

Monthly Report on Fiscal-Macro Position

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Executive Summary

The October 2023 issue of the report on the Fiscal-Macro position contains relevant data and analysis on the movement of major macroeconomic variables in the current month compared to the same period of the previous year. An overview of the report is given below:

Fiscal Sector

Revenue collection in July-October FY24 demonstrated an uptrend as Tax revenue increase by 12.34 percent and non-tax revenue increased by 56.38 percent than that of July-October FY23. The overall increase in revenue is 17.57 percent on July-October FY24 compared to that of July-October FY23. Total operating expenses increased by 10.92 percent to Tk. 98,302 crore in July-October FY24 compared to Tk. 88,621 crore in July-October FY23. However, the ADP implementation rate in July-October FY24 increased by 26.75 percent compared to that of July-October FY23. Overall government expenditure increased by 8.04 percent in July-October FY24 compared to that of July-October FY23¹.

Monetary Sector

Broad money (M2) increased by 9.02 percent at the end of October FY24 compared to that of October FY23. Of the sources of broad money, Net Domestic Asset (NDA) increased by 14.36 percent while Net Foreign Asset decreased by 13.90 percent. Broad money growth in October FY24 was -0.25 percent compared to that of June FY23. Reserve money increased by 1.31 percent at the end of October FY23 compared to that of October FY23. Money multiplier rose to 5.54 at the end of October 2023 from 4.92 at the end of June 2023.

External Sector

In October FY24, total exports continued to grow above the strategic target. Export increased by 3.52 percent after October FY24 compared to the export after October FY23. Imports decreased by 20.64 percent after October FY24 compared to that of July-October FY23. Workers' remittances after October FY24 decreased by 4.37 percent to USD 6,884.51million against USD 7,198.99 million after October FY23. The current account surplus became US\$ 233 million compared to a deficit of US\$ -4489 million for the same period of the previous fiscal year. The overall deficit stood at US\$ 3.8 billion at the end of October FY24 compared to a 4.7 billion US\$ deficit in the same time of the previous year. Gross foreign exchange reserves stood at USD 26.48 billion in October FY24 which was sufficient to pay import liability of 4.6 months, considering the average of the previous 12 months' imports.

Real Sector

The industrial production of Large Scale, SMME Scale and Cottage Scale increased -4.55 percent, 2.28 percent and 4.65 percent respectively during October 2023. Point to point inflation increased to 9.93 percent in October FY24 from 9.63 percent of September FY24. On twelve-month average basis inflation rose to 9.37 percent in October FY24 from 9.29 percent in September FY24, which is 3.29 percentage point higher than the target of 6.0 percent for FY24.

¹ Fiscal sector data collected from iBAS on 10 January 2024

1. FISCAL SECTOR

1.1 Revenue Earnings

Revenue collection in October FY24 demonstrated an uptrend as Tax revenue increase by 4.30 percent and non-tax revenue decreased by -26.99 percent than that of October FY23. The overall increase in revenue is 1.40 percent on July-October FY24 compared to that of October FY23. On the other hand, June-Oct 2024 revenue increased 12.34 percent that Jun-Oct 2023 revenue.



Chart 1.1: Trend of Government's monthly revenue earnings

Source: Integrated Budgeting & Accounting System (iBAS++), Finance Division;

Table 1.1: Revenue Earnings (crore taka)

		Tax Revenue		Non-Tax	Total Revenue	
Period	NBR	Non-NBR	Total	Revenue		
2023-24 (July-Oct)	102,675.21	,660.28	105,335.49	19,730.95	125,066.44	
2022-23 (July-Oct)	91,168.90	2,593.03	93,761.92	12,617.21	106,379.14	
Growth (%)	12.62	2.59	12.34	56.38	17.57	
2022-23 (Actual)	319,737.85	7,999.27	327,737.13	39,038.67	366,775.80	
2021-22 (Actual)	292,917.36	6,704.42	299,621.78	35,590.62	335,212.40	
Growth (%)	9.16	19.31	9.38	9.69	9.42	

Source: Integrated Budgeting & Accounting System (iBAS++), Finance Division.

