

# **Nepal Rastra Bank**

# Economic Research Department, Baluwatar, Kathmandu **Current Macroeconomic and Financial Situation of Nepal** (Based on One Month Data Ending Mid-August, 2024/25)

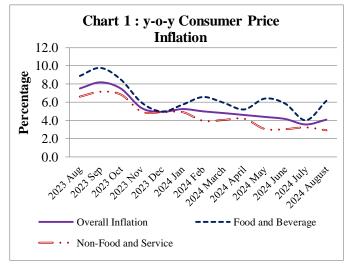
# **Major Highlights**

- CPI-based inflation remained 4.10 percent on y-o-y basis.
- Imports decreased 0.6 percent and exports decreased 9.6 percent.
- Remittances increased 18.0 percent in NPR terms.
- Balance of Payments remained at a surplus of Rs.40.90 billion.
- Gross foreign exchange reserves stood at NPR 2092.22 billion and 15.58 billion in USD terms.
- Nepal Government expenditure amounted to Rs.40.21 billion and revenue collection Rs.94.74 billion.
- Broad money (M2) decreased 0.7 percent. On y-o-y basis, M2 expanded 14.8 percent.
- Deposits at BFIs decreased 0.7 percent and private sector credit increased 0.3 percent. On y-o-y basis, deposits increased 14.9 percent and private sector credit increased 6.2 percent.

# Inflation

#### **Consumer Price Inflation (CPI)**

- 1. The y-o-y consumer price inflation stood at 4.10 percent in mid-August 2024 compared to 7.52 percent a year ago. Food and beverage inflation stood at 6.17 percent whereas nonfood and service inflation stood at 2.94 percent in the review month. During the same period in the previous year, the price indices of these groups had increased by 8.90 percent and 6.62 percent, respectively.
- 2. Under the food and beverage category, y-o-y price index of vegetable sub-category increased 19.07 percent, pulse and legumes



12.09 percent, Cereal grains and their products 9.15 percent and milk products and eggs 3.66 percent while y-o-y price index of spices sub-category decreased 2.75 percent.

#### Box 1: Update of the base year of Consumer Price Index

Nepal Rastra Bank has updated the base year of the Consumer Price Index (CPI) to 2023/24. Prior to this, such base year was 2014/15.

The household expenditure weights used for this index are derived from the fourth Nepal Living Standards Survey (NLSS-IV), conducted by the National Statistics Office in the fiscal year 2022/23. In the updated Consumer Price Index, the weight for the food and beverage group is 35.49 percent and for the non-food and services group is 64.51 percent. Previously, alcoholic drinks, tobacco products, and restaurants and hotels were included in the food and beverages group. However, in the updated index, these items have been reclassified under the non-food and services group in accordance with the COICOP (Classification of Individual Consumption by Purpose) 2018 standard.

Price of 525 items is collected from weighted basket of 249 commodities to compute the price index. Of these, price of 59 items is collected weekly, 94 monthly, and 372 quarterly. The price index is computed at the provincial level as well.

For price collection, 87 market centers have been selected across all 77 districts, including 28 from the Terai, 43 from the hill, and 16 from the mountain region. Among these, 21 are rural market centers and 66 are urban. These market centers on provincial basis consists of 15 in Koshi, 12 in Madhesh, 16 in Bagmati, 11 in Gandaki, 13 in Lumbini, and 10 each in Karnali and Sudurpaschim.

The new series is based on the international standards such as Consumer Price Index Manual 2020 and COICOP 2018, among others.

3. Under the non-food and services category, y-o-y price index of Miscellaneous goods and services sub-category increased 7.94 percent, Alcoholic drinks 5.38 percent, Clothes and footwear 4.58 percent and Tobacco products 3.52 percent while y-o-y price index of Insurance and Financial services sub-categorgy held constant.

