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Executive Summary

The April 2022 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

A decrease in non-tax revenue by 33.34 percent and an increase in tax revenue by 33.17 percent resulted in total revenue growing by 21.22 percent in July-April of FY^122 . At the same time, total government spending rose by 14.02 percent as the development expenditure rose by 5.88 percent. However, the overall budget deficit including grants decreased as a percent of GDP during the period.

Monetary Sector

Although Net Foreign Asset (NFA) decreased by 5.11 percent, Broad Money (M2) had increased by 10.88 percent at the end of April of FY22 resulting from 16.11 percent growth in the Net Domestic Asset (NDA). At the same time, reserve money grew by 7.51 percent which resulted in a rise in the money multiplier by 0.15.

External Sector

Export registered a growth of 35.14 percent in July-April of FY22 compared to the export of the same period of the previous year. For the same period, import payments increased by 41.40 percent. However, remittance inflow decreased by 16.25 percent and the foreign exchange reserve stood at US\$ 44.02 billion, which was equivalent to import payments of 6.21 months, at the end of April 22.

Real Sector

The quantum Index of the large and medium scale manufacturing industry increased by 4.28 percent in April 2022 over April 2021. During this period, wearing apparel has experienced 33.30 percent growth. However, most of the other industrial products had experienced negative growth in this period. The CPI inflation (12-month moving average) was 5.81 percent, of which, food and non-food inflation are 5.33 percent and 6.26 percent respectively at the end of April 22.

¹ FY22 stands for fiscal year 2021-22 that starts on 1 July 2021 and ends on 30 June 2022

1. FISCAL SECTOR

1.1 Revenue Earnings

Although non-tax revenue decreased by 41.45 percent in April, 2022, a strong growth in tax revenue by 42.12 caused the overall government revenue to increase by 27.92 percent in April FY22 than that of the same month of the previous FY. Cumulative growth of revenue in July-April FY22 period was 21.22 percent where tax revenue growth was 33.73 percent and non-tax revenue growth was -33.34 percent.

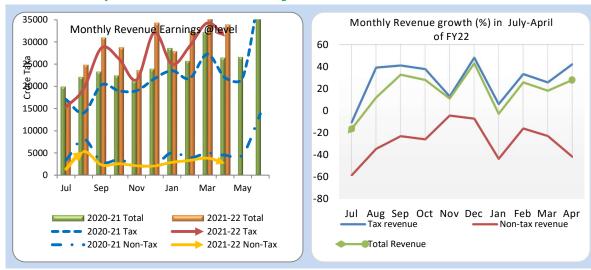


Chart 1.1: Trend of Government's Revenue earnings

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

Table 1.1: Revenue Earnings (crore taka)

| Period | Tax Revenue | | | Non-Tax Revenue | Total Revenue |
|----------------------|-------------|----------|------------|-----------------|---------------|
| | NBR | Non-NBR | Total | | |
| 2021-22 (July-April) | 271,411.51 | 5,346.48 | 276,757.99 | 30,341.32 | 307,099.31 |
| 2020-21 (July-April) | 202,961.52 | 4,854.92 | 207,816.44 | 45,513.65 | 253,330.09 |
| Growth (%) | 33.73 | 10.13 | 33.17 | (33.34) | 21.22 |
| 2020-21 (Actual) | 263,724.23 | 6,065.28 | 269,789.51 | 58,861.60 | 328,651.11 |
| 2019-20 (Actual) | 216,037.43 | 5,944.11 | 221,981.55 | 43,933.32 | 265,914.87 |
| Growth (%) | 22.07 | 2.04 | 21.54 | 33.98 | 23.59 |

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

1.2 Government Expenditure

Total operating expenses increased by 18.14 percent to Tk. 235,455.98 crore in July-April FY22 compared to that of FY21 (Tk. 199,295.16 crore). Similarly, total development expenditure rose by 5.88 percent causing the total government expenditure to rise by 14.02 percent. According to the Implementation, Monitoring, and Evaluation Division (IMED) of the Ministry of Planning, the execution rate of ADP was 63.82 percent from July-April FY22.

