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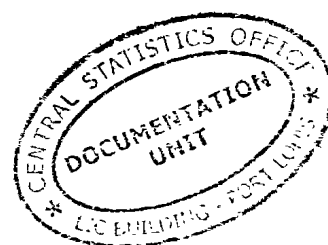
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FOREWORD

The Statistical Summary is an annual publication of the Central Statistical Office since 1978.

It is designed to disseminate in one publication, in summary form and as soon as possible after the end of a year, all statistical data that have become available. It precedes the publication of the Annual Digest of Statistics by several weeks and thus puts at the disposal of users more timely data. However, most of the figures given for the latest year are preliminary and subject to revision.

More comprehensive data will appear in the 1997 issue of the Digest which will come out shortly.

Where necessary, figures have been rounded off to the nearest digit and, in some tables, there may be discrepancies between the sum of the constituent items and the total.

It is hoped that the data presented will satisfy a wide range of users - policy makers, planners as well as the general public.

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NOTES

SYMBOLS

The following symbols are used throughout:

-	:	Nil or negligible
...	:	Not available
No.	:	Number
000	:	Thousand
t	:	Metric ton (1,000 kilos)
m ²	:	Square Metre
hL	:	Hectolitre
GWh	:	Million Kilowatt Hour

ABBREVIATIONS

n.e.c.	:	Not elsewhere classified	f.o.b	:	Free on Board
n.e.s.	:	Not elsewhere specified	c.i.f	:	Cost, Insurance and Freight

MONEY VALUES

All figures quoted are in Mauritian Rupees

1 POPULATION AND VITAL STATISTICS

	Republic of Mauritius ¹		Island of Mauritius	
	<u>1996</u> ²	<u>1997</u> ³	<u>1996</u> ²	<u>1997</u> ³
Resident Population (mid-year)				
Both sexes	1,133.6	1,147.7	1,098.7	1,112.6
Males	(567.0)	(573.9)	(549.7)	(556.4)
Females	(566.6)	(573.8)	(549.0)	(556.2)
Population growth rate ⁴	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2
Percentage urban population (mid-year) ⁵	43.5	43.4	44.9	44.8
Percentage population under 15 years (mid-year)	27.0	26.5	26.8	26.3
Percentage population under 18 years (mid-year)	33.3	32.6	33.0	32.3
Percentage population under 21 years (mid-year)	39.0	38.5	38.6	38.1
Percentage population 60 years & over (mid-year)	8.6	8.6	8.7	8.7
Live births	20.8	20.0	20.0	19.3
Deaths	7.7	8.0	7.5	7.8
Natural increase	13.1	12.0	12.5	11.5
Net migration (residents)	0.0	1.4	0.4	1.7
Net increase	13.1	13.4	12.9	13.2
Crude birth rate (live births per 1,000 mid-year population)	18.3	17.4	18.2	17.4
Crude death rate (deaths per 1,000 mid-year population)	6.8	7.0	6.8	7.0
Natural increase per 1,000 mid-year population	11.5	10.4	11.4	10.4
Net increase per 1,000 mid-year population	11.5	11.7	11.7	11.9
Live births occurred per 1,000 women aged (15 - 49) years	64.3	61.6	63.9	61.3
Civil marriages	10.7	10.9	10.5	10.7
Infant deaths (deaths of children under 1 year of age)	No. 459	406	445	393

¹ includes the islands of Mauritius and Rodrigues but excludes Agalega and Saint Brandon

² revised ³ provisional

⁴ the average percentage change in population size between the beginning and the end of the year

⁵ according to MCA boundaries as at 1st July 1991

2 HEALTH - REPUBLIC OF MAURITIUS¹

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Life expectation in years at birth 1994 - 1996	66.6	74.3
	<u>1996</u> ²	<u>1997</u> ³
Infant mortality rate (deaths of children under 1 year of age per 1,000 live births)	22.1	20.1

Health institutions in the Republic of Mauritius:-*

	Number		Ratio per 100,000 population	
	<u>1996</u> ²	<u>1997</u> ³	<u>1996</u> ²	<u>1997</u> ³
Area health centres	29	29	2.6	2.5
Community health centres	118	119	10.4	10.4
Family health centres	9	9	0.8	0.8
Dispensaries ⁴	29	28	2.6	2.4
Dental clinics	37	38	3.3	3.3
Private clinics	12	12	1.1	1.0
Health offices	14	14	1.2	1.2
Hospitals ⁵	15	15	1.3	1.3
Hospital beds	3,449	3,550	304.3	309.3
Admissions in hospitals	185,813	186,000	16,392	16,206

Selected notifiable diseases reported in the Republic of Mauritius (during period):-*

		<u>1996</u> ²	<u>1997</u> ³
Malaria	No.	82	65
Tuberculosis	"	111	126
Typhoid fever	"	5	1
Schistosomiasis	"	5	2
Infective hepatitis	"	24	10