Table 1: y-o-y Consumer Price Inflation				
(Percent)				
Mid-Month				
Particulars	July/Aug	Jun/July	July/Aug	
	2023	2024	2024	
<b>Overall Inflation</b>	7.52	3.57	4.10	
Food and Beverage	8.90	4.10	6.17	
Non-food and Service	6.62	3.15	2.94	

- 4. During the review month, y-o-y price index in rural areas increased by 4.28 percent, while in urban areas, it rose by 4.03 percent.
- 5. Based on provinces, in the review month, y-o-y consumer price inflation in Koshi Province is 4.61 percent, Madhesh Province 4.17 percent, Bagmati Province 3.49 percent, Gandaki Province 3.90 percent, Lumbini Province 3.81 percent, Karnali Province 3.46 percent, and Sudurpashchim Province 6.69 percent.
- 6. In the review month, y-o-y consumer price inflation in the Kathmandu Valley, Terai, Hill and Mountain region surged to 3.62 percent, 4.49 percent, 3.67 percent and 4.53 percent respectively. Inflation in these regions were 8.50 percent, 6.70 percent, 7.50 percent and 11.46 percent respectively a year ago.

#### Wholesale Price Inflation (WPI)

- 7. The y-o-y wholesale price inflation stood at 3.66 percent in mid-August 2024 compared to 4.34 percent a year ago.
- 8. The y-o-y wholesale price of consumption goods, intermediate goods and capital goods increased 1.51 percent, 5.18 percent and 2.08 percent respectively. The y-o-y wholesale price of construction material decreased by 4.21 percent in the review month.

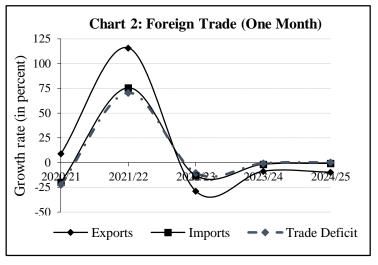
#### **Consumer Price Inflation in Nepal and India**

9. The y-o-y consumer price inflation in Nepal remained at 4.10 percent in mid-August 2024. Such inflation in India stood at 3.65 percent in August 2024.

# **External Sector**

### Merchandise Trade

10. During the first month of 2024/25, merchandise exports decreased 9.6 percent to Rs.12.23 billion compared to a decrease of 8.7 percent in the same period of the previous year. Destination-wise, exports to India, China and other countries decreased 10.6 percent, 59.8 percent and 3.5 Exports percent respectively. of particle board, oil cakes, tea, woolen carpet, shoes and sandals, among others increased whereas exports of cardamom, palm oil, zinc sheet, jute



goods, readymade garments, among others decreased in the review period.

- 11. During the first month of 2024/25, merchandise imports decreased 0.6 percent to Rs.128.38 billion compared to a decrease of 1.6 percent a year ago. Destination-wise, imports from India decreased 4.4 percent while imports from China and other countries increased 12.0 percent and 0.4 percent. Imports of chemical fertilizer, transport equipment, vehicle and other vehicle spare parts, other machinery and parts, readymade garments, edible oil, among others increased whereas imports of rice/paddy, aircraft spareparts, hot rolled sheet in coil, M.S. wire rod, bars, coils and others, M.S. billet, among others decreased in the review period.
- 12. Based on customs points, exports from Birgunj, Kailali, Krishnanagar and Nepalgunj Customs Offices increased whereas exports from all the other major customs points decreased in the review period. On the import side, imports from Kailali, Mechi, Nepalgunj, Rasuwa and Tatopani Customs Offices increased whereas imports from all the other major customs points decreased in the review period.
- 13. Total trade deficit increased 0.4 percent to Rs.116.15 billion during the first month of 2024/25. Such a deficit had decreased 0.7 percent in the corresponding period of the previous year. The

export-import ratio decreased to 9.5 percent in the review period from 10.5 percent in the corresponding period of the previous year.

14. During the first month of 2024/25, merchandise imports from India by paying convertible foreign currency amounted Rs.13.98 billion. Such amount was Rs.17.30 billion in the same period of the previous year.

