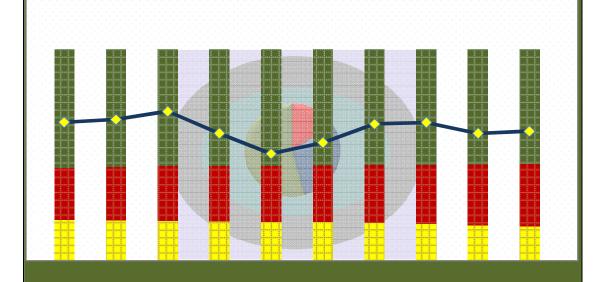


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### **Executive Summary**

The July 2017 issue of the report on 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 earnings indicated satisfactory growth by the end of FY17<sup>2</sup>. During July of FY18, total revenue collection increased by 25.52percent compared to the same period of the previous fiscal year. On the other hand, total government spending increased by 32.96percent during the same period.

#### **Monetary Sector**

Broad Money growth was 10.54 percent at the end of July 2017 from the same month of the previous fiscal year mainly due to 12.24 percent and 9.95 percent growth in Net Foreign Asset (NFA) and Net Domestic Asset (NDA) respectively. Reserve money growth was 15.63 percent at the end of July 2017 over July 2016.

#### **External Sector**

During July of FY18, recorded export growth was 17.89 percent growth, which was -3.49 percent in the same period of the previous fiscal year. Similarly, import payments increased by 9 percent during the same period. Remittance receipt decreased by 14.48 percent during this period whereas, foreign exchange reserve stood at US\$ 32.9 billion at the end of July of FY17 which was equivalent to import payments of 8.3 months.

#### **Real Sector**

Official statistics from Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics (BBS) reported a robust 7.28 percent real GDP growth in FY17 compared to 7.11 percent growth in the previous fiscal year. At the same time, per capita GNI reached to US\$ 1610 at the end of FY17. The average rate of inflation (12-month average basis) in July 2017 stood at 5.45 percent. On point-to-point basis, inflation was 5.57 percent in July 2017, of which, food and non-food inflation were 6.95 percent and 3.53 percent respectively. There was a positive change in Quantum Index of Industrial Production, stood at 333.17 in July2017 from 255.52 in July2016.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> FY17 stands for fiscal year 2016-17

#### 1. FISCAL SECTOR

#### 1.1 Revenue Earnings

Total revenue earning increased by 25.52 percent during July of FY18 compared to the same period of FY17. Growth rates of Tax and Non-tax revenue during this period were 40.16 percent and -11.45 percent respectively.

Table 1.1: Revenue Earning

(In crore taka)

| Period           |        | Tax Revenue | Non-Tax | Total   |         |
|------------------|--------|-------------|---------|---------|---------|
| renou            | NBR    | Non-NBR     | Total   | Revenue | Revenue |
| 2014-15 (Actual) | 123997 | 4821        | 128818  | 17299   | 146117  |
| 2015-16 (Actual) | 126335 | 5064        | 131399  | 16396   | 147795  |
| Growth (%)       | 1.89   | 5.04        | 2.00    | -5.2    | 1.1     |
| July FY17        | 10440  | 417         | 10857   | 4298    | 15155   |
| July FY18        | 13912  | 1305        | 15217   | 3806    | 19023   |
| Growth (%)       | 33.26  | 212.95      | 40.16   | -11.45  | 25.52   |

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

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Chart 1.1: Monthly Trend of Revenue earnings (FY15-FY17)

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

#### 1.2 Grants

Actual grant receipts decreased by 52.9 percent in FY17 compared to FY16. During July of FY18, grant receipt declined by 75 percent to TK. 2 crore against TK. 8 crore over the corresponding period of the last fiscal (table 1.2).

