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The first issue of the *Statistical Pocket Book* appeared in the year 1967. This is the thirteenth issue.

The Statistical information has been revised and brought up to date to cover, as far as possible, the year 1979.

An abridged Table of metric conversion factors, as specified by the National Metric Conversion Authority, appears in the form of an Appendix at the end of this Publication.

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 further 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. kilometres)</i>	<i>Large inland waters (sq. kilometres)</i>
<b>SRI LANKA</b>	65,609.63	959.07
Colombo	694.64	42.22
Kalutara	1,615.51	9.07
Kandy	2,367.25	0.26
Matale	1,995.02	—
Nuwara Eliya	1,227.66	—
Galle	1,689.32	15.54
Matara	1,246.43	—
Hambantota	2,623.01	29.79
Jaffna	2,157.80	85.55
Mannar	2,013.46	11.40
Vavuniya	2,645.16	—
Batticaloa	2,633.11	169.64
Amparai	3,049.97	64.49
Trincomalee	2,714.31	96.19
Kurunegala	4,775.94	3.24
Puttalam	3,035.86	58.92
Anuradhapura	7,274.35	145.17
Polonnaruwa	3,448.93	45.20
Badulla	2,821.98	3.89
Moneragala	7,213.95	79.00
Ratnapura	3,238.78	—
Kegalle	1,662.77	—
Gampaha	1,398.85	—
Mullaitivu	2,060.08	94.02

Source : Survey Dept.

**TABLE 2—PRINCIPAL RIVERS**

<i>Name of River</i>	<i>Length in kilometres</i>
Mahaweli Ganga	334.74
Aruvi Aru	164.15
Kala Oya	148.06
Kelani Ganga	144.84
Yan Oya	141.62
Deduru Oya	141.62
Walawe Ganga	137.60
Maduru Oya	136.31
Maha Oya	133.58
Kalu Ganga	128.75
Kirindi Oya	117.48
Kumbukkan-Oya	115.87
Menik Ganga	114.26
Gin Ganga	112.65
Mi Oya	109.44
Gal Oya	107.83

*Source* : Survey Dept.



**TABLE 3—PRINCIPAL PEAKS**

<i>Name of Peak</i>	<i>Height (in metres)</i>	<i>District situated in</i>
Pidurutalagala	2,524.35	Nuwara Eliya
Kirigalpotta	2,388.72	do.
Totapalakanda	2,357.02	do.
Sri Pada (Adam's Peak)	2,237.54	Ratnapura
Kikilimana	2,237.84	Nuwara Eliya
Great Western	2,212.24	do.
Hakgala	2,169.57	do.
Conical Hill	2,165.91	do.
One Tree Hill	2,100.07	do.
Mahakudagala	2,096.72	do.
Waterfall Point	2,073.55	do.
Namunukula	2,035.76	Badulla
Gommoli Kanda	2,034.24	Ratnapura, Badulla
Knuckles	1,862.94	Kandy
Kotagala	1,752.60	Kandy, Nuwara Eliya

*Source : Survey Dept.*

**TABLE 4—ANNUAL RAINFALL AT SELECTED STATIONS**

<i>Station</i>	<i>30-year average 1931-60</i>	<i>(Millimetres)</i>		
		<i>1977</i>	<i>1978</i>	<i>1979</i>
Colombo	2395.5	3014.2	1954.4	2450.6
Jaffna	1329.4	1522.6	1162.0	1391.7
Trincomalee	1726.7	1545.7	1464.6	1473.0
Hambantota	1075.4	977.1	976.5	796.6
Ratnapura	3887.5	3581.6	3742.5	3490.4
Anuradhapura	1447.3	1397.8	1194.7	1371.3
Kandy (Katugastota)	2021.8	1694.1	1924.5	1995.4
Diyatalawa	1730.8	1846.0	1275.1	1658.3
Nuwara Eliya	2162.8	1917.6	2604.6	2195.8

*Source* : Dept. of Meteorology.

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

<i>Station</i>	<i>30-year average</i>		<i>(Degrees Centigrade)</i>			
	<i>1931-60</i>		<i>1978</i>		<i>1979</i>	
	<i>Max.</i>	<i>Min.</i>	<i>Max.</i>	<i>Min.</i>	<i>Max.</i>	<i>Min.</i>
Colombo	30.0	23.9	30.9	24.1	31.1	23.2
Jaffna	30.1	25.2	30.5	25.5	28.8	23.9
Trincomalee	31.0	24.9	31.6	25.5	28.6	24.7
Hambantota	30.2	24.0	30.5	24.0	29.6	23.4
Ratnapura	31.5	22.8	32.2	22.7	31.7	22.6
Anuradhapura	31.7	22.9	31.9	23.6	29.4	23.2
Kandy (Katugastota)	28.8	22.0	29.0	20.4	29.0	20.1
Diyatalawa	24.6	15.8	24.8	15.9	22.6	16.0
Nuwara Eliya	20.1	10.8	19.2	11.7	19.0	12.0

*Source* : Dept. of Meteorology.

# Chapter II

## POPULATION AND VITAL STATISTICS



TABLE 6—POPULATION BY SEX

Year	Population (Thousands)			Density per Sq. Kilometres (Number of Persons)
	Total	Males	Females	
Census				
1871	2,400	1,280	1,120	37
1881	2,760	1,470	1,290	43
1891	3,008	1,593	1,414	46
1901	3,566	1,896	1,670	55
1911	4,106	2,175	1,931	64
1921	4,498	2,381	2,117	69
1931	5,307	2,811	2,495	82
1946	6,657	3,532	3,125	103
1953	8,098	4,269	3,829	125
1963	10,582	5,499	5,083	164
1971	12,690	6,531	6,159	196
1972 <sup>(1)</sup>	12,861	6,619	6,242	199
1973 <sup>(1)</sup>	13,091	6,738	6,353	202
1974 <sup>(1)</sup>	13,284	6,837	6,447	205
1975 <sup>(1)</sup>	13,496	6,950	6,546	209
1976 <sup>(1)</sup>	13,717	7,060	6,657	212
1977 <sup>(1)</sup>	13,942	7,176	6,766	216
1978 <sup>(1)</sup>	14,190	7,299	6,891	219
1979 <sup>(2)</sup>	14,471	7,441	7,030	223

Source : Registrar-General's Dept.

<sup>(1)</sup> Mid-year estimates.

<sup>(2)</sup> Provisional (Mid-year estimate).

TABLE 7—AGE DISTRIBUTION OF POPULATION

1971<sup>(1)</sup>

1978

Age Group	Population (Thousands)		% Distribution		Population (Thousands)		% Distribution			
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female		
ALL	6,531	6,159	12,690	100.00	100.00	14,190	6,891	14,190	100.00	100.00
0-14	2,513	2,431	4,945	38.45	39.38	5,530	2,721	5,530	38.50	39.49
15-19	689	671	1,360	10.54	10.87	1,521	751	1,521	10.54	10.90
20-24	640	631	1,271	9.79	10.22	1,421	706	1,421	9.79	10.25
25-34	857	827	1,684	13.11	13.40	1,883	925	1,883	13.26	13.42
35-44	681	630	1,312	10.42	10.21	1,468	706	1,468	10.43	10.25
45-54	517	446	963	7.91	7.22	1,077	500	1,077	7.91	7.26
55-59	192	157	349	2.94	2.54	390	176	390	2.93	2.55
60-64	151	117	268	2.31	1.89	300	132	300	2.30	1.92
65-69	121	99	221	1.85	1.60	247	111	247	1.86	1.61
70+	171	147	318	2.62	2.38	352	163	352	2.59	2.37

Source : Registrar-General's Dept.

<sup>(1)</sup> Census year.

TABLE 8—POPULATION BY DISTRICTS

District	Area (sq. kilometres)	Population		Density per sq. kilometer		% Increase
		1971 <sup>(1)</sup>	1978 <sup>(2)</sup>	1971 <sup>(1)</sup>	1978 <sup>(2)</sup>	
Colombo	2,027.52	2,672,265	2,974,000	1,318	1,466	11.2
Kalutara	1,587.84	729,514	808,000	460	509	10.7
Kandy	2,339.66	1,187,925	1,289,000	508	549	8.1
Matale	1,972.17	314,841	354,000	160	180	12.2
Nuwara-Eliya	1,213.44	450,278	468,000	371	386	2.1
Galle	1,654.40	735,173	814,000	444	492	10.7
Matara	1,232.00	586,443	660,000	476	535	12.5
Hambantota	2,563.20	340,254	388,000	133	152	14.1
Jaffna	2,469.12	701,603	802,000	284	324	14.0
Mannar	2,451.20	77,780	90,000	32	37	16.0
Vavuniya	3,664.64	95,243	111,000	26	30	15.0
Batticaloa	2,436.04	256,721	299,000	105	123	16.3
Amparai	2,950.78	272,605	315,000	93	107	15.2
Trincomalee	2,587.85	188,245	223,000	73	86	18.8
Kurunegala	4,717.44	1,025,633	1,159,000	218	246	12.9
Puttalam	2,942.41	378,430	437,000	128	148	15.5

TABLE 8—POPULATION BY DISTRICTS—(Contd.)

District	Area (sq kilometres)	Population		Density per sq. kilometre		% Increase
		1971 <sup>(1)</sup>	1978 <sup>(2)</sup>	1971 <sup>(1)</sup>	1978 <sup>(2)</sup>	
Anuradhapura	7,046.60	388,770	458,000	55	65	17.7
Polonnaruwa	3,364.25	163,653	190,000	49	56	15.2
Badulla	2,785.43	615,405	666,000	221	239	8.0
Monaragala	7,052.31	193,020	228,000	27	32	18.6
Rainapura	3,201.28	661,344	740,000	207	231	11.9
Kegalle	1,643.52	654,752	717,000	398	436	9.5
SRI LANKA	63,903.18	12,689,897	14,190,000	198	219	11.8

Source : Registrar-General's Dept.

<sup>(1)</sup> Census year.

<sup>(2)</sup> Mid-year Estimates.



**TABLE 9—POPULATION BY RELIGION (CENSUS YEARS)**

<i>Religion</i>	<i>Number '000</i>		<i>Percentage Distribution</i>	
	<i>1963</i>	<i>1971</i>	<i>1963</i>	<i>1971</i>
Buddhists	7,003.3	8,567.6	66.18	67.40
Hindus	1,958.4	2,239.3	18.51	17.62
Muslims	724.0	909.9	6.84	7.16
Christians	884.9	986.7	8.36	7.76
Others	11.4	7.6	0.11	0.06

*Source : Dept. of Census and Statistics.*

TABLE 10—POPULATION BY RACE

Race	Numbers ('000)						
	1946(1)	1953(1)	1963(2)	1971(1)	1977(2)	1978	1979
ALL RACES	6,657	8,098	10,582	12,690	13,940	14,190	..
Low Country Sinhalese	2,903	3,470	4,470	5,426	10,204	10,402	..
Kandyan Sinhalese	1,718	2,147	3,043	3,705			
Ceylon Tamils	734	885	1,163	1,424	2,644	2,669	..
Indian Tamils	781	974	1,123	1,175			
Ceylon Moors	374	464	627	828	954	978	..
Indian Moors	36	48	55	27	29	29	..
Europeans	5	7	--	--	--	--	..
Burgbers and Eurasians	42	46	46	45	48	48	..
Malays	23	25	33	43	48	48	..
Veddhas	2	1	1	--	--	--	..
Others	41	32	20	16	13	15	..

TABLE 10—POPULATION BY RACE—(Contd.)

Race	Percentage Distribution						
	1946 <sup>(1)</sup>	1953 <sup>(1)</sup>	1963 <sup>(1)</sup>	1971 <sup>(1)</sup>	1977 <sup>(2)</sup>	1978	1979
ALL RACES	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
Low Country Sinhalese	43.60	42.84	42.24	42.84	73.30	73.30	73.30
Kandyan Sinhalese	25.81	26.52	28.75	29.20			
Ceylon Tamils	11.01	10.96	11.00	11.20	19.00	18.81	..
Indian Tamils	11.73	12.03	10.61	9.30			
Ceylon Moors	6.52	5.73	5.92	6.50	6.80	6.90	..
Indian Moors	0.53	0.59	0.52	0.20	0.20	0.20	..
Europeans	0.08	0.08	—	—	—	—	..
Burgbers and Eurasians	0.63	0.52	0.43	0.40	0.30	0.34	..
Malays	0.34	0.31	0.32	0.30	0.30	0.34	..
Veddhas	0.04	—	—	—	—	—	..
Others	0.62	0.40	0.18	0.10	0.10	0.11	..

Source : Registrar-General's Department.

(1) Census years.

(2) Mid-year Estimates.

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

	Total Number '000		No. Literate '000			Percentage			
	1953	1963	1971	1953	1963	1971	1953	1963	1971
<b>Males</b>	4,269	5,499	6,531	2,510	5,385	4,143	80.7	85.6	85.6
<b>Females</b>	3,829	5,083	6,159	1,496	2,404	3,201	55.5	67.3	70.9
<b>Total</b>	8,098	10,582	12,690	4,006	7,789	7,344	69.0	76.9	78.5

Source : Dept. of Census and Statistics.

**TABLE 12—POPULATION OF PRINCIPAL TOWNS**

(Thousands)

<i>Principal Town</i>	1975 <sup>(1)</sup>	1976 <sup>(1)</sup>	1977 <sup>(1)</sup>	1978 <sup>(1)</sup>	1979
Colombo	597	607	616	624	..
Dehiwala-Mount Lavinia	164	166	169	171	..
Jaffna	114	117	118	120	..
Moratuwa	101	103	104	107	..
Kotte	98	100	102	104	..
Kandy	99	101	103	104	..
Galle	77	78	79	79	..
Negombo	61	62	63	64	..
Trincomalee	44	45	46	46	..
Matara	39	40	40	41	..
Anuradhapura	37	38	38	39	..
Badulla	37	37	38	39	..
Kalutara	31	32	32	32	..
Batticaloa	39	39	40	41	..
Matale	31	33	33	33	..
Ratnapura	31	31	32	34	..
Kurunegala	26	26	27	27	..
Nuwara-Eliya	17	18	18	19	..
Chilaw	19	19	19	20	..
Puttalam	19	19	19	21	..
Kegalle	14	13	14	15	..
Mannar	12	12	13	13	..
Vavuniya	17	17	17	18	..
Hambantota	07	07	08	08	..

*Source* : Registrar-General's Department.

<sup>(1)</sup> Mid-year Estimates

TABLE 13—POPULATION BY URBAN AND RURAL SECTOR (CENSUS YEARS)

	Number '000				Percentage			
	1946	1953	1963	1971	1946	1953	1963	1971
Urban	1,023.0	1,239.1	2,016.3	2,848.1	15.37	15.30	19.05	22.36
Rural	5,634.3	6,838.7	8,565.8	9,841.8	84.63	84.70	80.95	77.64
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,657.3</b>	<b>8,097.8</b>	<b>10,582.1</b>	<b>12,689.9</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.00</b>

Source : Dept. of Census and Statistics.

**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>
<b>Males</b>	32.7	43.9	58.8	61.9	64.8	64.2
<b>Females</b>	30.7	41.6	57.5	61.4	66.9	67.1

*Source : Dept. of Census and Statistics*

TABLE 15—POPULATION PROJECTIONS FOR SRI LANKA

(Thousands)

	1976			1981			1991			2001					
	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 <sup>(1)</sup> (‘000)	Per 1,000 population			Per 1,000 live births	
		Birth rate	Death rate	Increase rate	Maternal death rate	Infant mortality rate
1945	6,650	36.6	21.9	14.7	16.5	140
1950	7,678	40.4	12.6	27.8	5.6	82
1955	8,723	37.3	10.8	26.5	4.1	71
1960	9,896	36.6	8.6	28.0	3.0	57
1965	11,164	33.1	8.2	24.9	2.4	53.2
1970	12,516	29.4	7.5	21.9	1.5	47.5
1971	12,690	30.4	7.7	2.7	1.4	44.8
1972	12,861	30.0	8.1	21.9	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	27.7	8.5	19.2	1.0	45.1
1976	13,717	27.8	7.8	20.0	0.9	43.7
1977	13,942	27.9	7.4	20.5	1.0	42.4
1978 <sup>(1)</sup>	14,190	28.5	6.6	21.9	..	..
1979 <sup>(2)</sup>	14,471	28.7	6.5	22.2	..	..

Source : Registrar-General's Department.

(<sup>1</sup>) Mid-year Estimates.

(<sup>2</sup>) Provisional.

**TABLE 17—DISTRIBUTION OF URBAN POPULATION ACCORDING TO SIZE OF TOWNS**

Census Year	Size of town in terms of population									
	Below 2,000	2,000 to 4,999	5,000 to 9,999	10,000 to 19,999	20,000 to 49,999	50,000 to 99,999	100,000 to and over	100,000 and over	100,000 and over	All towns
1946	Number of towns	3	9	7	13	5	4	1		42
	Population	3,601	28,386	55,874	174,598	177,123	221,388	362,074	1,023,044	
	Percentage of total urban	0.4	2.8	5.5	17.1	17.3	21.6	35.4	100.0	
1953	Number of towns	3	8	4	15	6	6	1		43
	Population	4,062	28,338	29,691	213,150	154,727	383,038	426,127	1,239,133	
	Percentage of total urban	0.3	2.3	2.4	17.2	12.5	30.9	34.4	100.0	
1963	Number of towns	9	21	23	21	18	5	2		99
	Population	15,342	74,681	158,280	278,153	487,986	379,265	622,578	2,016,285	
	Percentage of total urban	0.8	3.7	7.9	13.8	24.2	18.8	30.9	100.0	
1971	Number of towns	6	32	30	34	25	5	3		135
	Population	10,819	104,095	215,848	499,561	781,874	411,311	823,798	2,848,116	
	Percentage of total urban	0.4	3.7	7.6	17.5	27.5	14.4	28.9	100.0	

Source : T 53, page 73, ESCAP Country Monograph Series No. 4 Population of Sri Lanka.