1.2 Government Expenditure

Total operating expenses increased by 10.92 percent to Tk. 98,302 crore in July-October FY24 compared to Tk. 88,621 crore in July-October FY23. However, the ADP implementation in July-October FY24 increased by 26.75 percent compared to that of July-October FY23. The case of overall development expenditure increased by 26.28 percent than that of previous year. Overall government expenditure increased by 8.04 percent in July-October FY24 compared to that of July-October FY23. According to the Implementation, Monitoring and Evaluation Division (IMED) of the Ministry of Planning, the execution rate of ADP is 11.54 percent.

	2023-24 (July-Oct)	2022-23 (July-Oct)	Growth (%) (July-Oct)	2022-23	2021-22	Yearly Growth (%)
a1. Operating Recurrent Expenditure	96,016.67	86,452.18	11.06	357,698.69	308,680.89	15.88
Pay and Allowances	20,213.89	19,411.28	4.13	63,995.39	63,319.00	1.07
Use of Goods and Services	7,097.88	5,347.68	32.73	33,929.68	32,248.12	5.21
Interest Payment	31,460.85	24,843.36	26.64	92,107.48	77,778.95	18.42
Domestic	26,128.00	22,948.63	13.85	82,670.05	73,225.29	12.90
Foreign	5,332.85	1,894.73	181.46	9,437.43	4,553.66	107.25
Subsidies and Transfer	37,244.04	36,849.87	1.07	167,666.14	135,334.81	23.89
a2. Operating Capital Expenditure	2,285.86	2,168.85	5.39	12,790.38	18,011.79	-28.99
a) Total Operating Expenditure (a1+a2)	98,302.52	88,621.04	10.92	370,489.07	326,692.68	13.41
b) Outlay for Food Accounts	2,412.34	5,514.77	-56.26	1,019.53	2,436.89	-58.16
c) Loans and Advances-Net	-2,792.62	-314.62	787.61	-2,178.61	-5,104.65	-57.32
d) Development Expenditure	23,806.80	18,852.36	26.28	207,492.22	195,294.98	6.25
Of which ADP	23,342.72	18,415.75	26.75	194,252.67	186,181.94	4.33
Total Expenditure (a+b+c+d)	121,729.04	112,673.54	8.04	576,822.21	519,319.90	11.07
Total Expenditure (as % of GDP)	14.49	15.23	-0.74	12.99	13.08	-0.08
Memo Item: GDP	5,039,313.85	4,490,841.72	11.89	4,490,841.72	3,971,716.00	13.07

Source: Finance Division and Latest BBS Publications with the new base 2015-16. * Projected GDP for FY2023-24.

1.3 Budget Deficit

Increase in revenue collection more than the growth of overall expenditure in October FY24, resulted in the slight budget surplus (including grants) of Tk 3874.78 crore which is 0.08 percent of the projected GDP for FY24. For the same period of the previous Fiscal Year, the overall budget deficit had been taka -6294.41 crore which was -0.14 percent of GDP of that year.

Table 1.3: Budget Balance (Crore taka)

Year	Overall Balance	Overall Balance as % of GDP	GDP
2023-24 (July-Oct)	3874.78	0.08	5,039,313.85
2022-23 (July-Oct)	-6294.41	-0.14	4,490,841.72
2022-23	-207,294.60	-4.62	4,490,841.72
2021-22	-181,785.68	-4.79	3,971,716.00

Source: Integrated Budgeting & Accounting System (iBAS++), Finance Division;

1.4 Deficit Financing

The government arranged its financing requirement from the banking system in the second month of the fiscal year to repay the non-bank borrowing loans undertaken in the past. Therefore, the Government has financed its budget deficit predominantly from the bank in October FY24.