Selected personnel in the Republic of Mauritius as at end of period:-*

	Number		Ratio per 100,000 population	
	<u>1996</u> ²	<u>1997</u> ³	<u>1996</u> ²	<u>1997</u> ³
Medical practitioners	1,008	1,044	88.9	91.0
Dentists	150	148	13.2	12.9
Pharmacists	233	249	20.6	21.7
Nurses and midwives (Government)	2,661	2,935	234.7	255.7

¹ includes the islands of Mauritius and Rodrigues but excludes Agalega and Saint Brandon

² revised

³ provisional

⁴ 26 on sugar estates and 3 government mobile

⁵ including 2 Health Centres with beds in Rodrigues

* Source: Statistical Division, Ministry of Health

3 TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATION		1996¹	1997²
3.1 Motor vehicles statistics			
Motor vehicles registered as at end of year:		200,320	210,922
1. Government owned vehicles	No.	4,813	4,971
2. Private vehicles:	"	164,006	173,000
Cars	"	(38,898)	(41,627)
Dual purpose vehicles	"	(23,165)	(25,767)
Motor cycles	"	(21,841)	(22,442)
Autocycles	"	(79,299)	(82,347)
Heavy motor cars	"	(803)	(817)
3. Commercial vehicles:	"	31,272	32,719
Taxi cars	"	(4,673)	(4,721)
Contract cars	"	(1,327)	(1,297)
Lorries and trucks	"	(8,509)	(8,804)
Vans	"	(10,647)	(11,682)
Buses	"	(2,348)	(2,359)
Other commercial vehicles	"	(3,768)	(3,856)
4. Other vehicles not classified elsewhere	"	229	232
3.2 New motor vehicles registered³			
New motor vehicles registered during the year		8,031	9,422
Cars	No.	1,457	2,141
Dual purpose vehicles	"	1,268	1,758
Lorries and trucks	"	188	218
Heavy motor cars	"	45	33
Buses	"	99	110
Motor cycles	"	831	768
Autocycles	"	3,397	3,235
Vans	"	625	1,029
Other	"	121	130
3.3 Bus operational statistics⁴			
Total vehicle-journeys	000	4,191	4,229
Average vehicle-journeys per day	No.	7.9	8.0
Total vehicle-km	000	82,160	79,760
Average vehicle-km per day	No.	158	153
Total gross receipts	Million Rupees	1,330	1,458
3.4 Road traffic accidents			
Road traffic accidents	No.	14,845	15,954
Motor vehicles involved ⁵	"	26,270	28,561
Casualties	"	3,774	3,755
of which: Fatal	"	(153)	(146)
Serious injuries	"	(238)	(261)
Slight injuries	"	(3,383)	(3,348)

¹ revised

² provisional

³ inclusive of government vehicles

⁴ refers only to buses which operate on proclaimed routes and charge individual fares

⁵ excludes pedal cycles and non-motor vehicles

		<u>1996</u> ¹	<u>1997</u> ²
3.5 Sea-borne shipping ³			
Vessels entering	No.	1,300	1,481
Vessels leaving	"	1,284	1,436
Goods unloaded	000 t	2,753	2,902
Goods loaded	"	966	950
3.6 Civil aviation			
Landings	No.	6,265	7,049
Take-offs	"	6,261	7,045
Freight unloaded	t	16,856	17,443
Freight loaded	"	18,815	20,762
3.7 Telephone services			
Total line capacity of local exchanges	No.	253,852	264,627
Main telephone lines in operation	"	183,902	222,747
Calls units registered	000	414,000	527,000
3.8 Broadcasting services			
Television sets licensed	No.	175,520	196,481

4 TOURISM

Tourist arrivals by country of residence	Year 1996		Year 1997	
	Number(000)	%	Number(000)	%
All countries	486.9	100.0	536.1	100.0
France	130.3	26.8	145.2	27.1
Germany	45.2	9.3	44.0	8.2
Italy	21.8	4.5	35.3	6.6
Switzerland	15.7	3.2	16.1	3.0
United Kingdom	35.3	7.2	46.0	8.6
Belgium	8.1	1.7	8.2	1.5
Malagasy Republic	11.4	2.3	10.1	1.9
Reunion	82.3	16.9	82.6	15.4
Seychelles	9.3	1.9	9.0	1.7
Kenya	1.2	0.2	1.2	0.2
South Africa, Republic of	50.4	10.4	51.3	9.6
Zimbabwe	3.4	0.7	4.2	0.8
Australia	7.8	1.6	9.5	1.8
U.S.A	2.4	0.5	2.9	0.5
India	13.1	2.7	13.2	2.5
Singapore	3.2	0.7	3.4	0.6
Japan	3.2	0.7	3.1	0.6
Other countries	42.8	8.8	50.8	9.5
Tourist nights spent during period	4,958 ¹		5,451 ²	