Table 1.2: Grants (In crore taka)

| 2015-16<br>(Actual) | 2016-17<br>(Actual) | Growth (%) | FY 17<br>July | FY 18<br>July | Growth (%) over<br>July of FY 17 |
|---------------------|---------------------|------------|---------------|---------------|----------------------------------|
| 1910                | 900                 | -52.9      | 8             | 2             | -75                              |

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

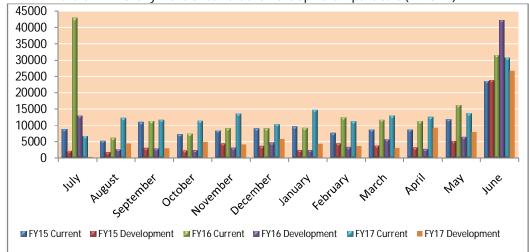
#### 1.3 Government Expenditure

According to iBAS database, total government expenditure increased by 32.96 percent during July of FY18 compared to the same period of the previous fiscal (Table-1.3). Similarly, development (ADP) expenditure increased by 404.33 percent within the same period. It may be noted here that, according to the report of Implementation, Monitoring and Evaluation Division (IMED) of Ministry of Planning, ADP expenditure (without self-financing) stood at BDT 952 Crore at the end of July of FY18, which is 0.58 percent higher than the same period of the last fiscal year.

Table 1.3: Government Expenditures (In crore taka)

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|---|--------|--------|---------------|---------|---------|--------------------------|
|   | FY 16  | FY 17  | Growth<br>(%) | FY 17   | FY 18   | Growth (%)<br>over July, |
|   |        |        | (70)          | July    | July    | FY17                     |
| 1. Current Spending                               | 144456 | 161125 | 11.54         | 6631    | 7517    | 13.36                    |
| Pay and Allowances                                | 39969  | 48760  | 21.99         | 1131    | 1342    | 18.66                    |
| Goods and Services                                | 18277  | 21585  | 18.10         | 131     | 232     | 77.10                    |
| Interest Payment                                  | 33107  | 31839  | -3.83         | 2513    | 3537    | 40.75                    |
| Domestic  | 31462  | 29998  | -4.65         | 2294    | 3295    | 43.64                    |
| Foreign   | 1645   | 1841   | 11.91         | 219     | 242     | 10.50                    |
| Subsidy and Transfer                              | 52873  | 58744  | 11.10         | 2856    | 2404    | -15.83                   |
| Others  | 230    | 196    | -14.78        | 0       | 2       | 0.00                     |
| 2. Food Accounts                                  | -641   | 1324   | -306.55       | -19     | 88      | -563.16                  |
| 3. Non-ADP Capital & Net Lending                  | 15429  | 21553  | 39.69         | -27     | 207     | -866.67                  |
| Non-ADP Capital                                   | 12365  | 15205  | 22.97         | 103     | 434     | 321.36                   |
| Net Lending                                       | 1063   | 2477   | 133.02        | -130    | -641    | 393.08                   |
| Non-ADP Project                                   | 138    | 2206   | 1498.55       | 0       | 0       | 0.00                     |
| FFW   | 1411   | 1457   | 3.26          | 0       | 0       | 0.00                     |
| Development Expenditure under<br>Revenue Budget   | 452    | 208    | -53.98        | 0       | 0       | 0.00                     |
| 4.Anual Development expenditure                   | 80076  | 77243  | -3.54         | 254     | 1281    | 404.33                   |
| Total (1+2+3+4)                                   | 239320 | 261245 | 9.16          | 6839.00 | 9093.00 | 32.96                    |
| Total Spending (Percent of GDP)                   | 13.81  | 13.22  | -4.26         | 0.35    | 0.41    | 18.14                    |

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



#### Chart 1.2: Monthly Trend of Current and Development Expenditure (FY 15-17)

#### 1.4 Composition of Revenue Expenditure

As in July of FY18, spending on interest payment was highest (38.4%) followed by education sector (14.7%) (Chart1.3).

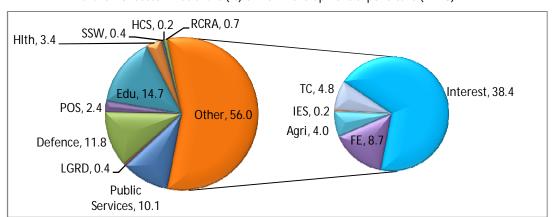


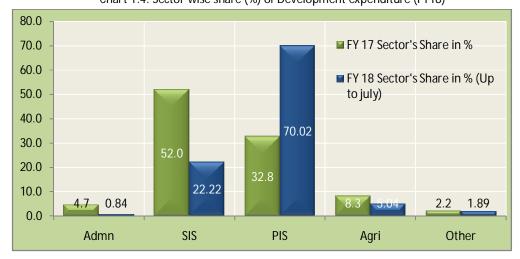
Chart 1.3: Sector wise share (%) of Non-Development expenditure (FY 18)

