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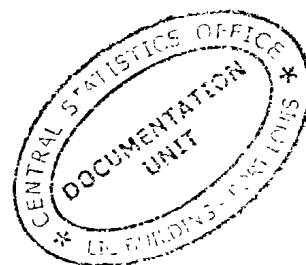
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FOREWORD

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 1998 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	
	1997 ²	1998 ³	1997 ²	1998 ³
Resident Population (mid-year)				
Both sexes	1,147.7	1,159.7	1,112.6	1,124.5
Males	(573.9)	(579.6)	(556.4)	(562.2)
Females	(573.8)	(580.1)	(556.2)	(562.3)
Population growth rate ⁴	1.2	1.0	1.2	1.0
Percentage urban population (mid-year) ⁵	43.4	43.3	44.8	44.7
Percentage population under 15 years (mid-year)	26.5	26.2	26.3	26.0
Percentage population under 18 years (mid-year)	32.6	31.8	32.3	31.5
Percentage population under 21 years (mid-year)	38.5	37.9	36.1	37.6
Percentage population 60 years & over (mid-year)	8.6	8.7	8.7	8.8
Live births	20.0	19.4	19.3	18.7
Deaths	8.0	7.8	7.8	7.6
Natural increase	12.0	11.6	11.5	11.1
Net migration: (residents)	1.4	0.0	1.7	0.3
Net increase	13.4	11.6	13.2	11.4
Crude birth rate (live births per 1,000 mid-year population)	17.4	16.8	17.4	16.7
Crude death rate (deaths per 1,000 mid-year population)	7.0	6.8	7.0	6.8
Natural increase per 1,000 mid-year population	10.4	10.0	10.4	9.9
Net increase per 1,000 mid-year population	11.7	10.0	11.9	10.1
Live births occurred per 1,000 women aged (15 - 49) years	61.1	59.3	60.8	58.9
Civil marriages	10.9	10.9	10.7	10.7
Infant deaths (deaths of children under 1 year of age)	406	375	393	363

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 1995 - 1997	66.4	74.3
	<u>1997²</u>	<u>1998³</u>
Infant mortality rate (deaths of children under 1 year of age per 1,000 live births)	20.3	19.3

Health institutions in the Republic of Mauritius:- *

	Number		Ratio per 100,000 population	
	<u>1997²</u>	<u>1998³</u>	<u>1997²</u>	<u>1998³</u>
Area health centres	29	27	2.5	2.3
Community health centres	119	120	10.4	10.3
Family health centres	9	9	0.8	0.8
Dispensaries ⁴	28	30	2.4	2.6
Mediclinics	-	2	-	0.2
Dental clinics	38	39	3.3	3.4
Private clinics	11	12	1.0	1.0
Health offices	14	14	1.2	1.2
Hospitals ⁵	15	15	1.3	1.3
Hospital beds	3,589	3,800	312.7	327.7
Admissions in hospitals	181,869	200,000	15,846	17,245

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

		<u>1997²</u>	<u>1998³</u>
Malaria	No.	65	57
Tuberculosis	"	126	123
Typhoid fever	"	1	6
Schistosomiasis	"	2	
Infective hepatitis	"	10	17

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

	Number		Ratio per 100,000 population	
	<u>1997²</u>	<u>1998³</u>	<u>1997²</u>	<u>1998³</u>
Medical practitioners	1,016	1,028	88.5	88.6
Dentists	145	143	12.6	12.3
Pharmacists	249	250	21.7	21.6
Nurses and midwives (Government)	2,801	2,826	244.1	243.7