Table 1.2: Government Expenditure (Crore taka)

| | 2021-22 (July-April) | 2020-21 July-April) | Growth (%) (July-April) | 2020-21 | 2019-20 | Yearly Growth (%) |
|---|-------------------------|------------------------|----------------------------|--------------|------------|-------------------------|
| a1. Operating Recurrent Expenditure | 225,665.92 | 191,005.50 | 18.15 | 265,893.00 | 236,316.20 | 12.52 |
| Pay and Allowances | 54,092.82 | 48,742.92 | 10.98 | 58,891.13 | 56,903.75 | 3.49 |
| Use of Goods and Services | 20,099.14 | 18,906.35 | 6.31 | 30,517.76 | 28,996.83 | 5.25 |
| Interest Payment | 56,865.62 | 51,097.04 | 11.29 | 70,605.96 | 58,315.78 | 21.08 |
| Domestic | 52,823.15 | 47,178.15 | 11.97 | 66,318.59 | 53,997.91 | 22.82 |
| Foreign | 4,042.48 | 3,918.89 | 3.15 | 4,287.36 | 4,317.87 | -0.71 |
| Subsidies and Transfer | 94,608.34 | 72,259.19 | 30.93 | 105,878.16 | 92,099.84 | 14.96 |
| a2. Operating Capital Expenditure | 9,790.06 | 8,289.66 | 18.10 | 19,937.00 | 20,473.31 | -2.62 |
| a) Total Operating Expenditure (a1+a2) | 235,455.98 | 199,295.16 | 18.14 | 285,830.00 | 256,789.51 | 11.31 |
| b) Outlay for Food | 9,465.28 | 5,109.39 | 85.25 | 4,246.28 | 2,325.85 | 82.57 |
| c) Loans and Advances (Net) | -5,085.49 | 563.62 | -1,002.28 | 592.92 | 1,204.95 | -50.79 |
| d) Development Expenditure | 79,866.23 | 75,432.07 | 5.88 | 169,490.71 | 162,134.67 | 4.54 |
| Of which ADP | 76,142.70 | 71,268.37 | 6.84 | 160,495.36 | 155,718.13 | 3.07 |
| Total Expenditure (a+b+c+d) | 319,702.01 | 280,400.24 | 14.02 | 460,159.92 | 422,454.98 | 8.93 |
| Total Expenditure (% of GDP) | 9.73 | 9.53 | 0.20 | 13.04 | 13.32 | -0.29 |
| Memo item: Nominal GDP | 3,943,301.00 | 3,530,184.80 | 11.70 | 3,530,184.80 | 3,170,469 | 11.35 |

Source: Integrated Budgeting & Accounting System (iBAS++), Finance Division, * Latest BBS Publications with a new base (2015-16),

1.3 Budget Deficit

Though government expenditure increased (an increase by 11.70 percent over the July-April period), a strong rise in government revenue performance (an increase by 33.73 percent) in July-April, 2022 resulted in an overall budget deficit (including grants) in the July-April period of FY22 had been narrowed down as a percentage of GDP compared to the same period of the previous year.

Table 1.3: Budget Balance (Crore taka)

| Year | Overall Balance | Overall Balance as % of GDP |
|----------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------|
| 2021-22 (July-April) | -12523.73 | -0.32 |
| 2020-21 (July-April) | -27020.03 | -0.77 |
| 2020-21 | -129,146.94 | -3.66 |
| 2019-20 | -153,892.31 | -4.79 |

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

1.4 Deficit Financing

The government arranged its financing requirement mainly from the banking system and the external sources in the July-April period of the FY22 to repay the non-bank borrowing undertaken in the past and to finance the development projects. The deficit financing has increased slightly in July-April FY22 compared to that of the previous year.

^{**} Hand calculation to adjust with BBS publication on provisional GDP of 2020-2021.