GPS = General Public Services, LGRD = LGD, RD & Cooperatives, CHTs, POS = Public Order and Safety, Edu = Education and Technology, HIth = Health, SSW = Social Security and Welfare, RCRA = Recreation, Culture and Religious Affairs, Agri = Agriculture, Fisheries and Livestock, Land, Water Resources and Food, FE = Fuel and Energy, IES(industrial and economic services) = Industries, Jute, Textiles, Commerce, Labor & Overseas, TC = Transport and Communication

#### 1.5 Composition of ADP Expenditure

Sector wise analysis of development expenditure shows that, up to the month of July FY18, highest share of spending went to Physical Infrastructure (70.02%) followed by Social Infrastructure (22.22%)

Chart 1.4: Sector wise share (%) of Development expenditure (FY18)



Admn = General Public Services, Defense, and Public Order and Safety; SIS = Social Infrastructure, covers Edu, health, Housing and SSW & LGRD; PIS = Physical Infrastructure, covers FE and Trans; Agri= Agricultural sector and others include RCRA and IES

#### 1.6 Budget Deficit

Overall budget deficit including grants at the end of FY17 stood at 4.95percent of GDP (Base year 2005-06), which was 3.55 percent in FY16. Overall budget balance including grants during July of FY18 records a deficit of BDT 10343 crore against a deficit of BDT 8318 crore of the same period of previous fiscal year.

Table 1.4: Budget Balance

(In crore taka)

| Year      | Overall Balance | Overall Balance as % of GDP |
|-----------|-----------------|-----------------------------|
| 2015-16   | -61530          | -3.55                       |
| 2016-17   | -97853          | -4.95                       |
| July FY17 | 8318            | 0.42                        |
| July FY18 | 10343           | 0.47                        |

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

#### 1.7 Deficit Financing

Domestic borrowing from the banking system decreased to BDT 8514Crore in FY17 from BDT 10613Crore in FY 16. On the other hand, borrowing from the non-bank sources increased to BDT 61322Crore from 40181Crore within the same period. Net borrowing from the external sources increased to BDT 13471 Crore in FY 16 from BDT 9020 Crore in FY 16. Government total debt stock increased by BDT 10755 Crore during July of FY18 compared to the same period of FY17.

Table 1.5: Deficit Financing

(In crore taka)

|           | External | Domesti | C            | Total     | Financing as |
|-----------|----------|---------|--------------|-----------|--------------|
| Period    | (net)    | Bank    | Non-<br>Bank | Financing | % of GDP     |
| 2015-16   | 9020     | 10613   | 40181        | 50794     | 2.93         |
| 2016-17   | 13471    | -8514   | 61322        | 52808     | 2.70         |
| July FY17 | -344     | 1463    | -9436        | -7973     | -0.40        |
| July FY18 | 399      | -1112   | -9643        | -10755    | -0.48        |

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

#### 1.8 Sale and repayment of National Savings Certificates (NSC)

The sale of NSC during July of FY17 stood at Tk. 7352.11crore, which was 49.07 percent higher than that of the same period of the previous year. As a result, net borrowing through NSC stood at Tk.5053.54 crore by the end of July 2018 (Table 1.6).

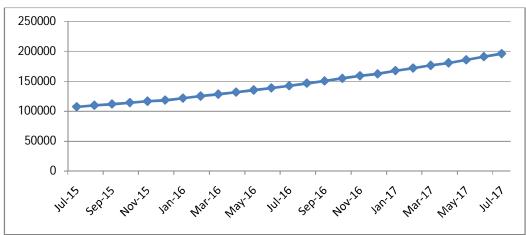
Table 1.6 Net Sale and repayment of NSC

(In crore taka)

| Period     | Sales    | Repayment<br>(Principal) | Net Sale | Outstanding at the end of period |
|------------|----------|--------------------------|----------|----------------------------------|
| 2015-16    | 53712.45 | 20023.85                 | 33688.6  | 135222.91                        |
| 2016-17    | 75134.74 | 22717.26                 | 52417.48 | 191236.22                        |
| Growth (%) | 39.88    | 13.45                    | 55.59    | 41.42                            |
| July FY17  | 4932.05  | 1433.68                  | 3498.37  | 142317.11                        |
| July FY 18 | 7352.11  | 2298.57                  | 5053.54  | 196289.76                        |
| Growth (%) | 49.07    | 60.33                    | 44.45    | 37.92                            |