**TABLE 18—LABOUR FORCE PROJECTION FOR SRI LANKA**

	( '000 )			
	1971	1981	1991	2001
Male	3,265	4,321	5,440	6,578
Female	1,169	1,633	2,104	2,567
Total	<u>4,434</u>	<u>5,954</u>	<u>7,544</u>	<u>9,145</u>

*Source : Department of Census and Statistics.*

TABLE 19—MARITAL STATUS OF THE POPULATION OF  
SRI LANKA BY AGE AND SEX

(Thousands)

Census of Population 1971

Age Group

Age Group		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	335.0	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	69.8	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	346.8	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

40-44	M	314.3	9.0	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	0.5
	F	117.4	5.5	68.0	43.1	0.3	0.3
65-69	M	121.3	8.9	98.3	13.2	0.4	0.2
	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 20—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 and Statistics.*

TABLE 21—EMPLOYED POPULATION CLASSIFIED BY OCCUPATION  
(MAJOR GROUPS) AND SEX

Census 1971

Occupation (Major Group)

	Number (Thousands)		Percentage	
	Total	Females	Total	Females
Total employed	3,648.8	2,838.4	100.0	77.8
Professional, technical and related workers	178.4	105.2	4.9	2.9
Administrative and managerial workers	13.9	13.0	0.4	0.4
Clerical and related workers	186.1	166.5	5.1	4.6
Sales workers	272.3	255.1	7.5	7.0
Service workers	197.6	152.0	5.4	4.2
Agricultural, animal husbandry and forestry workers, fishermen and hunters	1,782.1	1,287.1	48.8	35.3
Production and related workers, transport equipment operators and labourers	926.3	790.7	25.4	21.7
Workers not classified by occupation	91.4	68.5	2.5	1.9

Source : Dept. of Census and Statistics.

**TABLE 22—NUMBER OF REGISTRANTS FOR EMPLOYMENT AND BETTER EMPLOYMENT**

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

*Source* : Dept. of Labour.

With the Cessation of the system of Employment Exchanges in the island with effect from February 1978, Estimates of unemployment from this source are not available from 1978.

**TABLE 23—MINIMUM AVERAGE DAILY RATES OF WAGES**  
(Base : 1952 = 100)

<i>Class of Workers</i>		1974	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979
Workers in agri- culture	R	4.11	5.14	6.03	6.30	8.84	11.8
	I	209.91	262.45	370.51	321.43	451.02	606.6
Workers in trade other than agri- culture	R	6.68	8.04	5.17	8.96	11.03	14.31
	I	235.81	275.20	282.30	306.90	377.74	490.07
Combined rate and index number	R	4.33	5.36	6.25	6.51	9.02	12.08
	I	212.38	263.20	306.25	319.12	442.16	592.16

*Source* : Dept. of Labour.

R = Wage Rate in Rs.

I = Index Number.

**TABLE 24—COLOMBO CONSUMERS' PRICE INDEX NUMBERS**  
(BASE : AVERAGE PRICE 1952=100)

<i>Group</i>	<i>(Annual Averages)</i>					
	1974	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979
All items	185.8	198.3	200.7	203.2	227.8	252.3
Food	189.7	204.3	202.1	203.3	237.5	263.3
Clothing	204.6	208.2	211.7	223.8	226.2	231.2
Fuel and light	220.9	237.0	265.2	257.5	262.1	328.5
Rent	109.8	109.8	109.8	109.8	109.8	109.8
Miscellaneous	178.3	191.9	203.8	208.4	224.8	252.4

*Source* : Dept. of Census and Statistics.

**TABLE 25—TRADE UNIONS**

<i>Item</i>	<i>(Number)</i>					
	1974	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979
Registered <sup>(1)</sup>	116	147	195	175	102	105
Cancelled <sup>(2)</sup>	168	171	185	117	288	223
Functioning <sup>(2)</sup>	1,592	1,565	1,578	1,636	1,450	1,309
Total membership	398,446	1,266,271	1,066,429	1,399,902	967,795	1,440,720

*Source* : Dept. of Labour.

<sup>(1)</sup> During the year.

<sup>(2)</sup> End of year.

TABLE 26—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	157	55,995	125	49,490	140,597	32	6,505	20,585
1977	119	38,667	88	33,586	188,271	31	5,081	22,199
1978	134	62,667	118	56,707	248,573	16	5,960	16,496
1979	173	55,994	163	50,969	238,247	10	5,025	55,605

Source : Dept. of Labour.

TABLE 27—NUMBER OF INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENTS AND COMPENSATION PAID

	1974	1975 <sup>(1)</sup>	1976 <sup>(1)</sup>	1977	1978	1979
Fatal accidents	Number	7	135 <sup>(2)</sup>	160 <sup>(2)</sup>	149	..
	Compensation paid—Rs.	45,540	730,955	893,821	1,011,792	..
Permanent disablements	Number	56	82	90	56	..
	Compensation paid—Rs.	88,410	144,330	161,160	103,972	..
Temporary disablements	Number	2,114	972	936	1,513	..
	Compensation paid—Rs.	137,344	153,785	92,822	206,474	..

Source : Dept. of Social Services.

<sup>(1)</sup> Figures relate to year ended 31st December.

<sup>(2)</sup> 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.

# HOUSING

## TABLE 28—OCCUPIED PRIVATE HOUSING UNITS (1)

	Number	Average floor space in sq. metres	Average No. of rooms per housing unit	Average size of housing unit (No. of persons)	Average No. of persons per room	Percentage supplied with electricity	Percentage supplied with pipe-borne water
<b>CENSUS 1963</b>							
Urban	318,140	48	2.0	6.6	2.8	32.4	45.6
Rural	1,653,600	39	1.9	5.4	2.6	2.2	13.3
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,971,740</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>1.9</b>	<b>5.5</b>	<b>2.6</b>	<b>7.0</b>	<b>18.7</b>
<b>CENSUS 1971</b>							
Urban	421,155	48	2.4	6.2	2.8	34.5	45.3
Rural	1,558,765	43	2.3	5.6	2.5	2.8	4.8
Estate	237,558	28	1.4	4.8	3.4	4.1	74.8
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,217,478</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>2.2</b>	<b>5.6</b>	<b>2.4</b>	<b>9.0</b>	<b>20.1</b>

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

	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979
No. of hospitals <sup>(1)</sup>	345	347	356	359	374
No. of beds <sup>(1)</sup>	39,568	39,838	39,879	40,335	42,199
No. of doctors <sup>(2)</sup>	2,113	2,248	2,168	2,229	1,936
No. of assistant medical practitioners <sup>(2)</sup>	1,068	1,059	1,018	1,051	931
No. of nurses <sup>(2)</sup>	5,653	5,640	6,266	5,938	6,638
No. of in-patients treated <sup>(3)</sup>	2,146,379	2,281,895	2,188,052	2,173,564	2,425,002
No. of central dispensaries	355	351	357	351	341
No. of out-patients visits <sup>(3)</sup>	24,371,977	26,589,717	25,764,406	28,419,101	29,400,124
Expenditure on health services (Rs. million)	340.7	416.6	471.0	589.0	736.1

Source : Dept. of Health Services.

<sup>(1)</sup> Excludes maternity homes.

<sup>(2)</sup> Includes only those in the Department of Health Services.

<sup>(3)</sup> 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 30—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
1971	2.63	304.8	16.8	2,112.7
1972	2.65	294.7	15.7	2,402.3(5)
1973(4)	2.60	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
1977	2.55	286.1	15.6	3,378.8
1978	2.53	284.4	15.7	4,153.6
1979	2.58	291.6	13.4	5,086.7

*Source* : Dept. of Health Services.

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

(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 31—NUMBER OF SCHOOLS BY CATEGORY

	1978	1979
Primary <sup>(1)</sup>	4,010	3,834
Junior Secondary <sup>(2)</sup>	3,974	3,994
Senior Secondary <sup>(3)</sup>	1,479	1,509
Other <sup>(4)</sup>	256	289
Total	<u>9,719</u>	<u>9,626</u>

Source : Ministry of Education.

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(1) Inclusive of Estate Sector Schools.

(2) From Lower Kindergarten to Grade 10.

(3) From Lower Kindergarten to Grade 12.  
(Include private schools).

(4) Pirivenas.

**TABLE 32—CLASSIFICATION OF GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS  
BY GRADE**

<i>Grades</i>	<i>Schools</i>	
	<i>1978</i>	<i>1979</i>
1A	97	94
1B	311	323
1C	1,032	1,053
2	3,974	3,994
3	3,658	3,588
<b>Total No. of Schools</b>	<b>9,072</b>	<b>9,052</b>

*Source* : Ministry of Education.

- 1A Schools having G.C.E. (A/L) science classes and hostel facilities.  
 1B Schools having G.C.E. (A/L) science classes and no hostel facilities.  
 1C Schools having G.C.E. (A/L) arts or commerce classes.  
 2 Schools having grade 6 and above up to grade 10.  
 3 Primary schools—schools having classes from grade 1 to 5.

**TABLE 33—TEACHERS CLASSIFIED BY QUALIFICATIONS**

	1978	1979
Graduates—Science/Maths.	1,936	2,321
Graduates—Arts/Commerce	17,710	18,218
University Diploma Holders Maths./ Science/Others	299	327
Other Diplomas	4,186 <sup>(1)</sup>	3,548
Special Trained	18,624	21,208
Other Trained	50,982	51,499
All Other Teachers	25,853	36,128 <sup>(1)</sup>
Teachers in Training Colleges	5,170	4,149
<b>Total</b>	<b>124,760</b>	<b>137,398</b>

*Source* : Ministry of Education

<sup>(1)</sup> Inclusive of Certified Teachers.

TABLE 34—NUMBER OF SCHOOLS, TEACHERS, PUPILS AND GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURE ON EDUCATION

	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979
Schools (Government)	9,675	9,649	9,689	9,719	9,626
Teachers <sup>(1)</sup> (Government)	99,067	111,097	122,744	124,760	139,297
Pupils (Government)	2,431,626	2,461,503	2,462,147	3,064,873	3,135,716
No. of Pupils per teacher	25	22	20	25	23
Actual expenditure in Rs. '000—					
(a) Education <sup>(2)</sup>	71,584	692,684	837,000 <sup>(4)</sup>	933,642	1,089,814
(b) Universities	56,749	45,000	47,450	59,250 <sup>(3)</sup>	91,785

<sup>(1)</sup> Excludes teachers in estate schools and Government authorised private schools but includes teacher trainees.

*Note*.—The fluctuation in the figure of the No. of schools 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.

<sup>(2)</sup> Excludes expenditure in the Examinations Department and the Educational Publications Department.  
<sup>(3)</sup> Estimated expenditure.

*Source* : Ministry of Education and  
 Ministry of Higher Education.

## HIGHER EDUCATION

**TABLE 35—UNIVERSITIES BY DEPARTMENTS, STUDENTS AND TEACHERS  
(ACADEMIC YEAR) 1977 AND 1978**

University	1977			1978		
	Number of Students		Number of	Number of Students		Number of
	Depart- ments	Male Female Total	Depart- ments	Male Female Total	Depart- ments	Male Female Total
Colombo	30	1,750 1,600 3,350	30	1,842 1,442 3,284	453	
Peradeniya	45	2,952 2,004 4,956	46	3,075 1,578 4,653	541	
Moratuwa	18	692 79 771	18	669 94 763	150	
Sri Jayawardenapura	13	1,405 856 2,261	13	1,462 955 2,417	194	
Kelaniya	26	1,388 964 2,352	24	1,632 1,120 2,752	267	
Jaffna	31	635 506 1,141	31	640 631 1,271	139	
Ruhunu	..	.. ..	..	.. ..	174	..

*Source : University Grants Commission.*

**TABLE 36—STUDENTS AT INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING  
BY MAJOR COURSES OF STUDY<sup>(1)</sup>**

<i>University :</i>	<i>1976</i>	<i>1977</i>	<i>1978</i>	<i>1979<sup>(2)</sup></i>
<b>Peradeniya—</b>				
Arts	2,085	1,995	2,093	2,298
Science	631	621	649	569
Engineering	605	626	677	795
Medicine	417	436	500	746
Dental Surgery	191	237	196	—
Veterinary Science	109	141	108	116
Agriculture	405	416	427	436
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,443</b>	<b>4,472</b>	<b>4,650</b>	<b>4,960</b>
<b>Colombo—</b>				
Development Studies	847	1,131	1,281	—
Education	794	738	494	382
Law	152	152	151	166
Public Finance and Taxation	129	—	—	—
Estate Management and Valuation	—	—	—	—
Science	485	515	543	731
Medicine	836	814	815	861
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,243</b>	<b>3,350</b>	<b>3,284</b>	<b>2,140</b>
<b>Sri Jayawardenapura—</b>				
Arts	61	1,116	1,154	1,359
Estate Management and Valuation	136	—	—	—
Business and Public Ad- ministration	491	—	—	—
Commerce	348	—	—	—
Science	176	246	282	386
Development Studies	942	—	—	—
Applied Science	—	—	—	—
Management Studies and Commerce	—	899	981	1,089
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,154</b>	<b>2,261</b>	<b>2,417</b>	<b>2,834</b>

**TABLE 36—STUDENTS AT INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING  
BY MAJOR COURSES OF STUDY<sup>(1)</sup>—(Contd.)**

	1976	1977	1978	1979 <sup>(2)</sup>
<b>Kelaniya—</b>				
Arts	1,817	2,101	2,378	2,473
Education	—	—	—	—
Science	151	251	273	276
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,968</b>	<b>2,352</b>	<b>2,651</b>	<b>2,749</b>
<b>Moratuwa—</b>				
Engineering	610	616	610	676
Architecture	71	79	73	100
Applied Science	55	76	80	83
<b>Total</b>	<b>736</b>	<b>771</b>	<b>763</b>	<b>859</b>
<b>Jaffna—</b>				
Fine Arts	—	—	—	228
Arts	254	623	848	694
Science	356	518	353	460
Medicine	—	—	70	141
<b>Total</b>	<b>610</b>	<b>1,141</b>	<b>1,271</b>	<b>1,523</b>

*Source* : University Grants Commission.

<sup>(1)</sup> Academic Year January-December.

<sup>(2)</sup> Post Graduate Students not included.



TABLE 37—UNIVERSITIES : DEGREES AND DIPLOMAS OBTAINED BY STUDENTS (MALES AND FEMALES)

NUMBER OF STUDENTS

	Colombo University		Peradeniya University		Moratuwa University		Kelaniya University		Sri Jayawardenapura University		Jaffna University	
	1978	1979	1978	1979	1978	1979	1978	1979	1978	1979	1978	1979
M.B.B.S.	178	176	11	91	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
B.D.S.	—	—	43	45	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
BSc. (Engineering)	—	—	105	..	121	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
BSc. (Agriculture)	—	—	112	..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
BVScs	—	—	30	27	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
BSc (Science)	220	148	190	1	—	—	69	73	56	53	93	..
BSc. (Public Finance)	25	20	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
BSc. (Business Management and Public Administration)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	123	103	—	—
BSc. (State Management and Valuation)	25	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	36	18	—	—
BCom	—	—	27	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
B Dev.	207	184	—	—	—	—	—	—	189	215	—	—
L.L.B.	125	78	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
BSc. (Built Environment)	—	—	—	—	31	1	..	—	..	—	—	—

TABLE 37.—UNIVERSITIES : DEGREES AND DIPLOMAS OBTAINED BY STUDENTS (MALES AND FEMALES) (Contd.)

NUMBER OF STUDENTS

	Colombo University		Peradeniya University		Moratuwa University		Kelaniya University		Sri Jayawardenapura University		Jaffna University	
	1978	1979	1978	1979	1978	1979	1978	1979	1978	1979	1978	1979
B.A.	—	45	515	1	—	—	474	464	167	—	42	53
Diploma in Education	04	..	—	77	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Diploma in Buddhist Studies	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Diploma in Statistics	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	11	..	—	—
Diploma in Applied Social Science	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	14	—	—
Diploma in Maths	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
M.A.	11	03	04	..	—	—	01	..	02	..	—	—
M.Sc. (Chemistry)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
M.Sc.	07	11	01	01	—	—	—	—	01	01	—	—
M.Sc. (Architecture)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
M.D.	05	02	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
M.OG.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—



## SOCIAL SERVICE

**TABLE 38—SOCIAL SERVICE INSTITUTIONS (1)**

<i>Institutions</i>		1974	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979
Homes for the Elders	A	3	3	3	3	3	3
	B	48	49	52	48	46	46
Cottage Homes for the Elders (2)	A	16	15	15	15	15	15
	B	—(2)	—	—	—	—	—
Institutions for the mentally and physically handicapped	A	3	3	3	3	3	4
	B	29	29	28	28	35	35
Creches(3)	A	—	—	—	—	—	—
	B	160	134	183	183	194	197
Boys and Girls Homes(3)	A	—	5	5	5	7	7
	B	—	150	134	134	142	142
Voluntary Agencies engaged in outdoor relief work	A	—	—	—	—	—	—
	B	51	20	25	25	28	24
Homes for the socially handicapped	A	2	—	2	3	3	3
	B	4	—	—	4	4	4
National Co-ordinating Councils in Social Work	A	—	—	—	..	..	—
	B	5	5	5	5	5	5
House of Detention(3)	A	—	—	—	3	5	5
	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 Asst. Govt. Agents

(3) Department of Probation and Child Care.

**TABLE 39—PERSONS IN RECEIPT OF ASSISTANCE**

		1978	1979
Public assistance monthly allowances	No. of persons	153,294	..
	Amount paid (Rs. '000)	25,082	..
Casual relief	No. of persons	4,045	..
	Amount paid (Rs. '000)	496	..
Flood relief	No. of families	59,410	..
	Amount paid (Rs. '000)	3,707	..
Drought relief	No. of families	18,538	..
	Amount paid (Rs. '000)	1,197†	..
Fishermen's relief	No. of persons	128	..
	Amount paid (Rs. '000)	28	..
Supply of drinking water	No. of persons	9,658	..
	Amount paid (Rs. '000)	350	..
Assistance to T. B. patients	No. of persons	6,972	..
	Amount paid (Rs. '000)	3,565	..
Cyclone relief	No. of Houses	—	..
	(a) Totally damaged	96,415	..
	(b) Partly damaged	145,302	..
	Amount Paid (Rs. '000)	54,438	..
Communal disturbances	No. of Persons	—	..
	Amount paid (Rs. '000)	4,945	..
Leprosy	No. of persons	373	..
	Amount paid (Rs. '000)	265	..
Assistance to physically handicapped	No. of persons	24	..
	Amount paid (Rs. '000)	17	..
Fire relief	No. of persons	113	..
	Amount paid (Rs. '000)	41	..

