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Executive Summary

The March 2019 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 FY18¹. During July-March of FY19, total revenue collection increased by 16.43 percent compared to the same period of previous fiscal year. On the other hand, total government spending increased by 38.49 percent during the same period.

Monetary Sector

Broad Money supply recorded 10.87 percent growth at the end of March 2019. This growth is attributable to 13.66 percent and 2.43 percent growth in Net Domestic Asset (NDA) and Net Foreign Asset (NFA) respectively. At the end of March 2019, reserve money grew by 6.05 percent from March 2018.

External Sector

During July- March of FY19, exports grew by 12.57 percent compared to 6.33 percent growth in the same period of the previous fiscal year. Import payments increased by 5.12 percent at the end of March 2019 while remittance inflow increased by 10.30 percent during the same period. Further, foreign exchange reserve stood at US\$ 31.75 billion at the end of March 2019, which is equivalent to import payments of 6.24 months.

Real Sector

Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics (BBS) reported a robust 7.86 percent real GDP growth in FY18 compared to 7.65 percent growth in FY17. During this period, per capita GNI reached to US\$ 1751 from US\$1610 at the end of FY17. The average rate of CPI inflation (12-month moving average) stood at 5.48 percent, of which, food and non-food inflation were 5.76 percent and 5.03 percent respectively at the end of March 2019. This inflation rate, on point-to-point basis, was 5.55 percent, of which, food and non-food inflation were 5.72 percent and 5.29 percent respectively at the end of March 2019. The Quantum Index of medium and large-scale manufacturing industries increased by 12.98 percent at the end of March 2019 from the same period of the previous year.

¹ FY17 stands for fiscal year 2016-17

1. FISCAL SECTOR

1.1 Revenue Earnings

Total revenue earning increased by 16.43 percent during July-March of FY19 compared to the same period of FY18. Growth rates of Tax and Non-tax revenue during this period were 17.58 percent and 16.43 percent respectively.

Table 1.1: Revenue Earning

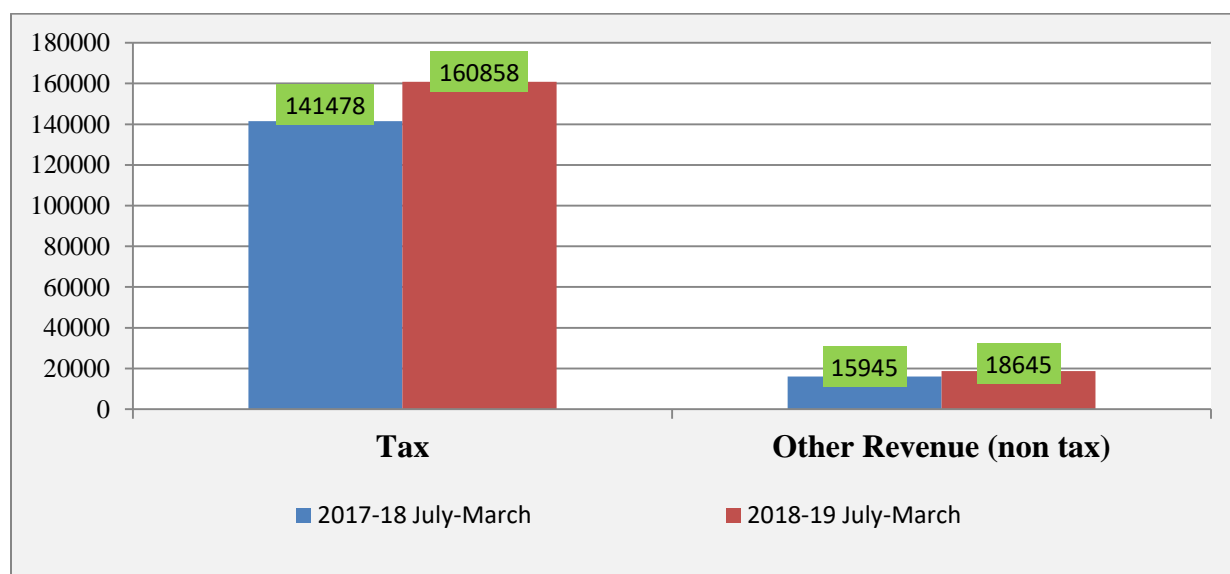
(In crore taka)

| Period | Tax Revenue | | | Non-Tax Revenue | Total Revenue |
|------------------|-------------|---------|--------|-----------------|---------------|
| | NBR | Non-NBR | Total | | |
| 2016-17 (Actual) | 171639 | 6299 | 177938 | 23294 | 201232 |
| 2017-18 (Actual) | 187119 | 7042 | 194161 | 22395 | 216556 |
| Growth (%) | 9.02 | 11.80 | 9.12 | -3.9 | 7.6 |
| July-March, FY18 | 136044 | 5434 | 141478 | 15945 | 157423 |
| July-March, FY19 | 160858 | 3674 | 164532 | 18748 | 183280 |
| Growth (%) | 18.24 | -32.39 | 16.30 | 17.58 | 16.43 |

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

Chart 1.1: Monthly Trend of Revenue earnings (FY16-FY18)

(In crore taka)



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

1.2 Grants

Actual grant receipts fell by 40 percent in FY18 compared to FY17. During July-March of FY19, grant receipt increased by 430.4 percent to TK. 56 Crore against TK. 297 Crore over the corresponding period of the last fiscal (table 1.2).

Table 1.2: Grants

(In crore taka)

| 2016-17 | 2017-18 | Growth (%) | FY 18 | FY 19 | Growth (%) over |
|----------|----------|------------|------------|------------|-----------------------|
| (Actual) | (Actual) | | July-March | July-March | July - March of FY 18 |
| 1445 | 867 | -40 | 56 | 297 | 430.4 |

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

1.3 Government Expenditure

According to iBAS database, total government expenditure increased by 38.49 percent during July-March of FY19 compared to the same period of the previous fiscal (Table-1.3). Similarly, development (ADP) expenditure increased by 18.59 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 79370 Crore at the end of July-March of FY19, recording 16.7 percent increase over the same period of the last fiscal year.