Table 1.4: Deficit financing (Crore taka)

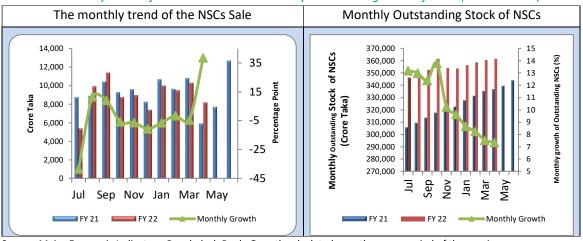
| Dovind | External | External Domestic | | | | Financing |
|----------------------|-----------|-------------------|------------|------------|-----------------|-------------|
| Period | (Net) | Bank | Non-Bank | Total | Total Financing | as % of GDP |
| 2021-22 (July-April) | 16,024.01 | 34,797.82 | -38,354.68 | -3,556.86 | 12,467.14 | 0.32 |
| 2020-21 (July-April) | 12,716.42 | 17,562.49 | -3,263.31 | 14,299.18 | 27,015.60 | 0.77 |
| 2020-21 | 45,708.08 | 32,672.89 | 49,913.12 | 82,586.01 | 128,294.09 | 3.63 |
| 2019-20 | 41,304.02 | 81,717.96 | 30,540.39 | 112,258.35 | 153,562.37 | 4.84 |
| Target in 2021-22 | 97,738.41 | 76,452.00 | 37,000.65 | 113,452.65 | 211,191.06 | 5.36 |

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

1.4.1 National Savings Certificates (NSCs)

Reversed to the general tendency of the current FY, NSCs sales increased by 38.59 percent in April FY22 compared to that of April FY21. However, the decline in cumulative NSC sales this FY, resulted in a decline in the net sale of NSCs by 49.56 percent in the July-April period of FY22 compared to that of FY21. Similarly, the growth of the outstanding stock of NSCs also showed down. At the end of April FY22, the outstanding stock of NSCs stood at 3,61,621.82 crore taka which is 7.35 percent higher than that of the same month of FY 21.

Chart 1.2: Monthly trend of the NSCs Sale and Monthly Outstanding Stock of NSCs (in Crore taka)



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

Table 1.5 Net Sale and Repayment of NSCs (Crore taka)

| Period | Sale | Repayment (Principal) | Net Sale | Outstanding at the end of the period |
|----------------------|-----------|--------------------------|-----------|--------------------------------------|
| 2021-22(July-April) | 81326.73 | 71966.63 | 17518.77 | 361621.82 |
| 2020-21 (July-April) | 91877.02 | 57148.38 | 34728.65 | 336862.99 |
| Growth (%) | -11.48 | 25.93 | -49.56 | 7.35 |
| 2020-21 | 112188.24 | 70228.7 | 41,959.54 | 344093.89 |
| 2019-20 | 67127.75 | 52699.4 | 14,428.35 | 302134.35 |
| Growth* (%) | 67.13 | 33.26 | 190.81 | 13.89 |

Source: Bangladesh Bank; *-Growth calculated over the same month of the previous year.

2. MONETARY SECTOR

2.1 Monetary and Credit Development

A slower than expected level of budget execution, as well as government borrowing from the banking sector to repay the past non-bank borrowing, have slowed down both private and public sector credit growth in recent months. However, in April FY22, the growth of net domestic assets increased by 16.11 percent in April FY22 compared to that of the previous year. On the other hand, though the government's financing from external sources increased, a lower level of remittances inflow, as well as a sharp rise in import payments resulted in Net Foreign Asset (NFA) experiencing a negative growth of 5.11 percent as of April FY22 compared to that of the same period of the previous year. The overall impact was that the broad money (M2) growth had been pulled up to 10.88 percent to 16.64 trillion taka at the end of April FY22 from that of April of the previous year.