Source: National Savings Directorate

Chart 1.5: Outstanding borrowing of government through NSC(In crore taka)



Source: National Savings Directorate

#### 2. MONETARY SECTOR

#### 2.1 Monetary and credit development

Broad money (M2) increased by 10.5 percent at the end of July2017 with respect to the same period of the previous year (table 2.1). Among the sources of broad money, Net Foreign Assets (NFA) rose by 12.2 percent whereas Net Domestic Assets (NDA) increased by 9.95 percent. Domestic credit recorded an increase of 11.6 percent because of 16.9 percent growth in credit to private sector despite 15.3 percent negative growth in credit to public sector.

Table 2.1 Monetary and credit development (Billion BDT)

| Items                        | Outstanding stock<br>at the end of period |                           |              |                           | Changes in<br>outstanding stock |                              |
|------------------------------|---|---------------------------|--------------|---------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------|
| items                        | June<br>2016                              | July <sup>R</sup><br>2016 | June<br>2017 | July <sup>P</sup><br>2017 | July2017<br>Over<br>June2017    | July2017<br>over<br>July2016 |
| A. Net Foreign Assets(NFA)   | 2331.4                                    | 2358.9                    | 2667.0       | 2647.5                    | -19.4<br>(-0.7)                 | 288.7<br>(+12.2)             |
| B.Net Domestic<br>Asset(NDA) | 6832.4                                    | 6774.2                    | 7493.8       | 7448.4                    | -45.4<br>(-0.6)                 | 674.2<br>(+9.95)             |
| a. Domestic Credit           | 8012.8                                    | 7979.7                    | 8906.7       | 8903.4                    | -3.3<br>(-0.0)                  | 923.8<br>(+11.6)             |
| Public Sector                | 1302.7                                    | 1326.6                    | 1146.1       | 1123.3                    | -22.9<br>(-2.0)                 | -203.3<br>(-15.3)            |
| Govt (Net)                   | 1142.2                                    | 1166.6                    | 973.3        | 947.6                     | -25.7<br>(-2.6)                 | -219.0<br>(-18.8)            |
| Other Public                 | 160.5                                     | 160.0                     | 172.8        | 175.7                     | 2.9<br>(+1.7)                   | 15.7<br>(+9.8)               |
| Private sector               | 6710.1                                    | 6653.1                    | 7760.6       | 7780.2                    | 19.6<br>(+.2)                   | 1127.0<br>(+16.9)            |
| b. Other<br>Items(net)       | -1180.4                                   | -1205.5                   | -1412.9      | -1455.0                   | -42.1<br>(3.0)                  | -249.6<br>(20.7)             |
| C. Broad<br>Money(A+B)       | 9163.8                                    | 9133.0                    | 10160.8      | 10095.9                   | -64.8<br>(6)                    | 1128.5<br>(+10.5)            |

Source: Major Economic Indicators, Bangladesh Bank; ()-percentage changes

#### 2.2 Reserve money Developments

Reserve money recorded an increase of 15.63 percent at the end of July 2017 over the same period of the previous year. At the same time, the value of reserve money multiplier increased to 4.80 at the end of July 2017 from 4.52 at the end of June 2017.

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

|                  | Outstanding Stock at the end of period |        |         | Changes in Outstanding Stock |                |
|------------------|--|--------|---------|------------------------------|----------------|
|                  | June                                   | June   | July    | July 2017 over               | July 2017 over |
|                  | 2016                                   | 2017   | 2017    | June 2017 (%)                | July 2016 (%)  |
| Reserve money    | 1932.01                                | 2246.6 | 2102.88 | -143.72 (-6.40)              | 284.30(+15.63) |
| Money multiplier | 4.74                                   | 4.52   | 4.80    | 0.28                         | -0.22          |

Source: Major Economic Indicators, Bangladesh Bank

#### 3. EXTERNAL SECTOR

#### 3.1 Exports

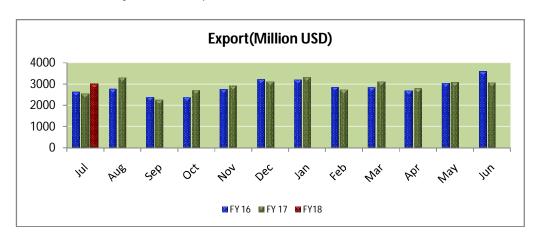
Export earnings grew by 1.72 percent and stood at US\$ 34846.84 million at the end of FY17 compared to 9.77 percent growth in the previous fiscal year. During July of FY18, export recorded 17.89 percent growth, which was -3.49 percent in the same period of the previous fiscal year.