Table 1.3: Government Expenditures

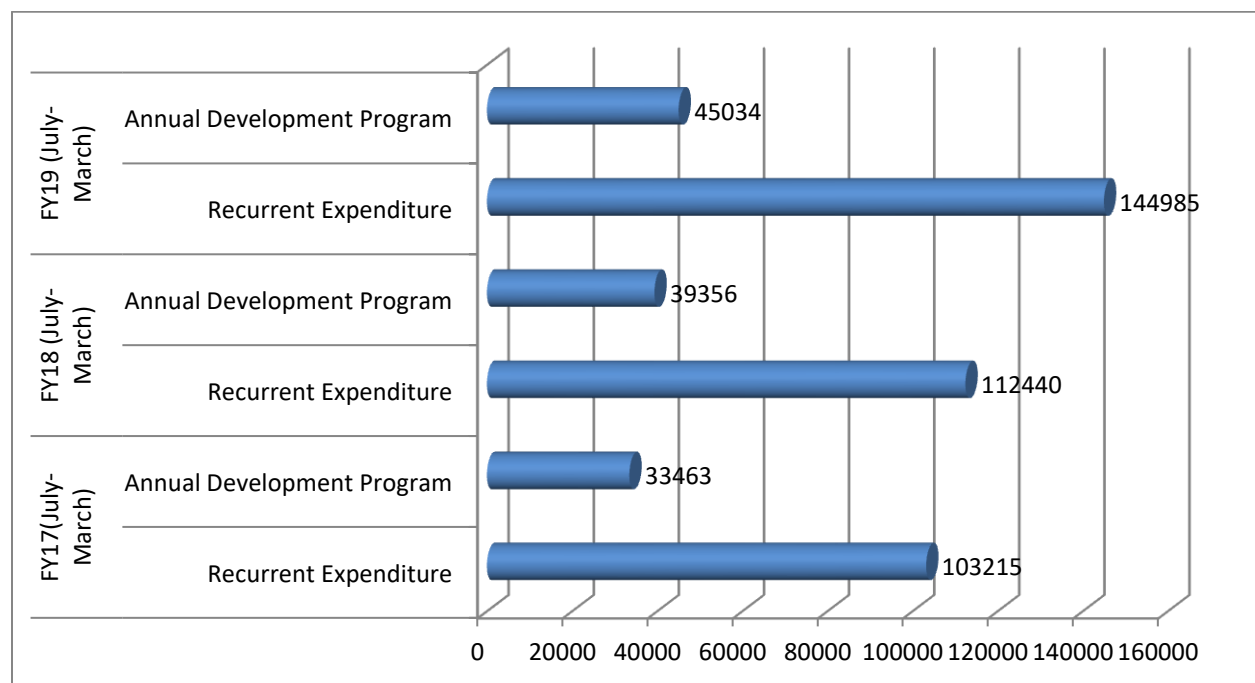
(In crore taka)

| | FY 17 | FY 18 | Growth (%) | FY 18 (July-March) | FY 19 (July-March) | Growth (%) over (July-March), FY18 |
|----------------------------|-----------|-----------|------------|--------------------|--------------------|------------------------------------|
| a. Current Spending | 332801.00 | 351824.00 | 6.00 | 197100.00 | 284092.00 | 44.14 |
| Recurrent Expenditure | 166401.00 | 175912.00 | 6.00 | 112438.00 | 144985.00 | 28.95 |
| Wages and Salaries | 49031.00 | 47332.00 | -3.00 | 33829.00 | 39058.00 | 15.46 |
| Use of Goods and Services | 20484.00 | 24267.00 | 18.00 | 11931.00 | 17066.00 | 43.04 |
| Interest Payment | 35316.00 | 40783.00 | 15.00 | 28072.00 | 33446.00 | 19.14 |
| Domestic | 33475.00 | 37177.00 | 11.00 | 26409.00 | 30631.00 | 15.99 |
| Foreign | 1841.00 | 3605.00 | 96.00 | 1663.00 | 2815.00 | 69.27 |
| Subsidies | 61370.00 | 63356.00 | 3.00 | 38509.00 | 12301.00 | -68.06 |

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|--|-----------|-----------|----------|-----------|-----------|----------|
| Others (Grants, social safety net, other expenses) | 199.00 | 174.00 | -13.00 | 98.00 | 37236.00 | 37895.92 |
| b. Food Accounts | -480.00 | 7068.00 | -1573.00 | 6672.00 | 5819.00 | -12.78 |
| c. Non ADP Capital & Net lending | 19257.00 | 18222.00 | -5.00 | 8076.00 | 57812.00 | 615.85 |
| Net lending | 2482.00 | 1240.00 | -50.00 | 1598.00 | 994.00 | -37.80 |
| Non ADP Project | 2206.00 | 1355.00 | -39.00 | 0.00 | 417.00 | 0.00 |
| FFW and Transfer | 1567.00 | 903.00 | -42.00 | 416.00 | 325.00 | 0.00 |
| Non ADP Special Project (Financial asset, equity) | 13002.00 | 14724.00 | 13.00 | 6063.00 | 354.00 | -94.16 |
| d. Annual Development Project | 83500.00 | 103605.00 | 24.00 | 39356.00 | 46672.00 | 18.59 |
| Total Spending (a+b+c+d) | 435078.00 | 480719.00 | 10.00 | 251205.00 | 394395.00 | 57.00 |
| Total Spending (Percent of GDP) | 22.02 | 21.36 | -2.99 | 11.16 | 15.46 | 38.49 |

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

Chart 1.2: Monthly Trend of Current and Development Expenditure (FY 18-19)

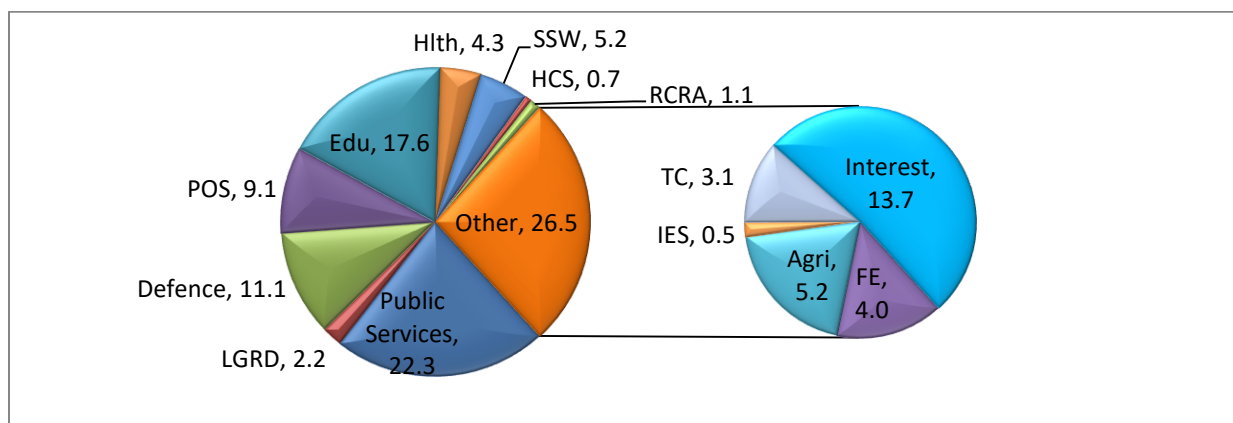


Source: Integrated Budgeting & Accounting System (iBAS), Finance Division

1.4 Composition of Revenue Expenditure

As in July - March of FY19, spending on public service was highest (22.3 %) followed by Interest payment (13.7 %) (Chart 1.3).