*Notes.*

(\*) Aids received from World Food Programme.

(†) Value of provisions donated by World Food Programme.

*Source* : Dept. of Social Services.

## RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND CO-OPERATIVES

TABLE 40—RURAL DEVELOPMENT SOCIETIES AND THE VALUE OF SELF-HELP

Item	1973 <sup>(1)</sup>	1974	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979 <sup>(2)</sup>
Number of Rural Development Societies	6,674	1,973	2,983	4,495	..	9,334	9,762
Total expenditure on utility works (Rs. '000)	2,091	—	2,983	—	..	..	2,183 <sup>(3)</sup>
Government contribution (Rs. '000)	1,558	—	1,625	—	..	..	3,100
Value of self-help (Rs. '000)	5,325	—	1,200	—	..	..	..

Source : Dept. of Rural Development.

(<sup>1</sup>) From 1973 onwards the figures relate to the calendar year ending 31st December.

(<sup>2</sup>) Provisional.

(<sup>3</sup>) Includes grants for cyclone victims.

# Chapter IV



AGRICULTURE





TABLE 41—DISTRIBUTION OF LAND USE

<i>Land Use</i>	<i>Hectares equivalent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
<b>Total</b>	6,569,331	100.0
1. Settlements and associated non-agricultural lands	19,534	0.3
2. Horticulture	586,309	9.0
3. Tree and other perennial crops :		
(a) Tea	259,473	3.9
(b) Rubber <sup>(1)</sup>	227,373	3.5
(c) Coconut <sup>(1)</sup>	250,464	3.8
(d) Other	54,029	0.7
4. Cropland :		
(a) Paddy	510,677	7.8
(b) Land under development	43,418	0.7
(c) Other	1,009,704	15.3
5. Improved permanent pasture	2,492	—
6. Grassland and scrubland	425,733	6.4
7. Woodland	2,899,457	44.2
8. Swamp and marsh	32,787	0.5
9. Unused land	43,147	0.7
10. Inland waters including salterns	204,734	3.2

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

<sup>(1)</sup> 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 42—AREA OF LAND UNDER PRINCIPAL CROPS (EXCLUDING PADDY)<sup>(1)</sup>

	(Hectares)						
	1973	1974	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979
Tea	242,302	242,191	241,877	240,578	242,012	242,899	244,099
Rubber	228,576	228,002	227,633	226,977	226,563	226,323	226,599
Coconut <sup>(2)</sup>	451,472 <sup>(2)</sup>	451,472 <sup>(2)</sup>	451,472 <sup>(2)</sup>	451,472 <sup>(2)</sup>	451,472 <sup>(2)</sup>	451,472 <sup>(2)</sup>	451,472 <sup>(2)</sup>
Kurakkan	30,200	38,200	43,800	39,500	34,600	32,500	23,200
Maize	29,200	33,800	39,700	38,300	27,500	24,800	19,500
Chillies	44,400	55,300	49,500	54,600	51,700	50,200	36,000
Red Onions	8,700	9,000	9,100	9,700	8,400	8,300	9,000
Potatoes	3,400	3,200	3,100	3,100	3,100	2,900	4,100
Manioc	115,200	182,400	164,800	151,200	95,800	74,300	53,600
Sweet Potatoes	26,900	40,800	48,500	45,500	27,700	20,700	16,300

Source : Dept. of Census and Statistics.

<sup>(1)</sup> The annual extent under other crops except tea, rubber and coconut was arrived at by adding together the area under cultivation during Maha and Yala Seasons.

<sup>(2)</sup> Estimated from the 1973 Agricultural Census.

TABLE 43—AREA AND YIELD OF PADDY

Year	Season	Asweddumised Area Hectares	Sown Area Hectares	Harvested Area Hectares	Production Average in yield	
					'000 Metric Tonnes	per Net Kilogrammes per Hectare
1969-70	Maha Yala	570,171	[ 482,172 276,839	[ 451,316 267,365	1,033	2,692
					583	2,567
1970-71	Maha Yala	574,328	[ 464,360 261,489	[ 440,689 253,082	867	2,315
					529	2,457
1971-72	Maha Yala	586,148	[ 479,973 246,265	[ 419,049 219,922	883	2,480
					429	2,296
1972-73	Maha Yala	582,697	[ 477,112 248,126	[ 439,134 232,555	876	2,348
					436	2,206
1973-74	Maha Yala	606,417	[ 533,303 291,471	[ 521,382 275,639	1,098	2,460
					504	2,152
1974-75	Maha Yala	620,613	[ 443,475 252,329	[ 354,222 243,007	719	2,384
					435	2,106
1975-76	Maha Yala	620,972	[ 464,159 259,780	[ 425,707 209,764	882	2,432
					370	2,078
1976-77	Maha Yala	642,861	[ 537,726 290,340	[ 505,863 276,422	1,144	2,658
					533	2,268
1977-78	Maha Yala	657,806	[ 574,945 300,428	[ 552,731 286,694	1,286	2,734
					605	2,403
1978-79	Maha Yala	653,168	[ 584,214 261,660	[ 556,948 232,614	1,393	2,820
					524	2,575

Source : Dept. of Census and Statistics.

(<sup>1</sup>) *Maha Season*.—Crop sown from July to November (in Badulla and Moneragala, July to December).

(<sup>2</sup>) *Yala Season*.—Crop sown from February to June (in Badulla and Moneragala, January to June).

**TABLE 44—PRODUCTION AND THE COST OF PRODUCTION OF PRINCIPAL CROPS (EXCLUDING PADDY)**

Year	TEA		RUBBER		COCONUT	
	Production (Kilograms Thousands)	Cost of Production per Kilogram cts.	Production (Kilograms Thousands)	Cost of Production per Kilogram cts.	Production (Thousand nuts)	Cost of Production per 1,000 nuts Rs. Cts.
1967	220,804	324	143,244	156	2,416,000	65.54
1968	225,045	328	148,820	159	2,601,000	69.29
1969	219,701	333	150,877	156	2,528,419	73.03
1970	212,271	335	159,203	152	2,536,263	76.70
1971	213,297	339	140,541	163	2,681,856	76.50
1972	213,535	353	143,273	165	2,875,604	77.13
1973	211,346	447	154,719	258	1,956,780	98.32
1974	204,096	555	132,045	304	2,044,000	103.34
1975	213,775	626	148,793	344	2,585,000	114.63
1976	196,613	692	152,133	417	2,330,000	162.00
1977	208,571	798	146,243	545	1,821,000	173.55
1978	198,980	1,143	155,662	575	2,207,000	261.72
1979	208,417	..	152,703	..	2,393,000	..

Source : Dept. of Census and Statistics.

(<sup>1</sup>)Marketing costs, depreciation of fixed asset and directors' fees are now being included in the computation from 1973.

**TABLE 45—IRRIGATION OF PADDY LAND**

(Hectares)

Year	MAJOR SCHEMES		MINOR SCHEMES	
	Irrigable Area <sup>(1)</sup>	Irrigated Area <sup>(2)</sup>	Irrigable Area <sup>(1)</sup>	Irrigated Area <sup>(2)</sup>
1971	181,123	254,635	163,260	184,573
1972	184,053	245,857	166,664	184,320
1973	188,406	245,839	164,955	181,170
1974	196,416	273,603	168,675	203,413
1975	202,967	213,063	173,236	156,913
1976	206,355	236,676	177,526	165,407
1977	208,371	283,433	180,974	203,115
1978	216,953	319,648	185,435	216,167
1979	228,378	328,294	171,265	194,618

Source : Dept. of Census and Statistics.

<sup>(1)</sup> Irrigable area denotes asweddumized extent under major and minor schemes during the year.

<sup>(2)</sup> 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 46—INDEX OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION  
(VOLUME)**

(Base 1962 = 100)

	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979
<b>Tea</b>	100.88	92.78	98.42	93.92	98.38
<b>Rubber</b>	142.97	146.22	140.52	149.57	146.77
<b>Coconut</b>	100.59	90.66	70.86	85.88	93.11
<b>Paddy</b>	115.24	125.07	167.47	188.76	191.43
<b>Highland crops</b>	260.88	286.99	244.50	239.19	264.32
<b>Livestock and livestock   produces</b>	146.84	135.06	156.35	144.36	156.90
<b>Minor export crops</b>	104.31	98.14	115.81	131.28	129.67
<b>Overall index</b>	121.16	120.26	125.76	130.08	136.16

Source : Dept. of Census and Statistics.

**TABLE 47—LIVESTOCK (INCLUDING POULTRY)**

	<i>Number</i>				
	1973 <sup>(1)</sup>	1976 <sup>(2)</sup>	1977 <sup>(2)</sup>	1978 <sup>(2)</sup>	1979 <sup>(2)</sup>
Neat cattle	1,016,173	1,743,800	1,691,600	1,541,300	1,622,500
Buffaloes	384,337	853,700	796,600	814,200	843,700
Goats	290,610	562,200	545,200	449,900	461,000
Sheep	17,895	29,700	27,400	22,600	24,400
Pigs	47,254	35,800	36,400	40,800	48,700
Poultry	3,828,546	5,714,200	5,844,000	4,925,200	5,897,700

*Source* : Dept. of Census and Statistics.

(<sup>1</sup>) Census.

(<sup>2</sup>) Figures from 1975 onwards are rounded off to the nearest hundred.

**TABLE 48—MILK AND EGG PRODUCTION**

<i>Unit</i>	1974	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979
Milk '000 Litres	178,862 <sup>(1)</sup>	214,178 <sup>(1)</sup>	250,313 <sup>(1)</sup>	265,915 <sup>(1)</sup>	267,357	260 397
Eggs '000 Dozens	33,854	31,059	30,444	31,651	30,020	36,027

*Source* : Dept. of Census and Statistics.

(<sup>1</sup>) Revised figures.

TABLE 49—FISH PRODUCTION

Item	(Metric Tonnes)					
	1974	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979
Fresh fish (Marine) <sup>(1)</sup>	103,023	115,819	123,316	125,683	139,833	150,710
Fresh water fish	7,659	13,305	12,539	13,040	16,736	17,150
Cured fish <sup>(2)</sup>	5,664	6,233	7,487	7,561	6,464	6,216

Source : Ministry of Fisheries.

(1) Includes Government and private trawler landings.

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

TABLE 50—FISHING CRAFT

Craft used	(Number)					
	1974	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979
Trawlers	4	4	9	5	14	10 <sup>(1)</sup>
Tuna boats	1	1	2	2	2	..
3½-ton mechanical craft	2,124	2,294	2,445	2,443	2,545	2,868
Other mechanized craft	4,170	4,939	5,281	5,290	7,193	6,278
Other non-mechanized craft	17,416	14,456	13,816	14,456	13,581	14,190
10 and 11-ton boats	11	12	15	12	32	..

Source : Ministry of Fisheries.

(<sup>1</sup>) Revised figures.



TABLE 51—FOREST AREA AND WILD LIFE RESERVES

	(Hectares)			
	1976	1977	1978	1979
1. Proclaimed Reserves	470,755	470,347	471,336	469,035
2. Proposed Reserves	482,588	482,993	487,176	485,304
3. Other State Forests	809,372	810,000	809,388	809,400
4. Forest Plantations	102,474	110,007	117,865	122,614
(a) Teak	58,928	62,834	65,618	67,404
(b) Mahogany	22,572	23,193	23,417	18,708
(c) Eucalyptus	9,919	11,062	12,315	15,525
(d) Pines/Bamboo	8,491	10,054	12,402	13,841
(e) Other Species	2,562	2,862	4,111	7,136
5. National Parks	304,427	304,676	304,440	304,440
6. Intermediate Zones	36,076	36,103	36,075	36,075
7. Nature Reserves	63,481	63,936	63,887	63,887
8. Jungle Corridor	10,512	10,368	11,395	10,359
9. Sanctuaries	199,843	205,294	205,135	207,067

Source : Forest Dept.

Wild Life Conservation Dept.

**TABLE 52—TIMBER PRODUCTION**

<i>Item</i>	<i>Unit</i>	<i>1976</i>	<i>1977</i>	<i>1978</i>	<i>1979</i>
Soft Timber	Cu. Metres	16,617	10,324	3,188	2,022
Other logs	Cu. Metres	77,606	57,925	56,210	88,326
Ebony logs	Cu. Metres	976	500	89	93
Sawn Timber	Cu. Metres	23,409	17,253	11,511	12,737
Railway Sleepers	Number	118,150	42,708	1,993	14,425
Electrical Trans- mission Posts	Number	18,206	14,100	7,979	23,007
Telegraph Posts	Number	—	—	—	—
Fire Wood	Cu. Metres	137,838	73,654	121,777	99,851

*Source : State Timber Corporation.*

TABLE 53—SUMMARY OF FOOD BALANCE SHEET 1977

('000 Metric Tones)

Items	Production	Gross Available		Food		Food		Cal's		Proteins		Fats	
		Imports	Supply	Nett	per day	Grams	per day	grams	per day	grams	per day	grams	per day
Cereals	1,718.88	1,425.97	3,077.20	2,174.78	427.43	1,489.26	33.45	2.56					
Roots and other Starchy foods	713.40	0.14	713.54	497.90	97.87	144.92	0.81	0.20					
Sugar	23.31	99.53	124.60	122.72	24.11	95.96	—	—					
Pulses and Nuts	644.89	—	644.89	450.49	88.55	388.17	4.88	35.00					
Vegetables (excluding Onions)	506.94	—	506.94	472.71	92.90	51.01	2.41	0.21					
Fruits	139.53	—	139.53	139.53	27.42	21.18	0.24	0.03					
Meat	17.62	—	17.62	17.62	3.45	4.29	0.78	0.13					
Eggs	21.54	—	21.54	21.15	4.16	7.20	0.55	0.55					
Fish	148.14	3.41	149.59	86.38	16.95	24.66	4.06	0.80					
Milk	233.00	10.28	243.28	193.35	38.00	42.33	2.00	2.42					
Oils and Fats	156.42	0.89	124.67	42.16	8.30	74.32	—	8.26					

Source : Dept. of Census and Statistics.

Population Mid-year Estimate ('000)—13,940.

TABLE 53—SUMMARY OF FOOD BALANCE SHEET—1978 (Contd.)

Items	Unit '000 Metric Tonnes			Per Capita Supplies				
	Production	Gross Imports	Available Supply	Food Net	Food Grams Per Day	Calories Per Day	Protein Grams Per Day	Fat Grams Per Day
Cereals	1,932.09	971.45	2,892.09	2,246.52	397.11	1,383.65	31.55	2.34
Roots and Other Starchy Foods	748.16	1.29	749.45	523.87	101.18	149.81	0.83	0.21
Sugar	26.21	163.25	191.02	190.85	36.88	146.78	—	—
Pulses	31.12	17.19	48.26	45.06	8.68	28.73	2.13	0.07
Coconut (shelled)	750.81	—	750.81	434.77	83.97	372.83	3.78	34.93
Vegetables (onions)	512.14	—	512.14	479.03	92.49	50.78	2.40	0.21
Fruits	141.97	—	141.97	141.97	27.42	21.18	0.24	0.03
Meat	16.88	0.55	17.43	17.43	3.38	4.21	0.76	0.12
Eggs	20.43	—	20.43	20.06	3.86	6.68	0.51	0.51
Fish :								
(i) Fresh	159.59	—	154.16	87.98	16.99	22.13	3.30	0.87
(ii) Dried and Salted	9.51	2.88	12.06	12.06	2.33	5.71	1.80	0.09
(iii) Tinned	0.00	42.95	37.02	37.02	7.15	12.29	1.50	0.70

TABLE 53—SUMMARY OF FOOD BALANCE SHEET—1978 (Contd.)

Items	Unit '000 Metric Tonne			Per Capita Supplies			
	Produc- tion	Gross Imports	Available Supply	Food Net	Food Grams Per Day	Protein Grams Per Day	Fat Grams Per Day
Milk :							
(i) Fresh	224.08	—	224.08	178.60	34.52	25.87	1.17
(ii) Whole Dried	1.38	17.18	18.61	18.61	3.59	17.81	0.93
(iii) Condensed	5.08	4.58	9.71	9.71	1.86	5.90	0.15
(iv) Milk Foods	0.20	—	0.20	0.20	0.03	0.15	0.01
Oils and Fats	259.12	1.08	190.35	40.96	7.92	70.90	—

Source : Dept. of Census and Statistics.

Estimated Mid-Year Population ('000) = 14,184.



# Chapter V

INDUSTRY





TABLE 54—ELECTRIC POWER AND GAS

Item	Unit	1976	1977	1978	1979
<b>1. Electricity—</b>					
Installed capacity	1000 K.W.	402	402	401	401
Energy production	1000 K.W.H.	1,133,000	1,219,000	1,376,700	1,525,500
<b>Domestic users :</b>					
(a) No. of consumers	Number	86,604	96,009	109,500	137,000
(b) Energy consumed	1000 K.W.H.	93,000	103,596	115,500	149,000
<b>Commercial users :</b>					
(a) No. of consumers	Number	24,200	24,311	26,600	31,000
(b) Energy consumed	1000 K.W.H.	139,600	154,378	157,900	203,000
<b>Industrial users :</b>					
(a) No. of Consumers	Number	3,120	3,296	3,700	3,800
(b) Energy consumed	1000 K.W.H.	513,500	515,325	593,100	638,000
<b>2. Gas—</b>					
Production	1000 Cu. Metres	3,840	4,305	5,596	6,283

Source : Ceylon Electricity Board.

Colombo Gas and Water Company Ltd.