#### **Composition of Foreign Trade**

- 15. As per the Broad Economic Categories (BEC), the intermediate and final consumption goods accounted for 54.6 percent and 44.3 percent of the total exports respectively, whereas the ratio of capital goods in total exports remained negligible at 1.1 percent in the review period. In the same period of the previous year, the ratio of intermediate, capital and final consumption goods remained 53.6 percent, 0.27 percent and 46.1 percent of total exports respectively.
- 16. On the imports side, the share of intermediate goods remained 50.7 percent, capital goods 9.2 percent and final consumption goods 40.1 percent in the review period. Such ratios were 54.9 percent, 9.7 percent and 35.4 percent respectively in the same period of the previous year.

### **Export-Import Price Index**

17. The y-o-y unit value export price index, based on customs data, increased 2.5 percent and the import price index increased 0.8 percent in the first month of 2024/25. The terms of trade (ToT) index increased 1.7 percent in the review month.

#### Services

- 18. Net services income remained at a deficit of Rs.15.26 billion in the review period compared to a deficit of Rs.11.25 billion in the same period of the previous year.
- 19. Under the service account, travel income increased 8.1 percent to Rs.4.76 billion in the review period which was Rs.4.40 billion in the same period of the previous year.

Table 2: BOP related Indicators during the review period						
Particulars	Values (i	n billions)	Percentage Change			
	2023/2024 <sup>R</sup>	$2024/2025^{P}$	2023/2024 <sup>R</sup>	2024/2025 <sup>P</sup>		
Travel income	4.40	4.76	53.5	8.1		
Travel payment	17.26	22.50	54.0	30.4		
Remittance inflows	116.02	136.93	22.8	18.0		
Direct Investment Inflows (Equity only)	2.65	0.80	546.1	-69.8		
R=Revised P=Provisional						

20. Under the service account, travel

payments increased 30.4 percent to Rs.22.50 billion, including Rs.14.92 billion for education. Such payments were Rs.17.26 billion and Rs.10.75 billion respectively in the same period of the previous year.

#### Remittances

- 21. Remittance inflows increased 18.0 percent to Rs.136.93 billion in the review period compared to an increase of 22.8 percent in the same period of the previous year. In the US Dollar terms, remittance inflows reached 1.02 billion in the review period which was 879.8 million in the same period of the previous year.
- 22. The number of Nepali workers, both institutional and individual, taking first-time approval for foreign employment stands at 36,928 and taking approval for renew entry stands at 22,647. In the previous year, such numbers were 39,152 and 16,423 respectively.

23. Net secondary income (net transfer) reached Rs.148.49 billion in the review period compared to Rs.128.21 billion in the same period of the previous year.

#### **Current Account and Balance of Payments**

- 24. The current account remained at a surplus of Rs.30.89 billion in the review period compared to a surplus of Rs.13.37 billion in the same period of the previous year. In the US Dollar terms, the current account registered a surplus of 230.4 million in the review period against a surplus of 101.3 million in the same period last year.
- 25. In the review period, net capital transfer amounted to Rs.223.2 million and foreign direct investment inflow (Equity only) remained at Rs.799.8 million. In the same period of the previous year, net capital transfer amounted to Rs.272.6 million and foreign direct investment inflows (Equity only) amounted to Rs.2.65 billion.
- 26. Balance of Payments (BOP) remained at a surplus of Rs. 40.90 billion in the review period compared to a surplus of Rs. 36.43 billion in the same period of the previous year. In the US Dollar terms, the BOP remained at a surplus of 305.1 million in the review period compared to a surplus of 276.3 million in the same period of the previous year.

#### Box 2: Brief Note for Summary of BOP as BPM6

Nepal Rastra Bank (NRB) has been publishing the summary of the Balance of Payments (BOP) as per the IMF's Balance of Payments Manual, fifth edition (BPM5). NRB had started publishing the summary of BOP as per the IMF's Balance of Payments and International Investment Position Manual, sixth edition (BPM6) by mapping the standard components from the BPM5 table, since August 2020. From 2024/25, NRB has started publishing the country's BOP as per BPM6 and International Transaction Reporting System (ITRS) Guidelines, 2022 which is based on BPM6.