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



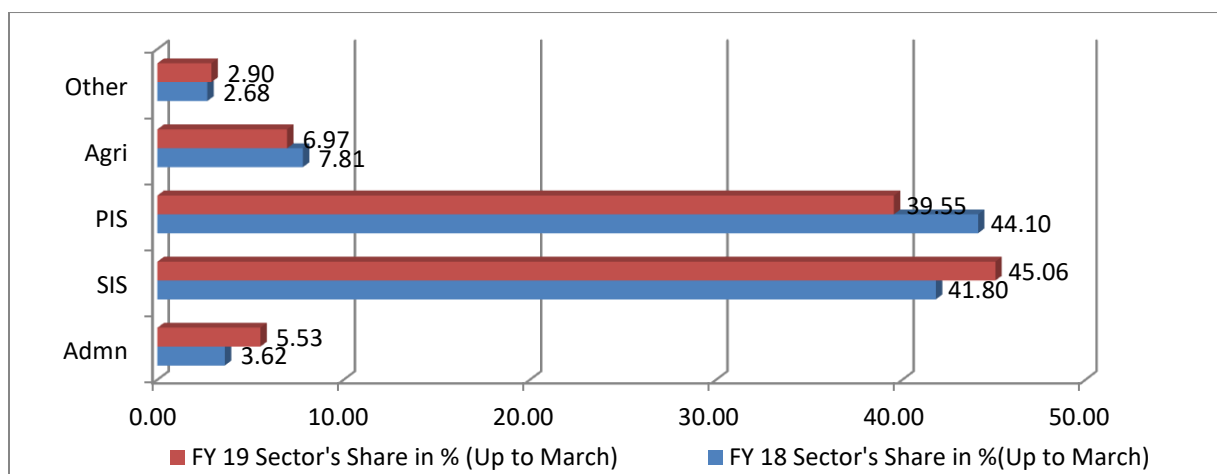
Source: Finance Division

GPS = General Public Services, LGRD = LGD, RD & Cooperatives, CHTs, POS = Public Order and Safety, Edu = Education and Technology, Hlth = 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-March FY19, highest share of spending went to Social Infrastructure (45.06%) followed by physical Infrastructure (39.55%) .

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



Source: Finance Division

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 FY18 stood at 3.92 percent of GDP (Base year 2005-06), which was 3.41 percent in FY17. Overall budget balance including grants during July - March of FY19 records deficit of BDT 45428 crore against of BDT 9551 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 |
|-------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------|
| 2016-17 | -67446 | -3.41 |
| 2017-18 | -88252 | -3.92 |
| July - March FY18 | -9551 | -0.42 |
| July - March FY19 | -45428 | -1.78 |

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

1.7 Deficit Financing

Domestic borrowing from the banking system decreased to BDT 11731 Crore in FY18 from BDT 8379 Crore in FY 17. On the other hand, borrowing from the non-bank sources increased to BDT 64849 Crore from 62726 Crore within the same period. Net borrowing from the external sources decreased to BDT 11662 Crore in FY 18 from BDT 13100 Crore in FY 17. Total financing of FY 19 is BDT 41072 core which was BDT 7962 crore in FY 18.

Table 1.5: Deficit Financing (In crore taka)

| Period | External | Domestic | | Total Financing | Financing as % of GDP |
|-------------------|----------|----------|----------|-----------------|-----------------------|
| | (net) | Bank | Non-Bank | | |
| 2016-17 | 13100 | -8379 | 62726 | 67447 | 3.41 |
| 2017-18 | 11662 | 11731 | 64849 | 88242 | 3.92 |
| July -March FY18 | 3569 | -10643 | 15036 | 7962 | 0.35 |
| July - March FY19 | -378 | 535 | 40915 | 41072 | 1.61 |

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

1.8 Sale and repayment of National Savings Certificates (NSC)

The sale of NSC during July-March of FY19 stood at Tk. 68972.7 crore, which was 14.7 percent higher than that of the same period of the previous year. As a result, net borrowing through NSC stood at Tk. 39733.2 crore by the end of July-March of FY19 (Table 1.6).

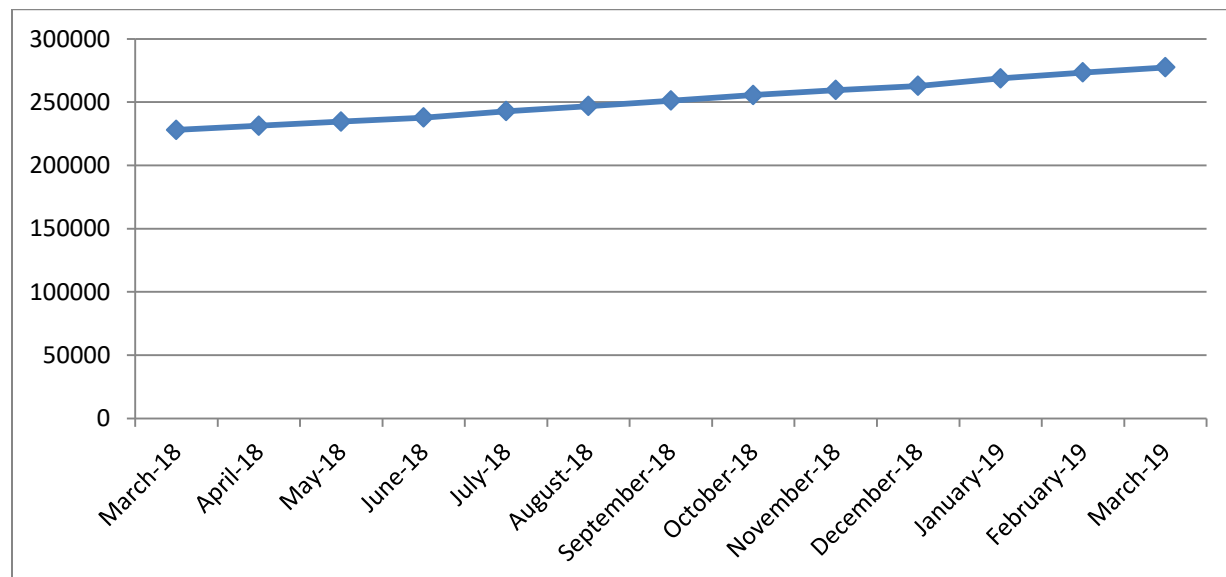
Table 1.6 Net Sale and repayment of NSC

(In crore taka)

| Period | Sales | Repayment (Principal) | Net Sale | Outstanding at the end of period |
|--------------------|---------|--------------------------|----------|-------------------------------------|
| 2016-17 | 75134.7 | 22717.3 | 52417.5 | 191236.2 |
| 2017-18 | 78784.7 | 32254.4 | 46530.3 | 237766.5 |
| Growth (%) | 4.9 | 42.0 | -11.2 | 24.3 |
| July - March FY 18 | 60124.9 | 23415.9 | 36709.0 | 1909004.7 |
| July - March FY 19 | 68972.7 | 29239.5 | 39733.2 | 2338220.0 |
| Growth (%) | 14.7 | 24.9 | 8.2 | 22.5 |

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 10.86 percent at the end of March 2019 from March 2018. Among the sources of broad money, Net Domestic Assets (NDA) increased by 13.66 percent while Net Foreign Assets (NFA) increase by 2.43 percent. Domestic credit recorded an increase of 13.70 percent at the end of March 2019 from March 2018 mainly due to 12.42 percent growth in credit to the private sector.

