8	+111.2	198.4	23.9	+174.5	267.0	33.0	+234.0
Investment income	50.0	178.9	-128.9	32.8	203.0	-170.2	102.4	245.0	-142.6
Government expenditure	44.8	25.7	+19.1	50.0	35.9	+14.1	55.0	40.0	+15.0
Other services	143.2	167.8	-24.6	146.5	173.5	-27.0	160.0	180.0	-20.0
Total goods and services	4,477.6	5,809.7	-1,332.1	5,343.9	5,947.0	-597.1	7,462.4	6,753.0	+709.4

Transfer Payments

Private	60.0	40.8	+19.2	109.0	53.3	+55.7	120.0	60.0	+60.0
Official	541.2	—	+541.2	491.6	—	+491.6	490.0	—	+490.0
Total current account	5,078.8	5,850.5	-771.7	5,950.5	6,000.3	-49.8	8,072.4	6,813.0	+1,259.4
Capital and monetary gold	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Non-monetary sector	2,056.7	1,578.4	+478.3	2,214.5	1,629.8	+584.7	1,583.4	1,246.6	+336.8
Monetary sector	513.5	187.6	+325.9	313.0	838.1	-525.1	1,077.3	4,393.1	-3,315.8
Errors and omissions	—	32.5	-32.5	—	9.8	-9.8	39.6	—	+39.6

Source : Central Bank of Ceylon.

⁽¹⁾ Provisional.

TABLE 65—EXTERNAL ASSETS

Item	(Rs. Million)						
	1971	1972	1973	1974	1975	1976	1977
Government	12.4	53.7	3.3	0.5	0.7	6.6	3.9
Government Agencies and Institutions	62.3	67.3	70.7	74.3	0.2	0.2	0.4
Central Bank Currency Board	238.2	285.4	480.5	420.1	438.0	822.8	4,326.5
Commercial Banks	185.2	320.3	296.7	393.9	395.0	572.6	1,242.8
Total External Assets	498.1	726.7	851.2	888.8	833.9	1,402.2	5,573.6
Changes in Total External Assets between periods	+ 95.5	+ 228.6	+ 124.5	+ 37.6	- 54.9	+ 568.3	+ 4,171.4
Net of Sterling Loan Sinking Funds	455.0	680.1	801.2	835.3	833.9	1,402.2	5,573.6

Source : Central Bank.

Chapter VII

TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS

TABLE 66--PUBLIC ROADS AND RAILWAYS

	(Miles)				
	1973	1974	1975	1976	1977
Public Roads	16,290	16,386	16,485	16,649	16,649
Railways—					
Total	954	954	933	933	933
Broad gauge	867	867	867	867	867
Narrow gauge	87	87	66 ⁽¹⁾	66 ⁽¹⁾	66 ⁽¹⁾

Source : Railway Dept.
Dept. of Highways.

⁽¹⁾Due to Ratnapura Openaike lines being removed.

TABLE 67--MOTOR VEHICLES ON REGISTERS

	(Number)			
	1974	1975	1976	1977
Total	191,962	194,972	199,669	208,026
Cars and cabs	90,732	91,728	93,769	97,010
Motor cycles	22,501	22,773	23,384	24,435
Buses	12,619	12,815	13,142	14,123
Lorries and vans (including ambulances)	39,013	39,014	39,279	40,174
Agricultural tractors and engines	27,097	28,642	30,086	32,284

Source : Commissioner of Motor Traffic.

TABLE 68—OMNIBUS SERVICES

	1973	1974	1975	1976	1977
Number of routes	993	987	988	996	1,004 ⁽¹⁾
Route mileage covered	30,083	28,620	28,626	30,133	30,237
Operated mileage ('000) miles	250,899	234,765	246,387	247,551	..
No. of buses licensed	5,825	5,646	5,612	..	6,643
Average number of buses operated per day	4,590	4,302	4,469	4,425	4,583
Total number of passengers carried ('000)	1,405,164	1,248,691	1,336,411	1,436,275	1,529,110
Average passenger journey (miles)	6.55	6.5	6.6	6.69	6.65
Total revenue (Rupees '000)	430,902	592,239	600,123	709,998	773,359 ⁽²⁾
Revenue per bus mile in cents	171.7	245.3	263.9	286.8	309.1

Source: Ceylon Transport Board.

⁽¹⁾ Short-working not included.

⁽²⁾ Subject to Audit.

TABLE 69—RAIL TRANSPORT

Item	1973	1974	1975	1976	1977 ^(A)
Route miles	954	954	933	933	931
Rolling stock (number)—					
(a) Locomotives	250	289	282	296	307
(b) Carriages ⁽¹⁾	1,972	2,056	2,212	1,824	1,239
(c) Wagons ⁽²⁾	5,009	5,174	5,115	5,100	5,065
Train miles operated :					
(a) Passenger trains	5,440,891	4,522,476	4,760,402	4,580,900	..
(b) Goods trains	2,306,899	2,141,260	2,021,007	1,956,987	..
Passengers carried (Number '000) ⁽³⁾	89,336	68,460	69,132	71,200	67,000
Passenger miles :					
(a) Ordinary tickets '000	1,253,042	1,096,649	1,119,002	1,129,000	1,089,540
(b) Season tickets '000	798,247	629,491	650,849	685,000	597,545
Goods tonnage '000	1,805	1,941	1,703	1,488	1,323
Ton miles '000	199,553	192,811	184,134	169,745	134,868
Revenue Rs. '000	149,822	186,158	196,232	198,086	188,352
Expenditure Rs. '000	167,706	228,217	245,485	256,896	268,182

Source : Railway Department.

⁽¹⁾ Figures relate to the year ended September 30.

⁽²⁾ All vehicles reduced to B. G. four wheelers

⁽³⁾ Includes Season Ticket Holders.

⁽⁴⁾ Estimated figures.

TABLE 70—SHIPPING : VESSELS ENTERED AND CLEARED WITH CARGO AND IN BALLAST—ALL PORTS

	(Thousand net tons)				
<i>Entered</i>	1973	1974	1975	1976 ⁽¹⁾	1977 ⁽¹⁾
Merchant vessels (with cargo)	3,052	3,251	3,680	5,230	4,039
Merchant vessels (bunkers)	2,779	2,028	2,325	2,258	4,312
All other vessels (include sailing vessels with cargo and in ballast)	2,194	2,797	2,963	2,573	4,225
Total	<u>8,025</u>	<u>8,075</u>	<u>8,968</u>	<u>10,061</u>	<u>12,576</u>
 <i>Cleared</i> 					
Merchant vessels (with cargo)	2,259	2,474	3,330	2,784	3,555
Merchant vessels (bunkers)	2,743	2,118	2,247	2,207	4,856
All other vessels (include sailing vessels with cargo and in ballast)	3,012	3,283	2,215	3,365	5,140
Total	<u>8,014</u>	<u>7,785</u>	<u>7,792</u>	<u>8,356</u>	<u>13,551</u>

Source : Customs Returns.
Dept. of Census & Statistics.

⁽¹⁾ Subject to variation.

TABLE 71—POSTS, TELEGRAPH AND TELEPHONE SERVICES

Item	Unit	1973	1974	1975	1976	1977
Posts and Telegraph Office	Number	1,503	1,527	1,558	1,560	1,670
Telegraphs and telephones single wire mileage	Miles	249,575	249,685	249,924	250,264	250,636
Letters and parcels	'000	432,705	457,266	525,034	594,351	486,894
Telegram	'000	5,128	5,308	5,562	5,618	5,317
: Inland ⁽¹⁾		693	705	713	644	676
: Foreign						
Money Orders : Inland	'000	3,009	3,338	3,179	3,523	3,600(*)
: Foreign	'000	13	12	11	9	9(*)
Postal Orders : Inland	'000	961	871	818	708	1,300(*)
: Foreign ⁽²⁾						
Telephones : Direct Lines	Number	3,418	3,780	4,774	7,031	7,000(*)
Telephone calls : Inland ⁽³⁾	'000	39.6	71.4	43.0	44.4	45.8
: Foreign ⁽⁴⁾	'000	92,143	93,431	72,322	188,008	200,311
: Outward	'000	84	66	64	148	234(*)
: Inward	Number	48,271	66,660	92,549	80,194	215,794
Telex calls	Minutes	20,805	211,151	312,355	553,643	716,146

Source : Dept. of Posts and Telecommunications.

⁽¹⁾ Includes Indian telegrams sent through the C. T. O.

⁽²⁾ British Postal Order paid.

⁽³⁾ Includes metered local calls, all island trunk calls and calls taken from outstations Post Offices.

⁽⁴⁾ Includes both inward and outward calls.

(*) Provisional.

TABLE 72—BROADCAST SERVICES 1977

	<i>Estimated No.</i>	<i>No. Licensed</i>			
<i>Number of Receivers</i>					
(a) Wireless	1,000,000	550,000			
(b) Rediffusion	—	—			
Hours of broadcast per week :					
	<i>Sinhalese</i>	<i>Tamil</i>	<i>English</i>	<i>Education</i>	<i>Total</i>
<i>For Domestic Listeners</i>					
(a) Channel 1	75	64	43	20	202
(b) Channel 2	114	70	85	—	269
<i>For Overseas Listeners</i>					
(a) All Asia	—	102 ⁽¹⁾	63	—	165
(b) S. E. Asia	—	—	7	—	7
(c) Middle East Europe	—	—	7	—	7

Source : Sri Lanka Broadcasting Corporation

(1) Hindi, Tamil, Urudu, Malayalam.