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		1997¹	1998²
3.1 Motor vehicles statistics			
Motor vehicles registered as at end of year:		210,922	222,344
1. Government owned vehicles	No.	4,971	5,049
2. Private vehicles:	"	173,000	181,764
Cars	"	(41,627)	(44,283)
Dual purpose vehicles	"	(25,767)	(28,126)
Motor cycles	"	(22,442)	(23,179)
Autocycles	"	(82,347)	(85,353)
Heavy motor cars	"	(817)	(823)
3. Commercial vehicles:	"	32,719	35,298
Taxi cars	"	(4,721)	(4,761)
Contract cars	"	(1,297)	(1,331)
Lorries and trucks	"	(8,804)	(9,189)
Vans	"	(11,682)	(13,700)
Buses	"	(2,359)	(2,367)
Other commercial vehicles	"	(3,856)	(3,950)
4. Other vehicles not classified elsewhere	"	232	233
3.2 New motor vehicles registered³			
New motor vehicles registered during the year		9,422	10,379
Cars	No.	2,141	2,129
Dual purpose vehicles	"	1,758	1,846
Lorries and trucks	"	218	271
Heavy motor cars	"	33	41
Buses	"	110	111
Motor cycles	"	768	851
Autocycles	"	3,235	3,227
Vans	"	1,029	1,778
Other	"	130	125
3.3 Bus operational statistics⁴			
Total vehicle-journeys	000	4,252	4,105
Average vehicle-journeys per day	No.	8.0	7.7
Total vehicle-km	000	80,113	77,994
Average vehicle-km per day	No.	152	147
Total gross receipts	Million Rupees	1,437	1,387
3.4 Road traffic accidents			
Road traffic accidents	No.	15,954	18,055
Motor vehicles involv.	"	28,561	32,568
Casualties	"	3,755	3,828
of which: Fatal	"	(146)	(162)
Serious injuries	"	(261)	(281)
Slight injuries	"	(3,348)	(3,385)

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>1997</u> ¹	<u>1998</u> ²
3.5	Séa-borne shipping ³		
	Vessels entering	1,481	1,782
	Vessels leaving	1,436	1,810
	Goods unloaded	2,902	3,129
	Goods loaded	950	1,033
3.6	Civil aviation		
	Landings	7,049	7,320
	Take-offs	7,045	7,314
	Freight unloaded	17,443	17,516
	Freight loaded	20,762	19,559
3.7	Telephone services		
	Total line capacity of local exchanges	264,627	267,788
	Main telephone lines in operation	222,747	243,630
	Calls units registered	527,000	579,000
3.8	Broadcasting services		
	Television sets licensed	196,481	218,678

4 TOURISM

Tourist arrivals by country of residence	Year 1997		Year 1998	
	Number(000)	%	Number(000)	%
All countries	536.1	100.0	558.2	100.0
France	145.2	27.1	162.8	29.2
Germany	44.0	8.2	43.8	7.9
Italy	35.3	6.6	36.6	6.6
Switzerland	16.1	3.0	16.2	2.9
United Kingdom	46.0	8.6	52.3	9.4
Belgium	8.2	1.5	8.4	1.5
Malagasy Republic	10.1	1.9	9.2	1.7
Reunion	82.6	15.4	84.0	15.0
Seychelles	9.0	1.7	8.5	1.5
Kenya	1.2	0.2	1.7	0.3
South Africa, Republic of	51.3	9.6	49.7	8.9
Zimbabwe	4.2	0.8	3.8	0.7
Australia	9.5	1.8	8.9	1.6
U.S.A	2.9	0.5	3.2	0.6
India	13.2	2.5	12.6	2.3
Singapore	3.4	0.6	3.5	0.6
Japan	3.1	0.6	2.5	0.4
Other countries	50.8	9.4	50.5	9.0
Tourist nights spent during period	5,451¹		5,568²	

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>1996/97</u>	<u>1997/98</u>
1. Total revenue and grants	16,474	18,501
(i) Tax revenue	14,001	15,686
(ii) Non-tax revenue	2,410	2,599
(iii) Grants	63	216
2. Total expenditure and net lending	21,886	20,124
(i) Recurrent expenditure	17,208	19,213
Wages and salaries	(5,791)	(6,389)
Other expenditure on goods and services	(1,829)	(1,937)
Interest payments	(2,875)	(3,503)
Subsidies on rice and flour	(454)	(370)
Other subsidies and other current transfers	(6,259)	(7,014)
(ii) Capital expenditure	3,142	2,659
(iii) Net lending	1,536	-1,748
3. Overall deficit/surplus	-5,412	-1,623
Overall deficit excluding PF and loan to NIDF*	-3,666	-3,408
4. Financing	5,412	1,623
(i) Domestic	5,212	1,900
(ii) Foreign	200	-277
5. Budgetary central government debt at end of period	39,478	45,370
(i) Internal debt	29,812	34,618
(ii) External debt	9,666	10,752
External debt as % of total external debt of the country	38.0	36.1
6. Total external debt of the country	25,410	29,770