Table 2.1 Monetary and credit development (Billion BDT)

| Items | Outstanding stock at the end of period | | | | Changes in outstanding stock | |
|------------------------------------|--|----------------|------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| | June 2016 | June 2017 | June ^R 2018 | March ^P 2019 | March 2019 over June 2018 | March 2019 over March 2018 |
| A. Net Foreign Assets (NFA) | 2331.4 | 2667.0 | 2646.7 | 2694.73 | 47.99 (1.81) | 64.02 (2.43) |
| B. Net Domestic Asset(NDA) | 6832.4 | 7493.8 | 8453.1 | 8991.06 | 538.00 (6.36) | 1080.65 (+13.66) |
| a. Domestic Credit | 8012.8 | 8906.7 | 1021.6 | 10962.60 | 746.34 (7.31) | 1320.55 (13.70) |
| Public Sector | 1302.7 | 1146.1 | 1140.9 | 1165.74 | 24.79 (+2.17) | 238.00 (+25.65) |
| Govt. (Net) | 1142.2 | 973.3 | 948.9 | 925.12 | -23.83 (-2.51) | 179.37 (24.05) |
| Other Public | 160.5 | 172.8 | 192 | 240.62 | 48.62 (+25.32) | 58.64 (+32.22) |
| Private sector | 6710.1 | 7760.6 | 9075.3 | 9796.86 | 721.55 (7.95) | 1082.55 (+12.42) |
| b. Net Other assets | -1180.4 | -1412.9 | -1763.2 | -1971.54 | -208.34 (11.82) | -239.90 (+13.85) |
| C. Broad Money(A+B) | 9163.8 | 10160.8 | 11099.8 | 11685.79 | 585.98 (5.28) | 1144.66 (+10.86) |

Source: Monthly Economic Trends, Bangladesh Bank; () -percentage changes

2.2 Reserve money Developments

Reserve money recorded an increase of 6.05 percent at the end of March 2019 over the same month of the previous fiscal year. At the same time, the value of reserve money multiplier increased to 5.19 at the end of March 2019 from 4.75 at the end of June 2018.

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

| Items | Outstanding Stock at the end of period | | | Changes in Outstanding Stock | |
|----------------------|--|-----------|------------|------------------------------|----------------------------|
| | June 2017 | June 2018 | March 2019 | March 2019 over June 2018 | March 2019 over March 2018 |
| Reserve money | 2246.6 | 2337.4 | 2250.90 | -86.53 (-3.70) | 128.40 (+6.05) |

| | | | | | |
|------------------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Money multiplier | 4.52 | 4.75 | 5.19 | 0.44 | 0.23 |
|------------------|------|------|------|------|------|

Source: Monthly Economic Trends, Bangladesh Bank; () -percentage changes

3. EXTERNAL SECTOR

3.1 Exports

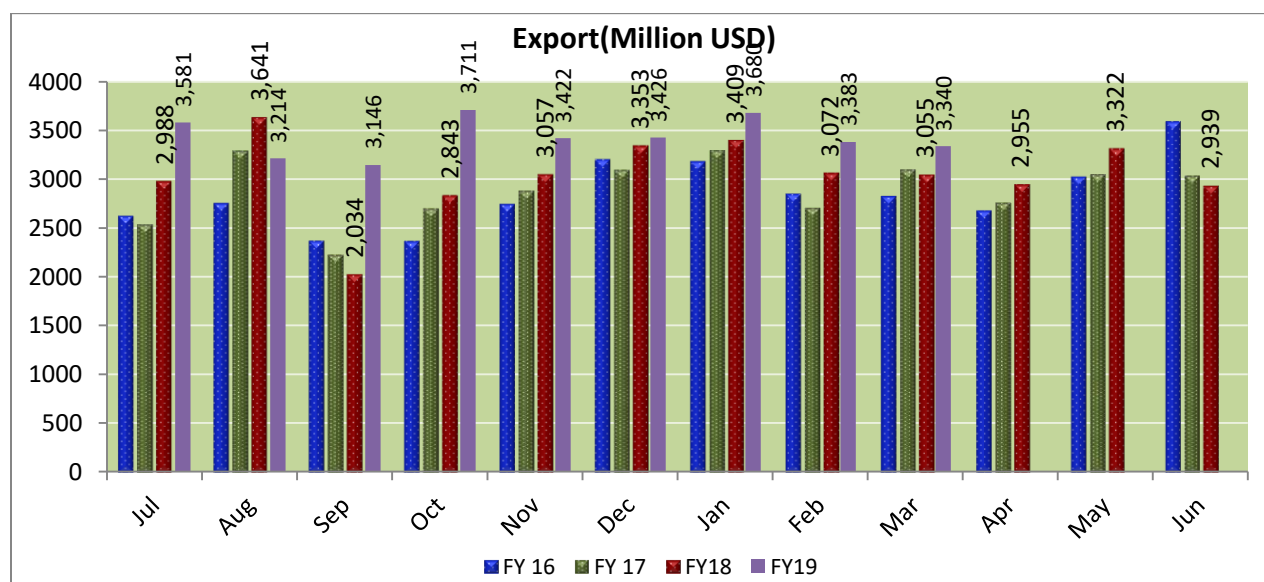
During July-June of FY18, export recorded 5.81 percent growth, which was 1.16 percent in the same period of the previous fiscal year. During July-March of FY19, export recorded 12.57 percent growth, which was 6.33 percent in the same period of the previous fiscal year.

Table 3.1: Export Performance (Million US\$)

| | July-March 2018-19 | July-March 2017-18 | 2017-18 | 2016-17 |
|--------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|----------|----------|
| Export | 30903.02 | 27451.67 | 36668.17 | 34655.90 |
| Growth (%)* | 12.57 | 6.33 | 5.81 | 1.16 |

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

Chart 3.1: Monthly Trend of Exports



Source: Export Promotion Bureau

3.2 Imports (c & f)

Import payments increased by 25.23 percent and stood at 58.9 billion during FY18 compared to 9.00 percent growth in FY17. In July-March 2019, import payments increased by 5.12 percent compared to 24.51 percent growths in the same period of previous fiscal year. Letter of Credit (LC) opened decreased by 20.89 percent and LCs settled for import increased by a whopping 7.32 percent in FY19 (Table 3.2).