¹ revised

² provisional

³ excludes fishing vessels berthed in Port Louis and bound to High Seas

5 PUBLIC FINANCE

5.1 Budgetary central government

Million Rupees

5.1.1 Main aggregates

	<u>1995/96</u>	<u>1996/97</u>
1. Total revenue and grants	12,832	16,474
(i) Tax revenue	11,488	14,001
(ii) Non-tax revenue	1,124	2,410
(iii) Grants	220	63
2. Total expenditure and net lending	16,921	20,140
(i) Recurrent expenditure	14,586	17,208
Wages and salaries	(5,262)	(5,791)
Other expenditure on goods and services	(1,616)	(1,829)
Interest payments	(2,332)	(2,875)
Subsidies on rice and flour	(220)	(454)
Other subsidies and other current transfers	(5,156)	(6,259)
(ii) Capital expenditure	2,622	3,142
(iii) Net lending*	-287	-210
3. Overall deficit/surplus	-4,089	-3,666
as % of G.D.P at market prices	(5.7)	(4.5)
4. Financing	4,089	3,666
(i) Domestic	1,715	3,468
(ii) Foreign	2,374	198
5. Budgetary central government debt at end of period	33,805	39,478
(i) Internal debt	24,646	29,812
(ii) External debt	9,159	9,666
External debt as % of total external debt of the country	38.5	38.0
6. Total external debt of the country	23,808	25,410

5.1.2 Revenue and grants

Revenue items

1. Tax Revenue	11,488	14,001
Tax on income, profits and capital gains	1,973	2,287
Individual income tax	(991)	(1,220)
Corporate tax	(982)	(1,067)
Social security contribution	-	-
Taxes on payroll and workforce	-	-
Taxes on property	895	976
Domestic taxes on goods and services	3,710	5,157
of which: Excise duties	(1,162)	(1,276)
Sales tax	(1,357)	(2,442)
Taxes on gambling	(457)	(548)
Tax on hotel bills	(391)	(513)
Import duties	4,898	5,570
Export duties	-	-
Other tax revenue	12	11

* Excludes loan to National Infrastructure Development Fund in line with treatment in Budget Estimates

	Million Rupees	
	<u>1995/96</u>	<u>1996/97</u>
2. Nontax revenue	1,124	2,410
Property income	646	1,954
Fees, charges and non-industrial sales	287	317
Employees contributions to government employee pension and welfare funds	81	92
Other nontax revenue	110	47
Total revenue (1 + 2)	12,612	16,411
3. Grants	220	63
Total revenue and grants (1 + 2 + 3)	12,832	16,474

5.1.3 Debt outstanding by type of debt holder (end of period)

1. Domestic debt	24,646	29,812
(i) Other general government	5,627	8,100
(ii) Monetary authorities	1,723	759
(iii) Deposit money banks	14,539	16,625
(iv) Other domestic	2,757	4,328
2. Foreign debt	9,159	9,666
(i) International development institutions	6,709	3,898
(ii) Foreign government	2,301	2,445
(iii) Other foreign	149	3,323
Total	33,805	39,478

5.1.4 Debt outstanding by type of debt instrument (end of period)

1. Domestic debt	24,646	29,812
(i) Long term bonds	11,427	12,148
(ii) Short term bonds and bills	12,123	17,338
(iii) Long term loans n.e.c.	-	-
(iv) Short term loans and advances	1,096	326
(v) Other domestic liabilities	-	-
2. Foreign debt	9,159	9,666
(i) Long term loans n.e.c.	9,159	9,666
Total	33,805	39,478

5.1.5 Expenditure by function

	<u>1995/96</u>		<u>1996/97</u>	
	Million Rupees	% of total	Million Rupees	% of total
1. General public services	1,800	10.5	2,032	10.0
2. Defence	242	1.4	224	1.1
3. Public order and safety	1,569	9.1	1,697	8.3
4. Education	2,724	15.8	3,378	16.6
5. Health	1,431	8.3	1,566	7.7
6. Social security and welfare	2,984	17.3	3,787	18.6
7. Housing and community amenities	921	5.4	1,208	5.9
8. Recreational, cultural & religious services	302	1.8	328	1.6
9. Fuel and energy	7	0.0	9	0.1
10. Agriculture, forestry and fishing	977	5.7	902	4.5
11. Mining, manufacturing and construction	125	0.7	161	0.8
12. Transport and communication	621	3.6	596	2.9
13. Other economic services	542	3.1	893	4.4
14. Expenditure n.e.c.	2,963	17.3	3,569	17.5
Public debt interest	(2,332)	(13.6)	(2,875)	(14.1)
Transfers to local government	(631)	(3.7)	(694)	(3.4)
Other	(-)	(0.0)	(-)	(0.0)
Total expenditure	17,208	100.0	20,350	100.0