5.1.2 Revenue and grants

Revenue items

1. Tax Revenue	14,001	15,686
Tax on income, profits and capital gains	2,287	2,409
Individual income tax	(1,220)	(1,238)
Corporate tax	(1,067)	(1,171)
Social security contribution	-	-
Taxes on payroll and workforce	-	-
Taxes on property	976	1,101
Domestic taxes on goods and services	5,157	6,007
of which: Excise duties	(1,276)	(1,529)
Sales tax	(2,442)	(2,724)
Taxes on gambling	(548)	(705)
Tax on hotel bills	(513)	(620)
Import duties	5,570	6,157
Export duties	-	-
Other tax revenue	11	12

* Privatisation Fund and National Infrastructure Development Fund

5.1.2 Revenue and grants - cont'd

	Million Rupees	
	<u>1996/97</u>	<u>1997/98</u>
2. Nontax revenue	2,410	2,599
Property income ¹	1,954	2,074
Fees, charges and non-industrial sales	317	369
Employees contributions to government employee pension and welfare funds	92	101
Other nontax revenue	47	55
Total revenue (1 + 2)	16,411	18,285
3. Grants	63	216
Total revenue and grants (1 + 2 + 3)	16,474	18,501

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

1. Domestic debt	29,812	34,618
(i) Other general government	8,100	11,953
(ii) Monetary authorities	759	2,386
(iii) Deposit money banks	16,625	16,005
(iv) Other domestic	4,328	4,274
2 Foreign debt	9,666	10,752
(i) International development institutions	3,898	4,261
(ii) Foreign government	2,445	2,663
(iii) Other foreign	3,323	3,828
Total	39,478	45,370

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

1 Domestic debt	29,812	34,618
(i) Long term bonds	12,148	14,402
(ii) Short term bonds and bills	17,338	18,758
(iii) Long term loans n.e.c	-	-
(iv) Short term loans and advances	326	1,458
(v) Other domestic liabilities	-	-
2. Foreign debt	9,666	10,752
(i) Long term loans n.e.c.	9,666	10,752
Total	39,478	45,370

5.1.5 Expenditure by function

	<u>1996/97</u>		<u>1997/98</u>	
	Million Rupees	% of total	Million Rupees	% of total
1. General public services	2,032	10.0	2,260	10.3
2. Defence	224	1.1	189	0.9
3. Public order and safety	1,697	8.3	1,666	7.6
4. Education	3,378	16.6	3,507	16.0
5. Health	1,566	7.7	1,768	8.1
6. Social security and welfare	3,787	18.6	4,237	19.4
7. Housing and community amenities	1,208	5.9	1,251	5.7
8. Recreational, cultural & religious services	328	1.6	333	1.5
9. Fuel and energy	9	0.1	11	0.1
10. Agriculture, forestry and fishing	902	4.5	1,052	4.8
11. Mining, manufacturing and construction	161	0.8	140	0.6
12. Transport and communication	596	2.9	366	1.7
13. Other economic services	893	4.4	923	4.2
14. Expenditure n.e.c.	3,569	17.5	4,169	19.1
Public debt interest	(2,875)	(14.1)	(3,503)	(16.0)
Transfers to local government	(694)	(3.4)	(666)	(3.0)
Other	(-)	(0.0)	(-)	(0.0)
Total expenditure	20,350	100.0	21,872	100.0

5.2 Banking

		Million Rupees	
		<u>1997</u>	<u>1998</u>
5.2.1	Foreign exchange reserves (end of period)		
	(i) Bank of Mauritius	15,342	13,867
	(ii) Government	1	1
	(iii) Commercial banks	6,433	5,778
	(iv) Reserve position in the IMF	219	250
	Total	21,995	19,896
5.2.2	Money supply (end of period)		
	(i) Currency with public	5,410	5,833
	(ii) Demand deposits		
	Bank of Mauritius	9	28
	Commercial banks	5,194	5,730
	Total	10,613	11,591