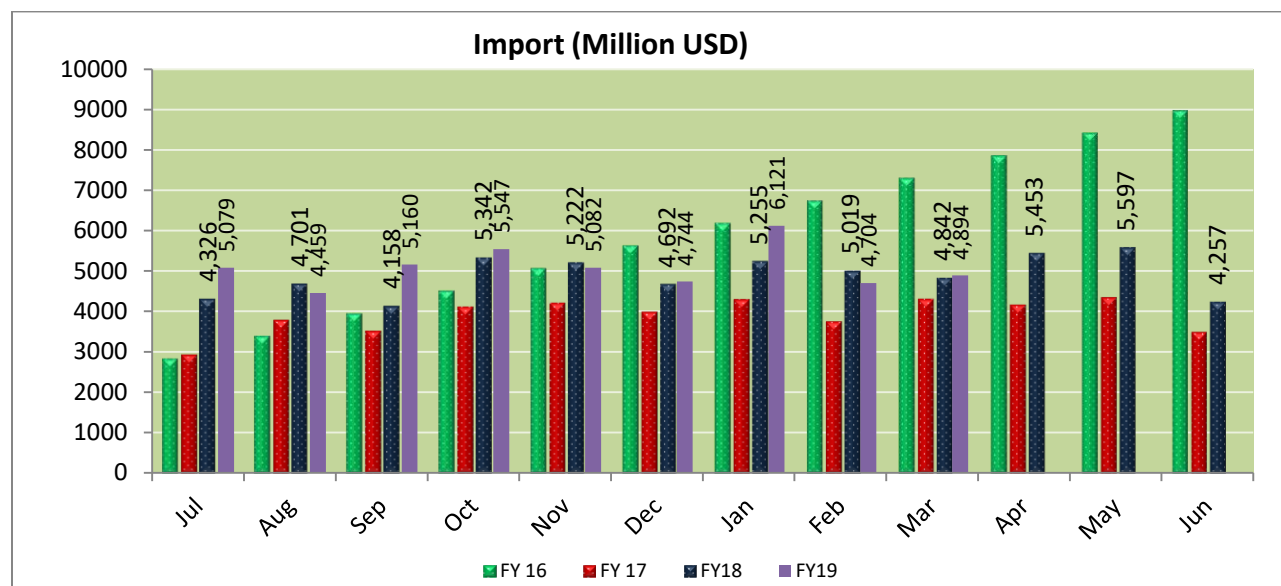
Table 3.2: Import Scenario (Million US\$)

| Period | 2018-19 ^P July-March | 2017-18 ^R July- March | 2017-18 | 2016-17 ^R | 2015-16 ^R |
|--------|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------|----------------------|----------------------|
|--------|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------|----------------------|----------------------|

| | | | | | |
|------------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| Import payments | 45789.0 | 43557.40 | 58865.3 | 47005.20 | 43122.50 |
| Growth (%) | 5.12 | 24.51 | 25.23 | 9.00 | 5.94 |
| LCs Opened | 44266.23 | 55957.34 | 69421.15 | 48125.92 | 43335.33 |
| Growth (%) | -20.89 | 56.87 | 44.25 | 11.05 | 0.62 |
| LCs Settled | 41217.74 | 38407.72 | 51530.56 | 44272.76 | 40076.19 |
| Growth (%) | 7.32 | 14.19 | 16.39 | 10.47 | 4.22 |

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

Chart 3.2: Monthly Trend of Import Payments



Source: Bangladesh Bank

3.3 Remittances

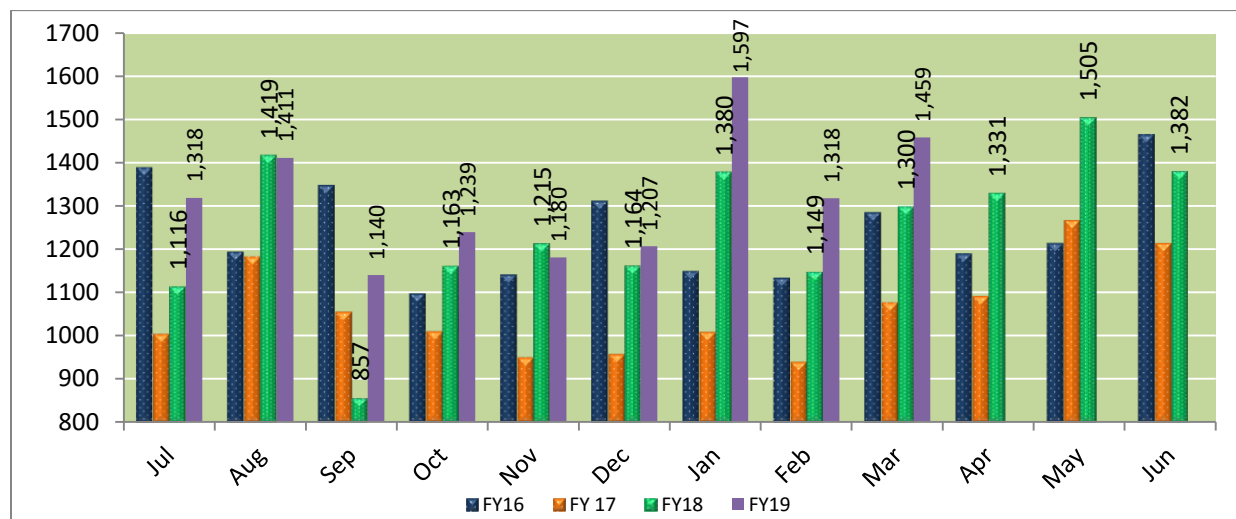
Remittances inflow fell by 14.5 percent during FY17 compared to the previous fiscal year's decrease of 2.5 percent. However, remittance inflow has rebounded in FY18 as it registered 17.3 percent growth compared to a negative 14.48 percent growth in the corresponding period of FY17. In July-March of FY19 remittance inflow was 3.90 percent of GDP and 38.41 percent of export.

Table-3.3: Remittance Performance (In million US\$)

| | 2018-19 July-March ^P | 2017-18 | 2016-17 | 2015-16 |
|----------------|------------------------------------|----------|----------|----------|
| Remittances | 11868.97 | 14978.86 | 12769.45 | 14931.16 |
| Growth (%) | 10.30 | 17.30 | -14.48 | -2.52 |
| As % of GDP | 3.90 | 5.43 | 5.11 | 6.74 |
| As % of Export | 38.41 | 40.85 | 36.64 | 43.58 |

Source: Bangladesh Bank

Chart 3.3: Monthly Trend of Remittances (Million US\$)



Source: Bangladesh Bank

3.4 Exchange Rate Movements

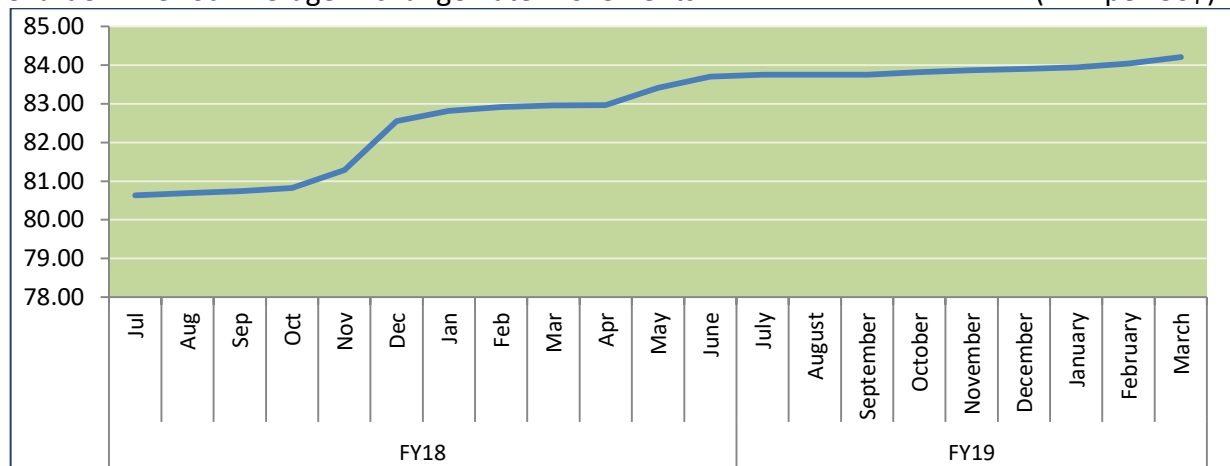
Local currency, BDT depreciated by 0.65 percent against US dollar at the end of March 2019 from June 2018.