TABLE 73—CIVIL AVIATION

Unit	1975			1976			1977		
	To	From		To	From		To	From	
	Sri Lanka	Sri Lanka	Lanka	Sri Lanka	Sri Lanka	Lanka	Sri Lanka	Sri Lanka	Lanka
INTERNATIONAL SERVICES⁽¹⁾ :									
Passengers—									
Total	93,706	114,137		..	..		..	..
Air Ceylon	32,795	45,846		81,087	121,312		..	..
Foreign Airlines	60,911	68,291		(²)34,000	..		..	..
Mails—									
Total	266,248	139,519		292,131	108,230		..	..
Air Ceylon	29,216	35,671		31,621	40,896		..	..
Foreign Airlines	237,032	103,848		260,510	67,334		..	..
Freight and Excess Baggage—									
Total	923,038	2,472,300					..	..
Air Ceylon	168,973	506,258		(³)246,560	753,536		..	..
Foreign Airlines	754,065	1,966,042					..	..
DOMESTIC SERVICES :									
Passengers	28,138			24,577			..	..
Mails	226			2,186			..	..
Freight and Excess Baggage	5,040			11,278			..	..

Source : Department of Civil Aviation,

⁽¹⁾ Includes regional services.

⁽²⁾ Total number of passengers in transit.

⁽³⁾ Freight inclusive of excess baggage.

Chapter VIII

NATIONAL ACCOUNTS

TABLE 74—TOTAL AND PER CAPITA PRODUCT AT CURRENT AND CONSTANT PRICES

<i>Item</i>	<i>(Rs. Million)</i>		
	<i>1975</i>	<i>1976</i>	<i>1977⁽¹⁾</i>
G. D. P. at current factor cost prices	22,168.7	24,609.5	29,196.7
Net factor income from abroad	- 128.9	- 170.2	- 142.6
G. N. P. at current factor cost prices—			
(a) Total	22,039.8	24,439.3	29,054.1
(b) Per capita (Rs.)	1,630.9	1,780.0	2,079.6
G. N. P. at 1963 constant prices—			
(a) Total	11,044.7	11,434.3	11,962.5
(b) Per capita (Rs.)	817.3	832.8	856.2

Source : Dept. of Census & Statistics.

Note.—Figures from 1975 have been revised on the basis of the most recent House-hold Budget Surveys and other available data.

⁽¹⁾ Provisional.

TABLE 75—INDUSTRIAL ORIGIN OF THE GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT AT CURRENT FACTOR COST

<i>Item</i>	<i>(Rs. Million)</i>		
	<i>1975</i>	<i>1976</i>	<i>1977⁽¹⁾</i>
Agriculture forestry and fishing	8,395.5	9,006.6	12,060.9
Mining and quarrying	323.1	443.6	486.3
Manufacturing	3,328.3	3,469.9	3,709.6
Construction	1,207.9	1,399.9	1,413.9
Electricity and gas	116.9	123.6	150.2
Transport and communication	1,897.2	2,212.4	2,529.3
Wholesale and retail trade	3,171.6	3,860.0	4,235.3
Banking, insurance and real estate	335.9	418.6	520.0
Ownership of dwellings	554.9	561.2	571.1
Public administration and defence	596.3	675.9	733.0
Services	2,241.1	2,437.8	2,787.1
Total G. D. P.	22,168.7	24,609.5	29,196.7

Sources : Dept. of Census & Statistics.

Note.—Figures from 1975 have been revised on the basis of the most recent House-hold Budget Surveys and other available data.

⁽¹⁾ Provisional.

TABLE 76—EXPENDITURE ON GROSS NATIONAL PRODUCT AT CURRENT MARKET PRICES

<i>Item</i>	<i>(Rs. Million)</i>		
	<i>1975</i>	<i>1976</i>	<i>1977⁽¹⁾</i>
Private consumption expenditure	18,562.0	19,226.7	22,506.8
General consumption expenditure	2,696.7	2,924.6	3,429.3
Government consumption expenditure			
Gross domestic fixed capital formation	3,539.8	4,475.4	4,647.3
Changes in stocks—statistical discrepancy	+ 376.3	+ 365.3	- 203.3
Exports of goods and services	4,427.6	5,317.1	7,360.0
Less : imports of goods and services	5,630.8	5,744.9	6,508.0
Expenditure on gross domestic product	23,971.6	26,564.2	31,232.1
Net factor income from abroad	- 128.9	- 170.2	- 142.6
Expenditure on gross national product	23,842.7	26,394.0	31,089.5

Source : Dept. of Census & Statistics.

Note.—Figures from 1975 have been revised on the basis of the most recent House-hold Budget Surveys and other available data.

⁽¹⁾ Provisional.

TABLE 77—GROSS DOMESTIC FIXED CAPITAL FORMATION AT CURRENT MARKET PRICES

Item	(Rs. Million)		
	1975	1976	1977 ⁽¹⁾
Total gross domestic fixed capital :—			
1. Government—			
(a) Land	200.3	420.9	354.8
(b) Buildings—			
(i) Residential	60.2	58.2	77.2
(ii) Non-residential	115.3	163.4	143.3
(c) Other construction and works	303.8	257.3	306.5
(d) Transport equipment	184.1	251.9	170.2
(e) Machinery and other equipment	130.4	215.5	173.3
Total	994.1	1,367.2	1,225.3
2. Private sector and public corporations—			
(a) Land (planting and replanting)	190.8	102.8	108.8
(b) Building and other construction	1,367.6	1,780.7	1,831.3
(c) Transport and equipment	274.9	410.5	605.4
(d) Machinery and other equipment	712.4	814.2	876.5
Total	2,545.7	3,108.2	3,422.0
Grand Total (1)+(2)	3,539.8	4,475.4	4,647.3

Source : Dept. of Census & Statistics.

Notes.—Figures from 1975 have been revised on the basis of the most recent House-hold Budget Surveys.

The estimates for 1975 and 1976, the figures given under 1 (a) and 2 (a) respectively, have been revised by a re-allocation to 1 (a) of the Government Sector Component of Capital expenditure on land, earlier included under (2a).

⁽¹⁾ Provisional.

Chapter IX

PUBLIC FINANCE

TABLE 78—RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE OF THE
GOVERNMENT CURRENT ACCOUNT

	(Rs. Million)			
	1974	1975	1976	1977 ⁽¹⁾
Receipts :	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
General sales and turnover taxes	635.2	679.6	749.4	711.1
Selective sales taxes	749.6	831.2	918.4	1,407.1
Import duties	277.3	335.9	475.9	517.8
Export duties	660.1	429.9	420.8	620.1
Receipts from FEECs	964.1	1,054.8	1,073.5	1,156.7
Licence taxes	58.7	63.8	64.1	53.6
Taxes on transfers of assets and property	21.4	27.4	28.7	37.4
Surplus on government monopolies	—	—	—	—
Taxes on corporate income	598.6	770.1	935.5	936.5
Taxes on non-corporate income	434.0	454.0	482.8	513.7
Receipts of trading enterprises	142.1	177.7	255.9	393.2
Income from property and entrepreneur- ship	81.1	96.9	112.4	124.9
Sales and charges	19.7	24.0	29.5	37.4
Social security contributions	30.4	26.5	51.2	33.5
Current transfers	—	—	—	—
Total current receipts	4,672.3	4,971.8	5,598.1	6,543.0
	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

**TABLE 76—RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE OF THE
GOVERNMENT CURRENT ACCOUNT—(Contd.)**

	(Rs. Million)				
	1974	1975	1976	Percent 1977 ⁽¹⁾	Percent
<i>Payments :</i>					
Administration	830.2	903.1	908.9	16.2	998.5
Social services	911.6	1,021.4	1,222.6	21.8	1,367.0
Economic services	164.5	165.3	194.5	3.5	212.2
Food subsidies	952.1	1,230.4	937.6	16.7	1,043.0
Pensions	292.1	331.3	377.7	6.7	413.8
Direct relief	70.8	99.7	266.3	4.8	197.3
Interest on public debt	580.2	699.1	839.8	15.0	1,013.1
Grants to local bodies	70.4	73.3	86.0	1.6	90.6
Others	693.0	741.8	768.7	18.7	836.9
Total current payments	4,564.9	5,265.4	5,602.1	100.0	6,172.4
				100.0	100.0

Source : Central Bank and General Treasury.

(¹) Provisional.

TABLE 79.—RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE OF THE
GOVERNMENT CAPITAL ACCOUNT

Item	1975		1976		1977 ⁽¹⁾	
	Rs. Million	Percent	Rs. Million	Percent	Rs. Million	Percent
Receipts :						
Current account surplus or deficit	-293.6	-14.8	-4.0	-0.1	370.6	16.7
Revenue from taxes on capital and from the sale of existing capital goods	65.3	3.3	84.7	3.2	91.7	4.1
Repayment of direct loans and advances	46.4	2.3	56.1	2.1	51.0	2.3
Capital transfers from abroad	404.2	20.3	380.2	14.2	482.9	21.7
Direct borrowing from abroad	309.2	15.6	590.9	22.1	728.1	32.8
Net domestic borrowing	1,359.1	68.4	1,976.5	73.8	1,356.4	61.1
Decline in cash balances and payments on advance account operations	96.1	4.8	-408.0	-15.2	-859.3	-38.7
Total	1,986.8	100.0	2,676.4	100.0	2,221.4	100.0
Payments :						
Administration	87.7	4.4	90.6	3.4	90.2	4.1
Social Services	199.4	10.1	303.5	11.4	239.4	10.9
Economic services	775.1	39.2	1,029.6	38.5	783.9	35.9
Acquisition of financial assets	108.0	5.5	223.5	8.4	135.3	6.2
Capital transfers	806.2	40.8	1,023.2	38.3	936.6	42.9
Total	1,976.4	100.0	2,670.4	100.0	2,185.4	100.0

TABLE 79—RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE OF THE
GOVERNMENT CAPITAL ACCOUNT—(Contd.)

Item	1975	1976	(Rs. Million) 1977 ⁽¹⁾
Total payments—			
Current payments	5,265.5	5,602.1	6,172.4
Capital payments	1,986.8	2,676.4	2,221.4
Total ⁽²⁾	<u>7,252.2</u>	<u>8,278.5</u>	<u>8,393.8</u>

Source : Central Bank of Ceylon.