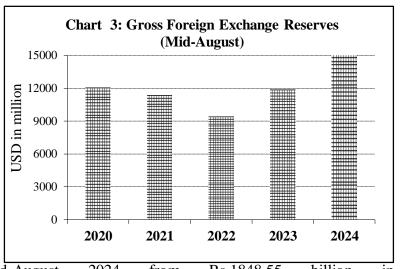
The presentation format is different in BPM6 table from that of BPM5. In the BPM6 table, credit entries and debit entries in the current and capital account are presented in columns. The financial account uses the headings "net acquisition of financial assets" and "net incurrence of liabilities" instead of "debits" and "credits". Both credit and debit entries in the current and capital account are presented with a positive (+) sign. In the financial account, increase in assets/liabilities is presented with a negative (-) sign.

In the current account, current account balance is calculated as credits minus debits. In the financial account, net lending/net borrowing is calculated as net acquisition of financial assets minus net incurrence of liabilities. In the "changes in reserves net", positive number denotes the BOP surplus and negative number denotes the BOP deficit.

Some components, which were previously consolidated under a single heading in the BPM5 Table, have now been disaggregated into multiple headings and some have been reclassified. Therefore, certain components in the BPM6 (mapping) Table, published previously before July 2024, are not directly comparable to those in recently published BPM6 Table. Caution should be taken while directly comparing such components.

#### **Foreign Exchange Reserves**

- 27. Gross foreign exchange reserves increased 2.5 percent to Rs.2092.22 billion in mid-August 2024 from Rs.2041.10 billion in mid-July 2024. In the US dollar terms, the gross foreign exchange reserves increased 2.0 percent to 15.58 billion in mid-August 2024 from 15.27 billion in mid-July 2024.
- 28. Of the total foreign exchange reserves, reserves held by NRB increased 1.9 percent to



Rs.1883.42 billion in mid-August 2024 from Rs.1848.55 billion in mid-July 2024. Reserves held by banks and financial institutions (except NRB) increased 8.4 percent to Rs.208.79 billion in mid-August 2024 from Rs.192.55 billion in mid-July 2024. The share of Indian currency in total reserves stood at 22.6 percent in mid-August 2024.

#### **Foreign Exchange Adequacy Indicators**

29. Based on the imports of first month of 2024/25, the foreign exchange reserves of the banking sector is sufficient to cover the prospective merchandise imports of 16.7 months, and merchandise and services imports of 13.5 months. The ratio of reserves-to-GDP, reserves-to-imports and reserves-to-M2 stood at 36.7 percent, 112.5 percent and 30.3 percent respectively in mid-August 2024. Such ratios were 35.8 percent, 108.6 percent and 29.3 percent respectively in mid-July 2024.

#### Price of Oil and Gold

30. The price of oil (Crude Oil Brent) in the international market decreased 4.3 percent to US dollar 81.56 per barrel in mid-August 2024 from US dollar 85.24 per barrel a year ago. The price of gold increased 31.1 percent to US dollar 2485.80 per ounce in mid-August 2024 from US dollar 1896.35 per ounce a year ago.

#### **Exchange Rate**

31. Nepalese currency vis-à-vis the US dollar depreciated 0.5 percent in mid-August 2024 from mid-July 2024. It had depreciated 1 percent in the same period of the previous year. The buying exchange rate per US dollar stood at Rs.134.02 in mid-August 2024 compared to Rs.133.36 in mid-July 2024.

# **Fiscal Situation**

## **Nepal Government**

## **Expenditure and Revenue**

32. According to Ministry of Finance, Financial Comptroller General Office (FCGO), the total expenditure of the Nepal Government stood at Rs.40.21 billion during the first month of FY 2024/25. The recurrent expenditure, capital

Amou	nt (Rs. in H		Parca	
		Percentage Change		
2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2023/24	2024/25
22.26	35.04	40.21	57.4	14.8
5.66	12.14	12.38	114.5	2.0
1.48	0.82	8.55	-44.6	<i>939.3</i>
15.12	22.08	19.27	46.0	-12.7
79.72	78.87	94.74	-1.1	20.1
70.64	70.18	77.41	-0.7	10.3
9.08	8.70	17.33	-4.2	99.2
	<b>22.26</b> 5.66 1.48 15.12 <b>79.72</b> 70.64 9.08	22.2635.045.6612.141.480.8215.1222.0879.7278.8770.6470.18	22.2635.0440.215.6612.1412.381.480.828.5515.1222.0819.2779.7278.8794.7470.6470.1877.419.088.7017.33	22.2635.0440.2157.45.6612.1412.38114.51.480.828.55-44.615.1222.0819.2746.079.7278.8794.74-1.170.6470.1877.41-0.79.088.7017.33-4.2