Table 1.4: Deficit financing (Crore taka, Excluding Grants)

D : 1	Period External		Domestic	Total	Financing	
Period	(Net)	Bank	Non-Bank	Total	Financing	as % of GDP
2023-24 (July-Oct)	-4,992.60	5,910.50	-5,120.53	789.97	-4,202.63	-0.08
2022-23 (July-Oct)	4,316.10	13,492.47	-11,759.35	1,733.12	6,049.22	0.13
2022-23	79,155.82	118,025.05	9,174.77	127,199.82	206,355.63	4.60
2021-22	65,066.48	75,532.53	40,199.25	115,731.78	180,798.25	4.55
Target in 2023-24	102,490.15	132,395.00	23,000	155,395	257,885	5.12
Figure de la compositi		External	Domestic			Total
Financing compositi	on	(Net)	Bank	Non-Bank	Total	Financing
2023-24 (July-Oct)		118.80%	140.64%	121.84%	18.80%	100.00%
2022-23 (July-Oct)		71.35%	223.04%	194.39%	28.65%	100.00%
2022-23		38.36%	57.19%	4.45%	61.64%	100.00%
2021-22		35.99%	41.78%	22.23%	64.01%	100.00%
Target in 2023-24		39.74%	51.34%	8.92%	60.26%	100.00%

Source: Integrated Budgeting & Accounting System (iBAS++), Finance Division (Self Calculation for Financing composition)

1.4.1 National Savings Certificates (NSCs)

NSCs sales increased by 3.68 percent for July-October FY24 compared to that of July-October FY23. The net sale of NSCs during July- October of FY24 decreased by 264.4 percent compared to the same period of the previous year. The outstanding stock of NSCs stands at taka 358,399.91 crore at the end of October FY24 which is 1.37 percent lower compared to that of October FY23.

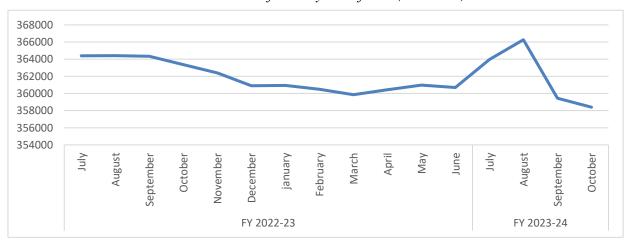


Chart 1.2: Trend of monthly stock of NSC (crore Taka)

 $Source: Major\ Economic\ Indicators, Bangladesh\ Bank, Growth\ calculated\ over\ the\ same\ period\ of\ the\ previous\ year$

Period	Sale	Repayment (Principal)	Net Sale	Outstanding at the end of the period
2023-24 (July-Oct)	29,076.07	31381.2	-2,305.13	358,399.91
2022-23 (July-Oct)	28,044.52	28677.11	-632.59	363,368.38
Growth (%)	3.68	9.43	264.40	-1.37
2022-23	80,858.63	84,154.56	-3,295.93	360,714.20
2021-22	108,070.53	88,154.78	19,915.75	364,010.13
Growth (%)	-25.18	-4.54	-116.55	-0.91

 $Source: Bangladesh\ Bank; \hbox{$*$-Growth calculated over the same month of the previous year.}$

2. MONETARY SECTOR

2.1 Monetary and Credit Development

Broad money (M2) increased by 9.02 percent at the end of October FY24 compared to that of October FY23. Of the sources of broad money, Net Domestic Asset (NDA) increased by 14.36 percent while Net Foreign Asset decreased by 13.90 percent. Despite strong public sector credit growth, government borrowing from the banking system contributed to the less than expected credit growth in the private sector. Broad money growth in October FY24 was -0.25 percent compared to that of June FY23.

Table 2.1: Monetary and Credit Development

	O	utstanding stock		% Changes in	
Items	at th	e end of the perio	od	Outsta	anding stock
Items	Oct-23	Oct-22	Jun-23	Oct-23 over Oct-22	Oct-23 over June-23
A. Net Foreign Assets (NFA)	2,811.01	3,264.76	3,167.28	-13.90	-11.25
B. Net Domestic Asset (NDA)	16,014.35	14,002.92	15,704.40	14.36	1.97
a. Domestic Credit	19,444.33	17,330.85	19,267.69	12.19	0.92
Public Sector	4,151.14	3,439.37	4,325.15	20.69	-4.02
Govt. (Net)	3,683.17	3,051.45	3,873.50	20.70	-4.91
Other Public	467.97	387.92	451.65	20.64	3.61
Private sector	15,293.19	13,891.48	14,942.55	10.09	2.35
b. Other Items (Net)	-3,429.98	-3,327.93	-3,563.30	3.07	-3.74
C. Broad Money (A+B)	18,825.36	17,267.68	18,871.68	9.02	-0.25