(Govt. Owned)

TABLE 55—ANNUAL OUTPUT OF STATE INDUSTRIES

Corporation	Product	Unit	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979
1. National Milk Board	Milk processed	'000 Litres	11,693	11,848	16,862	17,274	18,988
2. Condensed Milk Factory	Condensed milk	'000 Cans	17,117	16,767	14,834	11,847	13,933
	Powdered milk	'000 lb Tins	16,895	21,384	20,684	25,950	29,227
3. Eastern Paper Mills—							
Manufacturing	Paper	Metric tonnes	19,025	17,257	19,740	16,498	14,728
Trading	Exercise books	'000	8,420	—	7,727	7,167	10,052
4. Ceylon Ceramics—							
Negombo Factory	Ceramicware	Metric tonnes	2,520	682	2,947	3,541	3,572
Piliyandala	Ceramicware	Metric tonnes	—	1,740	—	—	—
	Sanitaryware	Metric tonnes	672	550	647	790	781
	Wall tiles	Metric tonnes	432	1,767	1,910	1,912	1,757
Kaolin Refinery	Kaolin	Metric tonnes	4,139	4,353	5,182	5,541	5,798
	Bricks and Tiles	Value Rs. '000	—	25,728	26,598	33,307	25,317
	Electrical apparatus	Metric tonnes	..	326	314	348	427
5. Ceylon Oils and Fats—							
Oil Mill	Coconut oil <sup>(1)</sup>	Metric tonnes	—	264	217	225	31
Provender Plant	Animals foods	Metric tonnes	41,243	46,741	42,017	41,729	62,863
Fatty Acid Plant	Fatty acid	Metric tonnes	1,059	958	443	508	558
	Glycerine	Metric tonnes	138	111	54	49	72
	Other oils	Metric tonnes	—	..	..	..	..

6. Ceylon Plywood Corporation—

3 plywood (17)	4,832	4,282	—	—	—
Tea Chests (Full)	1,996	2,266	1,461	1,111	1,049
Tea Chests (Half)	510	—	575	435	509
3 plywood Board	62	—	109	212	161
Doors	26	44	33	—	43
Black-Boards	21	—	20	—	29
Office Tables	—	—	—	—	—
Ping-pong Tables	—	—	—	—	—
Office Trays	—	—	—	—	—
Chip-board veneered	—	—	—	—	—
Chip-board unveneered	2,294	—	2,472	2,786	2,817
Sawn Timber	3,030	—	4,154	2,553	2,775

*Carpentry Division*

Furniture	1,000	—	—	9,701	16,256
7. Ceylon Leather Products					
Chrome	92	114	—	107	119
Shoes	140	167	177	278	293
Other products	87	—	—	121	101
8. Parantban Chemicals					
Caustic Soda	1,320	1,571	1,515	1,865	1,723
Chlorine	588	703	644	1,156	1,274
Table salt	408	502	530	486	519
Hydrochloric Acid	483	600	540	668	1,041

TABLE 55—ANNUAL OUTPUT OF STATE INDUSTRIES—(Contd.)

Corporation	Product	Unit	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979 <sup>(b)</sup>
9. Sri Lanka Sugar—							
Kantalai Factory	Sugar	Metric tonnes	4,221	9,394	8,868	10,046	9,791
	Spirits	Kilo litres	1,145	2,594	3,274	2,645 <sup>(a)</sup>	3,466
Gal Oya Factory	Sugar	Metric tonnes	9,210	13,881	14,185	15,922	9,855
	Spirits	Kilo litres	1,362	3,998	2,490	3,270 <sup>(a)</sup>	3,211
	Dry Gin	Litres	20,962	17,484	17,281	32,026	38,575
	Lemon Gin	Litres	3,510	1,005	3,214	4,981	10,492
	Orange Gin	Litres	1,082	—	1,282	940	1,298
	Beehive Brandy	Litres	35,596	31,236	30,115	88,917	..
	Gregsons Whiskey	Litres	3,578	4,010	3,578	10,639 <sup>(a)</sup>	10,971
	Rum	Litres	10,401	723	8,192	30,592	33,415
	Arrack	Litres	428,551	324,407	265,426	357,130	538,946
	Methylated spirits	Bottles	643,653	377,960	330,881	371,780	443,325
10. Ceylon Cement—							
KKS Factory	Cement	Metric tonnes	166,461	109,352	161,860	191,931	245,194
Galle Factory	Cement	Metric tonnes	50,151	36,622	31,898	61,719	35,448
Puttalam Factory	Cement	Metric tonnes	176,383	189,678	167,684	321,411	379,956
11. Ceylon Mineral Sands	Ilmenite	Metric tonnes	63,984	55,810	20,137	35,904	55,370
	Rutile	Metric tonnes	3,708	1,039	1,070	11,497	14,677
12. National Salt	Salt	Metric tonnes	120,969	140,497	47,101	151,656	123,356

13. National Textiles	Yarn	'000 Kgs	5,580	7,374	5,030	5,748	6,247
	Textiles	'000 Metres	18,504	10,886	14,918	18,270	17,840
14. Ceylon Steel	Rolled Iron	Metric tonnes	21,240	28,295	24,558	33,111	45,354
	Wire Products	Metric tonnes	10,140	9,028	7,604	13,167	10,563
15. Ceylon Tyre	Tyres	No.	173,840	181,416	156,496	256,268	272,661
	Tubes	No.	12,496	156,276	141,039	232,263	251,171
	Flaps	No.	40,632	41,916	33,291		
16. State Hardware	Hardware Items	'000 Units	1,918	1,124	1,104	1,606	2,120
	Cast Iron Factory						
	Castings	Metric tonnes	3,660	2,053	2,055	1,859	1,073
17. Ceylon Fisheries	Fish Caught	Metric tonnes	956	548	312	556	603
	Fished Purchased	Metric tonnes	3,192	3,896	2,761	4,278	2,950
	Cured Fish	Metric tonnes	110	96	46	159	125
	Fish Meal	Metric tonnes	169	203	171	184	218
	Liver Oil	Litres	5,023	..	1,770	1,838	..
	Medicinal Shark						
	Liver Oil	Litres	—	2,161	11,507	4,436	9,365
	Veterinary Shark						
	Liver Oil	Litres	—	2,721	1,392	1,592	1,159
18. State Flour Milling	Flour	Metric tonnes	65,261	93,639	72,740	61,789	69,024
	By-Products	Metric tonnes	31,115	33,774	27,132	24,833	29,508
19. State Timber	Sawn Timber	Cu. metres	22,569	23,408	185,821	11,503	12,544
20. State Graphite	Piumbago	Metric tonnes	7,980	8,135	8,850	10,666	9,491

TABLE 55—ANNUAL OUTPUT OF STATE INDUSTRIES—(Contd.)

Corporation	Products	Unit	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979
21. Sri Lanka Petroleum	Gasoline	Metric tonnes	87,648	99,371	103,348	120,623	101,924
	Kerosene	Metric tonnes	207,791	188,331	185,447	211,313	189,446
	Chemical Naptha	Metric tonnes	107,391	103,484	102,197	82,372	84,254
	Diesel	Metric tonnes	362,151	320,394	368,428	359,443	339,791
	Asphalt	Metric tonnes	20,721	30,000	25,202	24,872	24,391
	Fuel Oil	Metric tonnes	537,473	513,678	545,349	547,377	542,918
	Blending Plant	Litre	16,352	..	..	..	..
	Lubricating Oil	I. G.	..	..	3,385,561	4,050,784	20,810,122
22. Ayurvedic Drugs		Value Rs. '000	2,561	1,144	4,901	7,421	7,204
23. Sri Lanka Tobacco Industries		Value Rs. '000	2,561	1,144	4,901	7,421	7,204
	Beedi (Number)	Millions	2,001	1,586	2,318	2,395	2,797
	Cigars (Number)	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) Figures for 1978 are in respect of "John Pitt Whisky"

(3) Unit of Production for 1978 relate to "Proof Litres".

(4) Unit of Production for 1978 relate to "Bulk Litres".

(5) Provisional

TABLE 56—INDUSTRIAL STATISTICS—PRIVATE SECTOR<sup>(1)</sup>

Div.	Industry Description	1977		1978		1979*				
		Rep. units	Value Rs. million	Rep. units	Value Rs. million	Rep. Units	Value Rs. million			
1.31	Food Beverages and Tobacco	200	1,172.7	9,796	192	1,348.5	11,156	192	1,511.3	11,976
2.32	Textile wearing apparel and leather industries	863	679.9	28,293	868	600.9	26,911	868	669.6	27,449
3.33	Wood and wood products and furniture	145	50.4	5,164	145	53.0	5,423	145	55.5	6,599
4.34	Paper and paper products including printing and publishing	65	179.2	2,615	81	153.8	4,061	81	230.7	4,453
5.35	Chemical, chemical petroleum, coal rubber and plastic products	266	461.0	13,186	381	727.9	11,219	381	1,195.6	11,595
6.36	Non-metallic mineral products	140	69.4	4,721	131	116.6	4,102	131	136.3	4,218
7.37	Basic metal industries	18	52.4	808	21	108.8	1,570	21	145.3	1,795
8.38	Fabricated metal products, machinery and equipment	598	531.1	22,910	575	666.5	23,586	575	883.1	24,564

TABLE 56—INDUSTRIAL STATISTICS—PRIVATE SECTOR<sup>(1)</sup>—(Contd.)

Div.	Industry Description	1977		1978		1979 <sup>(2)</sup>				
		Rep. units	Value Rs. million	Emp. million	Rep. units	Value Rs. million	Rep. Units	Value Rs. million		
9.39	Other manufacturing industries	132	32.4	2,945	110	35.5	2,568	110	45.1	3,044
	Grand Total	2,427	3,288.5	90,438	2,504	3,811.5	90,596	2,504	4,872.5	95,693

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

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

<sup>(2)</sup> Provisional.



# Chapter VI

**TRADE**



**TABLE 57—BALANCE OF TRADE**

(Rs. Million)

Year	Customs Data <sup>(1)</sup>		Balance of Trade	Customs Data Adjusted <sup>(2)</sup>		Balance of Trade
	Total Exports (f.o.b.)	Total Imports (c.i.f.)		Total Exports (f.o.b.)	Total Imports (c.i.f.)	
	1972	2,009		2,064	- 55	
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
1978	13,206	14,663	- 1,457	13,193	15,366	- 2,173
1979 <sup>(3)</sup>	15,273	22,560	- 7,287	15,273	22,497	- 7,224

Source : Customs Return.

Dept. of Census and 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.

(3) Provisional.

TABLE 58—VALUE AND DISTRIBUTION OF IMPORTS<sup>(1)</sup> AND DOMESTIC EXPORTS<sup>(2)</sup>

	1977		1978		1979	
	<i>Value</i> <i>Rs. '000</i>	<i>Per cent</i>	<i>Value</i> <i>Rs. '000</i>	<i>Per cent</i>	<i>Value</i> <i>Rs. '000</i>	<i>Per cent</i>
<b>IMPORTS</b>						
Total	5,953,019	100.00	14,556,879	100.00	22,439,701	100.00
<b>Commonwealth—</b>						
United Kingdom	327,159	5.49	1,396,139	9.59	2,014,866	8.98
Canada	70,797	1.19	343,343	2.36	291,320	1.30
Australia	290,914	4.89	738,411	5.07	1,077,939	4.80
India	357,590	6.01	1,242,036	8.53	2,334,369	10.40
Other	307,998	5.17	876,925	6.02	2,272,558	10.13
<b>Foreign—</b>						
Pakistan	273,365	4.59	172,181	1.18	493,013	2.20
U. S. A.	537,494	9.03	1,204,580	8.28	1,210,995	5.40
U. S. S. R.	130,753	2.19	237,508	1.63	167,789	0.75
China	284,073	4.77	452,544	3.11	1,039,204	4.63
Japan	397,712	6.68	1,590,375	10.93	3,005,291	13.93
Other	1,980,283	33.27	4,219,699	28.99	7,100,863	31.64
G. D. R.	11,547	0.19	35,404	0.24	13,922	0.06
France	230,792	3.88	690,707	4.74	481,668	2.15
Burma	167,011	2.81	498,687	3.43	196,112	0.87
Iran	585,531	9.84	858,340	5.90	739,792	3.30

TABLE 58—VALUE AND DISTRIBUTION OF IMPORTS<sup>(1)</sup> AND DOMESTIC EXPORTS<sup>(2)</sup>—(Contd.)

	1977		1978		1979	
	Value Rs. '000	Per cent	Value Rs. '000	Per cent	Value Rs. '000	Per cent
<b>DOMESTIC EXPORTS</b>						
Total	6,613,382	100.00	13,173,255	100.00	15,221,688	100.00
<b>Commonwealth—</b>						
United Kingdom	527,620	7.98	1,038,486	7.88	1,230,773	8.09
Canada	127,146	1.93	291,056	2.21	226,339	1.49
Australia	198,751	3.00	254,751	1.94	228,128	1.50
India	9,873	0.15	110,189	0.84	194,299	1.28
Other	542,593	8.21	1,216,961	9.24	1,042,530	6.85
<b>Foreign—</b>						
Pakistan	534,187	8.08	689,418	5.23	686,187	4.51
U. S. A.	500,425	7.56	924,921	7.02	1,585,184	10.41
U. S. S. R.	124,588	1.88	196,966	1.49	476,992	3.13
China	433,459	6.55	955,638	7.25	856,770	5.63
Japan	321,055	4.85	766,300	5.82	1,037,069	6.81
G. F. R.	261,173	3.95	564,918	4.29	902,412	5.93
South Africa	201,268	3.04	201,403	1.53	259,922	1.71
Others	2,383,183	36.04	5,294,774	40.19	5,131,801	33.71
Bunkers	448,061	6.77	667,474	5.07	1,363,283	8.96

Source : Customs Return.

(<sup>1</sup>)Excludes bullion and specie.

(<sup>2</sup>)Includes postal articles and ships stores.

**TABLE 59—COMPOSITION OF IMPORTS<sup>(1)</sup>**

	(Rs. million)				
	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979
1. Consumer goods	2,651	1,732	2,534	5,618	7,824
(a) Food and drink	2,520	1,534	2,181	4,127	4,807
(i) Rice	1,062	642	916	689	884
(ii) Flour	1,002	671	871	2,192	1,691
(iii) Sugar	248	63	196	620	929
(b) Textile (inc. clothing)	20	49	150	531	1,536
(c) Other consumer goods	111	149	203	959	1,481
2. Intermediate goods	1,888	2,256	2,648	5,591	9,143
3. Investment goods	653	643	746	3,367	5,459
4. Unclassified imports	59	54	79	110	134
5. Total	5,251	4,634	6,007	14,687	22,560

*Source* : Central Bank and Customs Return.

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

**TABLE 60—COMPOSITION OF EXPORTS**

Commodity	(Rs. Million)				
	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979
Tea	1,932	2,100	3,502	6,401	5,722
Rubber	654	830	931	2,025	2,502
Major Coconut products	397	383	334	971	1,298
(a) Copra	7	7	2	10	13
(b) Coconut Oil	188	188	40	322	509
(c) Desiccated Coconut	193	180	292	639	775
(d) Fresh Nuts	9	8	—	—	1
Precious and Semi Precious Stones	180	261	297	531	490
Other Domestic exports	467	1,167	1,103	2,580	3,853
Bunkers Domestic	293	46	448	667	1,363
Total Domestic exports	3,923	4,787	6,615	13,175	15,228
Re-exports	10	14	22	31	45
Total	3,933	4,801	6,637	13,206	15,273

*Source* : Central Bank and Customs Return.

**TABLE 61—IMPORTS OF RICE, FLOUR AND SUGAR**

<i>Commodity</i>	<i>('000 Metric Tonnes)</i>			
	<i>1976</i>	<i>1977</i>	<i>1978</i>	<i>1979(1)</i>
Rice	419	543	170	211
Flour	380	532	615	467
Sugar	45	100	166	245

*Source : Food Commissioner's Dept.*

(1) Provisional.

**TABLE 62—EXPORTS (VOLUME) OF MAJOR COMMODITIES**

<i>Commodity</i>	<i>1976</i>	<i>1977</i>	<i>1978</i>	<i>1979</i>
Tea—Thousand Metric-Tons	199	184	193	187
Rubber—Thousand Metric Tons	136	134	132	115
(i) Sheet	78	78	77	63
(ii) Crepe	58	56	55	52
Copra—Metric Tons	1,277	275	924	830
Coconut oil—Thousand Metric Tonnes	61	9	30	32
Coconut desiccated—Thousand Metric Tonnes	46	30	51	40

*Source : Customs Return.*

TABLE 63—PRICES OF EXPORT COMMODITIES

Commodity	Rupees per (Kilogramme)											
	1975		1976		1977		1978		1979			
	F.O.B. Average Colombo Market <sup>(1)</sup>	F.O.B. Average Colombo Market <sup>(1)</sup>	F.O.B. Average Colombo Market <sup>(1)</sup>	F.O.B. Average Colombo Market <sup>(1)</sup>	F.O.B. Average Colombo Market <sup>(1)</sup>	F.O.B. Average Colombo Market <sup>(1)</sup>	F.O.B. Average Colombo Market <sup>(1)</sup>	F.O.B. Average Colombo Market <sup>(1)</sup>	F.O.B. Average Colombo Market <sup>(1)</sup>	F.O.B. Average Colombo Market <sup>(1)</sup>	F.O.B. Average Colombo Market <sup>(1)</sup>	F.O.B. Average Colombo Market <sup>(1)</sup>
Tea	8.91	6.16	10.29	7.04	18.86	13.71	32.22	11.61	31.37	10.12		
Rubber—												
(1) RSS No. 1	3.39	2.93	5.66	4.09	6.85 <sup>(2)</sup>	4.33	14.64 <sup>(2)</sup>	6.20	18.79 <sup>(2)</sup>	8.51		
(2) Latex crepe	4.71	4.11	8.00	6.10	5.12	5.12	6.64	6.64	11.31	11.31		
Copra	4.76	1.15	5.48	1.83	7.91	3.44	10.73	3.37	14.45	4.60		
Coconut oil	3.34	2.04	3.10	2.91	4.40	5.67	10.64	5.25	15.23	7.19		
Coconut desiccated	3.25	1.93	3.90	3.24	9.62	5.95	12.50	5.28	18.33	6.67		

Source : Dept. of Census and Statistics.

<sup>(1)</sup> 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

} Annual Report of the Central Bank.

<sup>(2)</sup> All Rubber Varieties



**TABLE 64—INDEX NUMBERS OF EXTERNAL TRADE  
(PRICE, VOLUME AND TERMS OF TRADE)**

(Base 1978=100)

	1974	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979
<b>Price</b>						
Imports	42	49	44	54	100	152
Exports	31	29	34	55	100	109
Terms of Trade <sup>(1)</sup>	72	58	78	102	100	72
<b>Volume</b>						
Imports	42	52	57	73	100	123
Exports	89	107	102	94	100	101

Source : Central Bank of Ceylon.