⁽¹⁾ Provisional.

⁽²⁾ Exclusive of net payments on account of operations financed through advance accounts.

TABLE 80—COMPOSITION OF THE PUBLIC DEBT

Item	(Rs. Million)					
	1972	1973	1974	1975	1976	1977
Domestic—						
Long-term gross	5,103.4	5,812.2	6,590.5	7,560.1	9,001.2	10,391.6
Long-term net	4,273.0	4,757.9	5,289.5	5,955.5	6,962.5	7,839.8
Short-term	2,822.6	2,772.2	2,815.8	3,299.3	3,351.1	3,158.0
Foreign—						
Long-term gross	2,392.5	2,795.3	2,935.9	3,704.9	4,968.0	10,826.9
Long-term net	2,352.5	2,750.5	2,883.7	3,704.9	4,968.0	10,826.9
Administrative borrowings ⁽¹⁾	—	—	37.9	290.9	339.0	609.4
Total Gross	10,318.7	11,379.9	12,380.1	14,564.3	17,659.4	24,985.9
Total Net	9,448.3	10,280.8	11,026.8	12,959.7	15,620.7	22,434.1

Source : Central Bank.

⁽¹⁾ Include Loans from Semi-government agencies or foreign loans channelled through government of semi-government agencies and outstanding National Development Bonds.

TABLE 81—MONEY SUPPLY⁽¹⁾

Year	Currency										Money 8 as per supply cent of 9	
	Held by Govt.					Held by Public						Demand Deposits
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10		
1955	425.0	9.0	31.5	384.5	930.6	93.5	148.7	688.4	1,072.9	64.2		
1960	644.6	10.0	39.3	595.3	892.7	73.4	205.7	613.6	1,208.9	50.8		
1965	1,002.8	6.6	94.7	901.4	1,355.7	133.9	407.6	814.3	1,715.7	47.5		
1970	1,090.4	9.6	145.7	935.1	2,063.5	278.6	753.3	1,031.5	1,966.6	52.5		
1971	1,285.1	1.6	168.1	1,115.3	1,925.5	208.1	683.6	1,033.8	2,149.1	48.1		
1972	1,444.8	2.9	239.5	1,202.3	2,581.8	499.9	803.1	1,278.8	2,481.1	51.5		
1973	1,653.0	0.9	215.4	1,436.7	2,768.4	430.2	997.1	1,341.0	2,777.7	48.3		
1974	1,829.0	1.2	288.5	1,539.3	3,064.3	547.1	1,111.0	1,406.3	2,945.6	47.7		
1975	1,890.4	0.3	280.3	1,609.8	3,024.2	426.8	1,119.0	1,478.4	3,088.1	47.9		
1976	2,407.2	0.6	326.2	2,080.5	4,015.1	702.4	1,227.6	2,085.1	4,165.6	50.1		
1977 ⁽²⁾	3,219.1	1.3	426.2	2,791.7	5,320.4	870.4	1,875.8	2,574.2	5,365.8	48.0		

Source : Central Bank.

⁽¹⁾ As at end of year.⁽²⁾ Provisional.

TABLE 82—ASSETS OF THE CENTRAL BANK

Item	(Rs. Million)				
	1973	1974	1975	1976	1977
International Reserve—					
Cash and balances abroad including Treasury Bills	287.1	220.7	230.3	561.3	3,883.6
Special drawing rights	79.9	86.0	93.4	121.0	167.9
Other	113.5	113.4	114.4	140.6	275.1
Total	480.5	420.1	438.0	822.9	4,326.5
Domestic Assets—					
Loans and advances to Gov- ernment	456.1	497.9	588.6	600.1	617.4
Others	208.0	654.5	574.2	388.5	884.6
Government and Government guaranteed securities	2,134.0	2,191.6	2,272.3	2,624.0	2,420.1
Other assets and accounts	1,397.6	1,322.2	1,491.3	2,130.4	3,280.5
Total assets or liabilities	4,676.2	5,086.3	5,364.5	6,565.9	11,529.1

Source : Central Bank.

TABLE 83—LIABILITIES OF THE CENTRAL BANK⁽¹⁾

<i>Item</i>	<i>(Rs Million)</i>				
	1973	1974	1975	1976	1977
Capital Accounts—					
Capital	15.0	15.0	15.0	15.0	15.0
Surplus	59.0	60.0	61.0	62.0	62.0
Total	<u>74.0</u>	<u>75.0</u>	<u>76.0</u>	<u>77.0</u>	<u>77.0</u>
Securities outstanding	—	—	—	—	—
Borrowings abroad	245.2	261.9	302.3	308.9	552.3
Deposits—					
Government and Government Agencies	28.4	61.2	25.2	39.9	104.7
Commercial Banks	496.6	420.3	242.9	277.7	606.5
International Organisations	486.6	688.4	873.6	946.5	1,257.3
Others	23.4	28.7	58.1	69.2	188.0
Total	<u>1,035.1</u>	<u>1,198.5</u>	<u>1,199.9</u>	<u>1,333.2</u>	<u>2,156.6</u>
Other liabilities and accounts	1,668.8	1,721.8	1,895.9	2,439.6	5,524.1

Source : Central Bank.

⁽¹⁾ Excluding notes and coins in circulation.

TABLE 84—ASSETS OF COMMERCIAL BANKS

<i>Item</i>	<i>(Rs. Million)</i>				
	1973	1974	1975	1976	1977
No. of reporting Banks	12	12	11	11	11-0
Cash in hand	215.4	288.5	280.3	326.2	426.2
Due from Central Bank	488.1	486.1	220.2	251.1	579.3
Due from Domestic Banks	98.1	14.1	61.2	74.7	139.9
Cash items in process of collection	149.9	280.8	224.4	343.2	713.9
Foreign currency in hand and balances due from Banks abroad	94.7	90.1	78.3	92.8	298.5
Investments	501.2	338.7	379.0	653.1	584.4
Loans and advances	2,252.1	3,296.7	3,533.0	4,250.8	6,345.7
(a) Bills discounted	253.6	429.4	599.0	707.2	1,647.6
(b) Overdrafts and loans	1,998.4	2,867.3	2,934.0	3,543.6	4,698.1
Fixed and other assets	486.0	515.1	519.8	595.0	1,164.6
Total Assets	4,285.5	5,360.1	5,296.1	6,586.8	10,251.5

Source : Central Bank.

TABLE 85—LIABILITIES OF COMMERCIAL BANKS

<i>Item</i>	<i>(Rs. Million)</i>				
	1973	1974	1975	1976	1977
Paid up capital reserve funds, and undistributed profits	170.6	214.0	238.9	281.4	374.0
Demand deposits	1,756.7	1,894.5	1,882.2	2,751.1	3,351.6
(a) Ceylon Government	410.0	492.1	412.6	677.5	780.5
(b) Other	1,346.7	1,402.3	1,469.7	2,073.6	2,571.1
Time and savings deposits	1,411.8	1,660.9	1,728.1	2,191.4	3,441.4
(a) Ceylon Government	35.6	38.3	39.2	36.1	90.5
(b) Other	1,376.2	1,622.6	1,688.9	2,155.3	3,350.9
Total deposits	3,168.6	3,555.3	3,610.5	4,942.6	6,793.2
Borrowings	337.3	704.0	610.3	448.0	1,017.0
Other liabilities	609.0	886.9	836.3	914.7	2,067.3

Source : Central Bank.

TABLE 86—NET RECEIPTS OF FOREIGN ASSISTANCE

Type and Source	(Rupees Million)					
	1972	1973	1974	1975	1976	1977
Loans	293.6	202.0	217.0	454.8	730.5	1,009.8
(a) A. B. D.	17.9	19.5	17.4	29.4	57.1	88.6
(b) I. B. R. D.	- 10.4	- 12.4	- 4.3	13.9	0.7	- 5.8
(c) I. D. A.	17.2	32.2	41.3	122.4	29.2	120.2
(d) Canada	17.7	12.5	- 1.7	15.1	114.8	43.2
(e) People's Republic of China	66.1	27.4	58.6	- 8.0	12.5	- 135.3
(f) U. K.	32.2	1.3	- 9.0	- 9.3	- 12.8	276.2
(g) U. S. A.	102.0	66.0	13.7	128.5	167.6	219.9
(h) U. S. S. R.	- 7.2	- 8.5	- 8.3	- 0.4	44.9	- 11.1
(i) Federal Republic of Germany	9.5	19.5	54.2	49.1	0.8	28.9
(j) Yugoslavia	- 0.2	- 0.3	- 0.3	- 0.2	0.2	..
(k) Poland	- 1.3	- 0.4	0.3	..	..	..
(l) France	7.7	22.1	12.6	14.6	54.9	6.7
(m) Japan	50.5	18.5	40.5	116.1	62.4	83.2
(n) India	9.1	6.9	7.4	12.9	4.2	50.3
(o) German Democratic Republic	- 18.7	- 7.0	- 11.8	16.3	1.9	- 25.6
(p) Denmark	4.0	6.7	8.1	0.9	4.4	- 0.1
(q) Italy	- 2.3	- 2.0	- 1.9	4.9	0.9	- 2.4
(r) Hungary	..	..	0.7	1.2	1.3	0.7
(s) Netherlands	..	..	..	..	14.6	34.7
(t) Kuwait	..	..	..	..	78.4	43.6
(u) U. A. E.	..	..	..	..	92.9	..
(v) O. P. E. C.	..	..	..	..	..	..
(w) Libiya	..	..	..	..	..	129.1
Grants	59.7	14.0	16.7	404.2	380.2	482.9
(a) Colombo Plan	19.7	46.6	252.4	92.7	49.2	87.2
(i) Australia	5.7	34.1	55.0	56.9	17.2	12.0
(ii) Canada	14.0	12.6	28.3	30.2	22.2	75.4
(iii) Japan	..	1.1	10.0	3.0	9.8	..
(iv) New Zealand	..	..	..	2.6	..	..