Table 3.1: Export Performance (Million US\$)

|             | 2015-16  | 2016-17  | July<br>2017-18 | July<br>2016-17 |
|-------------|----------|----------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Export      | 34257.18 | 34846.84 | 2987.66         | 2534.31         |
| Growth (%)* | +9.77    | +1.72    | +17.89          | -3.49           |

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

Chart 3.1: Monthly Trend of Exports



#### 3.2 Imports (c & f)

Import payments increased by 9 percent and stood at 47 billion at the end FY17 compared to 6 percent growth in FY16. Up to July of FY18, import payments increased by a whopping 47 percent compared to the same period of the previous fiscal year. Import Letter of Credit (LC) opening and settlement increased by 52 percent and 44 percent respectively in the same period (Table 3.2).

Table 3.2: Import Scenario

| Period          | FY 16 <sup>R</sup> | FY 17 <sup>P</sup> | FY 18<br>July |
|-----------------|--------------------|--------------------|---------------|
| Import payments | 43122.5            | 47005.2            | 4325.60       |
| Growth (%)      | 5.94               | 9.00               | 47.05         |
| LCs Opened      | 43335.33           | 48125.92           | 4709.68       |
| Growth (%)      | 0.62               | 11.05              | 52.03         |
| LCs Settled     | 40076.19           | 44272.76           | 4046.06       |
| Growth (%)      | 4.22               | 10.47              | 44.28         |

Source: Bangladesh Bank. Growth rate (%) over the same period of the previous fiscal year, R-Revised, P-Provisional

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Chart 3.2: Monthly Trend of Import Payments

#### 3.3 Remittance

Remittance inflow fell by 14.48 percent during the fiscal year 17 compared to the previous year's decrease of 2.52 percent. However, remittance inflow recovered somewhat in the first month of the FY18 as it registered 10.95 percent growth compared to the same month of the previous year.

Table-3.3: Remittance Performance

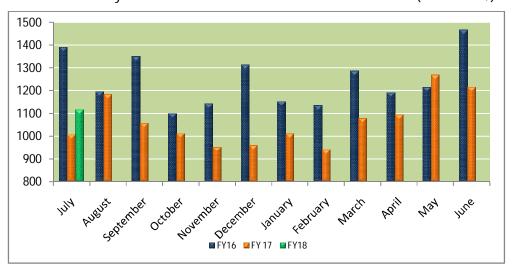
(In million US\$)

|                | FY 16    | FY 17    | FY 18   |
|----------------|----------|----------|---------|
|                | FT 10    | FT 17    | July    |
| Remittances    | 14931.16 | 12769.45 | 1115.57 |
| Growth (%)     | -2.52    | -14.48   | 10.95   |
| As % of GDP    | 6.74     | 5.11     | 0.45    |
| As % of Export | 43.58    | 36.64    | 35.87   |

Source: Bangladesh Bank

Chart 3.3: Monthly Trend of Remittances

(Million US\$)



Source: Bangladesh Bank

#### 3.4 Exchange Rate Movements

Local currency depreciated by 0.05 percent against US dollar at the end of July2017 from its level at the end of June 2017.

Table 3.4: Exchange Rate Movements

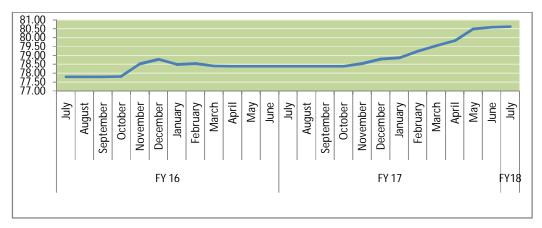
(Taka per US\$)

| Period  | Average | End of the period |  |  |  |
|---------|---------|-------------------|--|--|--|
| 2011-12 | 79.10   | 81.82             |  |  |  |
| 2012-13 | 79.93   | 77.77             |  |  |  |
| 2013-14 | 77.72   | 77.63             |  |  |  |
| 2014-15 | 77.67   | 77.81             |  |  |  |
| 2015-16 | 78.40   | 78.40             |  |  |  |
| 2016-17 | 79.12   | 80.60             |  |  |  |
| 2017-18 |         |                   |  |  |  |
| July    | 80.63   | 80.66             |  |  |  |