5.2 Banking

Million Rupees

5.2.1 Foreign exchange reserves (end of period)

	<u>1996</u>	<u>1997</u>
(i) Bank of Mauritius	15,988	15,342
(ii) Government	1	1
(iii) Commercial banks	1,737	4,373
(iv) Reserve position in the IMF	188	216
Total	17,914	19,932

5.2.2 Money supply (end of period)

	<u>1996</u>	<u>1997</u>
(i) Currency with public	5,051	5,410
(ii) Demand deposits:		
Bank of Mauritius	6	9
Commercial banks	4,774	5,194
Total	9,831	10,613

6. NATIONAL ACCOUNTS

6.1 Main aggregates

		<u>1996</u> ¹	<u>1997</u> ²
1. Gross Domestic Product (GDP)			
at factor cost	Million Rupees	68,007	74,954
at market prices	"	77,299	85,954
Net factor income from the rest of the world	"	-789	-325
Gross National Product (GNP)			
at factor cost	"	67,218	74,629
at market prices	"	76,510	85,629
2. Per capita GNP			
at factor cost	Rupees	59,299	65,015
at market prices	"	67,496	74,598
3. Compensation of employees	Million Rupees	31,100	33,719
4. Final consumption expenditure incurred by	"	58,761	65,145
Households	"	(49,325)	(54,865)
General government ³	"	(9,436)	(10,280)
Actual final consumption expenditure of	"	58,761	65,145
Households	"	(52,698)	(58,592)
General government ³	"	(6,063)	(6,553)
5. Gross Domestic Fixed Capital Formation (GDFCF)	"	20,125	23,185
Private sector	"	(12,925)	(17,445)
Public sector	"	(7,200)	(5,740)
6. Gross domestic savings	"	18,537	20,810
7. Net exports of goods & non-factor services	"	-456	-3,932
Exports of goods & non-factor services	"	50,503	54,270
Imports of goods & non-factor services	"	50,959	58,202

Growth rates and ratios

A. Annual real growth rates (%) :

1. Gross Domestic Product (GDP) at factor cost	+ 6.0	+ 5.2
2. Final consumption expenditure (incurred)	+ 4.1	+ 4.4
Households	+ 4.0	+ 4.6
General government ³	+ 4.9	+ 3.7
3. Gross Domestic Fixed Capital Formation (GDFCF)	+ 15.0	+ 9.5
GDFCF (excluding aircraft and ship)	+ 14.1	- 4.1

B. Ratios

1. Compensation of employees as a % of GDP at factor cost	45.7	45.0
2. Final consumption expenditure as a % of GDP at market prices	76.0	75.8
Households	63.8	63.8
General government ³	12.2	12.0
3. GDFCF as a % of GDP at market prices	26.0	27.0
4. Public sector's investment as a % of GDFCF	35.8	24.8
5. Gross domestic savings as a % of GDP at market prices	24.0	24.2

¹ Revised estimates

² Preliminary estimates

³ Comprises central and local government

6.2 Gross Domestic Product by industry group at current factor cost

	Million Rupees	
	<u>1996</u> ¹	<u>1997</u> ²
Agriculture, hunting, forestry and fishing	6,495	6,662
Sugarcane	(4,120)	(4,168)
Other	(2,375)	(2,494)
Mining and quarrying	110	120
Manufacturing	16,478	18,295
Sugar milling	(1,165)	(1,180)
E.P.Z	(8,163)	(9,172)
Other	(7,150)	(7,943)
Electricity, gas and water	1,628	1,750
Construction	4,433	4,600
Wholesale & retail trade, restaurants and hotels	11,724	13,063
Wholesale and retail trade	(8,670)	(9,640)
Restaurants and hotels	(3,054)	(3,423)
Transport, storage and communication	7,496	8,744
Financing, insurance, real estate and business services	10,919	12,120
Ownership of dwellings	(3,555)	(3,805)
Financial institutions	(3,945)	(4,432)
Insurance and other business services	(3,419)	(3,883)
Producers of government services	7,235	7,900
Community, social & personal services	3,949	4,386
Imputed bank service charges (FISIM)	-2,460	-2,686
Gross Domestic Product at factor cost	68,007	74,954
Taxes on production and imports net of subsidies	9,292	11,000
Gross Domestic Product at market prices	77,299	85,954

6.3 Gross Domestic Product - sectoral growth rates (% change over previous year)

Agriculture, hunting, forestry and fishing	+4.1	+3.2
Sugarcane	(+9.0)	(+5.5)
Other	(-2.0)	(+0.0)
Mining and quarrying	+6.0	+5.0
Manufacturing	+6.3	+5.6
Sugar milling	(+9.0)	(+5.5)
E.P.Z	(+7.0)	(+6.0)
Other	(+5.1)	(+5.2)
Electricity, gas and water	+7.5	+7.5
Construction	+4.5	+0.0
Wholesale & retail trade, restaurants and hotels	+7.9	+6.1
Wholesale and retail trade	(+5.5)	(+4.8)
Restaurants and hotels	(+16.0)	(+10.2)
Transport, storage and communication	+7.0	+7.5
Financing, insurance, real estate and business services	+6.2	+5.9
Ownership of dwellings	(+3.5)	(+3.0)
Financial institutions	(+8.2)	(+8.0)
Insurance & other business services	(+6.8)	(+6.8)
Producers of government services	+3.5	+3.5
Community, social and personal services	+4.5	+4.7
Gross Domestic Product at factor cost	+6.0	+5.2