TABLE 86—NET RECEIPTS OF FOREIGN ASSISTANCE—(Contd.)

Type and Source	(Rupees Million)					
	1972	1973	1974	1975	1976	1977
(b) Other	40.0	12.5	197.4	311.5	331.0	395.5
(i) United Nations	3.1	0.5	17.3	49.8	234.5	98.6
(ii) People's Republic of China	11.0	..	115.2	..	0.2	..
(iii) U. S. A.	14.5	..	0.1	..	20.1	..
(iv) Federal Republic of Germany	0.6	3.7	4.8	18.5	0.4	33.0
(v) Czechoslovakia	..	..	..	..	..	20.0
(vi) United Kingdom	4.8	0.1	..	..	..	50.0
(vii) German Democratic Republic	0.6	1.0	18.9	..	..	..
(viii) France	5.4	4.4	9.2	9.9	..	19.5
(xi) U. S. S. R.	..	..	..	4.4	—	..
(x) Sweden	..	..	..	51.8	37.8	108.6
(xi) Switzerland	..	0.3	28.9	..	..	..
(xii) Italy	..	..	..	9.1	..	..
(xiii) European Economic Community	..	..	..	74.9	5.4	19.7
(xiv) Netherlands	..	..	..	23.3	8.6	41.0
(xv) Iraq	..	..	..	7.1	..	..
(xvi) Algeria	..	..	..	6.8	..	..
(xvii) Saudi Arabia	..	..	..	46.8	..	..
(xviii) Kuwait	..	..	..	..	2.0	..
(xix) Republic of Korea	..	..	..	..	4.0	..
(xx) Libiya	..	..	..	..	8.6	..
(xxi) Quartar	..	..	..	..	4.4	..
(xxii) Others	..	2.6	2.8	9.1	24.8	5.1
Total of Loans and Grants	353.3	248.6	469.4	659.8	1,110.7	14920.7

Source : Central Bank of Ceylon.

TABLE 87—PARITY EXCHANGE RATES⁽¹⁾

<i>Country</i>	<i>Currency</i>	<i>Sri Lanka Rupees per Unit of Foreign Currency</i>
Australia	Dollar	9.5542
Austria	Schilling	0.5278
Belgium	Franc	0.2416
Canada	Dollar	7.6783
Denmark	Krone	1.3930
Federal Republic of Germany	Deutsche Mark	3.7592
France	Franc	1.7602
Hongkong	Dollar	1.8162
India	Rupee	0.9968
Italy	Lira	0.0097
Japan	Yen	0.0341
Kuwait	Dinnar Ringgit	30.0030
Malaysia	Dollar	3.5376
Netherlands	Guilder	3.5126
New Zealand	Dollar	8.4049
Norway	Krone	1.5576
Pakistan	Rupee	0.8658
Phillipines	Peso	1.1556
Saudi Arabia	Riyal	2.4320
Singapore	Dollar	3.5617
South Africa	Rand	9.7888
Sweden	Krone	1.7814
Switzerland	Franc	3.8160
United Arab Emirates	Dirham	2.1959
United Kingdom	Pound	15.1515
United States of America	Dollar	8.5257

Source : Central Bank of Ceylon.

Note.—These rates are liable to change from time to time.

⁽¹⁾ As at 31st October, 1977.

Chapter X

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

TABLE 88—LOCAL GOVERNMENT STATISTICS—1976 AND 1977 GENERAL

Type of Council	Number of Councils		Population (Census)		Number of Voters		Number of Wards		Number of Employees		
	1976	1977	1971	1976	1977	1976	1977	1976	1977	1976	1977
Municipal	12	12	1,219,682	622,413	636,427	233	233	18,685	20,111		
Urban	38	38	771,095	397,153	403,143	346	346	6,846	7,037		
Town	83	83	857,339	437,717	442,517	531	531	3,640	3,754		
Village	549	549	9,841,781	4,843,221	4,867,433	7,184	7,184	8,304	8,437		
Total	682	682	12,689,897	6,300,504	6,349,520	8,294	8,294	37,475	39,339		

Source : Dept. of Local Government.

TABLE 89—LOCAL GOVERNMENT STATISTICS—REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE
FOR 1976 AND 1977

Type of Council	Revenue (Rs. '000)							
	Number of Councils		General		Electricity		Total	
	1976	1977	1976	1977	1976	1977	1976	1977
Municipal	12	12	132,780.0	147,339.2	22,854.2	29,234.4	155,634.2	176,573.6
Urban	38	38	41,233.9	45,671.6	25,246.8	23,953.3	66,480.7	69,624.9
Town	83	83	22,745.4	23,083.2	13,207.5	13,223.4	35,952.9	36,306.6
Village	549	549	45,489.4	47,813.8	9,051.7	9,514.2	54,541.1	57,328.0
Total	682	682	242,248.7	263,907.8	70,360.2	75,925.3	312,608.9	339,833.1
Expenditure								
Municipal	12	12	107,435.6	119,921.0	20,885.9	22,675.2	128,321.5	142,596.2
Urban	38	38	31,965.8	35,455.4	18,732.7	16,341.4	50,698.5	51,796.8
Town	83	83	18,103.0	18,660.5	12,648.5	14,613.0	30,751.5	33,273.5
Village	549	549	43,617.4	45,948.2	9,016.5	9,488.1	52,633.9	55,436.3
Total	682	682	201,121.8	219,985.1	61,283.6	63,117.7	262,405.4	283,102.8

Source : Dept. of Local Government.

TABLE 90—LOCAL GOVERNMENT STATISTICS—SERVICES PROVIDED
FOR 1976 AND 1977

	Type of Councils						Total			
	Municipal		Urban		Town			Village		
	1976	1977	1976	1977	1976	1977		1976	1977	
Vehicular Roads (Miles)	741	756	781	794	1,209	1,238	24,211	25,391	27,342	28,179
Dispensaries ⁽¹⁾	12	12	26	28	41	45	224	240	303	325
Cemeteries ⁽¹⁾	12	12	36	37	65	68	463	470	576	587
Pipe-borne ⁽¹⁾	12	12	31	33	32	35	93	96	168	176
Electricity ⁽²⁾	12	12	36	36	77	77	82	83	207	208
Conservancy ⁽¹⁾	12	12	38	38	79	80	237	241	366	371
No. of parks and play-grounds ⁽¹⁾	12	12	35	36	51	52	184	186	282	286
No. of libraries ⁽¹⁾	12	12	35	36	74	75	296	298	417	421

Source : Dept. of Local Government.

⁽¹⁾ No. of Councils providing the services.

⁽²⁾ The Ceylon Electricity Board Supplies electricity to Colombo and Nuwara Eliya Municipal Councils.

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TABLE 91—TOURISTS AND EXCURSIONISTS WHO ARRIVED IN SRI LANKA AND THE AVERAGE LENGTH OF STAY OF TOURISTS

<i>Year</i>	<i>Tourists</i>		
	<i>Number</i>	<i>Average length of stay (days)</i>	<i>Excursionists (Number)</i>
1965	19,781	17.0	58,158
1966	18,969	18.0	79,097
1967	23,666	11.0	59,052
1968	28,272	10.0	41,407
1969	40,204	10.0	68,054
1970	46,247	10.0	68,529
1971	39,654	10.0	58,292
1972	56,047	10.0	48,310
1973	77,888	10.0	27,920
1974	85,011	10.0	23,434
1975	103,204	10.0	25,490
1976	118,971	10.0	7,563 ⁽¹⁾
1977	153,655	10.7	7,672

Source : Ceylon Tourist Board.

Note.—Above figures include visitors from India and Pakistan, many of whom arrived to visit friends and relatives resident in Sri Lanka.

⁽¹⁾Excursionists as internationally defined include foreign visitors arriving in Sri Lanka by Air and Ship and whose duration of stay was less than 24 hours ; figures up to 1976 as reported in the above table include foreign visitors who had stayed more than 24 hours and also those whose period of stay was less than 24 hours.

TABLE 92—TOURISTS WHO ARRIVED IN SRI LANKA CLASSIFIED BY SPECIFIED NATIONALITIES

<i>Nationality</i>	<i>(Number)</i>					
	1972	1973	1974	1975	1976	1977
Australia	1,152	1,542	2,095	3,156	3,655	4,720
France	6,352	12,417	10,839	11,093	11,360	17,555
Germany, (Fed.Rep.)	8,627	10,286	13,893	15,497	19,788	29,722
India	7,843	7,794	6,773	7,808	7,959	8,647
Italy	1,530	3,030	3,338	3,826	6,090	5,444
Japan	1,501	2,888	2,013	8,281	8,514	9,076
Malaysia	1,667	1,599	1,153	1,210	2,189	1,633
Scandinavia	6,076	9,041	9,863	10,016	12,383	18,287
Switzerland	2,952	4,871	6,575	5,841	5,622	8,921
U. K.	6,084	6,474	6,969	8,756	9,376	12,428
U. S. A.	4,197	5,109	5,225	6,629	6,265	8,342
Other Countries	8,066	11,887	15,274	21,091	25,770	28,890
Total	56,047	77,888	85,011	103,204	118,971	153,665

Source : Ceylon Tourist Board.

TABLE 93—TOURISTS WHO ARRIVED IN SRI LANKA CLASSIFIED BY PURPOSE OF VISIT

<i>Purpose of Visit</i>	<i>Number of Tourists</i>			<i>Percentage</i>		
	<i>1975</i>	<i>1976</i>	<i>1977</i>	<i>1975</i>	<i>1976</i>	<i>1977</i>
Holiday	93,726	105,539	144,148	90.8	88.7	93.8
Business (official and private)	6,621	9,844	6,221	6.1	8.3	4.0
Other	3,217	3,588	3,296	3.1	3.0	2.2
Total	103,204	118,971	153,665	100	100	100

Source : Ceylon Tourist Board.