Source: Financial Comptroller General Office

expenditure and financial expenditure amounted to 12.38 billion, Rs.8.55 billion and Rs.19.27 billion respectively in the review period.

33. In the review period, total revenue mobilization of Nepal Government (including the amount to be transferred to provincial and local governments) stood at Rs.94.74 billion. The tax revenue amounted Rs.77.41 billion and non tax revenue Rs.17.33 billion in the review period (Table 3).

## **Cash Balance of Government**

34. Cash Balance at various accounts of the GoN maintained with NRB remained Rs.197.82 billion (including Provincial Governments and Local Government Account) in mid-August 2024. Such balance was Rs.99.27 billion in mid-July 2024.

## **Provincial Government**

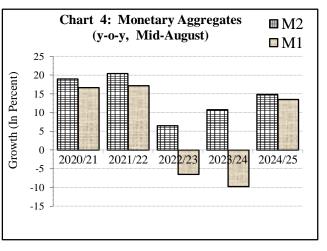
### **Expenditure and Revenue**

35. In the review period, total expenditure of provincial governments stood Rs.1.62 billion and resource mobilization stood Rs.7.91 billion respectively. The total resource mobilization of provincial governments includes the grants and revenue transferred from the Nepal Government amounting Rs.5.20 billion and revenue and other receipts of the provincial governments amounting Rs.2.71 billion in the review period.

# **Monetary Situation**

# **Money Supply**

- 36. Broad money (M2) decreased 0.7 percent in the review period compared to a decrease of 2.3 percent in the corresponding period of the previous year. On y-o-y basis, M2 expanded 14.8 percent in mid-August 2024.
- 37. The net foreign assets (NFA, after adjusting foreign exchange valuation gain/loss) increased Rs.40.90 billion (2.1 percent) in the review period compared to an increase of Rs.36.43 billion (2.5 percent) in the corresponding period of the previous year.



38. Reserve money decreased 3.8 percent in the review period compared to a decrease of 9.6 percent in the corresponding period of the previous year. On y-o-y basis, reserve money increased 15.3 percent in mid-August 2024.

## **Domestic Credit**

- 39. Domestic credit decreased 0.8 percent in the review period compared to a decrease of 2.3 percent in the corresponding period of the previous year. On y-o-y basis, domestic credit increased 7.7 percent in mid-August 2024.
- 40. Monetary Sector's net claims on government decreased 7.0 percent in the review period in contrast to a decrease of 13.8 percent in the corresponding period of the previous year. On y-o-y basis, such claims increased 12.2 percent in mid-August 2024.
- 41. Monetary Sector's claims on the private sector increased 0.7 percent in the review period compared to an increase of 0.3 percent in the corresponding period of the previous year. On y-o-y basis, such claims increased 6.5 percent in mid-August 2024.

### **Deposit Mobilization**

42. Deposits at Banks and Financial Institutions (BFIs) decreased Rs.43.45 billion (0.7 percent) in the review period compared to a decrease of Rs.133.24 billion (2.3 percent) in the corresponding period of the previous year. On y-o-y basis, deposits at BFIs expanded 14.9 percent in mid-August 2024.

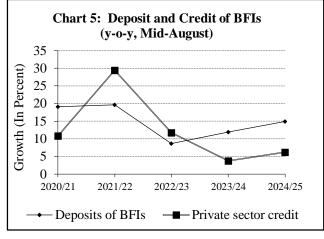
Table 4: Deposits at Banks and FinancialInstitutions (Percentage Share)						
		Mid-July		Mid-August		
Deposits	2023 2024		2023	2024		
Demand	7.7	5.8	5.0	5.0		
Saving	26.6	30.3	26.7	30.3		
Fixed	58.8	56.4	61.3	57.5		
Other	6.8	7.5	7.0	7.2		

43. The share of demand, saving and fixed deposits in total deposits stood at 5.0 percent, 30.3 percent and 57.5 percent respectively in mid-August 2024. Such shares were 5.0 percent, 26.7 percent and 61.3 percent respectively a year ago (Table 4).

44. The share of institutional deposits in total deposit of BFIs stood at 35.9 percent in mid-August 2024. Such a share was 35.2 percent a year ago.

#### **Credit Disbursement**

- 45. Private sector credit from BFIs increased Rs.14.11 billion (0.3 percent) in the review period compared to a decrease of Rs.4.35 billion (0.1 percent) in the corresponding period of previous year. On y-o-y basis, credit to the private sector from BFIs increased 6.2 percent in mid-August 2024.
- 46. The shares of private sector credit from BFIs to non-financial corporation and household stand at 63.4 percent and 36.6 percent respectively in mid-August 2024. Such shares were 64.0 percent and 36.0 percent a year ago.



- 47. In the review period, private sector credit from commercial banks and finance companies increased by 0.3 percent and 1.1 percent respectively whereas, private sector credit from development banks decreased 0.3 percent.
- 48. Out of the total outstanding credit of the BFIs as of mid-August 2024, 13.3 percent is against the collateral of current assets (such as agricultural and non-agricultural products) and 66.3 percent against land and building. Such ratios were 12.1 percent and 67.1 percent respectively a year ago.
- 49. In the review period, outstanding loan of BFIs to the agriculture sector increased 0.5 percent, production sector 0.1 percent, transportation, communication and public sector 1.6 percent, service industry sector 0.6 percent, consumable sector 0.1 percent whereas construction sector decreased 0.4 percent and wholesale and retail sector 0.2 percent.
- 50. In the review period, term loan extended by BFIs increased 0.3 percent, margin nature loan 1.5 and trust receipt (import) loan 9.4 percent, and hire purchase loan 0.03 percent and real estate loan (including residential personal home loan) 0.1 percent whereas overdraft loan decreased 3 percent and cash credit loan 0.2 percent.

### Liquidity Management

- 51. In the review period, NRB absorbed, on transaction basis, a total liquidity of Rs.4476.45 billion, including Rs.87.80 billion through deposit collection auction and Rs.4388.65 billion through standing deposit facility (SDF). In the corresponding period of the previous year, Rs.236.29 billion net amount of liquidity was injected through various instruments of open market operations including SLF and OLF.
- 52. In the review period, NRB injected liquidity of Rs.55.42 billion through the net purchase of USD 413.4 million from foreign exchange market. Liquidity of Rs.61.22 billion was injected through the net puchase of USD 463.7 million in the corresponding period of the previous year.
- 53. The NRB purchased Indian currency (INR) equivalent to Rs.45.71 billion through the sale of USD 341.0 million in the review period. INR equivalent to Rs.31.67 billion was purchased through the sale of USD 240 million in the corresponding period of previous year.

### **Inter-bank Transaction**

54. In the review period, BFIs inter-bank transactions amounted Rs.52.15 billion on a turnover basis, including Rs.51.5 billion inter-bank transactions among commercial banks, and Rs.650 million among other financial institutions (excluding transactions among commercial banks). In the corresponding period of the previous year, such transactions was Rs.655.44 billion, including Rs. 561.67 billion among commercial banks, and Rs.93.77 billion among other financial institutions (excluding transactions among other financial institutions (excluding transactions was Rs.655.44 billion, including Rs. 561.67 billion among commercial banks, and Rs.93.77 billion among other financial institutions (excluding transactions among commercial banks).

## **Interest Rate**

- 55. The weighted average 91-days treasury bills rate remained at 2.94 percent in the first month of 2024/25, which was 5.92 percent in the corresponding month a year ago. The weighted average inter-bank rate among BFIs, which was 5.87 percent a year ago, decreased to 2.99 percent in the review month (Table 5).
- 56. The average base rates of commercial banks, development banks and finance companies stood 7.61 percent, 9.28 percent and 10.75 percent respectively in the first month of 2024/25. The average base rate of commercial banks, development banks and finance companies were 10.11 percent, 11.87

Table 5: Weighted Average Interest Rate (percent)						
Tupos	Mid-August	Mid-August				
Types	2023	2024				
91-days treasury bills rate	5.92	2.94				
Inter-bank rate of BFIs	5.87	2.99				
Base rate						
Commercial banks	10.11	7.61				
Development banks	11.87	9.28				
Finance companies	13.28	10.75				
Deposit rate						
Commercial banks	8.00	5.66				
Development banks	9.28	6.46				
Finance companies	10.13	7.71				
Lending Rate						
Commercial banks	12.24	9.68				
Development banks	13.88	11.07				
Finance companies	14.66	12.32				

percent and 13.28 percent respectively in the corresponding month a year ago.

57. Weighted average deposit rates of commercial banks, development banks and finance companies stood 5.66 percent, 6.46 percent and 7.71 percent respectively in the review month. Weighted average deposit rate of commercial banks, development banks and finance companies were 8.00 percent, 9.28 percent and 10.13 percent respectively in the corresponding month a year ago. Likewise, the weighted average lending rate of commercial banks, development banks and finance companies stood 9.68 percent, 11.07 percent and 12.32 percent respectively in the review month. Such rate of commercial banks, development banks and finance companies were 12.24 percent, 13.88 percent and 14.66 percent respectively in the corresponding month a year ago.

### **Financial Access**

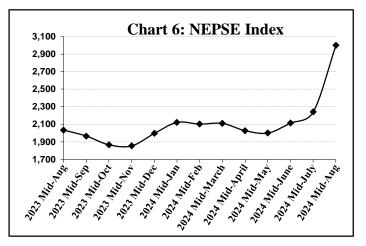
58. The total number of BFIs licensed by NRB remained 107 in mid-August 2024 (Table 6). As of mid-August 2024, 20 commercial banks, 17 development banks, 17 finance companies, 52 microfinance financial institutions and 1 infrastructure development bank are in operation. The number of BFIs branches remained 11,541 in mid-August 2024 compared to 11,530 in mid-July 2024.

Table 6: Number of BFIs and their Branches*						
	Number of BFIs			Branches of BFIs		
Bank and Financial Institutions	mid- July 2023	mid- July 2024	mid- August 2024	mid-July 2023	mid-July 2024	mid- August 2024
Commercial Banks	20	20	20	5049	5056	5063
Development Banks	17	17	17	1128	1135	1135
Finance Companies	17	17	17	284	288	288
Microfinance Financial Institutions	57	52	52	5128	5051	5055
Infrastructure Development Bank	1	1	1	-	-	-
Total	112	107	107	11589	11530	11541

\*Updated information is available at http://emap.nrb.org.np/

# **Capital Market**

- 59. NEPSE index stood 3000.81 in mid-August 2024 compared to 2033.14 in mid-August 2023.
- 60. Stock market capitalization in mid-August 2024 stood Rs.4765.91 billion compared to Rs.3043.01 billion in mid-August 2023.
- 61. Number of companies listed at NEPSE reached 268 in mid-August 2024. Out of the total listing, 130 are Bank and Financial Institutions (BFIs) and insurance companies, 91 hydropower companies, 22



manufacturing and processing industries, 7 hotels, 7 investment companies, 4 trading companies and 7 others. The number of companies listed at NEPSE were 254 in mid-August 2023.

- 62. Share of BFIs and insurance companies in stock market capitalization is 57.9 percent in mid-August 2024. Such a share for hydropower companies is 15.4 percent, investment companies 8.0 percent, manufacturing and processing industries 5.7 percent, hotels 2.9 percent, trading companies 0.5 percent and the share of other companies is 9.5 percent.
- 63. The paid-up value of 8.34 billion shares listed at NEPSE stood Rs.826.52 billion in mid-August 2024.
- 64. Bonus shares worth Rs.1.83 billion were listed at NEPSE during the first month of FY 2024/25.