

## Sri Lanka – Fact Sheet

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| <b>Name</b>                     | Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka |
| <b>President</b>                | H.E. Mr. Maithripala Sirisena              |
| <b>Prime Minister</b>           | Hon'ble Mr. Ranil Wickremesinghe           |
| <b>Speaker</b>                  | Hon'ble Mr. Karu Jayasuriya                |
| <b>Leader of Opposition</b>     | Hon'ble Mr. R. Sampanthan                  |
| <b>Foreign Affairs Minister</b> | Hon'ble Mr. Ravi Karunanayake              |

**Official Name:** Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka

**National Day:** 4 February (Independence in 1948)

**Geography:** Located between 5° 55'N - 9° 50'N latitude and 79° 42'E - 81° 52'E longitude, South-East of India and separated by the Palk Strait and Gulf of Mannar.

**Climate:** Tropical; average temp 27° C. Monsoons: May-Oct and Dec-March, apart from convectional rains in summer.

**Topography:** The island is elevated at the Centre and South, falling to coastal plains at the periphery, narrow to the South and West and broad in the North. Rivers are generally short. Rainfall is heavier in the South. The uplands and wet zone are most densely populated.

**Area:** 65,610 sq. Km (62,705 sq. km excluding inland waters- about half the size of Tamilnadu). North-South distance is 434 Km; East-West is 227 Km.

**Std Time:** GMT +5.30 hrs; same as IST.

**Capital:** Sri Jayewardenapura Kotte.  
Colombo, the former capital, is the commercial capital and largest city.

**Major cities:** Colombo, Dehiwala, Mt. Lavinia, Kandy, Galle, Trincomalee.

### Basic Economic Indicators

**Population:** 20,675,000 (2014\*); Density – 330 per sq.km

**Literacy:** 95.6% (2012 Census)

**Currency:** Sri Lankan Rupee (1 US\$ = LKR 132)

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| <b>GDP:</b>                  | US\$ 75 billion (58% from Services sector, 32% from Industry sector and 10% from Agriculture sector) in 2014                 |
| <b>GDP Growth Rate:</b>      | 7.4% in 2014   |
| <b>GDP Per Capita:</b>       | US\$ 3,625 (2014)  |
| <b>Unemployment:</b>         | 4.3% (2014)  |
| <b>Tourist Arrivals:</b>     | 1,315,749 (Jan-Sep 2015); largest number of tourist arrivals from India – 220,907  |
| <b>FDI inflows:</b>          | US\$ 515.09 million (Jan-June 2015); US\$ 1616.26 million (2014)   |
| <b>Internet Penetration:</b> | 16.4 connections per 100 persons (2014)  |
| <b>Mobile phones:</b>        | 120 connections per 100 persons (2014)   |
| <b>Exports:</b>              | US\$ 11.1 billion (25% Agricultural exports, 75% Industrial exports) in 2014. Around 60% of exports was from tea and apparel |
| <b>Imports:</b>              | US\$ 19.4 billion (58% Intermediate goods, 20% Consumer goods and 21% Investment goods) in 2014                              |
| <b>Main Trade Partners:</b>  | India, China, USA, U.K, Europe   |

### **Bilateral**

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| <b>India's Exports:</b>               | US\$ 2.8 billion (Jan-Aug 2015) <i>(Sri Lanka Customs figures)</i>  |
| <b>India's Imports:</b>               | US\$ 454 million (Jan-Aug 2015) <i>(Sri Lanka Customs figures)</i>  |
| <b>Top ten Indian Exports (2014):</b> | Gas oil/ Diesel, Rice, Motorcycles, Petrol, Medicaments, Portland cement, Cement clinkers, Motor cars and other motor vehicles, Fuel oil and Semi-finished products of iron or non-alloy steel  |
| <b>Top ten Indian Imports (2014):</b> | Areca nuts, Fuel oil, Poultry feed, Boats and ships, Ignition wiring sets, (waste and scrap) paper or paperboard, Pepper, Worked monumental or building stone articles thereof, Marble, travertine and alabaster and Lead-acid accumulators |

### **Bilateral Trade Figures (US\$ Million):**

| <b>Year</b>   | <b>Imports from India</b> | <b>Exports to India</b> | <b>Total Trade</b> | <b>Trade Deficit for Sri Lanka</b> | <b>EXIM Ratio<br/>SL Imports:<br/>SL Exports</b> |
|---|---------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|------------------------------------|--|
| All figures in US \$ million, (FTA implemented in March 2000) |                           |                         |                    |                                    |  |
| 1999  | 512                       | 49                      | 561                | -463                               | 10.4:1   |
| 2000  | 600                       | 58                      | 658                | -542                               | 10.3:1   |
| 2001  | 602                       | 72                      | 674                | -530                               | 8.4:1  |
| 2002  | 835                       | 171                     | 1006               | -664                               | 4.9:1  |
| 2003  | 1076                      | 241                     | 1317               | -835                               | 4.5:1  |
| 2004  | 1358                      | 385                     | 1743               | -973                               | 3.5:1  |
| 2005  | 1439                      | 560                     | 1999               | -879                               | 2.6:1  |
| 2006  | 1800                      | 489                     | 2289               | -1311                              | 3.7:1  |
| 2007  | 2782                      | 516                     | 3298               | -2266                              | 5.4:1  |
| 2008  | 2845                      | 419                     | 3264               | -2426                              | 6.8:1  |
| 2009  | 1694                      | 325                     | 2019               | -1369                              | 5.2:1  |
| 2010  | 2548                      | 474                     | 3022               | -2074                              | 5.4:1  |
| 2011  | 4351                      | 525                     | 4876               | -3826                              | 8.3:1  |
| 2012  | 3534                      | 571                     | 4105               | -2963                              | 6.2:1  |
| 2013  | 3186                      | 544                     | 3730               | -2642                              | 5.9:1  |
| 2014  | 3977                      | 625                     | 4602               | -3352                              | 6.4:1  |
| 2015 (Jan-Aug)  | 2777                      | 454                     | 3231               | -2323                              | 6.1:1  |