Source: Monthly Economic Trends, Bangladesh Bank

2.2 Reserve Money Development

Reserve money increased by 1.31 percent at the end of October FY23 compared to that of October FY23. Money multiplier rose to 5.54 at the end of October 2023 from 4.92 at the end of June 2023, resulting from a decrease of reserve deposit ratio. However, the rise of currency deposit ratio had offset the rise of multiplier to some extent.

Table 2.2: Reserve money and money multiplier (Billion BDT)

Items	Outstanding Stock at the end of the period				
	Oct-23	Oct-22	Jun-23	Oct-23 over Oct-22	Oct-23 over June-23
Reserve money	3,399	3,355	3,836	1.31%	-11.39%
Money multiplier	5.54	5.15	4.92	0.39	0.62

Source: Major Economic Indicators, Bangladesh Bank

3. EXTERNAL SECTOR

3.1 Exports

In October FY24, total exports continued to grow above the strategic target. Export increased by 3.52 percent after October FY24 compared to the export after October FY23. This higher growth in export is due to strong rebound in demand for apparels in the major export destinations of Bangladesh, as the economies are recovering from the shock of the Covid-19 pandemic.

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Chart 3.1: Monthly Trend of Exports

Source: Export Promotion Bureau, *Growth over the same period of the previous year

Table 3.1: Export Performance (Million US\$)

	2023-24	2022-23	2022-23	2021-22	
	(July-Oct)	(July-Oct)	2022-23	2021-22	
Export	17,447.47	16,853.50	55,558.14	52,082.66	
Growth*(%)	3.52	7.01	6.67	34.38	

Source: Export Promotion Bureau, *Growth over the same period of the previous year;

3.2 Imports (C & F)

Imports decreased by 20.64 percent after October FY24 compared to that of July-October FY23. Import showing down trend due to some tuff monitoring measures taken by Bangladesh Bank. The trend is also seen in the fact that LCs settlement deceased by 24.16 percent after October FY24 compared to that of July-October FY23. Due to various measures of the government to curtail import, Letter of Credit (LC) opening started to decreased and on a year-on year basis it was 8.91 percent lower in October FY24 than the same period of the previous FY.

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y-o-y growth (%) r.h.s.

Chart 3.2: Monthly Trend of Import Payments

 $Source: Bangladesh\ Bank, *Growth\ over\ the\ same\ period\ of\ the\ previous\ year;$

Import (million USD)

Table 3.2: Import Scenario (Million US\$)

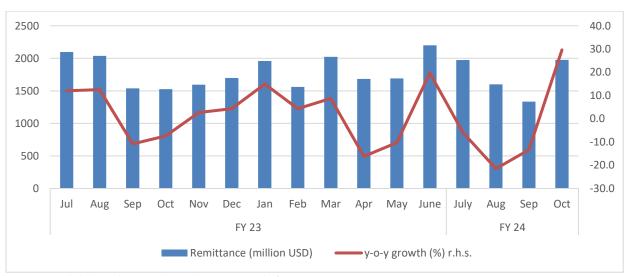
Period	2023-24	2022-23	2022-23	2021-22	
Period	(July-Oct) (July-Oct)			2021-22	
Import payments	21,872.10	6,338.10	75,059.70	89,162.00	
Growth (%)	-20.64		-15.82	35.93	
LCs Opened	22,299.23	24,480.11	67,832.90	92,234.69	
Growth (%)	-8.91		-26.46	57.1199	
LCs Settled	22,185.00	29,253.44	72,856.21	83,681.73	
Growth (%)	-24.16	-	-12.94	45.9696	

Source: Bangladesh Bank, *Growth over the same period of the previous year;

3.3 Remittances

Workers' remittances after October FY24 decreased by 4.37 percent to USD 6,884.51million against USD 7,198.99 million after October FY23. Various initiatives of the Government to incentivize remittance inflow such as 2.5 percent cash incentive, easing the rules on the furnishing of documents and depreciation of exchange rate (BDT/USD) might have worked on the overseas migrants to send remittances through legal channel. The rising number of labour migration in FY22 may also have a positive impact on inward remittances.