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<sup>(1)</sup> (Export price index/Import price index) × 100.

TABLE 65—BALANCE OF PAYMENTS

	1977			1978			(Rs. million) 1979*		
	Credit	Debit	Net	Credit	Debit	Net	Credit	Debit	Net
<b>Goods and Services</b>									
Merchandise	6,640.0	6,290.0	+ 350.0	13,206.5	15,600.0	- 2,393.5	15,282.0	22,570.0	- 7,288.0
Non-monetary gold	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Freight and merchandise insurance	18.0	25.0	- 7.0	30.0	50.0	- 20.0	39.2	56.0	- 16.8
Other transportation	220.0	80.0	+ 140.0	288.6	267.6	+ 21.0	406.0	347.8	+ 58.2
Travel	304.0	33.0	+ 271.0	750.0	444.2	+ 305.8	1,052.6	457.7	+ 594.9
Investment income	102.6	256.0	- 153.4	313.8	550.7	- 236.9	614.5	854.0	- 239.5
Government expenditure	51.2	40.0	+ 11.2	108.3	75.0	+ 33.3	120.2	81.5	+ 38.7
Other services	227.4	185.5	+ 41.9	451.6	435.4	+ 16.2	760.2	456.2	+ 304.0
Total goods and services	7,563.2	6,909.5	+ 653.7	15,148.8	17,422.9	- 2,274.1	18,274.3	24,823.2	- 6,548.5
<b>Transfer Payments</b>									
Private	189.7	67.3	+ 122.4	609.8	267.7	+ 342.1	935.4	181.5	+ 753.9
Official	490.0	—	+ 490.0	900.0	—	+ 900.0	2,238.7	—	+ 2,238.7
Total current account	8,242.9	6,976.8	+ 1,266.1	16,658.6	17,690.6	- 1,032.0	21,448.8	25,004.7	- 3,555.9
<b>Capital and Monetary gold</b>									
Non-monetary sector	1,580.2	1,254.6	+ 325.6	3,824.6	1,225.0	+ 2,599.6	4,322.9	1,017.3	+ 3,305.6
Monetary Sector	1,080.3	4,393.1	- 3,312.8	844.5	2,705.9	- 1,861.4	2,567.0	3,360.2	- 793.2
Valuation adjustment	1,680.0	—	+ 1,680.0	344.2	—	+ 344.2	133.2	151.4	- 18.2
Errors and omissions	41.1	—	+ 41.1	—	50.4	- 50.4	820.2	—	+ 820.2

Source : Central Bank of Ceylon.

\* Provisional

TABLE 66—EXTERNAL ASSETS

Item	(Rs. Million)						
	1973	1974	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979
Government	3.3	0.5	0.7	6.6	3.5	27.9	10.4
Government Agencies and Institutions	70.7	74.3	0.2	0.2	0.4	0.5	0.5
Central Bank Currency Board	480.5	420.1	438.0	822.8	4,326.5	6,132.4	7,960.2
Commercial Banks	296.7	393.9	395.0	572.6	1,242.8	1,316.2	1,681.2
Total External Assets	851.2	888.8	833.9	1,402.2	5,573.2	7,477.0	9,652.3
Changes in Total External Assets between periods	+ 124.5	+ 37.6	- 54.9	+ 568.3	+ 4,171.0	+ 1,903.8	+ 2,175.3
Total External Assets net of Sterling Loan Sinking Funds	801.2	835.3	833.9	1,402.2	5,573.2	7,477.0	9,652.3

Source : Central Bank of Ceylon.



# Chapter VII

TRANSPORT  
AND COMMUNICATIONS



**TABLE 67—PUBLIC ROADS AND RAILWAYS**

	(Kilometres)				
	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979
Public Roads	26,529	26,793	26,793	27,428	27,867 <sup>(1)</sup>
Railways—					
Total	1,501	1,501	1,453	1,453	1,453
Broad gauge	1,395	1,395	1,395	1,395	1,395
Narrow gauge	106	106	58	58	58

Source : Railway Dept.  
Dept. of Highways.

<sup>(1)</sup> Revised figures.

**TABLE 68—MOTOR VEHICLES ON REGISTERS**

	(Number)				
	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979
Total	194,972	199,660	208,026	231,993	274,080
Cars and cabs	91,728	93,769	97,010	103,798	114,453
Motor cycles	22,773	23,384	24,435	29,643	45,087
Buses	12,815	13,142	14,123	14,994	17,317
Lorries and vans (including ambulances)	39,014	39,279	40,174	45,237	51,665
Agricultural tractors and engines	28,642	30,086	32,284	38,321 <sup>(1)</sup>	45,558

Source : Commissioner of Motor Traffic.

<sup>(1)</sup> Include Tractors and Trailors.

TABLE 69—OMNIBUS SERVICES

	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979
Number of routes	988	996 <sup>(1)</sup>	1,004 <sup>(1)</sup>	1,010 <sup>(1)</sup>	1,023 <sup>(2)</sup>
Route Kilometres covered	46,059	48,514	48,682	48,876	49,328 <sup>(2)</sup>
No. of bus kilometres operated (*000) Kilometres	396,511	398,558	402,629	455,751	481,836
No. of buses licensed	5,612	6,643	6,643	6,839	..
Average number of buses operated per day	4,469	4,425	4,583	5,097	5,376
Total number of passengers carried (*000)	1,336,411	1,436,275	1,529,111	1,744,185	..
Average passenger journey (Kilometres)	10.6	10.7	10.7	11.1	11.1
Total revenue (Rupees *000)	600,123	731,315	773,351	1,050,414 <sup>(2)</sup>	1,105,676 <sup>(2)</sup>
Revenue per bus Kilometre in cents	181.63	183.5	192.1	230.5	..

Source : Ceylon Transport Board.

(<sup>1</sup>) Short-working not included.

(<sup>2</sup>) Subject to Audit.



TABLE 70—RAIL TRANSPORT

Item	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979
<b>Route Kilometres</b>	1,502	1,498	1,453	1,453	1,453
<b>Rolling stock (number)—</b>					
(a) Locomotives	282	296	282	283	291
(b) Carriages <sup>(1)</sup>	2,212	1,824	2,271	2,331	5,134
(c) Wagons <sup>(1)</sup>	5,115	5,100	5,083	2,409	5,176
<b>Train Kilometres operated :</b>					
(a) Passenger trains	7,661,124	7,669,364	6,412,848	7,343,009	..
(b) Goods trains	3,252,495	3,149,465	2,395,582	3,025,467	..
<b>Passengers carried (Number '000)</b>	69,132	71,200	65,795	79,523	89,700
<b>Passenger Kilometres</b>					
(a) Ordinary tickets '000	1,800,859	1,816,949	1,810,843	2,488,319	2,758,612
(b) Season tickets '000	1,047,440	1,102,400	981,117	1,220,252	1,352,349
<b>Goods (Metric tons) '000</b>	1,730	1,512	1,444	1,807	1,800 <sup>(2)</sup>
<b>Metric Ton Kilometres '000</b>	301,076	277,549	225,336	280,664	268,300 <sup>(2)</sup>
<b>Revenue Rs. '000</b>	196,232	198,086	188,352	239,497	312,103
<b>Expenditure Rs. '000</b>	245,485	256,896	268,182	300,524	394,417

Source : Railway Department.

(1) All vehicles reduced to Broad Gauge four wheelers.

(2) Figures are Estimated for 1979.

**TABLE 71—SHIPPING : VESSELS ENTERED AND CLEARED  
WITH CARGO AND IN BALLAST—ALL PORTS**

	<i>(Thousand net metric tonnes)</i>				
<i>Entered</i>	<i>1975</i>	<i>1976</i>	<i>1977</i>	<i>1978</i>	<i>1979</i>
Merchant vessels (with cargo)	3,739	5,314	4,104	5,046	4,395
Merchant vessels (bunkers)	2,362	2,294	4,381	2,619	3,217
All other vessels (include sailing vessels with cargo and in ballast)	3,010	2,614	4,293	1,880	1,567
<b>Total</b>	<u>9,111</u>	<u>10,222</u>	<u>12,778</u>	<u>9,545</u>	<u>9,179</u>
 <i>Cleared</i>					
Merchant vessels (with cargo)	3,383	2,829	3,612	3,513	2,610
Merchant vessels (bunkers)	2,283	2,242	4,934	2,485	3,708
All other vessels (include sailing vessels with cargo and in ballast)	2,250	3,419	5,222	3,802	2,340
<b>Total</b>	<u>7,916</u>	<u>8,490</u>	<u>13,768</u>	<u>9,800</u>	<u>8,658</u>

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

TABLE 72—POSTS, TELEGRAPH AND TELEPHONE SERVICES

Item	Unit	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979 <sup>(5)</sup>
Posts and Telegraph Office	Number	1,558	1,560	1,670	1,672	1,672
Telegraphs and telephones single wire distance	Kilometres	402,202	402,749	403,348	410,555	410,600
Letters and parcels	'000	525,034	594,351	486,894	736,360	603,573
Telegram	'000	5,562	5,618	5,317	5,450	5,500
: Inland <sup>(1)</sup>		713	644	676	743	750
Foreign		3,179	3,523	3,600	3,725	3,700
Money Orders : Inland	'000	11	9	9	9	9
Foreign						
Postal Orders : Inland	'000	818	708	1,300	700	725
Foreign <sup>(2)</sup>		4,774	7,031	7,000	7,000	7,000
Telephones : Direct Lines	'000	43-0	44-4	45-8	49-0	49
Telephone calls : Inland <sup>(3)</sup>	'000	72,322	188,008	200,311	223,130	225,000
Foreign <sup>(4)</sup>	'000	64	148	234	324	325
Telex calls						
: Outward	Number	92,549	80,194	215,794	326,438	327,000
Inward	Minutes	312,355	553,643	716,146	993,694	995,000

Source : Dept. of Posts and Telecommunications.

<sup>(1)</sup> Includes Indian telegrams sent through the C. T. O

<sup>(2)</sup> British Postal Order paid.

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

<sup>(4)</sup> Includes both inward and outward calls.

<sup>(5)</sup> Provisional.

TABLE 73—BROADCAST SERVICES

	1978		1979							
	Estimated	No. Licensed	Estimated	No. Licensed						
<i>Number of Receivers</i>										
Wireless	2,000,000	1,446,611	4,238,421	3,071,320						
<i>Hours of broadcast per week :</i>										
	1978		1979							
	Sinhala-Tamil English Edu- lese cation		Sinhala-Tamil English Edu- lese cation							
<i>For Domestic Listeners</i>										
(a) Channel 1	75	64	43	20	202	122	60	42	30	254
(b) Channel 2	114	70	85	—	269	122	73	60	—	255
<i>For Overseas Listeners</i>										
(a) All Asia	—	102 <sup>(1)</sup>	63	—	165	3	—	63	—	66
(b) S. E. Asia	—	—	7	—	7	—	35	7	—	42
(c) Middle East Europe	—	—	7	—	7	3	2	2	—	7

Source : Sri Lanka Broadcasting Corporation.

<sup>(1)</sup> Hindi, Tamil, Urdu and Malayalam.

TABLE 74—CIVIL AVIATION

Unit	1977			1978			1979		
	To	From		To	From		To	From	
	Sri Lanka	Sri Lanka		Sri Lanka	Sri Lanka		Sri Lanka	Sri Lanka	
<b>INTERNATIONAL SERVICES :</b>									
<b>Passengers—</b>									
Total	139,485	165,357		174,024	183,940		243,157	237,298	
Air Ceylon	57,859	71,175		28,202	31,941		18,522	20,623	
Foreign Airlines	81,626	94,182		145,822	151,999		224,635	216,675	
<b>Mails—</b>									
Total	—	—		17,003	3,197		12,663	18,522	
Air Ceylon	—	—		17,003	3,197		12,663	18,522	
Foreign Airlines	—	—		—	—		—	—	
<b>Freight and Excess Baggage—</b>									
Total	—	—		189,804	136,089		295,661	409,628	
Air Ceylon	—	—		189,804	136,089		295,661	409,628	
Foreign Airlines	—	—		—	—		—	—	
<b>DOMESTIC SERVICES :</b>									
Passengers	40,597			37,217					
Mails	689			155					
Freight and Excess Baggage	17,814			7,740					

Source : Department of Civil Aviation



# Chapter VIII

## NATIONAL ACCOUNTS





**TABLE 75—TOTAL AND PER CAPITA PRODUCT AT CURRENT AND CONSTANT PRICES**

<i>Item</i>	<i>(Rs. Million)</i>		
	<i>1977</i>	<i>1978</i>	<i>1979<sup>(1)</sup></i>
<b>G. D. P. at current factor cost prices</b>	34,248.3	41,330.5	51,997.8
Net factor income from abroad	- 252.0	- 237.0	- 240.0
<b>G. N. P. at current factor cost prices—</b>			
<b>(a) Total</b>	33,996.3	41,093.5	51,757.8
<b>(b) Per capita (Rupees)</b>	2,438.4	2,897.2	3,576.7
<b>G. N. P. at 1963 constant prices—</b>			
<b>(a) Total</b>	12,583.2	13,590.0	14,480.3
<b>(b) Per capita (Rupees)</b>	902.5	958.1	1,000.6

*Source :* Dept. of Census and Statistics.

<sup>(1)</sup> Provisional.

*Note.*—(a) Prior to mid 1977, there were multiple exchange rates and in order to bring about the consistent and comparable series of estimates, a unitary rate had to be adopted to recalculate the series prior to 1977. The rate that more realistically approximates the unitary judged to be the FEECs or depreciated rate.

(b) Instead of the subsidised prices, the open market prices have been used in the revised series in the valuation of subsidised commodities such as rice, flour and sugar issued by the food commissioner and also kerosene oil, fertiliser and for a few other items. This change has brought about a more realistic estimation of private consumption expenditure, and of the related Trade and Transport margins.

**TABLE 76—INDUSTRIAL ORIGIN OF THE GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT AT CURRENT FACTOR COST**

<i>Sector</i>	<i>(Rs. Million)</i>		
	<i>1977</i>	<i>1978</i>	<i>1979<sup>(1)</sup></i>
1. Agriculture, forestry and fishing(a)	14,982.3	17,468.8	19,579.3
2. Mining and quarrying <sup>(2)</sup>	412.2	586.9	928.6
3. Manufacturing	4,095.9	5,011.0	5,904.5
4. Construction	1,413.9	2,162.3	3,630.0
5. Electricity and gas	150.2	168.9	351.6
6. Transport and communication(b)	3,055.8	3,451.8	4,838.6
7. Wholesale and retail trade(b)	5,456.6	6,882.2	9,598.6
8. Banking, insurance and real estate	520.0	844.6	1,243.0
9. Ownership of dwellings <sup>(2)</sup>	641.3	664.2	1,301.5
10. Public administration and defence	733.0	802.2	858.8
11. Services	2,787.1	3,287.6	3,763.3
<b>Total G. D. P.</b>	<b>34,248.3</b>	<b>41,330.5</b>	<b>51,997.8</b>

*Source* : Dept. of Census and Statistics.

(1) Provisional.

(2) The figures for "Mining and Quarrying" (item 2) and for "Ownership of Dwellings" (item 9) respectively for the years 1977 onwards, has been computed on a revised basis and are thus not strictly comparable with the corresponding estimates for these two sectors for the earlier years.

The figures of value added under Items 1, 6 and 7 have been revised upwards for the following reasons:

*Item 1.* In the valuation of traditional exports the FEECs rate instead of the official exchange rate has been utilised to estimate the revised series prior to mid 1977.

*Items 6 and 7.*—In the valuation of subsidised commodities, open market prices have been used, and the excess arising from valuation of commodities at market prices and their value at subsidised prices, was treated as an imputed operating surplus, under wholesale and retail trade and transport respectively.

**TABLE 77—EXPENDITURE ON GROSS NATIONAL PRODUCT AT CURRENT MARKET PRICES**

<i>Item</i>	<i>(Rs. Million)</i>		
	<i>1977</i>	<i>1978</i>	<i>1979 (2)</i>
Private consumption expenditure <sup>(1)</sup>	25,745.9	31,075.6	40,629.4
General Government consumption expenditure	3,429.3	4,850.7	5,446.9
Gross domestic fixed capital formation	4,647.3	9,481.5	14,532.0
Changes in stocks—statistical discrepancy	+97.8	+75.9	+883.6
Exports of goods and services	12,311.0	14,835.0	17,660.2
Less : imports of goods and services	10,979.0	16,872.0	23,969.2
Expenditure on gross domestic product	35,252.3	43,466.7	55,182.9
Net factor income from abroad	-252.0	-237.0	-240.0
Expenditure on gross national product	35,000.3	43,209.7	54,942.9

*Source : Dept. of Census and Statistics.*

(1) The estimates have been revised upwards. The marked increase in private consumption expenditure is mainly due to the valuation of subsidised commodities such as rice, flour and sugar at the current open market prices, rather than at the earlier subsidised prices.

(2) Provisional.

**TABLE 78—GROSS DOMESTIC FIXED CAPITAL FORMATION AT CURRENT MARKET PRICES**

	(Rs. Million)		
Item	1977	1978	1979 <sup>(1)</sup>
<b>Total gross domestic fixed capital :—</b>			
<b>1. Government—</b>			
(a) Land	354·8	627·0	608·3
(b) Buildings—			
(i) Residential	77·2	111·1	653·6
(ii) Non-residential	143·3	172·4	566·1
(c) Other construction and works	306·5	655·3	761·1
(d) Transport equipment	170·2	370·6	681·0
(e) Machinery and other equipment	173·3	388·0	554·2
(f) Capital goods (n.i.c.)	—	242·2	45·2
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,225·3</b>	<b>2,566·6</b>	<b>3,869·5</b>
<b>2. Private sector and public corporations—</b>			
(a) Land (planting and replanting)	108·8	137·4	178·8
(b) Building and other construction	1,831·3	2,400·0	3,438·0
(c) Transport and equipment	493·5	1,822·0	2,490·9
(d) Machinery and other equipment	988·4	2,555·5	4,554·8
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,422·0</b>	<b>6,914·9</b>	<b>10,662·5</b>
<b>Grand Total (1)+(2)</b>	<b>4,647·3</b>	<b>9,481·5</b>	<b>14,532·0</b>

*Source : Dept. of Census and Statistics.*

<sup>(1)</sup> Provisional.