TABLE 94—ACCOMMODATION CAPACITY (ROOMS) IN GRADED HOTELS, GUEST HOUSES AND REST HOUSES

<i>Resort Region</i>	1972	1973	1974	1975	1976	1977
Colombo Resort Region—City	410	705	841	1,059	1,310	1,310
Colombo Resort Region—Greater Colombo	454	518	629	669	914	956
South Coast Resort Region	384	519	594	790	1,007	1,165
East Coast Resort Region	55	75	105	230	271	320
High Country Resort Region	212	189	215	212	195	195
Historic Cities Resort Region	328	414	456	614	827	848
Northern Region	48	48	65	58	57	57
All Regions	1,891	2,468	2,905	3,632	4,581	4,851

Source : Ceylon Tourist Board.

TABLE 95—EMPLOYMENT IN THE TOURIST INDUSTRY

<i>Category of Establishment</i>	<i>No. of Establishments</i>		<i>Total Employed</i>	
	<i>1976</i>	<i>1977</i>	<i>1976</i>	<i>1977</i>
1. Hotels and Restaurants	213	197	8,043	9,069
2. Travel Agents/Transport operations	77	95	1,520	1,823
3. Airlines	11	11	938	1,011
4. Agencies providing recreational facilities	10	10	80	82
5. Tourist Shops	103	116	846	1,380
6. National Tourist Organization	1	1	325	351
	<u>415</u>	<u>430</u>	<u>11,752</u>	<u>13,716</u>

Source : Ceylon Tourist Board.

**TABLE 96—INCOME ACCRUED FROM FOREIGN VISITORS
AS REPORTED IN THE FOREIGN TRAVEL ITEM OF THE
BALANCE OF PAYMENTS ACCOUNT**

<i>Year</i>	<i>Income (Rs. Million)</i>
1963	5.9
1964	5.5
1965	5.7
1966	6.5
1967	5.9
1968	10.3
1969	17.0
1970	21.5
1971	20.3
1972	27.6
1973	58.6
1974	107.1
1975	157.1
1976	237.8
1977	363.1

Source : Central Bank.

Ceylon Tourist Board.

**TABLE 97—TIME AT SELECTED CITIES OF THE WORLD
AT 12.00 NOON (SRI LANKA TIME)**

Honolulu	8.30 p.m. (previous day)
Los Angeles	10.30 p.m. (previous day)
New York	1.30 a.m.
Washington	1.30 a.m.
Ottawa	1.30 a.m.
Rio de Janeiro	3.30 a.m.
London	6.30 a.m.
Lisbon	6.30 a.m.
Paris	7.30 a.m.
Rome	7.30 a.m.
Stockholm	7.30 a.m.
Geneva	7.30 a.m.
Cairo	8.30 a.m.
Johannesburg	8.30 a.m.
Moscow	9.30 a.m.
Theran	10.00 a.m.
New Delhi	12.00 noon
Calcutta	12.00 noon
Rangoon	1.00 p.m.
Bangkok	1.30 p.m.
Djarkarta	1.30 p.m.
Kuala Lumpur	2.00 p.m.
Manila	2.30 p.m.
Hongkong	2.30 p.m.
Peking	2.30 p.m.
Tokyo	3.30 p.m.
Canberra	4.30 p.m.

Source : Department of Meteorology.

TABLE 98—SCHEDULED INTERNATIONAL AIR SERVICES
THROUGH SRI LANKA IN 1977

Air Services

	<i>Sundays</i>
1. Air Ceylon	Colombo/Karachi/Rome/London Colombo/Male/Colombo Rome/Sharajah/Colombo/Singapore
2. Aeroflot Soviet Airlines	—
3. British Airways	Tokyo/Hongkong/Colombo/Seychelles/Johannesburg Johannesburg/Seychelles/Colombo/Hongkong/Tokyo
4. Indian Airlines Corporation	Trivandrum/Colombo/Trivandrum
5. KLM Royal Dutch Airlines	—
6. Pakistan International Airlines	—
7. Singapore Airlines	Madras/Colombo/Singapore
8. Swissair	Zurich/Geneva/Bombay/Colombo/Singapore Singapore/Colombo/Bombay/Geneva/Zurich
9. Thai Airways International	—
10. UTA French Airlines	Paris/Bahrain/Colombo/Singapore/Jakarta/Noumea Paris/Muscat/Colombo/Muscat/Paris

1. Air Ceylon

London/Frankfurt/Karachi/Colombo
 Colombo/Bahrain/Frankfurt
 Singapore/Kuala Lumpur/Colombo/Madras /Colombo
 Colombo/Tiruchirappali/Colombo

2. Aeroflot Soviet Airlines

Moscow/Teheran/Karachi/Colombo
 Colombo/Karachi/Teheran/Moscow

3. British Airways

—

4. Indian Airlines Corporation

—

5. KLM Royal Dutch Airlines

—

6. Pakistan International Airlines

—

7. Singapore Airlines

Singapore/Colombo/Madras
 Amsterdam/Zurich/Dubai/Colombo/Singapore

8. Swissair

—

9. Thai Airways International

—

12 10. UTA French Airlines

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**TABLE 98—SCHEDULED INTERNATIONAL AIR SERVICES
THROUGH SRI LANKA IN 1977—(Contd.)**

<i>Air Services</i>	<i>Tuesdays</i>
1. Air Ceylon	Colombo/Male/Colombo Colombo/Bombay
2. Aeroflot Soviet Airlines	—
3. British Airways	—
4. Indian Airlines Corporation	Madras/Colombo/Madras Tiruchirappalli/Colombo/Tiruchirappalli
5. KLM Royal Dutch Airlines	Jakarta/Singapore/Colombo/Karachi/Athens/Amsterdam
6. Pakistan International Airlines	Karachi/Colombo/Kuala Lumpur/Singapore
7. Singapore Airlines	Singapore/Colombo/Dubai/Zurich/Amsterdam
8. Swissair	Zurich/Geneva/Bombay/Colombo/Singapore
9. Thai Airways International	—
10. UTA French Airlines	Noumea/Singapore/Colombo/Baharain/Paris

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|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---|
| 1. Air Ceylon | Bombay/Colombo
Colombo/Bombay/Sharjah/Cairo/Rome
Tiruchirappali/Colombo
Colombo/Tiruchirappali | — |
| 2. Aeroflot Soviet Airlines | | |
| 3. British Airways | London/Dharnano/Bahrain/Colombo
Colombo/Deho/Dharan/London | |
| 4. Indian Airlines Corporation | Madras/Colombo/Madras
Trivandrum/Colombo/Trivandrum | |
| 5. KLM Royal Dutch Airlines | | — |
| 6. Pakistan International Airlines | Singapore/Kuala Lumpur/Colombo/Karachi | |
| 7. Singapore Airlines | | — |
| 8. Swissair | Singapore/Colombo/Bombay/Zurich/Geneva
Bangkok/Colombo/Bangkok | |
| 9. Thai Airways International | | |
| 10. UTA French Airlines | | — |

**TABLE 98—SCHEDULED INTERNATIONAL AIR SERVICES
THROUGH SRI LANKA IN 1977—(Contd.)**

Air Services

Thursdays

1. Air Ceylon	Frankfurt/Bahrain/Colombo/Bangkok Colombo/Madras/Colombo
2. Aeroflot Soviet Airlines	Moscow/Colombo/Moscow
3. British Airways	Tokyo/Hongkong/Colombo/Seychelles/Nairobi/London London/Nairobi/Seychelles/Colombo/Hongkong/Tokyo
4. Indian Airlines Corporation	Tiruchirappali/Colombo/Tiruchirappali
5. KLM Royal Dutch Airlines	—
6. Pakistan International Airlines	Karachi/Colombo/Kuala Lumpur/Singapore
7. Singapore Airlines	Amsterdam/Zurich/Dubai/Colombo/Singapore Singapore/Colombo/Madras
8. Swissair	—
9. Thai Airways International	—
10. UTA French Airlines	—

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|------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1. Air Ceylon | Bangkok/Colombo/Karachi/Frankfurt/London
Colombo/Madras/Colombo
Colombo/Kuala Lumpur/Singapore
Colombo/Male/Colombo |
| 2. Aeroflot Soviet Airlines | — |
| 3. British Airways | London/Abu Dhabi/Colombo/Brueni/Hongkong |
| 4. Indian Airlines Corporation | — |
| 5. KLM Royal Ditch Airlines | Amsterdam/Athens/Karachi/Colombo/Singapore/Jakarta |
| 6. Pakistan International Airlines | Singapore/Kuala Lumpur/Colombo/Karachi |
| 7. Singapore Airlines | — |
| 8. Sivvssair | — |
| 9. Thai Airways International | — |
| 10. UTA French Airlines | — |

**TABLE 98—SCHEDULED INTERNATIONAL AIR SERVICES
THROUGH SRI LANKA IN 1977—(Contd.)**

<i>Air Services</i>	<i>Saturdays</i>
1. Air Ceylon	Tiruchirappali/Colombo Colombo/Tiruchirappali Singapore/Kuala Lumpur/Colombo/Bombay/Sharjah Londom/Rome/Karachi/Colombo
2. Aeroflot Soviet Airlines	—
3. British Airways	Hongkong/Brunei/Colombo/Muscat/London
4. Indian Airlines Corporation	Madras/Colombo/Madras Trivandrum/Colombo/Trivandrum
5. KLM Royal Dutch Airlines	—
6. Pakistan International Airlines	—
7. Singapore Airlines	Singapore/Colombo/Dubai/Zurich/Amsterdam
8. Swissair	—
9. Thai Airways International	—
10. UTA French Airlines	—

Source : Department of Civil Aviation.