Table 2.1: Monetary and Credit Development

| | | ling stock (Billio e end of the per | Changes in Outstanding stock (%) | | |
|-----------------------------|-----------|--|----------------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|
| Items | Mar-22 | Mar-21 | Jun-21 | Mar-22 over Mar-21 | Mar-22 over June-21 |
| A. Net Foreign Assets (NFA) | 3,508.27 | 3,697.07 | 3,823.38 | -5.11 | -8.24 |
| B. Net Domestic Asset (NDA) | 13,128.78 | 11,307.34 | 11,787.16 | 16.11 | 11.38 |
| a. Domestic Credit | 16,000.70 | 13,822.32 | 14,398.99 | 15.76 | 11.12 |
| Public Sector | 2,904.39 | 2,179.00 | 2,510.44 | 33.29 | 15.69 |
| Govt. (Net) | 2,545.29 | 1,871.68 | 2,210.26 | 35.99 | 15.16 |
| Other Public | 359.10 | 307.32 | 300.18 | 16.85 | 19.63 |
| Private sector | 13,096.31 | 11,643.31 | 11,888.55 | 12.48 | 10.16 |
| b. Net Other assets | -2,871.92 | -2,514.98 | -2,611.83 | 14.19 | 9.96 |
| C. Broad Money (A+B) | 16,637.05 | 15,004.41 | 15,610.54 | 10.88 | 6.58 |

Source: Monthly Economic Trends, Bangladesh Bank

2.2 Reserve Money Development

Reserve money increased by only 7.51 percent to 3.39 trillion at the end of April FY22 from that of April FY21. Lower growth of reserve money compared to that of broad money resulted in a rise of the money multiplier by 0.15.

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

| | Outstanding Stoc | k at the end of | Changes in Out | tstanding Stock | |
|------------------|------------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|--------------|
| Items | Mar-22 | Mar-21 | Jun-21 | Mar-22 | Mar-22 |
| | | | | over Mar-21 | over June-21 |
| Reserve money | 3,398 | 3,161 | 3,481 | 7.51% | -2.38% |
| Money multiplier | 4.90 | 4.75 | 4.48 | 0.15 | 0.41 |

Source: Major Economic Indicators, Bangladesh Bank

3. EXTERNAL SECTOR

3.1 Exports

Merchandise export has continued to grow strongly with 51.18 percent growth in April FY22 compared to that of April FY21 on the back of improving global demand and rising commodity prices. With this rise, cumulative export in April FY22 (USD 43,344.34 million) grew by 35.14 percent compared to that of the previous year (USD 32,072.73 million).

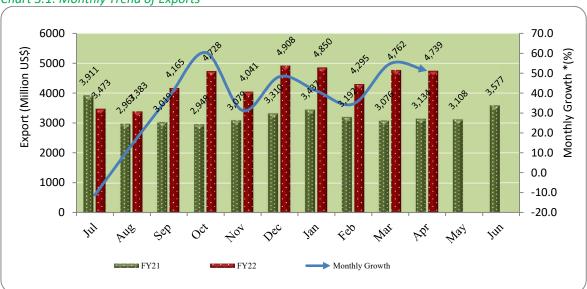


Chart 3.1: Monthly Trend of Exports

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

Table 3.1: Export Performance (Million US\$)

| | 2021-22 | 2020-21 | 2020-21 | 2019-20 | |
|------------|--------------|--------------|-----------|-----------|--|
| | (July-April) | (July-April) | 2020-21 | | |
| Export | 43,344.34 | 32,072.73 | 38,758.31 | 33,674.12 | |
| Growth*(%) | 35.14 | 8.74 | 15.10 | -16.93 | |

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

3.2 Imports (C & F)

Import has increased 23.35 percent to US\$ 7.72 billion in April FY22 compared to that of April FY21 in continuation of the rebounded import in the previous months. With this growth, cumulative import payments increased by 41.40 percent to US\$ 74.22 billion in July-April FY22 compared to that of the previous year. At the same time, the Letter of Credit (LC) opening and LC settlement have increased by 51.09 percent and 45.74 percent respectively.