TABLE 79—SUMMARY INDICATORS OF NATIONAL PRODUCT, INCOME AND EXPENDITURE AT CURRENT PRICES

	Values					
	1963	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979 <sup>(1)</sup>
1. Gross National Product at Current Factor Cost Prices (Rs. million)	6,833.8	25,441.7	28,183.8	33,996.3	41,093.5	51,757.8
2. National Income at Factor Cost Prices (Rs. Million)	6,463.0	24,261.8	26,692.0	32,447.2	37,933.0	46,913.8
3. Gross Domestic Expenditure at Market Prices (Rs. million)	7,387.6	28,388.7	30,076.8	33,920.3	45,483.7	61,491.9
4. Private Consumption Expenditure at Market Prices (Rs. million)	5,330.5	21,791.7	22,323.2	25,745.9	31,075.6	40,629.4
5. Public Consumption Expenditure at Market Prices (Rs. million)	968.2	2,696.7	2,924.6	3,429.3	4,850.7	5,446.9
6. Gross Domestic Fixed Capital Formation at Market Prices (Rs. million)	1,112.6	3,539.8	4,475.4	4,647.3	9,481.5	14,532.0
7. Gross National Product per Capita at Factor Cost Prices (Rupees)	641.9	1,885.1	2,054.7	2,438.4	2,897.2	3,576.7
8. National Income per Capita at Factor Cost Prices (Rupees)	607.1	1,797.7	1,945.9	2,327.3	2,674.4	3,241.9

TABLE 79—SUMMARY INDICATORS OF NATIONAL PRODUCT, INCOME AND EXPENDITURE AT CURRENT PRICES—Contd.

	Index Numbers (1963=100·0)					
	1963	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979 <sup>(1)</sup>
1. Gross National Product at Current Factor Cost Prices	100·0	372·3	412·4	497·5	601·3	757·4
2. National Income at Factor Cost Prices	100·0	375·4	413·0	502·0	586·9	725·9
3. Gross Domestic Expenditure at Market Prices	100·0	384·3	407·1	459·2	615·7	832·4
4. Private Consumption Expenditure at Market Prices	100·0	408·8	418·8	483·0	583·0	762·2
5. Public Consumption Expenditure at Market Prices	100·0	278·5	302·1	354·2	501·0	562·6
6. Gross Domestic Fixed Capital Formation at Market Prices	100·0	318·2	402·2	417·7	852·2	1,306·1
7. Gross National Product per Capita at Factor Cost Prices	100·0	293·7	320·1	379·9	451·3	557·2
8. National Income per Capita at Factor Cost Prices	100·0	296·1	320·5	383·3	440·5	534·0

Source : Dept. of Census and Statistics.

<sup>(1)</sup> Provisional.

**TABLE 80—SUMMARY INDICATORS OF NATIONAL PRODUCT, INCOME AND EXPENDITURE AT CONSTANT PRICES—1963**

	Values					
	1963	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979 <sup>(1)</sup>
1. Gross National Product at Constant Factor Cost Prices (Rs. million)	6,833.8	11,637.4	12,061.3	12,583.2	13,590.3	14,480.3
2. National Income at Factor Cost Prices (Rs. million)	6,463.0	10,947.9	11,295.9	11,818.4	12,631.6	13,405.8
3. Gross Domestic Expenditure at Market Prices (Rs. million)	7,387.6	13,271.4	14,148.6	15,483.3	17,071.4	22,157.9
4. Private Consumption Expenditure at Market Prices (Rs. million)	5,330.5	9,603.8	10,184.3	11,668.9	12,478.1	16,354.0
5. Public Consumption Expenditure at Market Prices (Rs. million)	968.2	1,238.7	1,314.4	1,422.3	1,642.1	1,696.9
6. Gross Domestic Fixed Capital Formation at Market Prices (Rs. million)	1,112.6	2,068.4	2,296.3	2,294.3	2,875.3	3,223.4
7. Gross National Product per Capita at Factor Cost Prices (Rupees)	641.9	862.3	879.3	902.5	958.1	1,000.6
8. National income per Capita at Factor Cost Prices (Rupees)	607.1	811.2	823.5	847.7	890.6	926.4

TABLE 80—SUMMARY INDICATORS OF NATIONAL PRODUCT, INCOME AND EXPENDITURE AT CONSTANT 1963 PRICES—Contd.

	Index Numbers (1963 = 100.0)					
	1963	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979 (1)
1. Gross National Product at Constant Factor Cost Prices	100.0	170.3	176.5	184.1	198.9	211.9
2. National Income at Factor Cost Prices	100.0	169.4	174.8	182.9	195.4	207.4
3. Gross Domestic Expenditure at Market Prices	100.0	179.6	191.5	209.6	231.1	299.9
4. Private Consumption Expenditure at Market Prices	100.0	180.2	191.1	218.9	234.1	306.8
5. Public Consumption Expenditure at Market Prices	100.0	127.9	135.8	146.9	169.6	175.3
6. Gross Domestic Fixed Capital Formation at Market Prices	100.0	185.9	206.4	206.2	258.4	289.7
7. Gross National Product per Capita at Factor Cost Prices	100.0	134.3	137.0	140.6	149.3	155.9
8. National Income per Capita at Factor Cost Prices	100.0	133.6	135.6	139.6	146.7	152.6

(1) Provisional.



**TABLE 81—PERCENTAGE OF INCOME RECEIVERS AND  
TOTAL INCOME RECEIVED—1963 AND 1973**

<i>Income (Rupees)</i>	<i>1963<sup>(1)</sup></i>		<i>1973<sup>(2)</sup></i>	
	<i>Percentage of Income Receivers</i>	<i>Percentage of Total Income</i>	<i>Percentage of Income Receivers</i>	<i>Percentage of Total Income</i>
Less than Rs. 100	27.2	6.2	7.3	1.1
Rs. 100 to Rs. 400	56.9	44.4	48.3	25.7
Rs. 400 and above	15.9	49.4	44.4	73.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

*Source* : Central Bank of Ceylon.

(1) Consumer Finance Survey—1963 Central Bank of Ceylon.

(2) Consumer Finance Survey—1973 Central Bank of Ceylon.

TABLE 82.—INCOME OF HOUSEHOLDS : PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL INCOME RECEIVED BY EACH TENTH OF HOUSEHOLD/SPENDING 1969-70 AND 1973

Deciles	1969/70 <sup>(1)</sup>		1973 <sup>(2)</sup>	
	Percentage of Income	Cumulative Percentage	Percentage of Income	Cumulative Percentage
Lowest 10th	2.0	2.0	2.8	2.8
Second	3.2	5.2	4.4	7.2
Third	3.6	8.8	5.6	12.8
Fourth	4.4	13.2	6.5	19.3
Fifth	6.4	19.6	7.5	26.8
Sixth	9.0	28.6	8.8	35.6
Seventh	11.4	40.0	9.9	45.5
Eighth	14.2	54.2	11.6	57.1
Ninth	17.8	72.0	14.9	72.0
Highest 10th	28.0	100.0	28.0	100.0

Source : Central Bank of Ceylon.

Note.—In the above table households have been ranked according to income and grouped into 10 equal classes. Against each class the percentage of total income is shown.

Source :

(<sup>1</sup>) Socio-Economic Survey 1969-70.

(<sup>2</sup>) Consumer Finance Survey 1973 (Central Bank of Ceylon).

# Chapter IX

## PUBLIC FINANCE



TABLE 83—RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE OF THE GOVERNMENT CURRENT ACCOUNT

*Rs. Million*

<i>Receipts</i>	1976	percent	1977	percent	1978	percent	1979 <sup>(1)</sup>	percent
General Sales and Turnover Taxes	749.4	13.4	711.1	10.9	1,143.4	9.9	1,175.0	10.5
Selective Sales Taxes	918.4	16.4	1,407.1	21.5	1,884.0	16.4	1,700.1	15.2
Import Duties	475.9	8.5	517.8	7.9	1,469.3	12.8	1,475.0	13.2
Export Duties	420.8	7.5	620.1	9.5	4,236.1	36.8	4,500.1	40.3
Receipts from FEEC's	1,073.5	19.2	1,156.7	17.7	328.8	2.9	—	—
Licence Taxes	64.1	1.2	53.6	0.8	74.3	0.7	82.8	0.7
Taxes on Transfers of Assets and Property	28.7	0.5	37.4	0.6	81.1	0.7	42.8	0.4
Surplus on Government Monopolies	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Profits from Food Sales	—	—	—	—	30.8	0.3	—	—
Taxes on Corporate Income	935.5	16.7	936.5	14.3	1,102.5	9.6	1,152.0	10.3
Taxes on Non-Corporate Income	482.8	8.6	513.7	7.8	678.5	5.9	631.0	5.7
Receipts of Trading Enterprises	255.9	4.6	393.2	6.0	189.7	1.6	237.7	2.1
Income from Property and Entrepreneurship	112.4	2.0	124.9	1.9	189.3	1.6	96.4	0.9
Sales and Charges	29.5	0.5	37.4	0.6	49.8	0.4	39.7	0.4
Social Security Contributions	52.3	0.9	34.2	0.5	46.4	0.4	32.2	0.3
Current Transfers	5,599.2	100.0	6,543.7	100.0	11,504.0	100.00	11,164.8	100.0
Total Current Receipts								

TABLE 83—RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE OF THE  
GOVERNMENT CURRENT ACCOUNT—(Contd.)

	(Rs. Million)							
	1976	Percent 1977	Percent 1978	Percent 1979 <sup>(1)</sup>				
<i>Payments :</i>								
Administration	908.9	16.2	998.5	15.2	1,668.2	15.9	1,723.2	15.7
Social services	1,122.6	21.8	1,367.0	20.9	1,561.4	14.8	1,818.2	16.7
Economic services	194.5	3.5	212.2	3.2	241.4	2.3	344.8	3.1
Food subsidies	937.6	16.7	1,424.1	21.7	2,162.7	20.6	2,332.9	21.2
Pensions	377.7	6.7	413.8	6.3	457.0	4.3	496.2	4.5
Direct relief	278.9	5.0	197.3	3.0	656.7	6.2	521.0	4.7
Interest on public debt	839.8	15.0	1,013.1	15.5	1,368.3	13.0	1,652.9	15.0
Grants to local bodies	86.0	1.6	90.6	1.4	110.7	1.1	129.1	1.2
Others	756.1	13.5	836.9	12.8	2,295.1	21.8	1,973.4	18.0
<b>Total current payments</b>	<b>5,002.1</b>	<b>100.5</b>	<b>6,553.5</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>10,521.5</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>10,991.7</b>	<b>100.0</b>

Source : Central Bank and General Treasury.

<sup>(1)</sup> Approved Estimates.

TABLE 84—RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE OF THE  
GOVERNMENT CAPITAL ACCOUNT

Item	1977		1978		1979	
	Rs. Million	Percent	Rs. Million	Percent	Rs. Million	Percent
<b>Receipts:</b>						
Current account surplus or deficit	-9.8	-0.4	982.8	18.2	392.1	6.7
Revenue from taxes on capital and from the sale of existing capital goods	91.7	4.2	66.5	1.2	137.5	2.4
Repayment of direct loans and advances	51.0	2.3	93.9	1.7	128.7	2.2
Capital transfers from abroad	500.5	22.8	581.3	10.6	..	..
Direct borrowing from abroad	754.4	34.4	3,291.9	60.1	3,737.0	64.1
Net domestic borrowing	1,363.2	62.1	2,114.5	38.6	1,235.0	21.2
Decline in cash balances and payments on advance account operations	-557.3	-25.4	-1,715.2	-31.7	-198.0	-3.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,193.7</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>5,415.7</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>5,432.3</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>Payments:</b>						
Administration	90.2	4.1	257.5	4.8	196.1	3.1
Social Services	239.4	10.9	614.0	11.3	1,178.7	18.4
Economic services	783.9	35.9	1,301.3	24.0	1,884.1	29.5
Acquisition of financial assets	135.3	6.2	1,053.0	19.4	520.2	8.1
Capital transfers	936.6	42.9	2,189.9	40.5	2,615.6	40.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,185.4</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>5,415.7</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>6,394.7</b>	<b>100.0</b>

TABLE 84—RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE OF THE  
GOVERNMENT CAPITAL ACCOUNT—(Contd.)

Item	1977	1978	(Rs. Million) 1979 <sup>(1)</sup>
Total payments—			
Current payments	6,533.5	10,521.5	10,991.7
Capital payments	2,193.8	5,415.7	7,294.8
	<u>8,747.3</u>	<u>15,937.2</u>	<u>18,286.5</u>
Total <sup>(2)</sup>			

Source : Central Bank of Ceylon.

<sup>(1)</sup> Approved Estimates.

<sup>(2)</sup> Exclusive of net payments on account of operations financed through advance accounts.



TABLE 85—COMPOSITION OF THE PUBLIC DEBT

Item	(Rs. Million)					
	1974	1975	1976	1977	1978 1979 <sup>(a)</sup>	
<b>Domestic—</b>						
Long-term gross	6,590.5	7,560.1	9,001.2	10,391.6	12,049.1	14,929.1
Long-term net	5,289.5	5,955.5	6,962.5	7,839.8	8,845.0	10,966.2
Short-term <sup>(1)</sup>	2,853.7	3,299.3	3,690.1	4,000.8	4,318.5	4,705.1
<b>Foreign—</b>						
Long-term gross	2,935.9	3,704.9	4,968.0	10,593.5	14,582.3	15,840.6
Long-term net	2,883.7	3,704.9	4,968.0	10,593.5	14,582.3	15,840.6
<b>Total Gross</b>	<b>12,380.1</b>	<b>14,564.3</b>	<b>17,659.4</b>	<b>24,985.9</b>	<b>30,949.8</b>	<b>35,474.7</b>
<b>Total Net</b>	<b>11,026.9</b>	<b>12,959.7</b>	<b>15,620.7</b>	<b>22,434.7</b>	<b>27,745.7</b>	<b>31,511.8</b>

Source : Central Bank of Ceylon.

<sup>(1)</sup> Include administrative borrowings.

<sup>(a)</sup> Provisional.

TABLE 86—MONEY SUPPLY<sup>(1)</sup>

Year	Currency										Money 8 as per supply cent of 9	
	Total Held by Govt. Banks					Total Held by Public Banks						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	52.4		
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	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		
1978	3,508.6	0.9	492.1	3,015.5	7,177.4	1,942.1	2,314.5	2,920.8	5,936.4	49.2		
1979	4,321.1	0.8	546.2	3,774.2	9,069.8	1,664.4	3,510.3	3,895.1	7,669.3	50.8		

Source : Central Bank of Ceylon.

<sup>(1)</sup> As at end of year.

**TABLE 87—ASSETS OF THE CENTRAL BANK**

Item	(Rs. Million)				
	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979
<b>International Reserve—</b>					
Cash and balances abroad including Treasury Bills	230.3	561.3	3,883.6	5,274.6	7,238.0
Special drawing rights	93.4	121.0	167.9	512.4	440.7
Other <sup>(1)</sup>	114.4	140.6	275.1	345.5	281.5
	<u>438.1</u>	<u>822.9</u>	<u>4,326.6</u>	<u>6,132.5</u>	<u>7,960.2</u>
<b>Domestic Assets—</b>					
Loans and advances to Government	588.6	600.1	617.4	955.5	1,136.5
Loans and Advances to Others	574.2	388.5	884.6	1,075.9	648.1
Government and Government guaranteed securities	2,272.3	2,624.0	2,420.1	2,119.7	2,706.2
Other assets and accounts	1,491.3	2,130.4	3,280.5	3,956.4	4,384.8
<b>Total assets</b>	<u>5,364.5</u>	<u>6,565.9</u>	<u>11,529.2</u>	<u>14,240.0</u>	<u>16,835.8</u>
International reserve as a percentage of currency and demand liabilities	14.2	22.0	80.5	85.9	90.5

Source : Central Bank of Ceylon.

<sup>(1)</sup> Includes foreign government and non-government securities.

**TABLE 88—LIABILITIES OF THE CENTRAL BANK<sup>(1)</sup>**

<i>Item</i>	<i>(Rs. Million)</i>				
	<i>1975</i>	<i>1976</i>	<i>1977</i>	<i>1978</i>	<i>1979</i>
<b>Capital Accounts—</b>					
<b>Capital</b>	15·0	15·0	15·0	15·0	15·0
<b>Surplus</b>	61·0	62·0	62·0	63·0	64·0
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<b>Total</b>	76·0	77·0	77·0	78·0	79·0
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<b>Currency issue—Total</b>	1,890·4	2,407·2	3,219·1	3,508·6	4,321·1
<b>Securities outstanding</b>	—	—	—	—	—
<b>Borrowings abroad</b>	302·3	308·9	552·3	155·1	69·1
<b>Deposits—</b>					
<b>Government and Government Agencies</b>	25·2	39·9	104·7	1,049·4	740·4
<b>Commercial Banks</b>	242·9	277·7	606·5	737·7	966·0
<b>International Organisations <sup>(2)</sup></b>	873·6	946·5	1,257·3	1,569·3	2,828·9
<b>Others</b>	58·1	69·2	188·0	273·3	239·4
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<b>Total</b>	1,199·9	1,333·2	2,156·6	3,629·6	4,474·7
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<b>Other liabilities and accounts</b>	1,895·9	2,439·6	5,524·1	6,868·6	7,891·9

*Source* : Central Bank of Ceylon.

<sup>(1)</sup> Excluding notes and coins in circulation.

<sup>(2)</sup> Includes foreign government and foreign banking institutions.