6. NATIONAL ACCOUNTS

6.1 Main aggregates		1997 ¹	1998 ²
1. Gross Domestic Product (GDP)			
at factor cost	Million Rupees	75,019	84,439
at market prices	"	86,069	96,939
Net factor income from the rest of the world	"	-374	636
Gross National Product (GNP)			
at factor cost	"	74,645	83,803
at market prices	"	85,695	96,303
2. Per capita GNP			
at factor cost	Rupees	65,029	72,250
at market prices	"	74,655	83,027
3. Compensation of employees			
	Million Rupees	34,701	39,270
4. Final consumption expenditure incurred by			
Households	"	(54,865)	(61,138)
General government ³	"	(10,259)	(11,500)
Actual final consumption expenditure of			
Households	"	(58,604)	(65,338)
General government ³	"	(6,520)	(7,300)
5. Gross Domestic Fixed Capital Formation (GDFCF)			
Private sector	"	(17,840)	(16,300)
Public sector	"	(5,590)	(6,200)
6. Gross domestic savings			
	"	20,945	24,301
7. Net exports of goods & non-factor services			
Exports of goods & non-factor services	"	54,357	64,799
Imports of goods & non-factor services	"	58,540	64,576

Growth rates and ratios

A. Annual real growth rates (%) :

1. Gross Domestic Product (GDP) at factor cost	+ 5.3	+ 5.2
2. Final consumption expenditure (incurred)	+ 4.4	+ 4.4
Households	+ 4.6	+ 4.6
General government ³	+ 3.5	+ 3.6
3. Gross Domestic Fixed Capital Formation (GDFCF)	+ 10.8	- 7.5
GDFCF (excluding aircraft and ship)	1.5	+ 5.6

B. Ratios

1. Compensation of employees as a % of GDP at factor cost	46.3	46.5
2. Final consumption expenditure as a % of GDP at market prices	75.7	74.9
Households	63.8	63.0
General government ³	11.9	11.9
3. GDFCF as a % of GDP at market prices	27.2	23.2
4. Public sector's investment as a % of GDFCF	23.9	27.6
5. Gross domestic savings as a % of GDP at market prices	24.3	25.1

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>1997¹</u>	<u>1998²</u>
Agriculture, hunting, forestry and fishing	6,786	7,420
Sugarcane	(4,315)	(4,790)
Other	(2,471)	(2,630)
Mining and quarrying	119	127
Manufacturing	18,319	20,945
Sugar milling	(1,247)	(1,410)
E.P.Z	(9,172)	(10,501)
Other	(7,900)	(9,034)
Electricity, gas and water	1,478	1,545
Construction	4,564	5,022
Wholesale & retail trade, restaurants and hotels	13,348	15,257
Wholesale and retail trade	(9,925)	(11,211)
Restaurants and hotels	(3,423)	(4,046)
Transport, storage and communication	8,636	9,639
Financing, insurance, real estate and business services	12,342	13,853
Ownership of dwellings	(3,805)	(4,080)
Financial institutions	(4,486)	(5,111)
Insurance and other business services	(4,051)	(4,662)
Producers of government services	7,830	8,900
Community, social & personal services	4,317	4,772
Imputed bank service charges (FISIM)	-2,720	-3,041
Gross Domestic Product at factor cost	75,019	84,439
Taxes on production and imports net of subsidies	11,050	12,500
Gross Domestic Product at market prices	86,069	96,939