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 | 83.70 | 83.70 |
| 2018-19 | | |
| July | 83.75 | 83.75 |
| August | 83.75 | 83.75 |
| September | 83.75 | 83.75 |
| October | 83.82 | 83.85 |
| November | 83.87 | 83.90 |
| December | 83.90 | 83.90 |
| January | 83.94 | 83.95 |
| February | 84.04 | 84.15 |
| March | 84.21 | 84.25 |

Source: Bangladesh Bank

Chart 3.4: Period Average Exchange Rate Movements (BDT per US\$)



Source: Bangladesh Bank

3.5 External Reserve

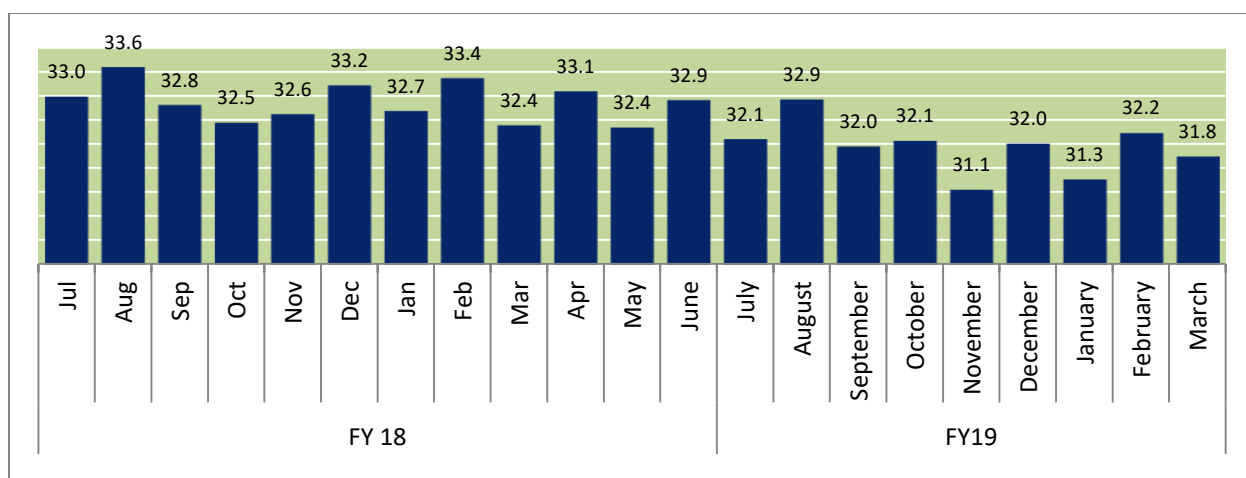
The gross foreign exchange reserve stood at 31.75 billion at the end of March 2019, which is sufficient to cover import payments of 6.24 months based on average import liability of the previous 12 months. Notably, this reserve was recorded as US\$ 32.94 billion at the end of June 2018 from US\$ 33.5 billion at the end of June 2017.

Table 3.5: Foreign Exchange Reserve (Million US\$)

| | March 2019 | 2017-18 | 2016-17 | 2015-16 | 2014-15 |
|-----------------------------|------------|----------|---------|----------|----------|
| Reserve | 31753.29 | 32943.46 | 33493.0 | 30168.22 | 25025.50 |
| In months of import payment | 6.24 | 8.55 | 8.20 | 8.40 | 6.65 |

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 balance recorded a deficit of US\$ 11.93 billion at the end of March 2019 from a deficit of US\$ 13.14 billion in the corresponding period of the previous fiscal year on the back of a wide mismatch between export and import growth. With the widening trade deficit and a moderate growth of remittances, the current account balance has reached at US\$ 4.23 billion deficit during July-March of FY19 from a moderate deficit of US\$ 6.49 billion in the corresponding period of the previous fiscal year. Overall balance incurred US\$ 0.33 billion deficit due to deficit in current account balance and US\$ 4.21 billion surplus in the financial account at the end of March 2018.

Table 3.6: Balance of Payments (Million US\$)

| | 2018-19 ^P July-March | 2017-18 ^P | 2016-17 ^R | 2015-16 ^R |
|-------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Trade Balance | -11928 | -18258 | -9472 | -6460 |
| Current Account Balance | -4234 | -9780 | -1331 | 4262 |
| Capital Account | 188 | 292 | 400 | 464 |
| Financial Account | 4209 | 9076 | 4247 | 944 |
| Overall Balance | -329 | -885 | 3169 | 5036 |

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

4. REAL SECTOR

4.1 Real Sector Indicators

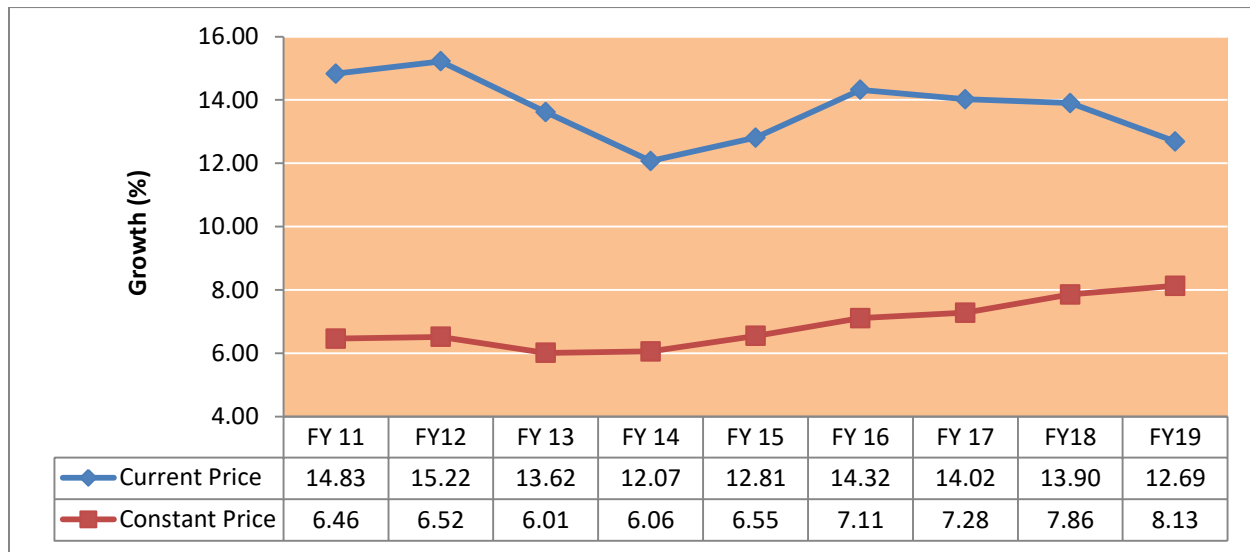
Bangladesh economy continued to maintain healthy growth as provisional estimates from Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics (BBS) reported 8.13 percent real GDP growth in FY19, supported by robust domestic demand, particularly private consumption and public investment. On the supply side, growth was driven mainly by industry (12.06 percent) and services (6.39 percent) with the sectoral composition of economy's output continuing to shift away from agriculture in FY18. At the same time, per capita GNI rose to US\$1751 at the end of FY18 from US\$1610 in FY17 and estimated to grow US\$1909 in FY19.