TABLE 99—SELECTED ECONOMIC INDICATORS

Indicators	Unit	Sri Lanka	India	Japan	United Kingdom	U. S. A.
Area—	Sq. kilometer	65,610	3,287,590	372,313	244,046	9,363,123
Population mid year 1975—	1,000	13,496	598,097	110,593	55,962	213,611
Density of population 1975—	per km ² .	206	182	298	229	23
Birth rate 1975—	per 1,000 population	27.8	(1973) 34.6	17.2	12.4	14.7
Death rate 1975—	per 1,000 population	8.5	(1973) 15.5	6.4	11.8	8.9
Rate of natural increase 1975	per 1,000 population	19.3	(1973) 19.1	10.8	0.6	5.8
Infant mortality rate 1974	per 1,000 live births	51.2	(1972) 13.9	10.8	16.3	16.7
Expectation of life at birth—						
Male		(1971) 64.2	(1971) 47.1	(1974) 71.16	(1968-70) 67.81	(1974) 68.2
Female		(1971) 67.1	(1971) 45.6	(1974) 76.31	(1968-70) 73.81	(1974) 75.9
Literary rate		(1971) 78.5	..	..	..	..
Economically active population 1975—	per cent	35.4	32.9	48.6	46.3	44.5
Index numbers of agricultural production 1974—	Base 1970=100	119	121	123	130	122
Index numbers of industrial production 1975—	1970=100	(1971) 115	119	110	101	109
Consumers' price index number 1975—	1970=100	144	174	172	184	139
Total gross national product at market price 1975—	Mn. of U. S. Dollars	(1974) 3,049	79,851	390,594	206,169	1,332,099
Per capita gross national product at market price 1975—	U. S. Dollars	(1974) 223	136	3,546	3,684	6,236
External trade index numbers						
Export volume index 1975—	1970=100	100	(1974) 122	159	132	142
Import volume index 1975—	1970=100	68	(1974) 124	122	124	112
Export price 1975—	1970=100	169	(1974) 170	149	198	177
Import price 1975—	1970=100	309	(1974) 210	208	237	216
Terms of trade 1975						
Export price index						
Import price index	× 100— 1970=100	35	(1974) 80	72	84	82

Sources : U. N. Statistical Year Book 1976

U. N. Demographic Year Book 1975

I.L.O. Year Book of Labour Statistics 1976

Year Book International Trade Statistics 1976

Statistical Outline of India 1978

TABLE 100—DISTANCE (IN MILES) BY ROAD BETWEEN SELECTED TOWNS AND OTHER PLACES OF INTEREST

	YALA																													
	WILPATTU																													
	VAVUNIYA																													
	TRINCOMALEE																													
	SIGIRIYA																													
	RATNAPURA																													
	PUTTALAM																													
	POLONNARUWA																													
	NUWARA-ELIYA																													
	MONERAGALA																													
	MATARA																													
	MATALE																													
	MANNAR																													
	MAHIYANGANA																													
	MADHU																													
	KURUNEGALA																													
	KEGALLE																													
	KANKESANTURAI																													
	KANDY																													
	KALUTARA																													
	KALKUDAH																													
	JAFFNA																													
	HATTON																													
	HAMBANTOTA																													
	GALLE																													
	DAMBULLA																													
	COLOMBO																													
	BATTICALOA																													
	BADULLA																													
	ANURADHAPURA																													
AMPARAI	167	90	45	215	147	204	128	155	279	63	207	117	290	140	141	208	70	229	133	176	58	80	104	195	150	149	130	192	191	130

Source : Survey Department.

Chapter XII

SPECIAL FEATURES

PLACES OF TOURIST INTEREST IN SRI LANKA

Sri Lanka is remarkably famed for her wide range of tourist attractions. Within an area of a little more than 65,000 square kilometers are found cities more than 2,000 years old, beautiful stretches of sea and sunny beaches, scenic splendour of peerless mountains with lush tropical lowlands. The glory and grandeur of age-old pageants, traditional crafts mingle with the warm and friendly disposition of her people.

AMBALANGODA

Eighty four kilometers from Colombo ; a safe bathing spot with a Resthouse famed for sea-food delicacies. Centre of the colourful wooden mask industry in Sri Lanka, and its ritualistic mask dancing, folk drama and the art of puppetry.

AMPARAI

The valley that developed with the construction of the giant reservoir, Senanayake Samudra. For centuries earlier the Gal-Oya valley was a primeval wilderness the habitat of the aboriginal Veddha.

A Veritable paradise for bird 'watchers' ; large herds of the Elephant provide its main attraction.

Stay accommodation is available at Inginiyagala, the Resthouse at Amparai or at the Wild Life Conservation Department's bungalow Ekgal-Oya.

Road-rail links available from Batticaloa. Two trains operate daily ; direct bus services are operated daily between Colombo and Gal Oya.

ANURADHAPURA

Sri Lanka's ancient capital, foremost among Buddhism's Sacred Cities in the Island ; Anuradhapura, 205 kilometers from Colombo on the north-central plains, dating back 2,500 years revives a glorious past of a culture and heritage.

Striking features of the " Sacred City " are—

- Ruvanveliseya* — 2nd century B. C., now restored;
Thuparama — 3rd century B. C. enshrining sacred relics of the Buddha ;
The Sri Maha Bodhi — Historically documented as the
(*Ficus religiosa*) world's oldest tree.
Isurumuniya — Famous for the carving of the " Lovers ".

A number of other ancient ruins and monuments spreading over vast park-land are both of archaeological and scenic interest.

Anuradhapura is served by ancient reservoirs. The Nuwara Wewa, Tissa Wewa, Basawakkulama and Bulankulama continue as sources of water supply.

To suit convenience of travellers, two comfortable Rest-houses, flank the Nuwara Wewa and the Tissa Wewa banks. Miridiya Hotel, Samara Hotel and Monara Hotel afford guest accommodation. Both western and local 'dishes' are available.

Train travellers to Anuradhapura could avail themselves of rest rooms at the new railway station. Four express trains serve Anuradhapura daily and special services operate during the main pilgrim—influx generally in the month of June, which coincides with the Posen festival at Mihintale.

BANDARAWELA

Leeward of the montane zone of Sri Lanka is this health resort knitted all round with tea-covered hills and a gradual undulating landscape. The Diyaluma Falls in its vicinity are amongst the highest in the world.

Accommodation :

Bandarawela Hotel

Orient Hotel

Ideal Resort

Himali Guest House

Ceylon Tourist Board Resort—Three cottages with bedrooms and dormitory accommodation.

Best reached by train, the road to Bandarawela presents a panoramic view with a beautiful landscape.

BENTOTA

Sixty one kilometers from Colombo, on the south coast is a popular holiday resort. A picturesque tourist complex of hotels, shops, handicraft centres and other facilities ; situated at the estuary of the Bentota river, lovely beach, and facilities exist for aquatic sports on sea and river.

Accommodation :

Bentota Beach Hotel

Lihiniya Surf Hotel

Serendib Hotel

Hotel Ceysands

Ceyland Tourist Board Resort—(A Cottage with bedroom facilities)

BERUWALA

Eleventh century Muslim settlement ; Famous Kechimale Mosque ; Beautiful lighthouse on the Barberyn Island ; a coral reef provides year-round, safe, sea bathing.

Accommodation :

Barberyn Reef Hotel

Confifi Beach Hotel

Hotel Swanee

Neptune Hotel

Palm Garden Hotel

COLOMBO

The sea-port capital of Sri Lanka : Commercial and administrative centre. Many traces of colonial occupation remain. The city abounds with places of interest—old structures, churches, temples, mosques, kovils, theatres and art galleries. Colombo's Museum contains, amongst other things inscriptions of Sri Lanka's storied past. The Dehiwala Zoo, one of the finest in the East is a popular tourist attraction.

The Zoo's aquarium, a major draw is open daily from 10 a.m. to 9.30 p.m. Another tourist attraction is the Elephant's performance at 5.15 each evening. The Zoo is open daily between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m.

Shopping in Colombo could be quite rewarding. The bazaar area of the city is in Pettah, with most of the department stores, jewellery and curio shops in Fort area. Seasonal spectator sports available.

Accommodation :

The Galle Face Hotel	Hotel Brighton
Hotel Taprobane	The Ceylon Hotel School
Ceylinco Hotel	Havelock Tourinn
Hotel Sapphire	Peagasus Reef Hotel
Holiday Inn	Ceylon Inns
Sea View Hotel	Hotel Ceylon Inter-Continental
Harendra Hotel	Hotel Renuka
Hotel Lanka Oberoi	Hotel Janaki
Hotel Duro	Many Guest Houses and Paying
Hotel Ranmuthu	Guest Accommodation

DAMBULLA

South of Sigiriya on the summit of a masive rock boulder is a cluster of five temples, dating from the 1st century B.C. Hewn out of the rock is a thousand four hundred and thirty two centimetre recumbent image of the Buddha. These temples are painted throughout with most exquisite murals depicting the life and teachings of the Enlightened one. At the foot of the rock is a Resthouse.

Bus services connect Dambulla with Kandy, Sigiriya and Polonnaruwa.

DIYATALAWA

In close proximity to Bandarawela is another health resort amidst vast stretches of grassy patnas. Nicknamed "the Happy Valley", Diyatalawa is easily accessible by road (190 kilometers from Colombo) and rail. Regular bus and train services to Diyatalawa are available.

Accommodation : St. Ives Guest House

GALLE

Away from the bustle of the metropolis 115 kilometres along the coast from Colombo is Galle. Once an outpost of the Portuguese invaders and later of the Dutch, it still retains, the original fortifications in a perfect state of preservation. Massive old structures create an atmosphere of the Dutch era. A butterfly bridge spans over the canal constructed during the Dutch period.

