PART III

MAJOR ADMINISTRATIVE MEASURES ADOPTED BY THE MONETARY BOARD IN 1980.

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Circular No. 475

Central Bank of Ceylon, P. O. Box 590, Colombo 1. April 21, 1980.

Central Bank's Rates of Interest on Advances

(Reference: Sections 83 and 87 of the Monetary Law Act)

- 1. With effect from April 21, 1980 the rate of interest on advances by the Central Bank to commercial banks secured by the pledge of Government and Government guaranteed securities shall be 12% per annum.
- 2. With effect from April 21, 1980, the rate of interest on advances by the Central Bank to commercial banks secured by the pledge of usance promissory notes relating to commercial and production loans shall be 12% per annum.
- 3. Circular No. 240 of August 31, 1977 is hereby withdrawn.

U. A. de Silva
Chief Accountant

Warnasena Rasaputram
Governor

Circular No. 476

Central Bank of Ceylon, P. O. Box 590, Colombo 1. April 21, 1980.

Commercial Bank Credit

Commercial banks are hereby informed that with effect from April 21, 1980, the outstanding level of bank's borrowings from the Central Bank at the Bank Rate shall not exceed 4 per cent of the following asset items of that bank as on December 31, 1979:—

- 1. Bills discounted and financed;
- 2. Loans (excluding loans granted under Government Agricultural Credit Schemes); and
- 3. Overdrafts.

"Borrowings from the Central Bank" in this context excludes refinance granted under the Government Agricultural Credit Schemes, the Guaranteed Price Scheme and the Medium and Long Term Credit Fund.

The Central Bank, however, is prepared to consider applications from commercial banks for accommodation in excess of the stipulated limit to enable banks to tide over temporary cash shortages. Such accommodation will be granted on the following basis:-

(i) First 10 per cent above the stipulated limit
(ii) Second 10 percent above the stipulated limit
(iii) Third 10 per cent above the stipulated limit
(iv) Fourth 10 per cent above the stipulated limit
(v) Fifth 10 per cent above the stipulated limit and
(v) The believe the stipulated limit and 24% per annum

(vi) The balance - 30% per annum

The Central Bank Circular No. 419 of September 4th, 1979 is withdrawn. The provisions of paragraph 2 of Circular No. 169 of October 4th 1976, shall however remain in force, i.e. every commercial bank should ensure -

- (a) that the total amount of its loans and advances granted for non-essential purposes does not exceed the total amount of its loans and advances granted for such purposes and outstanding on June 30, 1976; and
- (b) that the total amount of its loans and advances granted to non-bank companies and bodies engaged in the business of lending moneys to the public and/or engaged in hire purchase activities does not exceed the total amount of its loans and advances granted to such companies and bodies and outstanding on June 30th 1976, subject to the provisions of Central Bank Circular No. 289 dated March 27, 1978.

U. A. de Silva Chief Accountant Warnasena Rasaputram Governor.

Circular No. 482

Central Bank of Ceylon, P. O. Box 590, Colombo 1. May 27, 1980.

Bearer Bonds

The Central Bank of Ceylon has arranged to issue its own Bond Certificates. These Bonds are issued as "Bearer Bonds" and both Bonds and the interest coupons attached thereon are transferable by delivery.

The principal characteristics of the Bearer Bond Scheme are set out below:-

(i) Principal Sum

The Bearer Bonds are of a face value of Rs. 5,000. They will be issued initially at a discount of 5 per cent. They will be redeemed at par on maturity.

(ii) Maturity

The maturity date of the Bonds shall be 1st March, 1985.

(iii) Place of Issue

The Bonds will be issued by the Department of Banking of the Central Bank of Ceylon or by the Head Office or any Branch Office of any of the commercial banks in Sri Lanka.

(iv) Place of Repayment

The face value of the Bond will be repayable on maturity at the Department of Banking, Central Bank of Ceylon, or at the Head Office or Branch Office of any of the commercial banks in Sri Lanka.

(v) Interest

(a) Interest on the face value of the Bond calculated at 6 per cent per annum is payable half-yearly on the dates specified on the interest coupons attached to each Bond.