**TABLE 89—ASSETS OF COMMERCIAL BANKS**

<i>Item</i>	<i>(Rs. Million)</i>				
	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979
No. of reporting Banks	11	11	11	11	14
Cash in hand	280.3	326.2	426.2	492.1	546.2
Due from Central Bank	220.2	251.1	579.3	615.1	1,062.8
Due from Domestic Banks	61.2	74.7	138.9	234.8	132.7
Cash items in process of collection	224.4	343.2	713.9	1,179.6	1,522.7
Foreign currency in hand and balances due from Banks abroad	78.3	92.8	298.5	267.1	475.5
Investments	379.0	653.1	584.4	654.4	651.3
Loans and advances	3,533.0	4,250.8	6,345.7	8,827.9	11,947.8
(a) Bills discounted	599.0	707.2	1,647.6	1,766.8	2,134.8
(b) Overdrafts and loans	2,934.0	3,543.6	4,698.1	7,061.1	9,813.0
Fixed and other assets	519.8	595.0	1,164.6	1,565.7	2,314.6
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>5,296.1</b>	<b>6,586.8</b>	<b>10,251.5</b>	<b>13,836.6</b>	<b>18,653.2</b>

*Source* : Central Bank of Ceylon.

**TABLE 90—LIABILITIES OF COMMERCIAL BANKS**

<i>Item</i>	<i>(Rs. Million)</i>				
	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979
Paid up capital reserve funds, and undistributed profits	238.9	281.4	374.0	520.3	905.8
Demand deposits	1,882.3	2,751.1	3,351.6	3,820.7	4,834.1
(a) Ceylon Government	412.6	677.5	780.5	908.5	936.0
(b) Other	1,469.7	2,073.6	2,571.1	2,912.2	3,898.1
Time and savings deposits	1,728.1	2,191.4	3,441.4	5,025.4	7,509.0
(a) Ceylon Government	39.2	36.1	90.5	69.8	120.7
(b) Other	1,688.9	2,155.3	3,350.9	4,955.6	7,388.3
<b>Total deposits</b>	<b>3,610.5</b>	<b>4,942.6</b>	<b>6,793.2</b>	<b>8,846.3</b>	<b>12,343.1</b>
Borrowings	610.3	448.0	1,017.0	1,414.7	956.8
Other liabilities	836.3	914.7	2,067.3	3,055.3	4,447.5

*Source* : Central Bank of Ceylon.

**TABLE 91—NET RECEIPTS OF FOREIGN ASSISTANCE**

	<i>(Rs. Million)</i>					
<i>Type and Source</i>	1974	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979 <sup>(1)</sup>
<b>Loans</b>	179.2	454.8	730.5	880.7	3,215.5	2,747.9
(a) A. B. D.	17.4	29.4	57.1	88.6	412.1	128.2
(b) I. B. R. D.	-4.3	13.9	0.7	-5.8	-7.9	2.8
(c) I. D. A.	41.3	122.4	29.2	120.2	166.4	156.4
(d) Canada	-1.7	15.1	114.8	43.2	143.7	137.1
(e) People's Republic of China	58.6	-28.0	12.5	-135.3	-40.0	-75.6
(f) U. K.	-9.0	-9.3	-12.8	276.2	-35.4	-2.5
(g) U. S. A.	13.7	128.5	167.6	219.9	524.8	553.7
(h) U. S. S. R.	-8.3	-0.4	44.9	-11.1	2.2	-14.1
(i) Federal Republic of Germany	16.4	49.1	0.8	28.9	318.6	238.4
(j) Yugoslavia	-0.3	-0.2	-0.2	—	—	—
(k) Poland	-0.3	—	..	—	—	—
(l) France	12.6	14.6	54.9	6.7	-22.2	36.6
(m) Japan	40.5	116.1	62.4	83.2	433.2	352.4
(n) India	7.4	12.9	4.2	50.3	130.4	83.4
(o) German Democratic Republic	-11.8	-16.3	1.9	-25.6	-31.3	33.2
(p) Denmark	8.1	0.9	4.4	-0.1	9.0	1.5
(q) Italy	-1.9	4.9	0.9	-2.4	-3.4	—
(r) Hungary	0.7	1.2	1.3	0.7	0.1	-1.3
(s) Netherland	..	..	14.6	34.7	348.4	188.3
(t) Kuwait	..	..	78.4	43.6	61.3	26.0
(u) U. A. E.	..	..	92.9	—	—	—
(v) O. P. E. C.	..	..	..	64.8	16.3	—
(w) I.M.F.	..	..	..	—	789.2	969.8

TABLE 91—NET RECEIPTS OF FOREIGN ASSISTANCE—(Contd.)

Type and Source	(Rs. Million)					
	1974	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979
<b>Grants</b>	252.4	404.2	366.5	500.5	582.9	1,933.3
(a) Colombo Plan	55.0	92.7	49.3	75.3	128.4	118.9
(i) Australia	28.3	56.9	17.3	—	—	—
(ii) Canada	16.7	30.2	22.2	75.3	128.4	118.9
(iii) Japan	10.0	3.0	9.8	—	—	—
(iv) New Zealand	..	2.6	..	—	—	—
(b) Other	197.4	311.5	317.2	425.2	454.5	1,814.4
(i) United Nations	17.3	49.8	234.5	99.0	19.7	187.0
(ii) People's Republic of China	115.2	..	0.2	—	—	—
(iii) U. S. A.	0.1	—	0.1	0.1	0.1	102.8
(iv) Federal Republic of Germany	4.8	18.5	0.4	33.0	29.0	78.1
(v) Yugoslavia	..	..	..	20.0	—	—
(vi) United Kingdom	..	..	..	50.9	12.4	297.8
(vii) German Democratic Republic	18.9	..	..	—	—	—
(viii) France	9.2	9.9	..	19.5	15.5	20.1
(ix) U. S. S. R.	—	4.4	—	..	—	0.7
(x) Sweden	28.9	51.8	37.8	109.2	165.4	555.3
(xi) Switzerland	0.2	..	..	—	—	—
(xii) Italy	..	9.1	..	—	—	—
(xiii) European Economic Community	..	74.9	5.4	19.7	32.7	68.2
(xiv) Netherland	..	23.3	8.6	41.0	30.1	119.6

TABLE 91—NET RECEIPTS OF FOREIGN ASSISTANCE—(Contd.)

Type of Source	(Rs. Million)					
	1974	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979
(xv) Iraq	..	7.1	..	—	—	—
(xvi) Algeria	..	6.8	..	—	—	—
(xvii) Saudi Arabia	..	46.8	..	—	—	—
(xviii) Kuwait	..	..	2.0	—	—	—
(xix) Republic of Korea	..	..	4.0	—	—	—
(xx) Libya	..	..	8.6	—	—	—
(xxi) Qatar	..	..	4.4	—	—	—
(xxii) Australia	..	..	..	12.0	25.9	45.5
(xxiii) I.M.F.	..	..	..	—	92.3	—
(xxiv) Norway	..	..	..	—	5.1	145.4
(xxv) Korea	..	..	..	—	0.6	—
(xxvi) Japan	..	..	..	—	3.3	191.5
(xxvii) India	..	..	..	—	0.5	—
(xxviii) New Zealand	..	..	..	—	4.6	—
(xxix) Canada	..	..	..	—	0.5	—
(xxx) Others	2.8	9.1	11.0	20.8	16.7	2.4
<b>Total of loans and grants</b>	<b>431.6</b>	<b>859.0</b>	<b>1,097.0</b>	<b>1,381.2</b>	<b>3,798.4</b>	<b>4,681.2</b>

Source: Central Bank of Ceylon.

(1) Provisional.



TABLE 92—PARITY EXCHANGE RATES (1)

<i>Country</i>	<i>Currency</i>	<i>Middle Rate</i> <sup>(2)</sup> <i>Rs.</i>
Australia	Dollar	18.3347
Austria	Schilling	1.2698
Bahrain	Dinar	42.2313
Belgium	Franc	0.5646
Canada	Dollar	13.7419
Denmark	Krone	2.9066
Federal Republic of Germany Deussche	Mark	9.0200
France	Franc	3.8860
Hongkong	Dollar	3.2459
India	Rupee	2.0650
Italy	Lire	0.0192
Japan	Yen	0.0716
Kuwait	Dinar	59.5491
Malaysia	Ringgit	7.0395
Netherlands	Guilder	8.2338
Newzealand	Dollar	16.0683
Norway	Krone	3.2906
Oman	Riyal	46.1661
Pakistan	Rupee	1.6100
Qatar	Riyal	4.3380
Renminbi	Yuan (China)	10.8324
Saudi Arabia	Riyal	4.7906
Singapore	Dollar	7.4783

TABLE 92—PARITY EXCHANGE RATES <sup>(1)</sup>—(Contd.)

<i>Country</i>	<i>Currency</i>	<i>Middle Rate</i> <sup>(2)</sup> <i>Rs.</i>
South Africa	Rand	20.1681
Sweden	Krone	3.8409
Switzerland	Franc	9.7050
U. A. E.	Dirham	4.2861
U. K.	Pound	37.7650
U. S.	Dollar	15.9550
U. S. S. R.	Rouble	24.4709

*Source* : Central Bank of Ceylon.

<sup>(1)</sup> As at 28th May, 1980.

<sup>(2)</sup> From 16th November, 1977, the Sri Lanka Rupee was allowed to float. A mid-point is taken between the selling and buying rates of commercial banks.

# Chapter X

## LOCAL GOVERNMENT



TABLE 93—LOCAL GOVERNMENT STATISTICS—1978<sup>(1)</sup> AND 1979 GENERAL

Type of Council	Number of Councils		Population		Number of Voters		Number of Wards		Number of Employees	
	1978	1979	1978	1979 <sup>(2)</sup>	1978	1979	1978	1979	1978	1979
Municipal	12	12	1,219,682	1,344,400	654,046	672,359	233	233	20,940	21,798
Urban	38	38	771,095	893,400	453,254	507,644	346	346	7,310	7,595
Town	83	83	857,339	935,900	555,837	694,796	531	531	4,154	4,590
Village	549	549	9,841,781	11,007,300	5,419,016	5,447,659	7,184	7,184	8,787	9,147
Total	682	682	12,689,897	14,181,000	7,082,153	7,322,458	8,294	8,294	41,191	43,130

<sup>(1)</sup> See general footnote—Table 95.

<sup>(2)</sup> Estimated.

130 **TABLE 94—LOCAL GOVERNMENT STATISTICS—REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE FOR 1978<sup>(1)</sup> AND 1979**

(Rs. '000)

Type of Council	Number of Councils		Revenue				Electricity		Total	
	1978	1979	General		1979		1978	1979	1978	1979
			1978	1979	1978	1979				
Municipal	12	12	185,701.0	232,126.2	29,035.4	33,099.9	214,736.4	265,226.1		
Urban	38	38	45,724.7	46,638.4	24,313.1	24,677.7	70,037.8	71,316.1		
Town	83	83	30,506.5	38,437.5	16,665.9	20,999.0	47,172.4	59,436.5		
Village	549	549	55,641.1	64,543.6	11,306.9	13,341.0	66,948.0	77,884.6		
Total	682	682	317,573.3	381,745.7	81,321.3	92,108.6	398,894.6	473,863.3		
			<b>Expenditure</b>							
Municipal	12	12	128,455.2	137,447.0	23,159.6	23,645.9	151,614.8	161,092.9		
Urban	38	38	42,524.6	44,225.5	22,111.5	23,216.5	64,636.1	67,442.0		
Town	83	83	23,490.7	29,363.4	14,840.8	18,551.0	3,331.5	47,914.4		
Village	549	549	56,455.0	65,487.8	14,053.2	16,301.4	70,508.2	81,789.2		
Total	682	682	250,925.5	276,523.7	74,165.1	81,714.8	290,090.6	358,238.5		

Source : Local Govt. Department.

<sup>(1)</sup> See general Footnote—Table 95.

TABLE 95—LOCAL GOVERNMENT STATISTICS—SERVICES PROVIDED FOR 1978 AND 1979<sup>(1)</sup>

	Type of Councils										Total
	Municipal		Urban		Town		Village				
	1978	1979	1978	1979	1978	1979	1978	1979	1978	1979	
Vehicular Roads (Km.)	1,544-92	1,931-151	2,98-7	1,318-18	2,013-2	2,033-32	42,276-3	43,755-90	47,133-2	49,038-55	
Dispensaries <sup>(2)</sup>	12	12	28	28	45	45	279	286	364	371	
Cemeteries <sup>(2)</sup>	12	12	37	37	69	69	473	474	591	592	
Piep-borne <sup>(2)</sup>	12	12	27	27	40	42	140	143	219	266	
Electricity <sup>(2)</sup>	12	12	38	38	77	77	91	93	218	220	
Conservancy <sup>(2)</sup>	12	12	38	38	82	82	243	249	375	381	
No. of parks and play grounds <sup>(2)</sup>	12	12	36	36	53	53	192	192	293	293	
No. of libraries <sup>(2)</sup>	12	12	37	37	79	81	421	425	549	555	

Source: Local Government Department.

(1) General footnote for table numbers 93, 94, and 95.:

figures for 1978 are based on—

(a) returns received from reporting councils viz: 7 MCC, 27 UCC, 67 TCC and 477 VCC; and  
 (b) estimates for the remaining councils based on their experience during the preceding year.

(2) No. of councils providing the services.

(3) The Ceylon Electricity Board supplies electricity to Colombo and Nuwara Eliya Municipal Councils.





# Chapter XI

TRAVEL



**TABLE 96—TOURISTS AND EXCURSIONISTS WHO ARRIVED IN SRI LANKA AND THE AVERAGE LENGTH OF STAY OF TOURISTS**

Year	<i>Tourists</i>		Excursionists (Number)
	Number	Average length of stay (days)	
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	84,060	10.0	23,434
1975	103,204	10.0	25,490
1976	118,971	10.0	7,563 <sup>(1)</sup>
1977	153,655	10.7	7,672
1978	192,592	10.8	8,494
1979	250,164	10.9	5,663

Source : Ceylon Tourist Board.

<sup>(1)</sup>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 97—TOURISTS WHO ARRIVED IN SRI LANKA CLASSIFIED BY SPECIFIED NATIONALITIES**

<i>Nationality</i>	<i>(Number)</i>					
	<i>1974</i>	<i>1975</i>	<i>1976</i>	<i>1977</i>	<i>1978</i>	<i>1979</i>
Australia	2,095	3,156	3,655	4,720	5,555	6,233
France	10,839	11,093	11,360	17,555	23,813	30,649
Germany (Fed. Rep.)	13,893	15,497	19,788	29,722	37,032	50,961
India	6,773	7,808	7,959	8,647	14,627	28,099
Italy	3,338	3,826	6,090	5,444	7,750	9,714
Japan	2,013	8,281	8,514	9,076	8,730	10,311
Malaysia	1,153	1,210	2,189	1,633	1,857	2,210
Scandinavia	9,863	10,016	12,383	18,287	21,443	22,146
Switzerland	6,575	5,841	5,622	8,921	9,866	10,716
U. K.	6,969	8,756	9,376	12,428	14,274	18,570
U. S. A.	5,225	6,629	6,265	8,342	10,160	11,093
Other Countries	15,274	21,091	25,770	28,890	37,485	49,462
<b>Total</b>	<b>84,060</b>	<b>103,204</b>	<b>118,971</b>	<b>153,665</b>	<b>192,592</b>	<b>250,164</b>

*Source : Ceylon Tourist Board.*

**TABLE 98—TOURISTS WHO ARRIVED IN SRI LANKA CLASSIFIED BY PURPOSE OF VISIT**

<i>Purpose of Visit</i>	<i>Number of Tourists</i>			<i>Percentage</i>		
	1977	1978	1979	1977	1978	1979
Holiday	144,148	177,824	227,218	93.8	92.8	90.8
Business (official and private)	6,221	11,651	18,131	4.0	6.1	7.3
Other	3,296	3,117	4,815	2.2	1.6	1.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>153,665</b>	<b>192,592</b>	<b>250,164</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>

*Source* : Ceylon Tourist Board.

**TABLE 99—ACCOMMODATION CAPACITY (ROOMS) IN GRADED HOTELS, GUEST HOUSES AND REST HOUSES**

<i>Resort Region</i>	1974	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979
Colombo Resort Region—City	841	1,059	1,310	1,310	1,321	1,332
Colombo Resort Region—Greater Colombo	629	669	914	956	1,009	1,046
South Coast Resort Region	594	790	1,007	1,165	1,402	1,534
East Coast Resort Region	105	230	271	320	345	367
High Country Resort Region	215	212	195	195	244	263
Historic Cities Resort Region	456	614	827	848	969	1,000
Northern Region	65	58	57	57	57	57
<b>All Regions</b>	<b>2,905</b>	<b>3,632</b>	<b>4,581</b>	<b>4,851</b>	<b>5,347</b>	<b>5,599</b>

*Source* : Ceylon Tourist Board.

**TABLE 100—EMPLOYMENT IN THE TOURIST INDUSTRY**

<i>Category of Establishment</i>	<i>No. of Establishments</i>		<i>Total Employed</i>	
	<i>1978</i>	<i>1979</i>	<i>1978</i>	<i>1979</i>
1. Hotels and Restaurants	194	203	10,066	11,834
2. Travel Agents/Transport operations	118	140	2,267	2,831
3. Airlines	14	16	982	1,147
4. Agencies providing recreational facilities	11	13	84	84
5. Tourist shops	125	172	1,661	2,195
6. National Tourist Organization	1	1	344	381
	<u>463</u>	<u>545</u>	<u>15,404</u>	<u>18,472</u>

*Source* : Ceylon Tourist Board.

**TABLE 101—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>
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
1978	870.0
1979	1,173.5

*Source* : Central Bank of Ceylon.  
Ceylon Tourist Board.

**TABLE 102—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	3.00 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	2.00 p.m.
Djarkarta	2.00 p.m.
Kuala Lumpur	2.00 p.m.
Manila	3.00 p.m.
Hongkong	3.00 p.m.
Peking	3.00 p.m.
Tokyo	4.00 p.m.
Canberra	5.00 p.m.

*Source* : Department of Meteorology.

*Note.*—The above list gives the legal time in various cities. However, in the Temperate regions of the World, Daylight Saving is effective in summer, when clocks are put forward.