In the fort of Galle is the New Oriental Hotel. Other accommodation includes Cloenberg Hotel and Harbour Inn, Koggala Beach Hotel and Koggala Hotel Horizon. Galle is reached by train (5 Expresses daily) and bus with Hotel and Railway Retiring Rooms.

HAPUTALE

Nestling in the hills at an elevation of 1,456 metres (179 kilometres from Colombo) is Haputale—popular among tourists as St. Moritz of Sri Lanka. This region is famed for its breathtaking views, extending far across towards the south. The Haputale Gap could be seen best from the Monamaya Guest-house.

Regular train and road services to Haputale are available.

HIKKADUWA

Famed for its wealth of coral and marine species, Hikkaduwa is a paradise for the under-sea enthusiast. The blue waters are ideal for swimming, skin diving and spear fishing.

Nearby is the Totagamuwa Temple, home of the Totagamuwe Sri Rahula, once famed Sinhala poet. The Polgasduwa Island Hermitage founded by the Ven. Gnanatilaka and several other temples are worth visiting. 99 kilometers South of Colombo, Hikkaduwa is well served by rail and road.

Accommodation :

Coral Sands Hotel

Coral Gardens Hotel

Blue Corals Hotel

Coral Reef Beach Hotel

Beach Kabins Tourist Guest House

JAFFNA

At the northern most extremity of Sri Lanka is the Jaffna Peninsula (386 kilometres from Colombo). This traditional home of the Tamils, descendants of South Indian settlers, widely differs from the rest of Sri Lanka in climate and outlook.

A large cluster of islets and lagoons lend enchantment to the Peninsula. Off Kayts is the tiny Island of Hammenheil with its Dutch Fort. Reminiscence of the Dutch Era is again evident in the city, the Jaffna Fort, perhaps the best preserved in Asia. Of the many islets, Nagadipa is famed as one of the Island's the Buddha is said to have visited. The Island of Delft is known for its ponies. At Kantarodai is an unusual site of pre-Christian Buddhist shrines. The sunny beaches and vast stretches of golden sand dotted with Casuarina, Palmyrah palms, and Baobab trees, lend a fascinating view.

Visitors to Jaffna have a choice of accommodation to select : Palm Court, Subbas Tourist Hotel, Yarl Inns, Railway Retiring Rooms and a Resthouse in the city itself.

Air Ceylon operates daily flights to Jaffna. Four trains also operate daily between Colombo and Jaffna.

KANDY

Kandy (115 kilometers from Colombo) the hill capital of Sri Lanka is famed for the Temple of the sacred Tooth Relic of the Buddha. The grandeur of an age-old pageant is the Esala Perahera, held every year during the lunar month of Esala (July, August). Scores of gaily caparisoned elephant local chieftains in ceremonial attire headed by dancers and drummers partake in a colourful spectacle famed the world over.

Religious fervour of the Hill Capital is manifestly expressed by the presence of a number of temples around Kandy with varying attractions ; exquisite wood carvings at Embekke, attractive roof and murals at Degaldoruwa and the eight hundred and twenty three centimetre Buddha Statue at Gangarama. On the approach route to Kandy are the Peradeniya Botanic Gardens which possess some of Asia's finest collections of orchids and other tropical varieties of flora. The Peradeniya Campus of the Sri Lanka University overlooking the gardens is indeed picturesque.

Accommodation :

Chalet Hotel
Hotel Suisse
Kunas Falls Hotel, Elkaduwa
Lady Hill Tourist Hotel
Peak View Hotel
Queen's Hotel
Hotel Dehigama
Hotel Topaz
Castle Hill Guest House

There are in addition a number of comfortable Guest Houses and Paying Guest accommodation. Regular bus and train services operate between Colombo and Kandy.

MATARA

Matara is situated on the extreme south coast of Sri Lanka at the estuary of the Nilwala Ganga, 160 kilometres from Colombo. Interesting evidence of the Dutch occupation in 17th and 18th centuries are seen as two forts. One of these has an impressive gateway dating 1698 with the coat-of-arms of the Dutch East India Company. There is also a Dutch-built church. The Buddhist temple at Weherahena evinces much popularity among tourists.

Dondra 7 kilometres away, is the southern most point of Sri Lanka.

Matara is accessible by road and rail. Accommodation is available at the Resthouse, Chantilly Guest House, Polhena Reef Gardens Hotel, and the Chamin Rest.

MIHINTALE

Thirteen kilometres from Anuradhapura is a mountain shrine venerated by Buddhists. Known as the cradel of Buddhism it was here that the Arahat Mahinda preached his first sermon to King Devanampiya Tissa. 1,840 shallow steps lead to the summit of the shrine. Ancient structures still to be seen are the Mahaseya, Ambastale Chaitiya and Kanthaka Chaitiya all circa 3rd century B.C.

MOUNT LAVINIA

Eleven kilometres from Colombo Fort is Mt. Lavinia, one of the most popular beaches in Sri Lanka. The sea at Mount is ideal for swimming, surfing and skin diving. A fishing centre, many fishermen living along the coast still use the age-old catamaran and outrigger canoe.

Peached on a promontory is an old building which was used as the residence of a British Governor. It now forms part of the Mt. Lavinia Hotel. Accommodation includes Beach Cabanas, Guest and Paying Guest Houses.

Mt. Lavinia is served both by rail and road.

NEGOMBO

Situated 37 kilometres from Colombo and 3 kilometres from the Katunayake International Airport. Negombo is picturesquely situated at the 'neck' of a lagoon. In the Dutch Era of 17th and 18th centuries, its hinterland grew the best cinnamon in the world. Negombo is an important fishing centre, (especially well known for crab, lobster and prawn). The 17th

century Dutch Fort and Church, and a Dutch built canal linking Colombo are traces of Dutch Administration. Good swimming, fine beaches, sailing, rod and line fishing in the lagoon add variety.

Accommodation :

Aquarins Beach Hotel

Blue Lagoon Beach Hotel

Catarman Beach Hotel

Sea Shells Hotel

Blue Oceanic Beach Hotel

Dons Beach Hotel

Brown's Beach Hotel

Orient Pearl Hotel

Goldi Sands Hotel

Interline Beach Hotel and many Guesthouses and Resthouses

Frequent buses and trains are available.

NUWARA ELIYA

In a salubrious valley encircled by high mountains of central Sri Lanka, is this picturesque town with its ideal spring climate (temperature 60°F) and 165 kilometres from the metropolis.

Long pleasant walks along mountain paths, boating, golf and trout fishing are among a host of attractions to visitors.

Nuwara Eliya is easily reached by road and by rail (bus connection from Nanu Oya).

Many private homes in Nuwara Eliya take in 'paying' guests and accommodation is also available at the Grand Hotel, Grosvenor Hotel, Hill Club, Princess Guesthouse, Villa Concordia, Nuwara Eliya Tour Inn, Lake View Guest House, The Municipal Tourist Rest, Ceylon Tourist Board Resort.

HORTON PLAINS

A Paradise for nature lovers covering an area of 54 square kilometres ; many things to enjoy ; hiking, riding, trout fishing or just a leisurely ramble. Horton plains offer ideal opportunities for the botanists and those interested in local flora. " World's End " with its precipitous drop presents an incredible view.

POLONNARUWA

216 kilometres from Colombo is Polonnaruwa, founded and developed between 9th and 12th centuries.

Famed among many of the ancient ruins is the Gal Vihara, where three beautiful stone figures of the Buddha have weathered the vicissitudes of time. These were carved during the reign of Parakrama Bahu the Great, who also endowed the ancient city with the handsome Audience Hall, the elegant Vatadage and the magnificent Lankatilleke. Of a later date are the Sathmahal Prasadaya and the Lata Mandapaya, built by King Nissanka Malla.

Centre of the ancient irrigation system, the Parakrama Samudra, or the Sea of Parakrama constitutes a unique feat in engineering technology.

Regular bus and train services are available.

Accommodation :

Araliya Hotel

Hotel Seruwa

Amalian Nivas

Polonnaruwa Rest House

Giritale Hotel ((11 kilometres from Polonnaruwa)

Hotel Hemalee, Giritale (11 kilometres from Polonnaruwa)

The Royal Lotus, Giritale (11 kilometres from Polonnaruwa)

Ceylon Tourist Board (A camp side complex)

RATNAPURA

Ratnapura, as its name implies is the City of Gems. This town lies 90 kilometres south-east of Colombo. Mining activity using traditional methods of tunnelling and dredging in river beds has continued well nigh for centuries. Rubies, Sapphires, Aquamarines, Topaz, Alexandrites, Garnets, Amethysts, Moonstones and many other precious and semi-precious stones are obtained from these 'mines'.

The temple of God Saman, Guardian Deity of Sri Pada, hallowed to Buddhists and Hindus is a centre of worship.

Ratnapura is reached by road. The Resthouse is picturesquely situated high over the city commanding a magnificent view.

SIGIRIYA

This massive rock 163 kilometres from Colombo, was the 5th century fortress of the parricide King Kasyapa. High on this plateaulike rock, King Kasyapa built himself a palace of extraordinary design. In a sheltered pocket on a side of the rock are found the world famous frescoes. Flanking the steps

leading to the pocket is the mirror wall with panegyric descriptions. The ascent to the summit had led through the paws of a lion couchant, part of which still remains.

Sigiriya is easily accessible by road and also by rail up to Habarana with a connecting road link.

Accommodation :

Hotel Sigiriya

Sigiriya Rest House

The Sigiriya National Holiday Resort has ten camping sites with all basic facilities.

TRINCOMALEE

Trincomalee, one of the finest natural harbours in the world, lies on the north-east coast of Sri Lanka, 256 kilometres from Colombo. White sand beaches and numerous little creeks make ideal opportunities for excellent swimming ; plenty of scope for skin diving and rod and line fishing.