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

Agriculture, hunting, forestry and fishing	+ 3.6	-1.4
Sugarcane	(+ 5.5)	(+ 1.0)
Other	(+ 1.0)	(-5.0)
Mining and quarrying	+ 4.0	+ 3.0
Manufacturing	+ 5.8	+ 6.3
Sugar milling	(+ 6.5)	(+ 3.0)
E.P.Z	(+ 6.0)	(+ 7.0)
Other	(+ 5.4)	(+ 5.9)
Electricity, gas and water	+ 8.7	+ 6.0
Construction	-1.0	+ 6.0
Wholesale & retail trade, restaurants and hotels	+ 6.3	+ 5.4
Wholesale and retail trade	(+ 5.0)	(+ 5.2)
Restaurants and hotels	(+ 10.2)	(+ 6.0)
Transport, storage and communication	+ 7.6	+ 6.5
Financing, insurance, real estate and business services	+ 6.4	+ 6.6
Ownership of dwellings	(+ 3.0)	(+ 3.0)
Financial institutions	(+ 8.0)	(+ 8.0)
Insurance & other business services	(+ 8.3)	(+ 8.6)
Producers of government services	+ 3.5	+ 4.0
Community, social and personal services	+ 4.7	+ 4.5
Gross Domestic Product at factor cost	+ 5.3	+ 5.2

¹ Revised estimates

² Preliminary estimates

6.4 Expenditure on Gross Domestic Product at current prices

	Million Rupees	
	1997 ¹	1998 ²
1. Final consumption expenditure incurred by	65,124	72,638
Households	(54,865)	(61,138)
General Government	(10,259)	(11,500)
Individual	(3,739)	(4,200)
Collective	(6,520)	(7,300)
2. Gross domestic fixed capital formation	23,430	22,500
Private sector	(17,840)	(16,300)
Public sector	(5,590)	(6,200)
3. Increase in inventories (includes all statistical discrepancies)	1,698	1,578
4. Exports of goods & non-factor services	54,357	64,799
Goods (f.o.b) excluding freeport activities	(33,789)	(39,634)
Goods (f.o.b) freeport activities	(1,683)	(3,405)
Non-factor services	(18,885)	(21,760)
5. Less Imports of goods & non-factor services	58,540	64,576
Goods (f.o.b) excluding freeport activities	(42,570)	(46,015)
Goods (f.o.b) freeport activities	(1,803)	(2,666)
Non-factor services	(14,167)	(15,895)
Gross Domestic Product at market prices	86,069	96,939

6.5 Cost components of Gross Domestic Product at current prices

Compensation of employees	34,701	39,270
of which paid by government*	(8,280)	(9,415)
Gross operating surplus	40,318	45,169
Gross domestic product at factor cost	75,019	84,439
Taxes on production & imports net of subsidies	11,050	12,500
Taxes on production & imports	(11,862)	(13,255)
Subsidies	(-812)	(-755)
Gross Domestic Product at market prices	86,069	96,939

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

I - By type of capital goods		
Building & construction work	11,000	12,015
Residential building	(4,650)	(5,080)
Non-residential building	(3,700)	(3,800)
Other construction work	(2,650)	(3,135)
Machinery and equipment	12,430	10,485
Passenger car	(1,155)	(1,200)
Other transport equipment	(4,315)	(1,345)
Other machinery and equipment	(6,960)	(7,850)
Gross Domestic Fixed Capital Formation	23,430	22,500
II - By Industrial use		
Agriculture, hunting, forestry and fishing	675	750
Mining and quarrying	-	-
Manufacturing	3,345	4,210
of which : EPZ	(1,245)	(1,445)
Electricity, gas and water	1,000	1,710
Construction	495	550
Wholesale & retail trade, restaurants and hotels	2,895	3,100
Transport, storage and communication	6,575	3,555
Financing, insurance, real estate and business services	5,525	6,200
of which : Ownership of dwellings	(4,650)	(5,080)
Producers of government services	2,170	1,745
Community, social & personal services	750	680