Chart 3.3: Monthly Trend of Remittance



Source: Bangladesh Bank, *Growth over the same period of the previous year;

Table 3.3: Remittance Performance (Million US\$)

	2023-24 (July-Oct)	2022-23 (July-Oct)	2022-23	2021-22
Remittances	6,884.51	7,198.99	21,612.07	21,031.68
As % of Export	39.46	42.72	38.90	40.38
As % of GDP	19.77	18.71	4.16	4.49
Growth (%)	-4.37	4.91	2.76	-14.75

Source: Bangladesh Bank;

3.4 Balance of Payments (BOP)

The trade deficit gap narrowed in July-October of FY24 compared to the same period of the previous fiscal year as the import is put under stern monitoring by the Bangladesh Bank. The current account surplus became US\$ 233 million compared to a deficit of US\$ -4489 million for the same period of the previous fiscal year. But due to negative growth in the financial account the overall deficit stood at US\$ 3.8 billion at the end of October FY24 compared to a 4.7 billion US\$ deficit in the same time of the previous year.

Table 3.4: Balance of Payments (Million US\$)

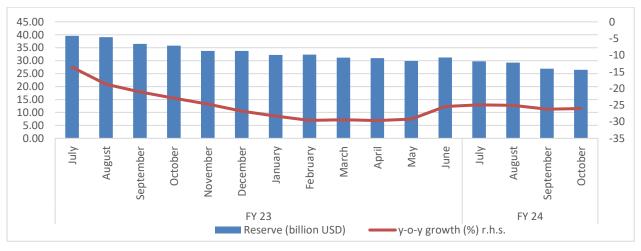
	2023-24 July-Oct	2022-23 July-Oct	2022-23	2021-22
Trade Bal.	-3809	-9624	-17155	-33250
Curr. A/C	233	-4489	-3334	-18,639
Cap. A/C	56	75	473	181
Fin. A/C	-3,965	1276	-2142	15,458
E & O	-152	-1,568	-3220	-3,656
Over. Bal.	-3,829	-4,706	-8222	-6,656

Source: Bangladesh Bank;

3.5 External Reserve

Gross foreign exchange reserves stood at USD 26.48 billion in October FY24 which was sufficient to pay import liability of 4.6 months, considering the average of the previous 12 months' imports.

Chart 3.4: Foreign Exchange Reserve (End of the month)

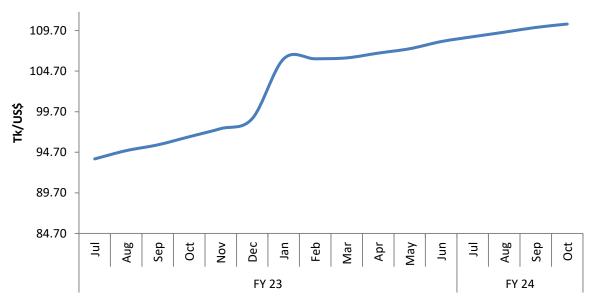


Source: Bangladesh Bank

3.6 Exchange Rate Movements

Exchange rate of Bangladesh Taka, against USD, depreciated by 1.1 percent during July-October of FY24 compared July-October of FY23. To contain the persistent foreign exchange pressure during FY23, Bangladesh Bank as well as the government took various policy measures; aided by steady inflow of remittances and lower import payments.