¹ Revised estimates

² Preliminary estimates

6.4 Expenditure on Gross Domestic Product at current prices

	Million Rupees	
	1996 ¹	1997 ²
1. Final consumption expenditure incurred by	58,761	65,145
Households	(49,325)	(54,865)
General Government	(9,436)	(10,280)
Individual	(3,373)	(3,727)
Collective	(6,063)	(6,553)
2. Gross domestic fixed capital formation	20,125	23,185
Private sector	(12,925)	(17,445)
Public sector	(7,200)	(5,740)
3. Increase in inventories (includes all statistical discrepancies)	-1,131	1,556
4. Exports of goods & non-factor services	50,503	54,270
Goods (f.o.b) excluding freeport activities	(32,534)	(33,400)
Goods (f.o.b) freeport activities	(725)	(1,683)
Non-factor services	(17,244)	(19,187)
5. Less Imports of goods & non-factor services	50,959	58,202
Goods (f.o.b) excluding freeport activities	(38,288)	(43,132)
Goods (f.o.b) freeport activities	(590)	(1,803)
Non-factor services	(12,081)	(13,267)
Gross Domestic Product at market prices	77,299	85,954

6.5 Cost components of the Gross Domestic Product at current prices

Compensation of employees	31,100	33,719
of which paid by government*	(7,660)	(8,356)
Gross operating surplus	36,907	41,235
Gross domestic product at factor cost	68,007	74,954
Taxes on production & imports net of subsidies	9,292	11,000
Taxes on production & imports	(9,700)	(11,650)
Subsidies	(-408)	(-650)
Gross Domestic Product at market prices	77,299	85,954

6.6 Gross Domestic Fixed Capital Formation at current prices by type and use

I - By type of capital goods

Building & construction work	11,060	11,050
Residential building	(4,915)	(4,650)
Non-residential building	(3,875)	(3,730)
Other construction work	(2,270)	(2,670)
Machinery and equipment	9,065	12,135
Passenger car	(915)	(1,125)
Other transport equipment	(1,050)	(4,410)
Other machinery and equipment	(7,100)	(6,600)
Gross Domestic Fixed Capital Formation	20,125	23,185

II - By Industrial use

Agriculture, hunting, forestry and fishing	630	650
Mining and quarrying	-	-
Manufacturing	2,745	3,325
of which : EPZ	(930)	(1,245)
Electricity, gas and water	1,935	1,115
Construction	425	425
Wholesale & retail trade, restaurants and hotels	2,925	2,905
Transport, storage and communication	3,215	6,440
Financing, insurance, real estate and business services	5,880	5,590
of which : Ownership of dwellings	(4,915)	(4,650)
Producers of government services	1,760	2,110
Community, social & personal services	610	625

* includes producers of government services, government industries and departmental enterprises

¹ Revised estimates

² Preliminary estimates

7 FOREIGN TRADE and BALANCE OF PAYMENTS		Million Rupees	
7.1 Balance of trade		1996¹	1997²
Domestic exports (f.o.b)		30,797	31,691
Re-exports ³ (f.o.b)		916	1,111
Ships' stores and bunkers (f.o.b)		636	600
A. Total exports (f.o.b)		32,349	33,402
B. Total imports (c.i.f)		41,154	46,557
Balance of visible trade		-8,805	-13,155
7.2 Domestic Exports (f.o.b. value)			
Total		30,797	31,691
Sugar		8,347	7,294
Molasses		126	102
Tea		28	11
EPZ products		21,001	23,049
of which: Fish and fish preparations		(719)	(895)
Textile yarn, fabrics,etc		(1,447)	(1,309)
Pearls, precious and semi-precious stones		(509)	(476)
Clothing		(16,187)	(18,142)
Optical goods		(211)	(213)
Watches and clocks		(405)	(409)
Toys, games and sporting goods		(194)	(105)
Jewellery and articles of precious or semi-precious materials		(286)	(290)
Other		(1,043)	(1,210)
Other		1,295	1,235
7.3 Imports (c.i.f. value)			
Total		41,154	46,557
1. Food		5,921	6,148
of which: Rice		(668)	(509)
Meat and meat preparations		(577)	(681)
Wheaten flour		(85)	(73)
Wheat		(599)	(367)
Dairy products		(947)	(963)
2. Beverages and tobacco		212	262
3. Crude materials, inedible, except fuels		1,598	1,567
4. Mineral fuels, lubricants, etc.		3,213	3,470
of which: refined petroleum products		(2,823)	(3,021)
5. Animal and vegetable oils and fats		464	483
6. Chemicals and related products		3,164	3,336
7. Manufactured goods classified chiefly by materials		13,708	14,910
of which: EPZ		(7,681)	(8,655)
Iron and steel		(1255)	(1,044)
Cement		(823)	(810)
8. Machinery and transport equipment		9,190	12,099
of which: EPZ		(1117)	(1,437)
Road vehicles		(1,711)	(2,140)
9. Miscellaneous manufactured articles		3,271	3,803
of which: EPZ		(1,055)	(1,319)
10. Other commodities and transactions		413	479