A sight 'worth seeing' is the Swami Rock, a towering 122 metre headland, where an ancient Hindu temple of 1,000 columns once stood. The temple was destroyed in 1,622, and its remains now lie scattered over the sea bed. Fort Frederick, Dutch Point, Ostenberg Point and Wellington House are other interesting spots.

Accommodation at the Welcombe Hotel, Trincomalee Resthouse, 'The Nightjar' Guesthouse, Hotel Club Oceanic, The Villa at Trincomalee and Blue Lagoon Hotel, Nilaveli Beach Hotel and Moonlight beach lodge at Nilaveli (19 kilometres from Trincomalee) and Ceylon Sea Angler Club at China Bay.

WILD LIFE

Between late dawn (5.30 and 7.30) or early dusk (4.30 and 6.0) visitors to the National Parks may watch the elephant, leopard, bear and other species of wild life.

The more popular of the parks is the Ruhunu National Park (1,259 square kilometres) 283 kilometres from Colombo. Six bungalows available in the park are being rented out by the Department of Wild Life Conservation. Alternative accommodation could be had at Tissamaharama Rest House, Brown's Safari Cottage, Senasuma Holiday Resort, Ibis Safari Lodge, Piyankara Tourist Guest House and at the Kataragama Resthouse of the Ceylon Tourist Board. Dormitory accommodation available.

Closer to Colombo (185 kilometres) is the large Wilpattu National Park (1,908 square kilometres). Seven bungalows available ;bookings with the Department of Wild Life Conservation. Yala East National Park (120 square kilometres) 322 kilometres from Colombo is famed for the variety of bird life nesting in Kumana Villu. The elephant sanctuary at Lahugala is only 42 kilometres away.

Gal Oya National Park (542 square kilometres) 314 kilometres from Colombo is reputed for elephants. Wild Life could best be seen in its natural habitat deep in the heart of the Veddah country. Horton Plains Nature Reserve (31 square kilometres) 164 Kilometres from Colombo abounds with rare varieties of the *fauna* and *flora*.

AGRARIAN RESEARCH AND TRAINING INSTITUTE

The Agrarian Research and Training Institute, sponsored by the Government of Sri Lanka in association with the FAO/UNDP was established in February 1972, as a statutory body. Since January 1977, the Institute functions as an autonomous body—corporate under the Ministry of Agriculture and Lands and is administered by a Board of Governors whose Chairman is the Secretary of the Ministry of Agriculture and Lands. The Institute is headed by a national Director. The Institute's areas of research and training cover the fields of Land Economics and Land Tenure, Production Economics, Co-operatives and Credit Marketing, Rural Sociology, Land Settlement, Extension, Communication and Statistics.

The objects of the Institute are to undertake, foster and co-ordinate agrarian research and to examine the Institutional factors that have to do with the development of Agriculture ; to offer training to public officers, members of local Institutions and to farmers ; and to serve as a repository of agrarian information. It is hoped that the Institute will ultimately be a centre of Agrarian Research and Training for the Asian Region.

The Institute is now housed in its own premises at No. 114, Wijerama Mawatha, Colombo 7. In addition to a fully equipped Lecture Theatre Seminar Rooms, Auditorium, a Library and a fully furnished Hostel with residential facilities for participants attending training courses, the building also houses a Documentation Centre including Microfiche, Radio and Video Training Studies

FUNCTIONS OF SELECTED INSTITUTIONS

The Tea Research Institute, St. Coombs Estate, Talawakele
The Institute is managed by the Tea Board. It conducts research on all aspects of tea production and manufacture.

The Institute also advises estates on improved techniques in tea production and manufacturers. This service is provided free of charge. The Institute has four sub-stations and three Commercial Estates Research carried out at the outstations is complementary to that carried out at the main station at Talawakele.

The Institute issues several publications on its work.

Ceylon Institute of Scientific and Industrial Research, Colombo
The CISIR was established in 1955 by Act of Parliament. The objects of the Institute are amongst other matters, to undertake testing, investigation and research for the purpose of improving technical processes and methods used in industry, of discovering processes and methods which may promote the expansion of existing industries or the development of new industries, or the utilisation of waste products. The Institute fosters the training of research workers and the establishment of scientific associations. Amongst its ancillary services are the testing of industrial products for quality and composition. The Institute may also enter into agreements to undertake special investigations with the object of the discovery, invention or improvement of any process, apparatus or machine.

The management of the Institute is vested in a Governing Board consisting of persons who have distinguished themselves in science or industry or are otherwise specially qualified in relation to some aspect of the Institute's work. The administration is vested in the Director who is appointed by the Minister. Funds for the maintenance of the Institute and its staff are donated annually by the Government.

The Governing Board publishes a report annually on the work of the Institute.

The Sri Lanka Tea Board, Colombo

The Sri Lanka Tea Board was established by statute No. 14 of 1975 and commenced activities as from 1st January, 1976. It is entrusted with the task of promoting the development of the tea industry in Sri Lanka. As from 1976, the Departments, of the Tea Controller, the Tea Export Commissioner, the Ceylon Tea Propaganda Board and the Tea Research Institute were brought under the Board which is financed by a cess on tea exports and a grant by the Government. The Ministries of Plantation Industry, Finance, Planning, Agriculture, Trade and Shipping as well as members connected with the Tea Industry are represented in its directorate.

The Rubber Research Institute of Sri Lanka, Dartonfield, Agalawatta

The Rubber Research Institute of Sri Lanka is managed by a Board which includes representation of the planting community and the smallholders and some Government Departments. The Institute is financed mainly by a cess which currently is one

cent on every pound of rubber that is exported. The Institute conducts research into the agricultural, biological and chemical aspects of the production and processing of natural rubber for industrial use. It is also the controlling authority for technical specifications of raw natural rubber.

The Institute consists of twelve Departments, viz., 01. Botany, 02. Plant Pathology, 03. Soils Chemistry, 04. Genetics and Plant Breeding, 05. Rubber Chemistry and Technology, 06. Central Specifications Laboratory, 07. Estate (Dartonfield Group), 08. Advisory Services and Economic Research, 09. Statistics 10. Accounts, 11. Administration and 12. Library and Publications. Extension work concerned with smallholders estates and research into economic aspects of the industry are handled by the Advisory Services Department and Economic Research Unit which was established by amalgamation of former Smallholdings Department and Estates Advisory Department. It has a Sub-station at Kuruwita in Ratnapura District.

Colombo Office and Laboratories of the Institute are situated at Telawala Road, Ratmalana, Mt. Lavinia and consist of the following Departments : Rubber Chemistry and Technology and Central Specifications Laboratory, Advisory Services and Economic Research Department, Administration Unit and Board Office.

Since 1974, the Institute has been entrusted with the management of five Estates (total acreage—1,800 acres) : Upper and Lower Mukalana, Nelun-Yuana, Horagoda, Malambe, vested in the Land Reform Commission.

Coconut Marketing Board

The Coconut Marketing Board was established by the the Minister of Plantation Industry, under the provisions of the Coconut Development Act, No.46 of 1971, by Order published in the *Ceylon Government Gazette* No. 15,004 of March 30, 1972, to perform the following functions :—

- (1) The prescription and maintenance of standards of quality of coconut products manufactured in or exported from Sri Lanka.
- (2) The purchase and sale, and the regulation of the purchase and sale of coconut products, and the formulation and implementation or assistance in the formulation and implementation of minimum and maximum price schemes and price stabilization schemes for coconut products, particularly the small holders' coconut products.
- (3) The maintenance, promotion and creation of demand for coconut products both within and outside Sri Lanka, by advertising, initiating financing, supporting and supervising promotional work, by establishing managing supervising and supporting sales rooms and agencies, organizing, assisting and participating in, exhibitions and fairs and by any other means necessary for the purpose.
- (4) The conducting of market research into all aspects of the transport and marketing of coconut products within and outside Sri Lanka.
- (5) The training of advisory and extension workers to assist the coconut industry,

- (6) The promotion of co-operative and collective forms of management and ownership of coconut plantations and of establishments manufacturing for trading in coconut products.
- (7) The export and import, the regulation of export and import trade and export and import prices of coconut products.

Under these regulations, the issue of licences for the export of copra, coconut oil, desiccated coconut, coconut fibre, shell charcoal and shell flour, fresh nuts and ekels, the conduct of copra auctions as well as the implementation of the Price Stabilisation Scheme for Coconut Oil, fall within the purview of the Coconut Marketing Board.

Coconut Research Institute, Bandirippuwa Estate, Lunuwila

A Scheme for research on coconut was initiated in 1929 under Ordinance No. 29 of 1928. Originally called the "Coconut Research Scheme", it was given a higher status in 1951 and re-named "The Coconut Research Institute". On 30th March, 1972, it was taken over by a new Coconut Research Board set up under the Coconut Development Act, No. 46 of 1971. This Board has been assigned the following functions :—

- (1) The conducting and furthering of scientific research in respect of the growth and cultivation of coconut palms the growing of other crops and the engagement in animal husbandry on coconut plantations and the prevention and care of diseases and pests ;

- (2) The establishment and maintenance of experimental stations and nurseries ;
- (3) The conducting and furthering of scientific research in regard to processing and utilization of coconut products ;
- (4) The establishment and maintenance of pilot plants for the processing of coconut products and the fabrication of experimental processing equipment ;
- (5) The training of advisory and extension works to assist the coconut industry ; and
- (6) Guiding and advising the coconut industry on all technical matters.

The Institute has expanded considerably with seven Research Sectors (viz., Chemistry, Botany/Plant Breeding, Soils, Agrostology and Crop Protection), in addition to the administration, Planting, Inter-cropping and Biometrics Divisions and the Biometrics and Publications/Publicity Units.

As it functions at present, the Coconut Research Institute is organized mainly for agricultural research. Limited facilities however, exist for laboratory scale investigations on the chemistry and technology of coconut products. Although the Institute is not strictly engaged in applied research for industry, it does to some extent, assist in the solution of process and production problems encountered in the coconut industry.



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