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

| Concepts | Unit | FY 13 | FY 14 | FY 15 | FY16 | FY17 | FY18 | FY19 ^P |
|------------------------|-------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|-------------------|
| GDP at constant prices | Billion Tk. | 7,299.0 | 7,741.4 | 8,248.6 | 8,835.4 | 9,479.0 | 10,224.3 | 11,055.1 |
| Growth | % | 6.01 | 6.06 | 6.55 | 7.11 | 7.28 | 7.86 | 8.13 |
| GDP at current prices | Billion Tk. | 11,989.2 | 13,436.7 | 15,158.0 | 17,328.6 | 19,758.2 | 22,504.8 | 25,361.8 |
| Growth | % | 13.62 | 12.07 | 12.81 | 14.32 | 14.02 | 13.90 | 12.69 |
| GNI at current prices | Billion Tk. | 12953.5 | 14332.2 | 16142.0 | 18326.7 | 20607.2 | 23,531.1 | 26,497.9 |
| Per capita GDP | Taka | 78,009 | 86,266 | 96,004 | 108,378 | 122,152 | 137,518 | 153,197 |
| Per capita GNI | Taka | 84,283 | 92,015 | 102,236 | 114,621 | 127,401 | 143,789 | 160,060 |
| Per capita GDP | US\$ | 976 | 1,110 | 1,236 | 1,385 | 1,544 | 1,675 | 1,827 |
| Per capita GNI | US\$ | 1,054 | 1,184 | 1,316 | 1,465 | 1,610 | 1,751 | 1,909 |

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 Industrial Production

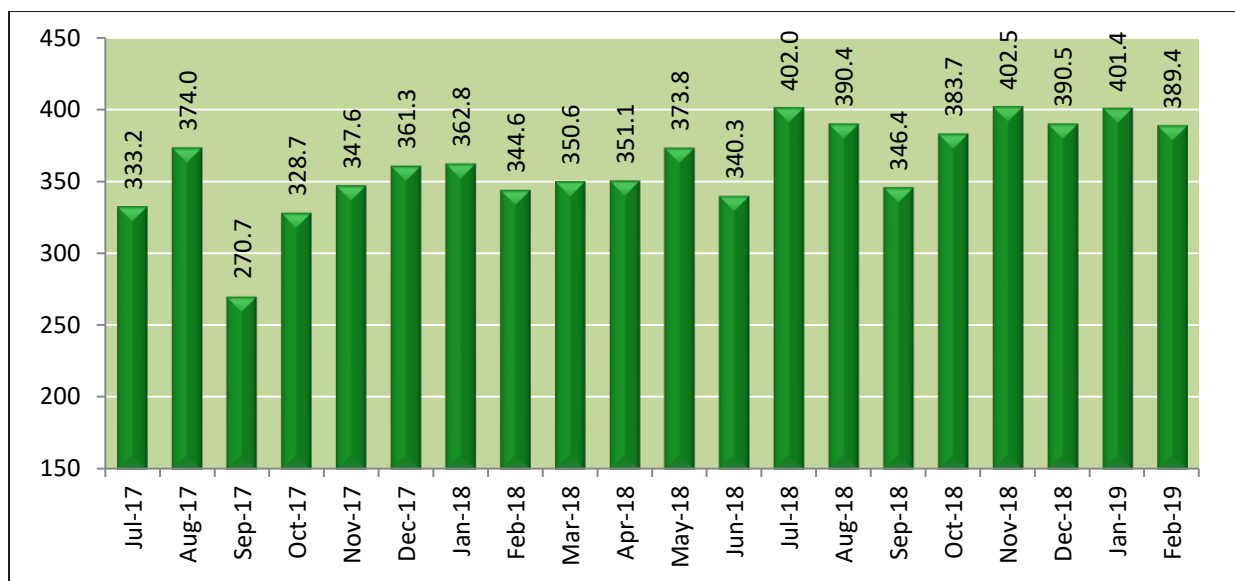
The quantum Index of large and medium scale manufacturing Industries, which indicates production performance of the manufacturing industry, increased by **12.98** percent and stood at **389.37** at the end of March 2019 (table 4.2). It is to be noted that this growth rate was 11.2 percent and 15.0 percent in FY17 and FY18 respectively.

Table 4.2: Quantum Index of large and medium scale manufacturing industries
(Base: 2005-06=100)

| Period | Index | Growth Rate (%)* |
|-------------------------|--------|------------------|
| 2010-11 | 157.89 | 16.90 |
| 2011-12 | 174.92 | 10.80 |
| 2012-13 | 195.19 | 11.60 |
| 2013-14 | 213.22 | 8.20 |
| 2014-15 | 236.11 | 10.74 |
| 2015-16 | 267.88 | 13.46 |
| 2016-17 | 297.89 | 11.20 |
| 2017-18 | 342.47 | 15.00 |
| March 2018 | 343.48 | 20.21 |
| March 2019 ^p | 389.37 | 12.98 |

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

Chart 4.2: Quantum Index of Manufacturing Industries (Base: 2005-06=100)



Source: Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics

4.3 Inflation

The average rate (12-month moving average) of inflation has eased down to 5.44 percent at the end of FY17 from 5.92 percent at the end of FY16 (table-4.3). However, general inflation edged up to 5.48 percent (twelve-month average basis) at the end of March 2019, of which food and non-food inflation were 5.76 percent and 5.03 percent respectively. On the other hand, point-to-point inflation stood at 5.55 percent in the same month, of which, food and non-food inflation were 5.72 percent and 5.29 percent respectively (Chart 4.3).