- (b) Interest payable shall be computed on a pro-rata basis for the number of days from the date of issue of the Bond to the due date of interest payment, both days inclusive.
- (c) Interest will be paid on the surrender of the coupon at the Department of Banking, Central Bank of Ceylon, or at the Head Office or Branch Office of any of the commercial banks; the Bond itself need not be presented at the time of encashment of the coupon.
- (d) Interest will cease to accrue after the date of maturity.

(vi) Transferability

The Bond shall be freely transferable by delivery. A change in ownership is effected by delivery of the Bond by the transferer to the transferee and is freely negotiable without disclosure of identity.

(vii) Security Printing

The Bond is printed on security paper and has a serial number printed on it. The interest coupons bear the serial number of the Bond and are also separately numbered in serial order from 1 to 10. The interest due dates are printed on each coupon. The Bond bears the facsimile signature of the Governor of the Central Bank of Ceylon and the signatures of the two officers mentioned thereon.

Commercial Banks operating in Sri Lanka are requested to sell Bearer Bonds, acting as Agents for the Central Bank of Ceylon. Hence, commercial banks are hereby informed that Bonds will be made available to them in multiples of 100 on request to the Chief Accountant, Central Bank of Ceylon, Colombo. For this purpose a requisition as in the annexure signed by one or more authorised officers of the commercial bank in accordance with each bank's own procedures should be sent to the Chief Accountant, Central Bank of Ceylon, Colombo 1. Since the Bonds have to be signed by two officers of the Central Bank to give the Bonds validity prior to issue, it would be appreciated if the Central Bank is given reasonable notice of the bank's requirements.

Commercial banks should report to the Chief Accountant, Central Bank of Ceylon, their sale of Bearer Bonds on the 1st and 16th of each month. When reporting the sale of Bonds, the commercial banks should forward a cheque drawn in favour of the "Central Bank - Bearer Bond Account" together with a statement indicating the serial numbers of the Bonds sold.

The commercial banks are required to insert the date of sale on the face of each Bond and on the reverse of the first coupon for which interest begins to accrue and to duly certify by one or more authorised officers in accordance with each bank's own procedures. Care should be exercised by the commercial bank selling the Bond to invalidate by use of an appropriate stamp those coupons that are not eligible for payment of interest; such coupons should be detached from the Bond and returned to the Chief Accountant, Central Bank of Ceylon, along with the fortnightly returns referred to above, indicating the serial number of the Bond and the invalidated interest coupon number.

When interest is paid on a coupon, the paying banks should endorse across the coupon the legend "interest paid" and submit the coupon to the Chief Accountant, Central Bank of Ceylon, Colombo, for reimbursement. Reimbursement shall be granted promptly by crediting the respective bank's current account held with the Central Bank of Ceylon. The claim for reimbursement should indicate:—

- (a) the serial numbers of the Bonds on which interest has been paid;
- (b) the numbers of the interest coupons viz. whether coupon No. 1 or No. 2 or No. 3 etc., and
- (c) the amount of interest paid on each coupon.

The claim for reimbursement should be authenticated by one or more authorised officers of the commercial bank in accordance with each bank's own procedures.

Claims for reimbursement of the payment made on encashment of Bonds should be accompanied by the following:-

- (a) the Bonds duly cancelled; and
- (b) a statement indicating the serial numbers of the Bonds encashed and the date of encashment of the Bonds.

The Bearer Bonds and the interest coupons attached thereon issued to commercial banks shall remain the property of the Central Bank of Ceylon until sale. Any loss of Bonds from the custody of commercial banks shall be deemed as sold.

Commercial banks and their branches are authorised to encash Bonds and make payment on interest coupons without any inquiries as to when relevant Bonds were purchased.

A. T. W. Jehoratnam Acting Chief Accountant

W. Rasaputram
Governor.

Annexure

The Chief Accountant, Central Bank of Ceylon, Janadhipathi Mawatha, Colombo 1. May, 1980.

Dear	Sir,	
We		reques
	,	(Name of Commercial Bank)
you	to deliver to	us
•		(Number in Words)

Bearer Bonds, to bearer whose name and specimen signature are given below.

We hereby undertake to keep these Bonds in safe custody with us until sale.

We shall send a statement of the number of Bonds sold indicating the printed serial numbers of Bonds issued, on the 1st and 16th of every month, in terms of your circular No. 482 dated 80-05-27 together with a cheque drawn in favour of "Central Bank - Bearer Bond Account", representing the value of Bearer Bonds sold by us during that part of the month.

Circular No. 536		Cer	tral Bank o	f Ceylon
(Authorised Signature Signatures of the Bank)				
(Name of Commercial Bank)				
for	•			
Yours faithfully,				•
		••••	••••••	
Name & Specimen Signature of Bearer		•	٠	

Central Bank of Ceylon, P. O. Box 590, Colombo 1. December 19, 1980.

Central Bank of Ceylon 6% Bearer Bonds 1985

- 1. Commercial banks are hereby informed that the Central Bank has decided to reduce the maturity period of the Bearer Bonds issued under its Circular No. 482 dated May 27, 1980. The maturity of this series of bonds shall now be March 01, 1983.
- 2. Accordingly, the Bonds are encashable at face value on March 01, 1983, at the option of the holders.

If the Bonds are so encashed on March 01, 1983, the interest coupon Nos. 7-10 (both inclusive) should be treated as cancelled.

3. Commercial banks are also informed that the Central Bank will pay a commission of 1/2 per cent to commercial banks on the value of bonds sold.

U. A. de Silva Chief Accountant.

W. Rasaputram
Governor

Circular No. 537

Central Bank of Ceylon, P. O. Box 590, Colombo 1. December 29, 1980.

Commercial Bank Credit

Commercial banks are hereby informed that with effect from January 1st, 1981, the outstanding level of a bank's borrowings from the Central Bank at the bank rate shall not exceed 3% of the total of the following asset items of that bank as at the end of August 1980, subject to a minimum allocation of Rs. 2 million for each bank:

- (1) Bills discounted and financed;
- (2) Loans (excluding loans granted under Government Agricultural Credit Schemes); and
- (3) Overdrafts,

subject to the provision that in the case of a bank whose outstanding borrowings from the Central Bank as at January 1st, 1981 exceeds the stipulated limit (which will be informed to each bank), that bank is required to repay the excess on or before January 15th, 1981. 'Borrowings from the Central Bank' in this context excludes refinance granted under the Government Agricultural Credit Scheme, the Guaranteed Price Scheme and from the Medium and Long Term Credit Fund.

The Central Bank, however, will continue to consider applications from commercial banks for accommodation in excess of the stipulated limit to enable banks to tide over temporary cash shortages in terms of paragraph 2 of its Circular No. 476 of April 21, 1980.

The provisions of paragraph 2 of Circular No. 169 of October 4, 1976 shall continue to remain in force, i.e. every commercial bank should ensure -

- (a) that the total amount of its loans and advances granted for nonessential purposes does not exceed the total amount of its loans and advances granted for such purposes and outstanding on June 30, 1976; and
- (b) that the total amount of its loans and advances granted to non-bank companies and bodies engaged in the business of lending moneys to the public and/or engaged in hire purchase activities does not exceed the total amount of its loans and advances granted to such companies and bodies and outstanding on June 30, 1976, subject to the provisions of Central Bank Circular No. 289 dated March 27, 1978.

U. A. de Silva Chief Accountant Warnasena Rasaputram
Governor

Central Bank's Spot and Forward* Exchange Rates for Telegraphic Transfers for the Asian Monetary Unit, Bangladesh Taka, Burmese Kyat, Indian Rupee, Iranian Riyal, Nepalese Rupee and Pakistani Rupee for operations through the Asian Clearing Union.

(Rupees per 100 Unit of each currency)

_	Circular	Asian Mor	netary Unit	Banglade	sh Taka	Burmes	Kyat	Indian	Rupee	Iranian	Riyal	Nepales	e Rupee	Pakistan	i Rupee
Date	No.	Buying* Spot	Selling** Spot	Buying Spot*	Selling Spot**	Buying Spot†	Selling Spot§	Buying Spot†	Selling Spot§	Buying Spot†	Selling Spot§	Buying Spot†	Selling Spot§	Buying Spot†	Selling Spot§
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AMUs — * Buying -/50 cts. per month discount against Spot. ** Selling -/50 cts. per month premium against Spot. Other Currencies - Buying -/06 cts. per month discount against Spot Selling -/04 cts. per month premium against Spot. Buving From 1-10-80 Selling -/10 cts. per month premium against Spot. -/10 cts. per month discount against Spot. Bangladesh Taka -/25 cts.,, Burmese Kvat -/25 cts. , -20 cts. ,, Indian Rupee -/20 cts. ,, ,, -/02 cts. ,, -/02 cts., Iranian Riyal ,, -/15 cts. ,, Nepalese & Pakistani Rupee -/15 cts. ,,

Commercial Banks' Exchange Rates for Operations through the Asian Clearing Union

(Rupees	Per	100	Unit	of	each	currency)
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Date	Circular	Asian Monetary		Bangladesh Taka		Burmese Kyat India		Rupee	Iranian Riyal		Nepalese Rupee		Pakistani Rupee	
	No.	Buying Sel	ling Buying	Selling	Buying	Selling	Buying	Selling	Buying	Selling	Buying	Selling	Buying	Selling
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Central Bank did not quote for AMUs from 1st October, 1980

Central Bank's Rates for the Purchase of Foreign Currency Notes from Commercial Banks

Effective date	1	Per \$ 1/-
January 16 1980 45 February 11 1980 45 March 3 1980 46 March 14 1980 46 March 25 1980 46 April 7 1980 47 April 17 1980 47 April 17 1980 47 April 17 1980 48 June 6 1980 48 June 18 1980 48 June 25 1980 48 June 25 1980 49 July 31 1980 49 July 31 1980 49 July 31 1980 50 August 28 1980 50 August 28 1980 50 September 1 1980 50 September 1 1980 50 September 1 1980 51 October 13 1980 51 October 14 1980 51 October 15 1980 51 November 18 1980 52 November 1980 52 December 1980 53	3 16.40 119.55 39.30 52.90 12.70 27.50 85.90 36.65 30.30 18.40 61.95 54.65 67.90 77.85 30.20 42.90 40.15 44.15 68.75 35.80 93.65 39.65 33.85 14.65 0119.70 39.45 52.80 12.85 27.35 85.70 36.55 30.75 13.45 61.75 54.75 68.50 77.65 30.60 43.15 40.55 44.35 69.20 35.95 92.05 39.85 34.30 14.15 6.05 149.55 40.05 52.60 13.25 27.45 85.40 36.50 30.55 18.45 61.20 55.20 69.40 77.65 30.85 43.80 41.15 45.05 69.85 36.00 88.85 40.55 34.35 15.16 83 118.25 40.65 51.85 131.31 02.65 95 84.25 36.10 30.80 18.15 62.10 55.80 69.60 76.65 30.55 44.55 41.85 45.99 69.90 33.70 88.10 41.15 15.16 83 118.25 40.65 51.85 131.31 02.65 95 84.25 36.10 30.80 18.15 62.10 55.80 69.60 76.65 30.55 44.55 44.55 44.55 49.69 .25 135.10 86.70 41.40 33.95 15.17 .10 16.85 141.25 15.15 13.15 12.6 80 83.10 35.20 30.55 17.60 62.25 156.40 68.95 17.70 30.30 444.75 142.10 44.75 142.90 13.20 125.95 80.00 34.75 31.00 17.35 60.40 56.95 78.73 .20 130.40 144.90 142.90 147.40 168.20 134.95 84.50 142.25 31.10 15.10 17.00 116.65 141.25 51.55 13.15 12.6 80 83.10 35.95 30.85 17.85 62.11 56.60 67.80 76.25 30.55 145.65 142.90 146.90 69.55 135.55 90.00 142.20 34.30 15.11 17.35 120.25 140.80 153.20 13.05 27.35 85.65 36.60 31.30 18.20 67.40 57.15 70.80 77.80 17.25 144.55 14.50 14.5	.90 .15 .40 .50 .75 .60 .40 .35 .35 .40 .40 .40 .50 .40 .40 .50 .40 .40 .50 .40 .50 .50 .40 .40 .50 .50 .50 .50 .50 .50 .60 .60 .60 .60 .60 .60 .60 .60 .60 .6