### **Ministers:**

President Maithripala Sirisena retains the portfolio of Defence, Mahaweli Development & Environment. There are 62 Cabinet Ministers and 22 Deputy Ministers. They include:

### **Cabinet Ministers**

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| 1. | Ranil Wickremesinghe       | Prime Minister and Minister of National Policy and Economic Affairs |
| 2. | Mangala Samaraweera        | Minister of Foreign Affairs   |
| 3. | John Amaraturunga          | Minister of Tourism Promotion and Christian Affairs                 |
| 4. | Nimal Siripala de Silva    | Minister of Transport   |
| 5. | Gamini Jayawickrama Perera | Minister of sustainable development and Wildlife                    |
| 6. | S.B. Dissanayake           | Minister of Social Empowering and Welfare                           |
| 7. | W.D.J. Seneviratne         | Minister of Labor and Trade Union Relations                         |

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| 8.  | Lakshman Kiriella        | Minister of Universities, Education and Highways                       |
| 9.  | Anura Priyadarshana Yapa | Minister of Disaster Management  |
| 10. | Susil Premajayantha      | Minister of Technology, Technology Education and Employment            |
| 11. | Thilak Marapana          | Minister of Law and Order  |
| 12. | Rajitha Senaratne        | Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine                  |
| 13. | Ravi Karunanayake        | Minister of Finance  |
| 14. | Mahinda Samarasinghe     | Minister of Skills Development and Vocational Training                 |
| 15. | Vajira Abeygunawardene   | Minister of Internal Affairs   |
| 16. | S.B. Nawinna             | Minister of Internal Affairs, Cultural Affairs and Wayamba Development |
| 17. | Patali Champika Ranawaka | Minister of Kandy and Western Province Development                     |
| 18. | Mahinda Amaraweera       | Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources                            |
| 19. | Ranjith Siyambalapitiya  | Minister of Power and Renewable Energy                                 |
| 20. | Duminda Dissanayake      | Minister of Agriculture  |
| 21. | Wijeyadasa Rajapakse     | Minister of Buddhasasana   |
| 22. | P. Harrison              | Minister of Rural Economic Affairs                                     |
| 23. | Ranjith Madduma Bandara  | Minister of Public Administration and Management                       |
| 24. | Gayantha Karunathilaka   | Minister of Media  |
| 25. | Sajith Premadasa         | Minister of Housing and Development                                    |
| 26. | Arjuna Ranatunga         | Minister of Ports and Naval Affairs                                    |
| 27. | M.K.D.S. Gunawardana     | Minister of Lands  |
| 28. | P. Digambaram            | Minister of Estate infrastructure development                          |
| 29. | Chandrani Bandara        | Minister of Women's and Children's Affairs                             |
| 30. | Thalatha Athukorala      | Minister of Foreign Employment   |
| 31. | Akila Viraj Kariyawasam  | Minister of Education  |
| 32. | D.M.Swaminathan          | Minister of Hindu Affairs, Resettlement and Development                |
| 33. | Chandima Weerakkody      | Minister of Fuel and Petroleum Gases                                   |
| 34. | Dayasiri Jayasekara      | Minister of Sports   |
| 35. | Sagala Rathnayake        | Minister of Southern Development                                       |
| 36. | Harin Fernando           | Minister of Telecommunications and Digital                             |

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|     |                   | Infrastructure                              |
| 37. | Mano Ganesan      | Minister of National Dialogue               |
| 38. | Daya Gamage       | Minister of Primary Industries              |
| 39. | Rauff Hakeem      | Minister of Urban Planning and Water Supply |
| 40. | Rishad Bathiudeen | Minister of Industry and Commerce           |
| 41. | Kabir Hashim      | Minister of Public Enterprise Development   |
| 42. | Navin Dissanayake | Minister of Plantation Industries           |
| 43. | A. Haleem         | Minister of Postal and Muslim Affairs       |

## **State Ministers**

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| 1.  | T.B. Ekanayake            | State Minister of Land                                     |
| 2.  | A.H.M. Fauzi              | State Minister of National Integration                     |
| 3.  | Priyankara Jayaratne      | State Minister of Law and Order                            |
| 4.  | Lakshman Yapa Abeywardane | State Minister of Finance                                  |
| 5.  | Dilan Perera              | State Minister of Highways                                 |
| 6.  | Ravindra Samaraweera      | State Minister of Labour and Trade Union                   |
| 7.  | Dilip Wedaarachchi        | State Minister of Fisheries                                |
| 8.  | Niroshan Perera           | State Minister of National Policy and Economic Development |
| 9.  | Palitha Range Bandara     | State Minister of Vocational Training                      |
| 10. | Ruwan Wijeyawardene       | State Minister of Defence                                  |
| 11. | Mohan Lal Grero           | State Minister of University Education                     |
| 12. | Champilka Premadasa       | State Minister of Industries and Commerce                  |
| 13. | Vijayakala Maheswaran     | State Minister of Child Affairs                            |
| 14. | Wasantha Senanayake       | State Minister of Irrigation and Water Resources           |
| 15. | Sujeewa Senasinghe        | State Minister of International Trade                      |
| 16. | Wasantha Aluvihare        | State Minister of Agriculture                              |
| 17. | Sudarshani Fernandopulle  | State Minister of Water Supply                             |
| 18. | V. Radhakrishnan          | State Minister of Education                                |
| 19. | A. L.M. Hizbullah         | State Minister of Rehabilitation and Reconciliation        |

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