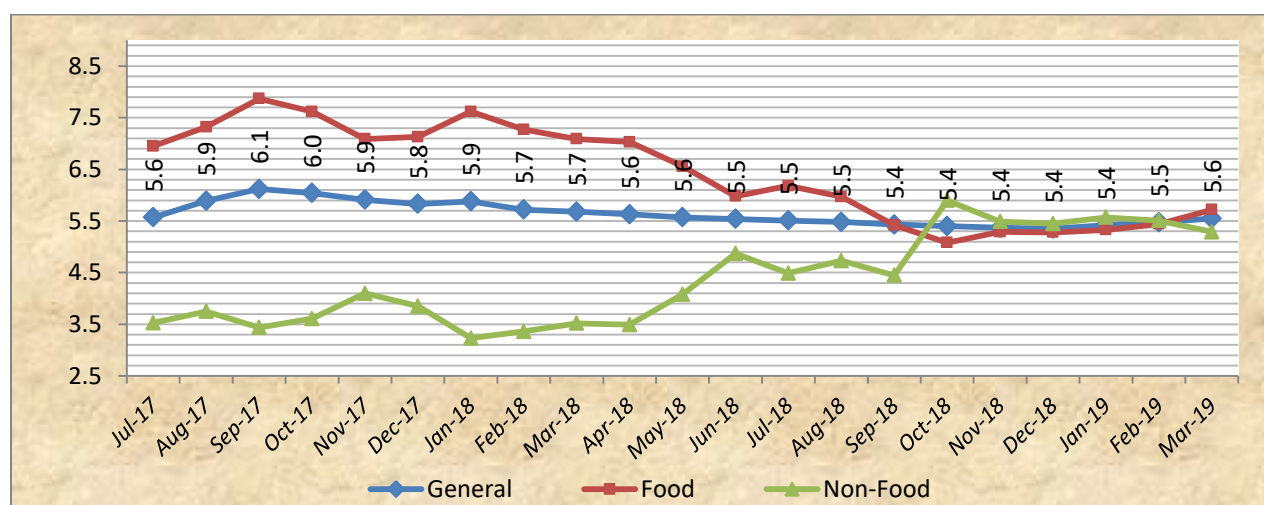
Table-4.3: CPI Inflation (National) (Base 2005-06)

| Fiscal Year | Twelve-Month Average Basis | | | Point to Point Basis | | |
|-------------|----------------------------|------|----------|----------------------|------|----------|
| | National | Food | Non-Food | National | Food | Non-Food |
| 2014-15 | 6.41 | 6.68 | 5.99 | 6.25 | 8.00 | 5.45 |
| 2015-16 | 5.92 | 4.90 | 7.47 | 5.53 | 6.32 | 6.15 |
| 2016-17 | 5.44 | 6.02 | 4.57 | 5.94 | 7.51 | 3.67 |
| 2017-18 | | | | | | |
| July | 5.45 | 6.23 | 4.29 | 5.57 | 6.95 | 3.53 |
| August | 5.50 | 6.48 | 4.03 | 5.89 | 7.32 | 3.75 |
| September | 5.55 | 6.72 | 3.81 | 6.12 | 7.87 | 3.44 |
| October | 5.59 | 6.89 | 3.65 | 6.04 | 7.62 | 3.61 |
| November | 5.64 | 7.03 | 3.56 | 5.91 | 7.09 | 4.10 |
| December | 5.70 | 7.17 | 3.50 | 5.83 | 7.13 | 3.85 |
| January | 5.76 | 7.26 | 3.51 | 5.88 | 7.62 | 3.23 |
| February | 5.80 | 7.30 | 3.54 | 5.72 | 7.27 | 3.36 |
| March | 5.82 | 7.31 | 3.57 | 5.68 | 7.09 | 3.52 |
| April | 5.83 | 7.32 | 3.58 | 5.63 | 7.03 | 3.49 |
| May | 5.82 | 7.25 | 3.63 | 5.58 | 6.56 | 4.08 |

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|-----------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| June | 5.78 | 7.13 | 3.74 | 5.54 | 5.98 | 4.87 |
| 2018-19 | | | | | | |
| July | 5.78 | 7.06 | 3.82 | 5.51 | 6.18 | 4.49 |
| August | 5.74 | 6.95 | 3.90 | 5.48 | 5.97 | 4.73 |
| September | 5.68 | 6.74 | 4.07 | 5.43 | 5.42 | 5.45 |
| October | 5.63 | 6.15 | 4.26 | 5.40 | 5.08 | 5.90 |
| November | 5.58 | 6.04 | 4.38 | 5.37 | 5.29 | 5.49 |
| December | 5.54 | 6.21 | 4.51 | 5.35 | 5.28 | 5.45 |
| January | 5.51 | 6.02 | 4.71 | 5.42 | 5.33 | 5.57 |
| February | 5.49 | 5.87 | 4.89 | 5.47 | 5.44 | 5.51 |
| March | 5.48 | 5.76 | 5.03 | 5.55 | 5.72 | 5.29 |

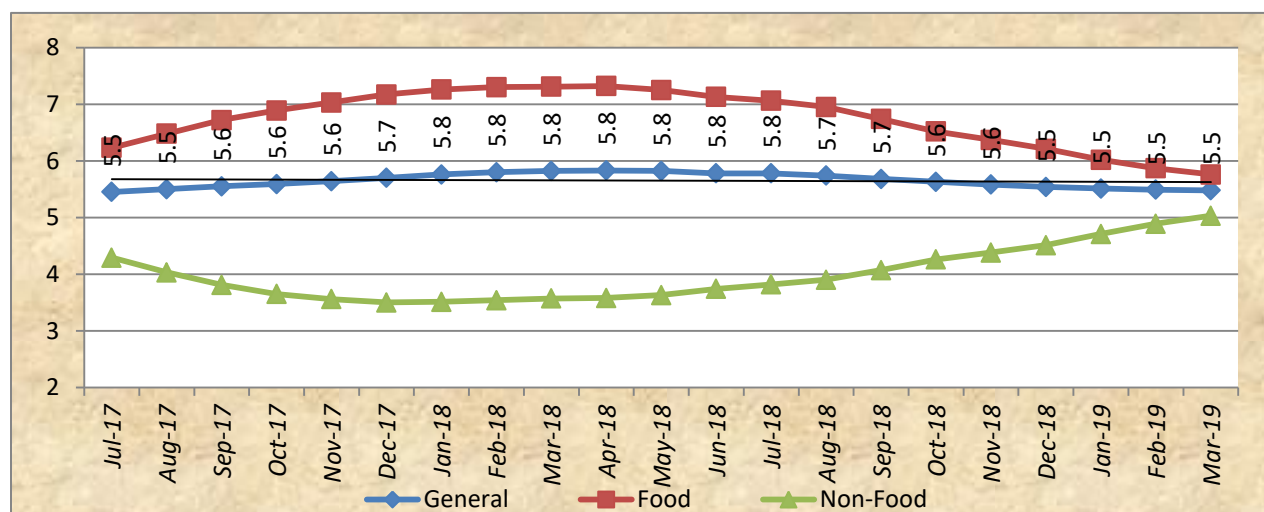
Source: Bangladesh Bank

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



Source: Bangladesh Bank

Chart 4.4: Trends of Twelve-Month Average Inflation (Base 2005-06=100)



Source: Bangladesh Bank