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Chart 3.2: Monthly Trend of Import Payments

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

Table 3.2: Import Scenario (Million US\$)

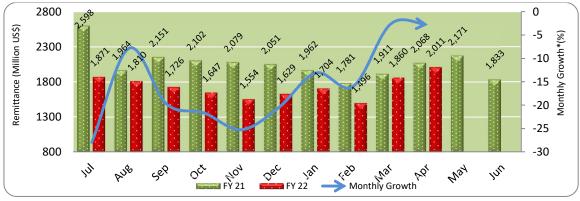
| Item | 2021-22 (July-April) | 2020-21 (July-April) | 2020-21 | 2019-20 |
|-----------------|----------------------|----------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Import payments | 74,219.90 | 52,489.90 | 65,594.70 | 54,784.70 |
| Growth* (%) | 41.40 | 13.02 | 19.73 | -8.56 |
| LCs Opened | 76,651.47 | 52,961.84 | 67,037.42 | 53,119.86 |
| Growth* (%) | 44.73 | - | 26.20 | -9.51 |
| LCs Settled | 67,868.04 | 45,737.26 | 57,256.40 | 51,091.47 |
| Growth* (%) | 48.39 | - | 12.07 | -10.88 |

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

3.3 Remittances

Remittance inflow significantly slowed down its falling trend from March FY22 with the remittance fell by 2.75 percent (which was 15.98 percent in February, 2022) in April FY22 compared to the same month of the previous year. As a result, cumulative remittance inflow went down by 16.25 percent in July-April of FY22 compared to that of the previous year. The government is providing a 2.5 percent fiscal incentive for each dollar of remittance inflow into the economy.





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

Table 3.3: Remittance Performance (Million US\$)

| | 2021-22 (July-April) | 2020-21 (July-April) | 2020-21 | 2019-20 |
|----------------|----------------------|----------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Remittances | 17,308.57 | 20,665.85 | 24,669.51 | 18,205.11 |
| As % of Export | 39.93 | 64.43 | 63.65 | 54.06 |
| As % of GDP | 15.14 | 19.86 | 7.64 | 6.07 |
| Growth (%) | -16.25 | 39.00 | 35.51 | 10.87 |

Source: Bangladesh Bank;

3.4 Balance of Payments (BOP)

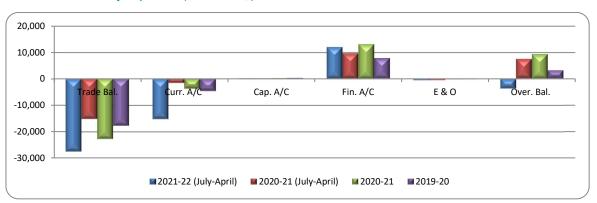
The trade deficit further widened in July-April of FY22 compared to the same period of the previous fiscal year as the import surged remarkably amidst recovering exports in recent months. Moreover, the falling remittances inflow along with the higher import payments worsened the current account deficit of US\$ -15317 million compared to a deficit of US\$ -1653 million for the same period of the previous year. At the same time, inflows in the financial account, especially as medium and long-term loans by the government, resulted in a moderate overall deficit of US\$ 3.71 billion at the end of April FY22 compared to a 7.50 billion US\$ surplus in the same period of the previous year.

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

| | 2021-22 | 2020-21 | | | |
|-------------------------|--------------|--------------|---------|---------|--|
| | (July-April) | (July-April) | 2020-21 | 2019-20 | |
| Trade Balance | -27569 | -18013 | -22799 | -17858 | |
| Current Account Balance | -15317 | -1653 | -3808 | -4,724 | |
| Capital Account | 173 | 127 | 221 | 256 | |
| Financial Account | 12029 | 9598 | 13080 | 7,809 | |
| Error & Omission | -595 | -573 | -219 | -172 | |
| Overall Balance | -3710 | 7499 | 9274 | 3,169 | |

Source: Bangladesh Bank;

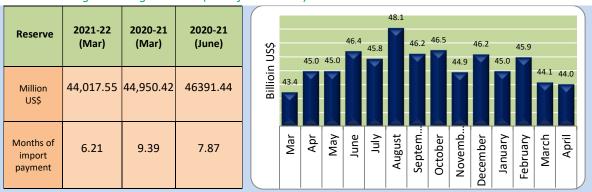
Chart 3.4: Balance of Payments (Million US\$)



3.5 External Reserve

The gross foreign exchange reserve stood at US\$ 44.02 billion at the end of April FY22, which is enough to cover import payments of 6.21 months based on the average import liability of the previous 12 months. Overall, foreign exchange reserve decreased in this fiscal year on the back of lower remittance inflow and higher import payments.