² 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	1997¹	1998²
Domestic exports (f.o.b)	31,888	37,294
Re-exports (f.o.b)	1,130	1,590
Ships' stores and bunkers (f.o.b)	676	750
A. Total exports (f.o.b)	33,694	39,634
B. Total imports (c.i.f)	46,093	49,811
Balance of visible trade	-12,399	-10,177
7.2 Domestic Exports (f.o.b. value)		
Total	31,888	37,294
Sugar	7,495	8,440
Molasses	102	70
Tea	11	10
EPZ products	23,049	26,074
of which: Fish and fish preparations	(894)	(939)
Textile yarn, fabrics, etc	(1,310)	(1,062)
Pearls, precious and semi-precious stones	(476)	(446)
Clothing	(18,142)	(21,121)
Optical goods	(213)	(206)
Watches and clocks	(409)	(508)
Toys, games and sporting goods	(104)	(79)
Jewellery and articles of precious or semi-precious materials	(291)	(327)
Other	(1,210)	(1,386)
Other	1,231	2,700
7.3 Imports (c.i.f. value)		
Total	46,093	49,811
Food	6,091	6,889
of which: Rice	(506)	(556)
Meat and meat preparations	(683)	(734)
Wheat flour	(73)	(114)
Wheat	(367)	(504)
Dairy products	(964)	(1,038)
Beverages and tobacco	262	312
Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	1,567	1,933
Mineral fuels, lubricants, etc.	3,471	3,152
of which: refined petroleum products	(3,021)	(2,643)
Animal and vegetable oils and fats	484	593
Chemicals and related products	3,340	3,895
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by materials	14,947	17,249
of which: EPZ	(8,660)	(10,184)
iron and steel	(1,077)	(1,286)
Cement	(809)	(968)
Machinery and transport equipment	11,702	11,364
of which: EPZ	(1,438)	(1,485)
Road vehicles	(2,139)	(2,765)
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	3,804	4,233
of which: EPZ	(1,319)	(1,619)
Other commodities and transactions	425	191

¹ revised

² provisional

	<u>1997¹</u>	<u>1998²</u>
7.4 Price (unit value) indices (Base 1992 = 100)		
Exports (unit value) index	140	157
Imports (unit value) index	138	139
Terms of trade	101	113

	Million Rupees			
	Total imports (c.i.f)		Total exports (f.o.b)	
	<u>1997¹</u>	<u>1998²</u>	<u>1997¹</u>	<u>1998²</u>
GRAND TOTAL	46,093	49,811	33,018	38,884
Preferential Tariff Countries	35,506	36,137	32,033	37,655
European Union Countries	15,768	15,015	24,478	27,882
Austria	64	80	48	75
Belgium	774	778	675	772
Denmark	144	201	78	51
Finland	86	93	199	13
France	7,225	5,528	5,990	6,991
Germany	2,164	2,057	1,860	2,212
Greece	9	31	29	25
Ireland	238	264	19	24
Italy	1,329	1,822	1,272	1,398
Luxembourg	21	146	-	14
Netherlands	322	311	744	895
Portugal	56	65	760	943
Reunion	30	40	477	548
Spain	661	881	818	929
Sweden	83	134	153	151
United Kingdom	2,562	2,584	11,356	12,841
Other Preferential Tariff Countries	19,738	21,122	7,555	9,773
Australia	1,547	1,693	133	82
Burma	14	12	-	-
Canada	59	125	188	266
Hong Kong	1,987	2,499	152	199
India	4,521	4,618	282	151
Kenya	238	178	83	132
Malagasy Republic of	642	755	1,193	1,628
Malawi	1	1	68	38
Malaysia	1,060	1,424	16	13
New Zealand	470	458	9	14
Pakistan	618	724	1	3
Republic of South Africa	5,650	5,222	142	189
Russian Federation	52	62	-	2
Seychelles	5	31	73	107
Singapore	1,020	1,112	64	93
Sri Lanka	28	29	4	14
Swaziland	94	138	1	-
Tanzania	19	-	19	72
United States of America	1,366	1,635	4,687	6,495
Zimbabwe	94	132	254	150
Other	253	306	186	125