¹ revised

² provisional

³ includes irregular transactions involving ships and aircraft

	<u>1996¹</u>	<u>1997²</u>
7.4 Price (unit value) indices (Base 1992 = 100)		
Exports (unit value) index	134	138
Imports (unit value) index	135	138
Terms of trade	99	100

	Million Rupees			
	Total imports (c.i.f)		Total exports(f.o.b) ³	
	<u>1996¹</u>	<u>1997²</u>	<u>1996¹</u>	<u>1997²</u>
GRAND TOTAL	41,154	46,557	31,713	32,802
Preferential tariff countries	30,680	35,879	30,778	31,808
E.E.C. Countries	13,517	16,181	23,957	24,276
Austria	67	63	39	49
Belgium	686	773	734	677
Denmark	977	144	52	78
Finland	71	85	10	209
France	4,555	7,623	6,111	5,984
Germany	1,903	2,164	1,749	1,861
Greece	47	10	16	29
Ireland	169	238	24	21
Italy	1,392	1,333	1,273	1,275
Luxembourg	5	22	-	-
Netherlands	221	323	770	742
Portugal	69	56	1,007	739
Reunion	27	30	524	477
Spain	604	661	651	823
Sweden	76	82	121	154
United Kingdom	2,648	2,574	10,876	11,158
Other Preferential Tariff Countries	17,163	19,698	6,821	7,532
Australia	1,811	1,546	113	133
Burma	72	14	-	-
Canada	52	60	205	188
Hong Kong	1,476	1,986	209	151
India	3,619	4,522	141	281
Kenya	257	237	67	83
Malagasy Republic of	465	642	915	1,180
Malawi	8	1	68	68
Malaysia	964	1,061	28	16
New Zealand	445	470	9	9
Pakistan	645	618	5	1
Republic of South Africa	4,893	5,606	239	143
Russian Federation	46	53	2	-
Seychelles	2	5	46	74
Singapore	868	1,021	47	63
Sri Lanka	19	27	19	4
Swaziland	66	94	-	1
Tanzania	4	19	84	19
United States of America	1,287	1,367	4,325	4,677
Zimbabwe	61	93	160	254
Other	103	256	139	187

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² provisional

³ includes irregular transactions involving ships & aircraft

7.5 Direction of trade - cont'd

	Million Rupees			
	Total imports (c.i.f)		Total exports(f.o.b) ³	
	<u>1996</u> ¹	<u>1997</u> ²	<u>1996</u> ¹	<u>1997</u> ²
General Tariff Countries	10,474	10,678	935	994
Argentina	272	507	12	20
Bahrain	221	224	-	-
Brazil	207	53	13	14
Burkina Faso	226	160	-	-
China	1,741	2,006	12	24
Hungary	9	10	1	1
Indonesia	447	553	7	9
Israel	121	145	4	5
Ivory Coast	3	28	-	-
Japan	1,800	1,967	196	199
Jordan	36	164	-	-
Korea, North	39	15	-	-
Korea, Republic of	493	477	8	5
Kuwait	1,248	607	1	-
Comoro Islands	-	-	32	24
Macau	91	71	-	-
Morocco	42	37	-	2
Norway	67	11	72	31
Philippines	54	53	11	1
Rwanda	-	-	22	34
Saudi Arabia	214	470	1	1
Switzerland	879	854	392	463
Taiwan	1,121	1,254	38	24
Thailand	269	342	43	9
Turkey	181	80	4	1
United Arab Emirates	30	88	4	22
Other	663	502	62	105

7.6 Summary of Balance of Payments

	Million Rupees	
	<u>1995</u>	<u>1996</u>
1 Merchandise account	-4,182	-5,288
2 Net services account	+2,039	+3,390
3 Net unrequited transfers	+1,763	+2,205
4 Net capital movements	+417	+1,635
Non-monetary sectors	(+1,417)	(+1,829)
Monetary sectors	(-1,000)	(-194)
5 SDR allocation	-	-
6 Errors and omissions	+1,858	-1,083
Overall Balance of Payments	+1,895	+859
Monetary movements	(-1,895)	(-859)
Reserves movements ⁴	(-1,895)	(-859)
Exceptional financing	(-)	(-)