Table 3.5: Foreign Exchange Reserve (End of the month)



Source: Bangladesh Bank

3.6 Exchange Rate Movements

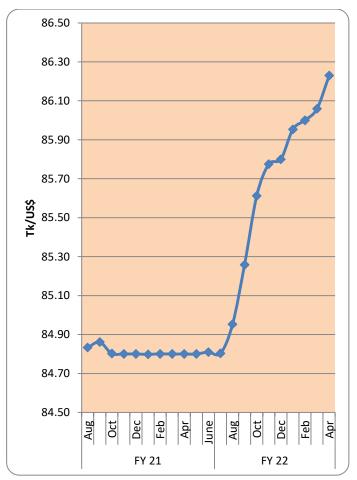
The domestic currency depreciated slightly in April FY22 as it had been in the same month of the previous year. However, the exchange rate has remained broadly stable due mainly to Bangladesh Bank's timely intervention in the foreign exchange market. Domestic currency (BDT) had moved within a narrow band (84.80-86.20 BDT/US\$) in FY22.

Table 3.6: Exchange Rate Movement (Taka/US\$)

| Period | Average | End period | | | | | | |
|-----------|---------|------------|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| 2016-17 | 79.12 | 80.60 | | | | | | |
| 2017-18 | 83.70 | 83.70 | | | | | | |
| 2018-19 | 84.02 | 84.50 | | | | | | |
| 2019-20 | 84.78 | 84.90 | | | | | | |
| 2020-21 | | | | | | | | |
| July | 84.81 | 84.80 | | | | | | |
| August | 84.83 | 84.83 | | | | | | |
| September | 84.86 | 84.84 | | | | | | |
| October | 84.80 | 84.80 | | | | | | |
| November | 84.80 | 84.80 | | | | | | |
| April | 84.80 | 84.80 | | | | | | |
| April | 84.80 | 84.80 | | | | | | |
| April | 84.80 | 84.80 | | | | | | |
| April | 84.80 | 84.80 | | | | | | |
| April | 84.80 | 84.80 | | | | | | |
| May | 84.80 | 84.80 | | | | | | |
| June | 84.81 | 84.8 | | | | | | |
| 2021-22 | | | | | | | | |
| Jul | 84.80 | 84.80 | | | | | | |
| Aug | 84.95 | 85.20 | | | | | | |
| Sep | 85.26 | 85.50 | | | | | | |
| Oct | 85.61 | 85.65 | | | | | | |
| Nov | 85.775 | 85.8 | | | | | | |
| Dec | 85.80 | 85.80 | | | | | | |
| Jan | 85.95 | 86.00 | | | | | | |
| Feb | 86.00 | 86.00 | | | | | | |
| Mar | 86.06 | 86.20 | | | | | | |
| Apr | 86.23 | 86.45 | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | |

Source: Bangladesh Bank;

Chart: 3.6: Exchange Rate Movement (Taka/US\$)

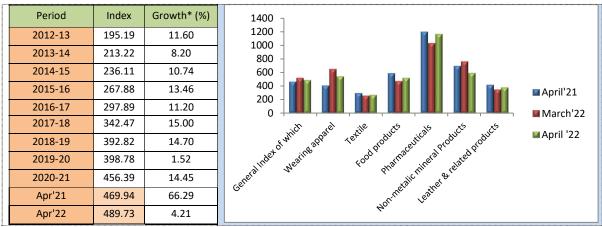


4. REAL SECTOR

4.1 Quantum Index of Industrial Production

The Quantum Index of the large and medium scale manufacturing industry, which accounts for 87.54 percent of the industrial production, grew by 4.21 percent in April FY22 compared to the level of April FY21. On a monthly basis, it decreased by 5.98 percent in April 22 compared to that of March, 22.