TABLE 103—SCHEDULED INTERNATIONAL AIR SERVICES  
THROUGH SRI LANKA IN 1980

<i>Air Services</i>	<i>Sundays</i>
1. Air Lanka	Bombay/Colombo Paris/Zurich/Dubai/Colombo Colombo/Madras/Colombo Colombo/Kualalumpur/Singapore Colombo/Male/Colombo
2. Aeroflot Soviet Air Lines	—
3. British Airways	Tokyo/Hongkong/Colombo/Seychelles/Johannesburg Johannesburg/Seychelles/Colombo/Hongkong/Tokyo
4. Indian Air Lines	Madras/Colombo/Madras
5. Maldivian International Air Lines	Colombo/Male/Colombo
6. KLM Royal Dutch Air Lines	—
7. Pakistan International Air Lines	—
8. Singapore Air Lines	Singapore/Colombo/Singapore
9. Swissair	Zurich/Geneva/Bombay/Colombo/Singapore
10. Thai Airways International	—
11. UTA French Air Lines	—
12. Garuda Indonesian Airways	—

**TABLE 103—SCHEDULED INTERNATIONAL AIR SERVICES  
THROUGH SRI LANKA IN 1980—(Contd.)**

<i>Air Services</i>	<i>Mondays</i>
1. Air Lanka	London/Frankfurt/Baharain/Colombo Colombo/Dubai/Baharain Colombo/Madras/Colombo Colombo/Male/Colombo Colombo/Dubai/Zurich/Paris Colombo/Bombay/Baharain/Dubai/Colombo
2. Aeroflot Soviet Air Lines	Moscow/Karachi/Colombo Colombo/Karachi/Moscow
3. British Airways	—
4. Singapore Air Lines	Copenhagan/Zurich/Dubai/Colombo/Singapore

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|--------------------------------------|---|
| 1. Air Lanka                         | Bombay/Colombo<br>Colombo/Male/Colombo  |
| 2. Aeroflot Soviet Air Lines         | Moscow/Colombo/Moscow   |
| 3. British Airways                   | Tokyo/Hong-kong/Colombo/Seychells/Johannesburg<br>Johannesburg/Seychells/Colombo/Hongkong/Tokyo             |
| 4. Indian Air Lines                  | Madras/Colombo/Madras   |
| 5. Maldivian International Air Lines | Colombo/Male/Colombo  |
| 6. KLM Royal Dutch Air Lines         | Amsterdam/Dubai/Colombo/Singapore/Sydney/Melbourne<br>Jakarta/Singapore/Colombo/Karachi/Frankfurt/Amsterdam |
| 7. Pakistan International Air Lines  | Karachi/Colombo/Karachi   |
| 8. Singapore Air Lines               | Singapore/Colombo/Dubai/Zurich/Frankfurt  |
| 9. Swissair                          | Zurich/Geneva/Bombay/Colombo/Singapore<br>Singapore/Colombo/Bombay/Zurich                                   |
| 10. Thai Airways International       | —   |
| 11. UTA French Air Lines             | —   |
| 12. Garuda Indonesian Airways        | Amsterdam/Zurich/Athens/Colombo/Jakarta   |
| 13. Korean Air Lines                 | Seoul/Colombo/Bahrain<br>Bahrain/Colombo/Seoul  |

TABLE 103—SCHEDULED INTERNATIONAL AIR SERVICES  
THROUGH SRI LANKA IN 1980—(Contd.)

<i>Air Services</i>	<i>Wednesdays</i>
1. Air Lanka	Paris/Zurich/Dubai/Colombo Colombo/Singapore/Colombo Colombo/Bombay/Colombo Colombo/Madras/Colombo
2. Aeroflot Soviet Air Lines	—
3. British Airways	—
4. Indian Air Lines	Trivendrum/Colombo/Trivendrum
5. Maldivian International Air Lines	Colombo/Male/Colombo
6. KLM Royal Dutch Air Lines	Melbourne/Sydney/Singapore/Colombo
7. Pakistan International Air Lines	Dubai/Amsterdam
8. Singapore Air Lines	—
9. Swissair	—
10. Thai Airways International	Bankok/Colombo/Bangkok
11. UTA French Air Lines	—
12. Garuda Indonesian Airways	—
13. Korean Air Lines	—
14. Royal Nepal Air Lines	Kathmandu/Colombo/Kathmandu

*Air Services*

*Thursdays*

- |                                      |  |
|--------------------------------------|--|
| 1. Air Lanka                         | Colombo/Male/Colombo<br>Colombo/Bangkok/Colombo<br>Singapore/Kualalampur/Colombo<br>Colombo/Madras/Colombo<br>Colombo/Baharain/Frankfurt/London<br>Moscow/Colombo/Moscow |
| 2. Aeroflot Soviet Air Lines         | London/Doha/Muscat/Colombo<br>Colombo/Muscat/Doha/London   |
| 3. British Airways                   | Madras/Colombo/Madras<br>Trichy/Colombo/Trichy<br>Colombo/Male/Colombo   |
| 4. Indian Air Lines                  | —  |
| 5. Maldivian International Air Lines | Karachi/Colombo/Karachi  |
| 6. KLM Royal Dutch Air Lines         | Singapore/Colombo/Dubai/Brussels<br>Frankfurt/Zurich/Dubai/Colombo/Singapore<br>Singapore/Colombo/Dubai/Zurich/Copenhagen  |
| 7. Pakistan International Air Lines  | —  |
| 8. Singapore Air Lines               | —  |
| 9. Swissair                          | —  |
| 10. Thai Airways International       | Paris/Baharain/Colombo/Singapore<br>Singapore/Colombo/Baharain   |
| 11. UTA French Air Lines             | Jakarta/Singapore/Colombo/Rome/Amsterdam   |
| 12. Garuda Indonesian Airways        | —  |
| 13. Korean Air Lines                 | —  |

**TABLE 103—SCHEDULED INTERNATIONAL AIR SERVICES THROUGH SRI LANKA IN 1980—(Contd.)**

<i>Air Services</i>	<i>Fridays</i>
1. Air Lanka	Colombo/Madras/Colombo Colombo/Kualalumpur/Singapore/Colombo Colombo/Male/Colombo Colombo/Dubai/Zurich/Paris
2. Aeroflot Soviet Air Lines	—
3. British Airways	—
4. Indian Air Lines	Trivendrum/Colombo/Trivendrum
5. Maldivian International Air Lines	Colombo/Male/Colombo
6. KLM Royal Dutch Air Lines	Amsterdam/Athens/Karachi/Colombo/Singapore/Jakarta
7. Pakistan International Air Lines	—
8. Singapore Air Lines	—
9. Swissair	—
10. Thai Airways International	Bangkok/Colombo/Bangkok
11. UTA French Air Lines	—
12. Garuda Indonesian Airways	—

1. Air Lanka  
London/Frankfurt/Baharain/Colombo  
Colombo/Male/Colombo  
Colombo/Bangkok/Colombo  
Colombo/Bombay  
Colombo/Baharain/Frankfurt/London
2. Aeroflot Soviet Air Lines —
3. British Airways  
London/Dubai/Bombay/Colombo  
Colombo/Bombay/Dubai/London  
Madras/Colombo/Madras  
Colombo/Male/Colombo
4. Indian Air Lines —
5. Maldivian International Air Lines  
Karachi/Colombo/Karachi
6. KLM Royal Dutch Air Lines  
Copenhagan/Zurich/Dubai/Colombo/Singapore  
Singapore/Colombo/Dubai/Zurich/Copenhagan
7. Pakistan International Air Lines —
8. Singapore Air Lines —
9. Swissair —
10. Thai Airways International —
11. UTA French Air Lines  
Paris/Muscat/Colombo/Singapore
12. Garuda Indonesian Airways  
Amsterdam/Paris/Athens/Colombo/Singapore/Jakarta  
Jakarta/Singapore/Colombo/Athens/Paris/Amsterdam

TABLE 104—SELECTED ECONOMIC INDICATORS

<i>Indicator</i>	<i>Unit</i>	<i>Sri Lanka</i>	<i>India</i>	<i>Japan</i>	<i>U. K.</i>	<i>U. S. A.</i>
Area (Surface)	Km. <sup>2</sup>	65,610	3,287,590	372,313	244,046	9,363,123
Population (Mid year Estimates) 1977	'000	13,942	625,818 <sup>(1)</sup>	113,863 <sup>(1)</sup>	55,852 <sup>(1)</sup>	216,817
Density of Population 1977	Persons per Km. <sup>2</sup>	216	190	306	229	23
Birth rate (Crude)	Per '000 Population	27.9 (1977)	35.2 (1975)	15.5 (1977)	11.8 (1977)	15.3 (1977)
Death rate (Crude)	Per '000 Population	7.4 (1977)	15.9 (1975)	6.1 (1977)	11.7 (1977)	8.8 (1977)
Rate of Natural Increase	Per '000 Population	20.5 (1977)	19.3 (1975)	9.4 (1977)	0.1 (1977)	6.5 (1977)
Infant Mortality rate	Per '000 Live Births	42.4 (1977)	122.0 (1975)	8.9 (1977)	14.0 (1977)	14.0 (1977)
Marriage rate	Per '000 Population	7.4 (1977)	..	7.3 (1977)	7.3 (1977)	8.8 (1977)
Divorce Rate	Per '000 Population	0.1 (1972)	..	1.1 (1977)	2.4 (1977)	5.1 (1977)
Fertility Rate	Per '000 Population	155.8	136.7	57.6	53.7	58.5



Expectation of life at Birth :						
Male	Years	64.2 (1972)	41.89 (1975)	72.15 (1977)	67.8 (1977)	68.70 (1977)
Female	Years	67.1 (1971)	40.55 (1951-60)	77.35 (1976)	73.8 (1968-70)	76.50 (1975)
Literacy Rate (10 years and over)	%	78.5 (1971)	..	..	..	..
Economically Active Population (Total—Mid year) 1975	%	33.9	39.2	51.5	46.2	44.2
Index numbers of Agricultural production (all commodities)	Base 1969-71 = 100	124	123	108	109	121
Index numbers of Industrial production (General)	Base 1970 = 100	158 (1975)	138 (1977)	127 (1977)	106 (1977)	129 (1977)
Consumer price Index number (all items) 1977	Base 1970 = 100	147	174	204	249	156
Total National Income at Market prices	.. U. S. Dollars—Million	3,227 (1977)	80,546 (1976)	484,153 (1976)	217,684 (1977)	1,6664.89 (1977)
Per capita National Income at Market prices	U. S. Dollars	231 (1977)	132 (1976)	4,293 (1976)	3,898 (1977)	7,686 (1977)

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TABLE No. 104—SELECTED ECONOMIC INDICATORS

Indicator	Unit	Sri Lanka	India	Japan	U. K.	U. S. A.
External Trade Index numbers :						
Export Volume Index (quantum) 1977	Base 1970 = 100	87	126	205	152	147
Import volume Index (quantum) 1977	Base 1970 = 100	95	122	141	141	154
Export price Index (Unit value) 1977	Base 1970 = 100	324	229	152	284	191
Import price Index (Unit value) 1977	Base 1970 = 100	336	263	199	334	241
Terms of Trade :						
$\frac{\text{Export Price Index}}{\text{Import Price Index}} \times 100$	1977 Base 1970 = 100	96	87	76	85	79

Source : UN Statistics Year Book—1978

I.L.O. Year Book of Labour Statistics—1978

(1) Provisional.

TABLE 105—DISTANCE (IN KILOMETRES) 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
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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 kilometres are found cities more than 2,000 years old, beautiful stretches of sea and sunny beaches, scenic splendour of peerless mountain 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 kilometres 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 Safari Inn, Inginiyagala, the Resthouse at Ampara 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 kilometres 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—

*Ruvanvelliseya*—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 world's oldest tree ;  
(*Ficus religiosa*)

*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 Resthouses, flank the Nuwara Wewa and Tissa Wewa banks. Rajarata Hotel, 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 Poson 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

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 kilometres 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  
Hotel Bayroe  
Pearl Beach 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 Gall Face Hotel  
Hotel Taprobane  
Ceylinco Hotel  
Hotel Sapphire  
Holiday Inn  
Sea View Hotel  
Silver Bird Hotel  
Hotel Lanka Oberoi  
Hotel Duro  
Hotel Ranmuthu

Hotel Brighton  
The Ceylon Hotel School  
Havelock Tourinn  
Pegasus Reef Hotel  
Ceylon Inns  
Hotel Ceylon Inter-Continental  
Hotel Renuka  
Many guest houses and paying guest accommodation  
Hotel Janaki

## DAMBULLA

South of Sigiriya on the summit of a massive 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 kilometres 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 Closenberg 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 breath-taking 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 Totagamuwe Sri Rahula, once famed Sinhala poet. The Polgasduwa Island Hermitage founded by the Ven. Gnanatilaka and several other temples are worth visiting. 99 kilometres South of Colombo, Hikkaduwa is well served by rail and road.

### *Accommodation :*

Coral Sands Hotel

Coral Gardens Hotel

Coral Reef Beach Hotel

Poseiden Guest House

Blue Corals Hotel

## JAFFNA

At the northernmost 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 Delit 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.

Four trains also operate daily between Colombo and Jaffna.

## KANDY

Kandy (115 kilometres 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 elephants 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 attractoins ; 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  
Hunas Falls Hotel, Elkaduwa  
Lady Hill Tourist Hotel  
Peak View  
Queen's Hotel  
Hotel Dehigama  
Hotel Topaz  
Hotel Hantana  
Hotel Cassamara  
Mahaweli Reach Hotel

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 southernmost point of Sri Lanka.

Matara is accessible by road and rail. Accommodation is available at the Resthouse, Polhena Reef Gardens Hotel

## MIHINTALE

Thirteen kilometres from Anuradhapura is a mountain shrine venerated by Buddhists. Known as the cradle of Buddhism it was here that the Arahata Mahinda preached his first sermon to King Dewanampiya Tissa. 1,840 shallow steps lead to the summit of the shrine. Ancient structures still to be seen are the Mahaseya, Ambatale 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.

Perched 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 Palm Beach Hotel, Saltair Beach Hotel, Tilly's Beach Hotel. Cabanas guest and paying guest houses are also available.

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 :*

Blue Lagoon Beach Hotel	Orient Pearl Hotel
Catamaran Beach Hotel	Goldi Sands Hotel
Sea Shells Hotel	Golden Beach Hotel
Blue Oceanic Beach Hotel	Sunflower Hotel
Dons Beach Hotel	Ranveli Resort Hotel
Brown's Beach Hotel	

Many guest houses and resthouses are also available.

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 15.5°C) 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 St. Andrews Hotel, Grand Hotel, Grosvenor Hotel, Hill Club, Princes Guesthouse, Villa Concordia, Nuwara 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 site 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 tunneling 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. Ratnaloka Tours Inn and the Resthouse are 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 plateau-like 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

Habarana Walk Inn

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 1622 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 Seven Island 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 6.00) 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 Yala 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 Labugala 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 housed at 114, Wijerama Mawatha, Colombo 7. It has a specialized library and fully equipped printing room where all the institute publications are printed. The institute also has a fully air-conditioned auditorium, a conference room and a residential wing ; and offers conference facilities on hire with audio-visual aids and residential accomodation for trianing and other related programmes arranged by public sector institutions.

## 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 productions and manufacture.

The Institute also advises estates on improved techniques in tea production and manufacture. This service is provided free of charge. The Institute has four sub-stations and two 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. The Ministries of Plantation Industry, Finance, Planning, 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.

## 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 smallholders' 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 connection with the 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. Soils, Botany Plant Breeding, Chemistry, Agrostology, Inter-cropping, Crop Protection and Biometry in Addition to Planting Division. The Publications/ Publicity Unit and Library and the Administration Division.

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.

## PRINCIPAL CONVERSION FACTORS

### Length

1 inch	=	25.4 millimetres (mm)
1 foot	=	0.3048 metres (m)
1 yard	=	0.9144 metres (m)
1 mile	=	1.60934 kilometres (km)

### Mass

1 ounce	=	28.3495 grammes (g)
1 pound	=	0.45359 kilogrammes (kg)
1 cwt.	=	50.8023 kilogrammes (kg)
1 ton	=	1.01605 tonnes (t)
1,000 kg.	=	1 tonne (t)

### Volume

1 gallon	=	4.54609 litres (l)
1 litre	=	0.220 gallon

### Area

1 sq. inch (in <sup>2</sup> )	=	6.4516 sq. centimetres (cm <sup>2</sup> )
1 sq. foot (ft <sup>2</sup> )	=	0.0929 sq. metre (m <sup>2</sup> )
1 sq. yard (yd <sup>2</sup> )	=	0.8361 sq. metre (m <sup>2</sup> )
1 sq. mile (sq. mile)	=	2.58999 sq. kilometre (km <sup>2</sup> )
	=	258.999 hectare (ha)
1 acre	=	0.404686 hectare (ha)

### Temperature

9 degree Fahrenheit (deg. F)	=	5 kelvins (K)
	=	5 degree Celsius (deg C)

*Example :*

$$52^{\circ}\text{F} - (52^{\circ}\text{F} - 32^{\circ}\text{F}) = \frac{(20 \times 5)^{\circ}\text{C}}{9} = \underline{\underline{11.1111^{\circ}\text{C}}}$$

## SUPPLEMENTARY READY RECKONER ON CONVERSION FACTOR

### Weights and Measures

#### *British to Metric Units*

1 acre	=	0.405 hectares (ha.)
1 pound (lb.)	=	0.454 kilogrammes (kgs.)
1 long ton (2240 lbs.)	=	1.016 metric tons (mt. ton)
1 hundred weight (cwt.)	=	50.802 kgs.
1 mile	=	1.609 kilometres (kms.)
1 long ton mile	=	1.635 mt. ton kms.
1 lb./acre	=	1.121 kgs./ha.
1 bushel (of paddy) (46 lbs.)	=	20.87 kgs.
1 cwt./acre	=	125.536 kgs./ha.
1 bushel paddy/acre	=	51.570 kgs. paddy/ha
1 pint	=	0.57 litres
1 imperial gallon	=	4.55 litres

#### *Metric to British Units*

1 hectare	=	2.471 acres
1 kilogramme	=	2.205 lbs.
1 mt. ton (1000 kgs.)	=	0.984 long ton
1 metre	=	3.281 feet
1 kilometre	=	0.621 mile
1 mt. ton kilometre	=	0.612 long ton mile
1 litre	=	1.76 pints = 0.219 imp. gallons
1 kg./ga.	=	0.892 lb/acre



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