Source: Bangladesh Bank

Chart 3.4: Period Average Exchange Rate Movements

(BDT per US\$)



Source: Bangladesh Bank

#### 3.5 External Reserve

The gross foreign exchange reserve of Bangladesh Bank increased to US\$ 33.41 billion at the end of June 2017 from US\$ 30.2 billion at the end of June 2016. The gross foreign exchange reserve at the end of July 2017 stood at 32.9 billion, which is sufficient to cover import payments of 8.3 months.

Table 3.5: Foreign Exchange Reserve

(Million US\$)

|                             | 2014-15  | 2015-16  | 2016-17  | July 2017 |
|-----------------------------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|
| Reserve                     | 25025.50 | 30168.22 | 33406.60 | 32907.74  |
| In month of import payments | 6.65     | 8.4      | 8.2      | 8.3       |

Source: Bangladesh Bank

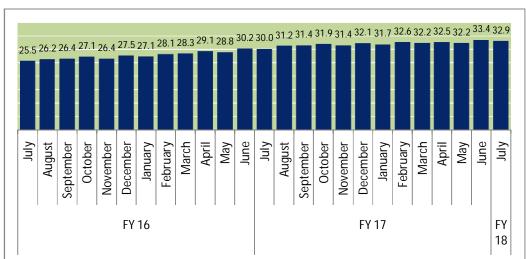


Chart 3.5: Outstanding Stock of Gross Foreign Exchange Reserve at the end of the month (Billion US\$)

Source: Bangladesh Bank

#### 3.6 Balance of Payments (BOP)

The country's trade deficit recorded a deficit of US\$ 1.06 billion in July of FY18 from US\$ 0.24 billion in the corresponding period of the FY17, which contributed to create a deficit in current account balance by US\$ 0.50 billion during July of FY18 from a surplus of US\$ 0.40 billion in the corresponding period of the previous fiscal year. Overall balance remains US\$ 0.18 billion deficit despite US\$ 0.49 billion surplus in the financial account at the end of July 2017.

Table 3.6: Balance of Payments

(Million US\$)

|                         | 2015-16 <sup>R</sup> | 2016-17 <sup>P</sup> | July 2017 <sup>P</sup> | July 2016 <sup>R</sup> |
|-------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| Trade Balance           | -6460                | -9472                | -1056                  | -236                   |
| Current Account Balance | 4262                 | -1480                | -497                   | 379                    |
| Capital Account         | 464                  | 314                  | 1                      | 1                      |
| Financial Account       | 944                  | 4179                 | 492                    | 240                    |
| Overall Balance         | 5036                 | 3169                 | -179                   | 480                    |

Source: Bangladesh Bank. R=Revised, P= Provisional

#### 4. REAL SECTOR

#### 4.1 Real Sector Indicators

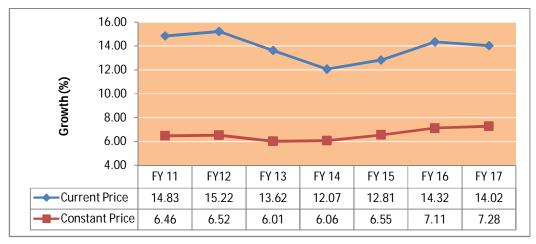
Official statistics from Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics (BBS) reported a robust 7.28 percent real GDP growth in FY17 compared to 7.11 percent growth in the previous fiscal year. At the same time, per capita GNI raised to US\$1610 in FY17 from US\$1465 in FY16.