Chart 3.5: Exchange Rate Movement (Taka/US\$)



Source: Bangladesh Bank;

4. REAL SECTOR

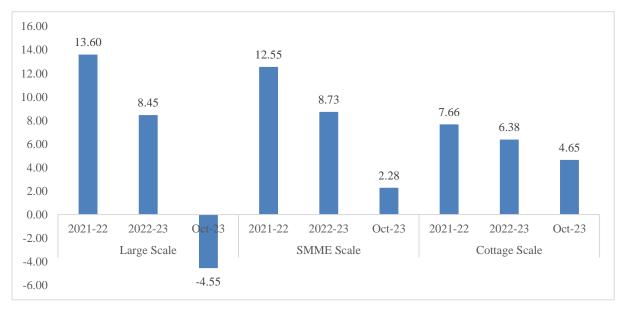
4.1 Industrial Production

The industrial production of Large Scale, SMME Scale and Cottage Scale increased -4.55 percent, 2.28 percent and 4.65 percent respectively during October 2023.

Table 4.1: Industrial Production Statistics, October 2023 (Base: 2005-06=100)

	λ	Ionthly Inde	2022-23	2021-22	
	Oct-23	Oct-22	Change	Change	Change
Large Scale	180.92	189.54	-4.55	8.45	13.60
SMME Scale	205.07	200.5	2.28	8.73	12.55
Cottage Scale	196.84	188.1	4.65	6.38	7.66

Chart 4.1: Industrial Production Statistics, October 2023 (Base: 2005-06=100)



Source: BBS

4.2 CPI Inflation

Point to point inflation increased to 9.93 percent in October FY24 from 9.63 percent of September FY24 where food inflation increased from 12.37 to 12.56 percent, non-food inflation increased from 7.82 to 8.3 percent. On twelve-month average basis inflation rose to 9.37 percent in October FY24 from 9.29 percent in September FY24, which is 3.29 percentage point higher than the target of 6.0 percent for FY24.

Table 4.3: CPI Inflation (National) (Base 2005-06)

Fiscal Year	Twelve	Twelve-Month Average Basis			Point to Point Basis		
	General	Food	Non-Food	General	Food	Non-Food	
			2021-22				
October	5.44	5.32	5.64	5.7	5.22	6.48	
November	5.48	5.29	5.78	5.98	5.43	6.87	
December	6.55	5.30	5.93	6.05	5.46	7.00	
January	5.62	5.33	6.06	5.86	5.6	6.26	
February	5.69	5.4	613	6.17	6.22	6.10	
March	5.75	5.47	6.19	6.22	6.34	6.04	
April	5.81	5.53	6.26	6.29	6.23	6.39	
May	5.99	5.81	6.27	7.42	8.3	6.08	
June	6.15	6.05	6.31	7.56	8.37	6.33	
			2022-23				
July	6.33	6.31	6.35	7.48	8.19	6.39	
August	6.66	6.71	6.58	9.52	9.94	8.85	
Sep	6.96	7.04	6.84	9.1	9.08	9.13	
Oct	7.23	7.32	7.1	8.91	8.5	9.58	
Nov	7.48	7.55	7.37	8.85	8.14	9.98	
Dec	7.70	7.75	7.62	8.71	7.91	9.96	
Jan	7.92	7.92	7.92	8.57	7.76	9.84	
Feb	8.14	8.08	8.23	8.78	8.13	9.82	
March	8.39	8.31	8.53	9.33	9.09	9.72	
April	8.64	8.52	8.81	9.24	8.84	9.72	
May	8.8	8.6	9.1	9.94	9.2	10.0	
June	9.0	8.7	9.4	9.74	9.7	9.6	
			2023-24				
July	9.2	8.84	9.64	9.69	9.76	9.47	
August	9.24	9.08	9.55	9.92	12.54	7.95	
September	9.29	9.37	9.44	9.63	12.37	7.82	
October	9.37	9.73	9.33	9.93	12.56	8.3	

Source: Bangladesh Bank

4.3 GDP Growth Outlook

The latest publication of the Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics (BBS) (with the new base 2015-16) shows that GDP grew by 6.03 percent in FY23 (provisional). With this growth, per capita GNI rose to US\$ 2,765 at the end of FY23. According to the Medium-Term Macroeconomic Policy Statement (FY24 to FY26), the growth target for FY24 is 7.50 percent.