¹ revised

² provisional

³ includes irregular transactions involving ships & aircraft

⁴ a plus indicates a decrease and a minus an increase

8 CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

8.1 Monthly Consumer Price Index (1996 - 1997)

	<u>1996</u> ¹	<u>1997</u> ¹	<u>1997</u> ²
January	133.7	145.9	
February	134.3	145.9	
March	134.3	146.2	
April	134.9	146.1	
May	135.6	146.7	
June	139.6	147.9	
July	140.4		103.0
August	141.7		103.3
September	141.7		103.6
October	142.3		103.5
November	142.5		103.6
December	142.9		103.9
Yearly average	138.7		102.5

¹ Base: July 1991 to June 1992 = 100

² Base: July 1996 to June 1997 = 100

8.2 Sub-indices by major commodity group (1995 - 1996)

(Base: July 1991 - June 1992 = 100)

Commodity group	Yearly average	
	<u>1995</u>	<u>1996</u>
Food and non-alcoholic beverages	135.0	142.2
Alcoholic beverages and tobacco	128.0	146.6
Clothing and footwear	130.3	138.5
Fuel and light	111.3	111.0
Housing and household operations	125.8	133.7
Medical care and health expenses	134.2	146.5
Transport and communication	126.0	130.4
Recreation, entertainment, education and cultural services	133.6	144.5
Miscellaneous goods and services	127.3	142.5
All groups	130.1	138.7

8.3 Inflation rate (%)

Calendar Year		Financial year	
1990	13.5	1989/90	10.7
1991	7.0	1990/91	12.8
1992	4.6	1991/92	2.9
1993	10.5	1992/93	8.9
1994	7.3	1993/94	9.4
1995	6.0	1994/95	6.1
1996	6.6	1995/96	5.8
1997	6.6	1996/97	7.9

9 EMPLOYMENT¹

9.1 Employment in large establishments² by major industrial group

	March	
	<u>1996</u> Number	<u>1997</u> Number
Total employment	<u>287,474</u>	<u>286,325</u>
Agriculture and fishing ³	32,547	31,386
Sugarcane	(29,066)	(28,173)
Tea	(398)	(308)
Tobacco	(339)	(241)
Other	(2,744)	(2,664)
Mining and quarrying	228	222
Manufacturing ³	107,354	105,849
Electricity and water	3,406	3,288
Construction	10,194	9,546
Wholesale, retail trade, restaurants and hotels	25,046	26,285
Transport, storage and communication	14,597	15,019
Financing, insurance, real estate and business services	12,533	13,183
Community, social and personal services	78,435	79,100
Government:		
(a) Central	(56,828)	(56,077)
(b) Local	(5,508)	(5,908)
Other	(16,099)	(17,115)
Activities not elsewhere specified	3,134	2,447

¹ also include employment figures in Rodrigues

² i.e (a) Agricultural establishments comprising:

- (i) sugar cane plantations where 10 hectares or more were harvested;
- (ii) tea plantations of 2 hectares or more;
- (iii) all flue-cured tobacco establishments, irrespective of acreage;
- (iv) other agricultural establishments employing at least 10 persons on the day of the survey

(b) Non-agricultural establishments comprising:

- (i) all central and local government departments;
- (ii) those employing at least 10 persons on the day of the survey. It is to be noted that "outworkers" are excluded; these are piece-workers who although employed by an establishment are working in their own home on materials provided by the establishment

³ employees engaged in the manufacture of sugar are included in Manufacturing and not in Agriculture and fishing

9.2 Average earnings in large establishments by major industrial group

Major Industry Group	Average monthly earnings(rupees) for employees on monthly rates of pay		Average daily earnings(rupees) for employees on daily rates of pay	
	March		March	
	<u>1996</u>	<u>1997</u>	<u>1996</u>	<u>1997</u>
<u>Overall average</u>	<u>6,731</u>	<u>7,572</u>	<u>151</u>	<u>166</u>
Agriculture and fishing	4,396	5,116	142	160
Sugarcane	(4,294)	(5,004)	(148)	(168)
Mining and quarrying	8,207	8,524	92	104
Manufacturing	5,972	6,282	137	149
EPZ ¹	(5,493)	(5,794)	(125)	(137)
Electricity and water	9,707	10,112	107	127
Construction	9,096	10,038	216	243
Wholesale, retail trade, restaurants and hotels	6,735	7,042	152	155
Transport, storage and communication	8,122	8,766	185	215
Financing, insurance, real estate and business services	10,096	11,010	146	159
Community, social and personal services	7,079	8,296	131	149
Central Government	(7,176)	(8,612)	(115)	(145)
Activities not elsewhere specified	4,704	5,623	159	178

¹ excluding non-manufacturing EPZ establishments

10.2 National Pensions Fund - Contribution from employers/employees

	<u>1995/96</u> ²	<u>1996/97</u> ³
(i) No. of employers registered ¹ since implementation of N.P.S.(excluding closures)	27,700	29,360
(ii) No. of employers paying contribution during financial year	14,720	14,710
(iii) Contribution from employers/employees	718.88	761.81
(iv) Surcharges paid by employers (million rupees)	5.78	7.37
(v) Size of N.P.F (million rupees)	10,000.00	12,101.56

11 EDUCATION

1996

1997

11.1 Primary education

Total number of schools		269	270
Enrolment in:			
Government schools	No.	92,177	94,519
Private schools	"	27,478	27,793
Total enrolment	"	119,655	122,312
Number of teachers	"	5,027	5,015
General Purpose		3,539	3,515
Asian Language		1,488	1,500
Pupil/teacher ratio ⁴		34	35

11.2 Secondary education

Total number of schools		127	128
Enrolment in:			
Government schools	No.	19,479	20,406
Private schools	"	70,641	70,308
Total enrolment	"	90,120	90,714
Number of teachers	"	4,445	4,589
Pupil/teacher ratio		20	20

11.3 University of Mauritius

1996/97

1997/98

Enrolment in:			
Faculty of Agriculture	No.	157	231
Faculty of Engineering	"	682	909
Faculty of Law and Management	"	659	777
Faculty of Social Studies and Humanities	"	657	753
Faculty of Science	"	341	465
Total enrolment	"	2,496	3,135

¹ as at June

² revised

³ provisional

⁴ number of pupils divided by total number of general purpose teachers

12 LOCAL PRODUCTION			1996¹	1997²
12.1 Agriculture				
Industrial crops:				
	Sugar cane	000t	5,260	5,787
	Tea	t	13,209	9,026
	Tobacco leaf	"	878	673
	Vegetables, pulses and fruits ³	"	89,629	100,817
	of which: Creepers	"	(22,088)	(25,692)
	Groundnuts	"	(767)	(863)
	Maize	"	(438)	(232)
	Potatoes	"	(10,639)	(17,620)
	Tomatoes	"	(10,877)	(12,247)
	Mixed vegetables	"	(26,327)	(28,064)
	Bananas	"	(9,387)	(8,961)
Fish:	Coastal fishing	"	2,566	2,196
	Other, including bank fishing and tuna	"	8,553	10,165
Meat ⁴ :	Beef	"	2,321	2,274
	Goat	"	130	120
	Mutton	"	10	8
	Pork	"	1,112	948
	Cattle hides and skins	No.	12,525	10,646

12.2 Industry: Production of selected commodities

	Sugar	t	588,455	620,589
	Molasses	"	151,527	164,751
	Tea (manufactured)	"	2,497	1,787
	Poultry	"	20,100	20,825
	Beer and stout ⁵	hL	312,118	339,529
	Cigarettes ⁵	000	1,193,084	1,143,658
	Electricity generated (C.E.B.)	GWh	1,151	1,193

13 CONSTRUCTION

Approved new construction			1996¹	1997²
Residential buildings:	Permits issued ⁶	No.	7,802	7,097
	Floor area	000 m ²	1,108	997
Non-residential buildings:	Permits issued ⁶	No.	535	511
	Floor area	000 m ²	339	220

¹ revised

² provisional

³ Source: Agricultural Research and Extension Unit

⁴ including imported live animals slaughtered in Mauritius

⁵ Source: Customs and Excise Department

⁶ including permits issued for extension and alterations

14 ISLAND OF RODRIGUES

14.1 Population and vital statistics

		<u>1996</u>	<u>1997</u> ¹
Resident population (mid-year)			
Both sexes	No.	34,883	35,070
Males	"	(17,344)	(17,431)
Females	"	(17,539)	(17,639)
Live births	"	714	681
Deaths	"	162	188
Natural increase	"	552	493
Estimated net migration	"	-362	-319
Net increase	"	+ 190	+ 174
Live births per 1,000 mid-year population		20.3 ²	19.4 ³
Deaths per 1,000 mid-year population		4.9 ²	5.4 ³
Natural increase per 1,000 mid-year population		15.4 ²	14.0 ³
Civil marriages	No.	198	233
Infant deaths (deaths of children under 1 year of age)	"	14	13

14.2 Education

		<u>1996</u>	<u>1997</u>
Primary education			
Total number of schools		12	13
Enrolment in:			
Government schools	No.	2,406	2,506
Aided schools	"	2,528	2,291
Total enrolment	"	4,934	4,797
Number of teachers		188	185
Pupil/teacher ratio ⁴		26	26
Secondary education			
Number of schools		3	4
Total enrolment	No.	2,917	3,125
Number of teachers		119	121
Pupil/teacher ratio		25	26

¹ provisional

² based on average for 3 years

³ based on year 1997 only

⁴ number of pupils divided by total number of general purpose teachers

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