Table 4.1: Quantum Index of large and medium scale manufacturing industry (Base: 2005-06=100)



Source: BBS, P-Provisional, *Growth over the same period of the previous fiscal year

Table 4.2: Quantum Index of large and medium scale manufacturing industry by Major Industry group

| | | Index | | | Change of Index | |
|----------------------------------|--------|----------|----------|-----------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Major Industry Group | Weight | April'21 | March'22 | April '22 | April'22 over April,21 (%) | April'22 over March'22 (%) |
| General Index of which | 100 | 469.64 | 520.9 | 489.73 | 4.28 | -5.98 |
| Wearing apparel | 34.84 | 407.58 | 651.00 | 543.32 | 33.30 | -16.54 |
| Textile | 14.07 | 306.38 | 261.7 | 272.08 | -11.20 | 3.97 |
| Food products | 10.84 | 612.19 | 475.33 | 521.36 | -14.84 | 9.68 |
| Pharmaceuticals | 8.23 | 1220.68 | 1028.19 | 1162.43 | -4.77 | 13.06 |
| Non-metallic mineral Products | 7.12 | 652.84 | 761.44 | 593.92 | -9.03 | -22.00 |
| Leather & related products | 4.40 | 445.07 | 350.18 | 381.35 | -14.32 | 8.90 |

Source: BBS, P-Provisional, *Growth over the same period of the previous fiscal year

Industrial production by major industry groups shows that Wearing apparel experienced 33.30 percent growth. However, most of the other industrial production experienced negative growth.

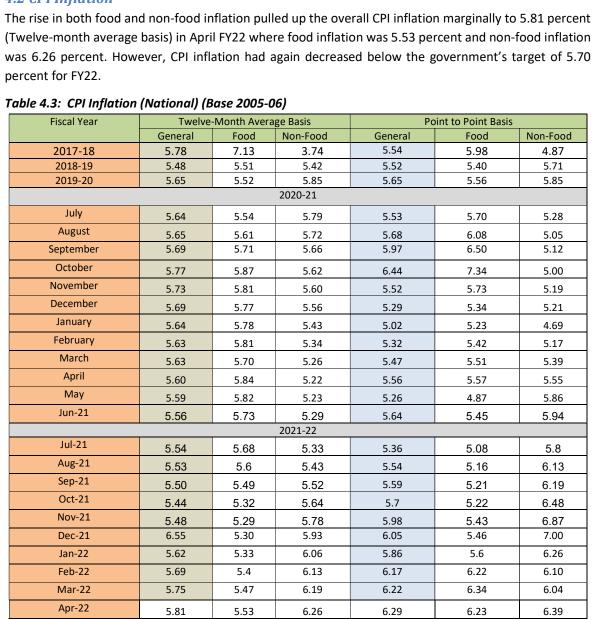


Chart 4.1: Quantum Index of large and medium scale manufacturing industry by Major Industry group

4.2 CPI Inflation

600

500

400 300 200

100

0

Jul

Sep

Aug

Oct

Nov

FY21

Quantum Index

(Twelve-month average basis) in April FY22 where food inflation was 5.53 percent and non-food inflation was 6.26 percent. However, CPI inflation had again decreased below the government's target of 5.70

Jan

FY22 ——Growth*

Feb

Mar

Apr

May

Dec

90 80

70

20

10

0

Jun

7.00
6.50
6.00
5.50
Apr-21 May-21 Jun-21 Jul-21 Aug-21 Sep-21 Oct-21 Nov-21 Dec-21 Jan-22 Feb-22 Mar-22 Apr-22

Chart 4.2: Trend in CPI Inflation (Base 2005-06=100)

4.3 GDP Growth Outlook

Twelve-Month Average Basis

According to the August 2021 publication of the Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics (BBS), GDP has grown by 3.51 percent in FY20 (final), which is 1.73 percent lower than that of the provisional estimate. With this growth, per capita, GNI rose to US\$2024 at the end of FY20. BBS's provisional estimate also shows that GDP grew at a rate of 5.47 percent for FY21 whereas the Government's target was 8.2 percent set at the start of the fiscal year based on the pace of the economic recovery and available high-frequency data.

Point to Point Basis

Food

Non-Food