Table 4.1 Real sector indicators (Base year 2005-06)

| Concepts               | Unit        | FY 13    | FY 14    | FY 15    | FY16     | FY17     |
|------------------------|-------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| GDP at constant prices | Billion Tk. | 7,299.0  | 7,741.4  | 8,248.6  | 8,835.4  | 9,479.0  |
| Growth                 | %           | 6.01     | 6.06     | 6.55     | 7.11     | 7.28     |
| GDP at current prices  | Billion Tk. | 11,989.2 | 13,436.7 | 15,158.0 | 17,328.6 | 19,758.2 |
| Growth                 | %           | 13.62    | 12.07    | 12.81    | 14.32    | 14.02    |
| GNI at current prices  | Billion Tk. | 12953.5  | 14332.2  | 16142.0  | 18326.7  | 20607.2  |
| Per capita GDP         | Taka        | 78,009   | 86,266   | 96,004   | 108,378  | 122,152  |
| Per capita GNI         | Taka        | 84,283   | 92,015   | 102,236  | 114,621  | 127,401  |
| Per capita GDP         | US\$        | 976      | 1,110    | 1,236    | 1,385    | 1,544    |
| Per capita GNI         | US\$        | 1,054    | 1,184    | 1,316    | 1,465    | 1,610    |

Source: Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics

Chart 4.1: GDP Growth Rate at current and constant prices (Base year 2005-06)



Source: Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics

#### 4.2 Quantum Index of Industrial Production

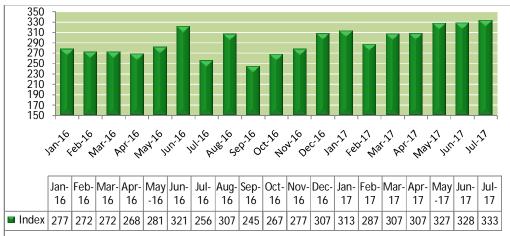
Quantum Index of large and medium scale manufacturing Industries increased by 30.4 percent and became 333.17 in July2017 from the same month of the previous fiscal year (table 4.2). This growth rate of industrial production was 11.2 percent and 13.5 percent in FY17 and FY16 respectively.

Table 4.2: Quantum Index of Industrial Production (Base: 2005-06=100)

| Period                | Index  | Growth Rate (%)* |
|-----------------------|--------|------------------|
| 2010-11               | 157.89 | 16.9             |
| 2011-12               | 174.92 | 10.8             |
| 2012-13               | 195.19 | 11.6             |
| 2013-14               | 213.22 | 8.2              |
| 2014-15               | 236.1  | 10.7             |
| 2015-16               | 267.88 | 13.5             |
| 2016-17               | 297.89 | 11.2             |
| July2016              | 255.52 | 0.7              |
| July2017 <sup>P</sup> | 333.17 | 30.4             |

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

Chart 4.2: Quantum Index of Industrial Production (Base: 2005-06=100)



Source: Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics

#### 4.3 Inflation

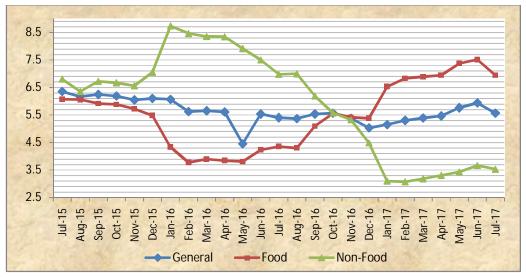
In FY17, the average rate of inflation (12-month average basis) has fallen down to 5.44 percent from 5.92 percent in the previous year (table-4.3). On the twelvemonth average basis, general inflation edged up marginally to 5.45 percent in July 2017, of which food and non-food inflation were 6.23 percent and 4.29 percent respectively. On the other hand, point-to-point inflation stood at 5.57 percent in the same month, of which, food and non-food inflation were 6.95 percent and 3.53 percent respectively (Chart 4.3).

Table-4.3: Twelve-Months Average Inflation (National) (Base 2005-06)

| Fiscal Year | Twelve-Months Average Basis |          |      |  |  |
|-------------|-----------------------------|----------|------|--|--|
|             | National                    | Non-Food |      |  |  |
| 2014-15     | 6.41                        | 6.68     | 5.99 |  |  |
| 2015-16     | 5.92                        | 4.90     | 7.47 |  |  |
| 2016-17     | 5.44                        | 6.02     | 4.57 |  |  |
| 2017-18     |                             |          |      |  |  |
| July        | 5.45                        | 6.23     | 4.29 |  |  |

Source: Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics

Chart 4.3: Trends of Point to Point Inflation (Base 2005-06=100)



Source: Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics