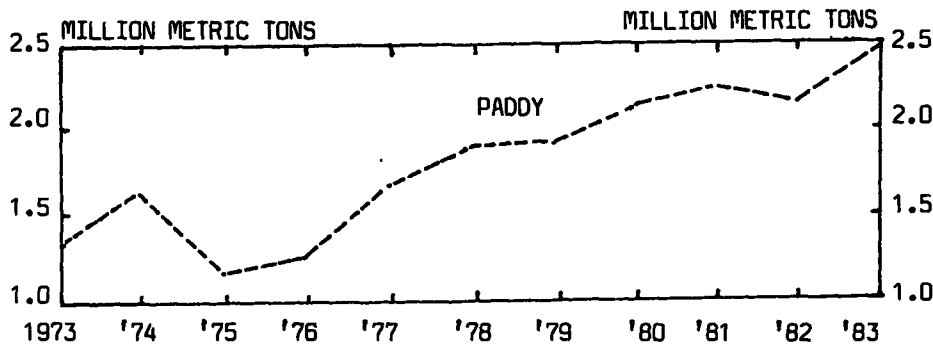
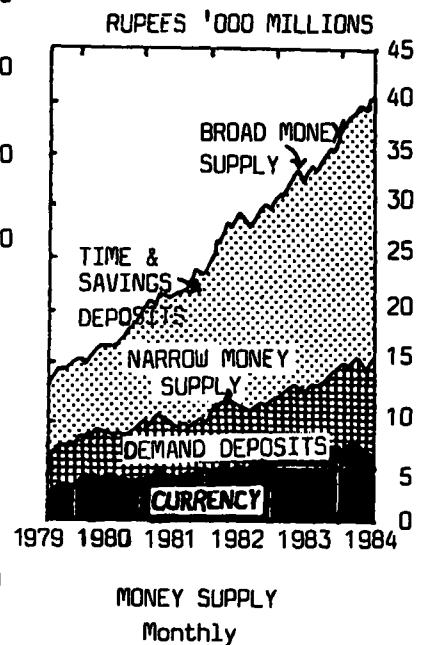
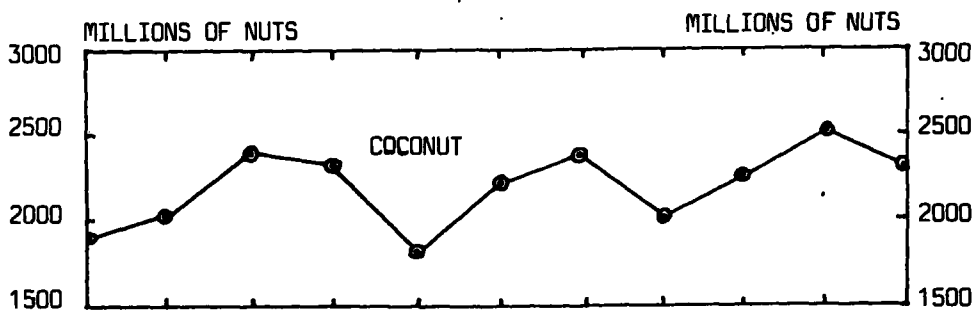
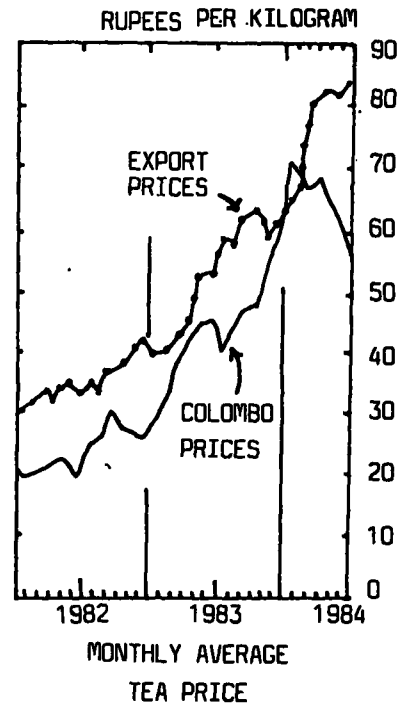
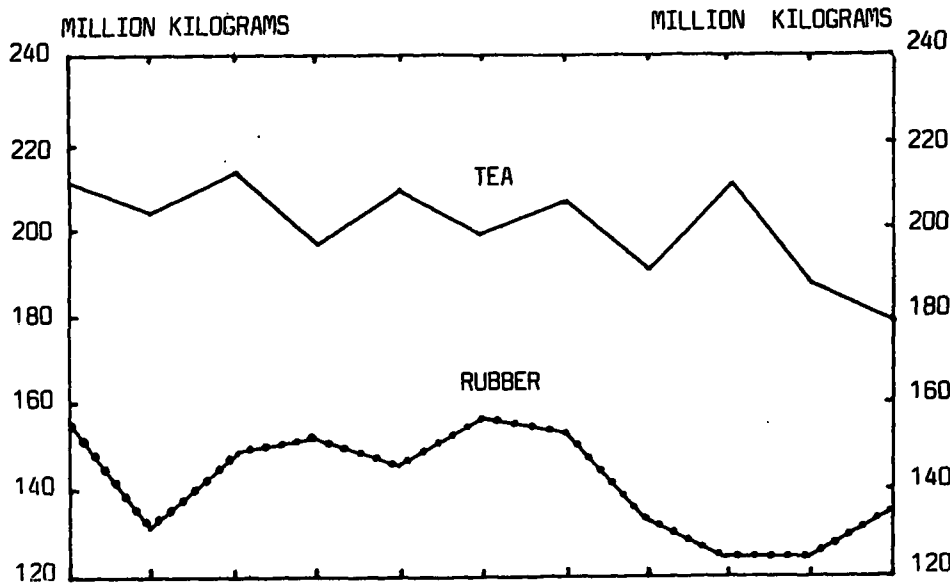


## PRODUCTION OF PRINCIPAL AGRICULTURAL CROPS



## TRENDS IN THE ECONOMY

The performance of Sri Lanka's economy in the first half of 1984 indicates certain favourable trends. Aggregate earnings from exports increased by 41 percent in the first half of 1984 as against the same period last year. The increase has resulted mainly from higher earnings of tea, rubber and industrial exports. If these trends are sustained and strengthened they could help to ease considerably the problems related to the balance of payment and budgetary management. The increase in external assets of the banking system at the same time has resulted in the expansion of monetary aggregates. Particularly in June this year, a Rs.840 million or 14 percent (reserve money) expansion was recorded; while the monetary base also increased by Rs.49 million to reach Rs.12.4 billion and total broad money supply reached Rs.39.7 billion by the end of June.