¹ revised

² provisional

7.5 Direction of trade - cont'd

	Million Rupees			
	Total imports (c.i.f)		Total exports (f.o.b)	
	<u>1997¹</u>	<u>1998²</u>	<u>1997¹</u>	<u>1998²</u>
General Tariff Countries	10,587	13,674	985	1,229
Argentina	507	543	20	26
Bahrain	224	598	-	-
Brazil	53	128	14	-
Burkina Faso	159	180	-	3
China	2,006	2,601	23	20
Comoro Islands	-	-	24	24
Hungary	10	13	1	1
Indonesia	533	1,054	9	12
Israel	145	137	5	15
Ivory Coast	28	106	-	11
Japan	1,966	2,529	200	243
Jordan	164	19	-	-
Korea, North	15	28	-	1
Korea, Republic of	478	1,092	5	5
Kuwait	607	-	-	-
Macau	69	30	-	5
Morocco	37	44	2	-
Norway	12	14	31	33
Philippines	53	38	1	11
Rwanda	-	-	34	12
Saudi Arabia	470	1,033	1	6
Switzerland	853	947	463	525
Taiwan	1,258	1,222	24	18
Thailand	342	517	9	4
Turkey	30	63	1	3
United Arab Emirates	88	116	21	51
Other	430	622	97	200

7.6 Summary of Balance of Payments

	Million Rupees	
	<u>1996</u>	<u>1997</u>
1 Merchandise account	-5,851	-8,781
2 Net services account	+4,382	+4,351
3 Net unrequited transfers	+2,079	+2,539
4 Net capital movements	+1,635	-521
Non-monetary sectors	(+1,829)	(+2,244)
Monetary sectors	(-194)	(-2,765)
5 SDR allocation	-	-
6 Errors and omissions	-1,386	+1,766
Overall Balance of Payments	+859	+646
Monetary movements	(-859)	(+646)
Reserves movements ³	(-859)	(+646)
Exceptional financing	(-)	(-)

¹ revised

² provisional

³ a plus indicates a decrease and a minus an increase

8 CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

8.1 Monthly Consumer Price Index

	<u>1997</u> ¹	<u>1997</u> ²	<u>1998</u> ²
January	145.9		105.5
February	145.9		106.0
March	146.2		106.7
April	146.1		107.4
May	146.7		108.0
June	147.9		109.6
July		103.0	109.7
August		103.3	110.0
September		103.6	112.1
October		103.5	112.7
November		103.6	113.1
December		103.9	113.4
Yearly average		102.5	109.5

¹ Base: July 1991 to June 1992 = 100

² Base: July 1996 to June 1997 = 100

8.2 Sub-indices by major commodity group

(Base: July 1996 - June 1997 = 100)

Commodity group	Yearly average
	<u>1998</u>
Food and non-alcoholic beverages	110.1
Alcoholic beverages and tobacco	122.1
Clothing and footwear	105.2
Fuel and light	100.3
Housing and household operations	105.1
Medical care and health expenses	107.7
Transport and communication	108.6
Recreation, entertainment, education and cultural services	115.8
Miscellaneous goods and services	107.1
All groups	109.5

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
1998	6.8	1997/98	5.4

9 EMPLOYMENT¹

9.1 Employment in large establishments² by major industrial group

	March	
	<u>1997</u> Number	<u>1998</u> Number
Total employment	<u>286,325</u>	<u>292,871</u>
Agriculture and fishing ³	31,386	30,393
Sugarcane	(28,173)	(27,516)
Tea	(308)	(269)
Tobacco	(241)	(274)
Other	(2,664)	(2,334)
Mining and quarrying	222	218
Manufacturing ³	105,849	111,226
Electricity and water	3,288	3,220
Construction	9,546	8,899
Wholesale, retail trade, restaurants and hotels	26,285	27,812
Transport, storage and communication	15,019	15,076
Financing, insurance, real estate and business services	13,183	13,680
Community, social and personal services	79,100	79,777
Government:		
(a) Central	(56,077)	(56,126)
(b) Local	(5,908)	(5,729)
Other	(17,115)	(17,922)
Activities not elsewhere specified	2,447	2,570

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	
	<u>1997</u>	<u>1998</u>	<u>1997</u>	<u>1998</u>
		March		March
<u>Overall average</u>	<u>7,572</u>	<u>8,080</u>	<u>166</u>	<u>178</u>
Agriculture and fishing	5,116	5,289	160	182
Sugarcane	(5,004)	(5,147)	(168)	(192)
Mining and quarrying	8,524	9,298	104	103
Manufacturing	6,274	6,912	149	161
EPZ ¹	(5,777)	(6,403)	(137)	(146)
Electricity and water	10,112	12,448	127	- ²
Construction	10,038	11,479	243	257
Wholesale, retail trade, restaurants and hotels	7,042	7,510	155	159
Transport, storage and communication	8,766	10,647	215	229
Financing, insurance, real estate and business services	11,010	11,550	159	162
Community, social and personal services	8,296	8,502	139	139
Central Government	(8,612)	(8,643)	(145)	(165)
Activities not elsewhere specified	5,623	6,313	178	169

¹ excluding non-manufacturing EPZ establishments

² no employee on daily rates of pay

10.2 National Pensions Fund - Contribution from employers/employees

	<u>1996/97</u> ²	<u>1997/98</u> ³
(i) No. of employers registered ¹ since implementation of N.P.S.(excluding closures)	29,360	30,211
(ii) No. of employers paying contribution during financial year	14,710	14,799
(iii) Contribution from employers/employees	761.81	841.60
(iv) Surcharges paid by employers (million rupees)	7.37	8.15
(v) Size of N.P.F (million rupees)	12,101.56	13,700.00

11 EDUCATION

1997

1998

11.1 Pre-Primary education

Enrolment in:

PTA (Schools run by Parent Teachers Association)	No.	...	7,307
Private schools	"	...	34,972
Total enrolment	"	...	42,279
Number of teachers	"	...	2,551
Pupil/teacher ratio ⁴		...	17

11.2 Primary education

Total number of schools		270	285
Enrolment in:			
Government schools	No.	94,519	99,770
Private schools	"	27,793	30,735
Total enrolment	"	122,312	130,505
Number of teachers	"	5,015	5,065
General Purpose	"	3,515	3,632
Asian Language	"	1,500	1,433
Pupil/teacher ratio ⁴		35	36

11.3 Secondary education

Total number of schools		128	133
Enrolment in:			
Government schools	No.	20,406	23,242
Private schools	"	70,308	71,122
Total enrolment	"	90,714	94,364
Number of teachers	"	4,589	4,820
Pupil/teacher ratio		20	20

11.4 Post-Secondary education

Enrolment in:

University of Mauritius (1998/1999)	No.	...	3,718
Mauritius Institute of Education	"	..	2,434
Mahatma Gandhi Institute	"	...	277
Total enrolment	"	.	6,429

11.5 Polytechnics

Total enrolment	No	...	720
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11.6 Mauritius College of the Air - Distance Learning

Enrolment (July - Dec. 1998)	No.	..	410
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¹ as at June

² revised

³ provisional

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

12 LOCAL PRODUCTION			1997 ¹	1998 ²
12.1	Agriculture			
	Industrial crops:			
	Sugar cane	000t	5,787	5,781
	Tea	t	9,026	7,393
	Tobacco leaf	"	673	686
	Vegetables, pulses and fruits ³	"	101,442	91,618
	of which: Creepers	"	(25,693)	(22,411)
	Groundnuts	"	(863)	(551)
	Maize	"	(232)	(259)
	Potatoes	"	(17,584)	(14,612)
	Tomatoes	"	(12,226)	(10,729)
	Mixed vegetables	"	(30,490)	(29,713)
	Bananas	"	(9,557)	(9,343)
	Fish: Coastal fishing	"	2,196	2,179
	Other, including bank fishing and tuna	"	10,166	7,656
	Meat ⁴ : Beef	"	2,274	2,516
	Goat	"	120	112
	Mutton	"	8	6
	Pork	"	948	752
	Cattle hides and skins	No.	10,646	11,765

12.2 Industry: Production of selected commodities

Sugar	t	620,589	628,588
Molasses	"	164,751	168,891
Tea (manufactured)	"	1,787	1,488
Poultry	"	20,825	18,300
Beer and stout ⁵	hL	339,529	375,876
Cigarettes ⁵	000	1,143,658	1,033,711
Electricity generated (C.E.B.)	GWh	1,193	1,396

13 CONSTRUCTION

Approved new construction

Residential buildings:	Permits issued ⁶	No.	7,097	8,302
	Floor area	000 m ²	997	1,204
Non-residential buildings:	Permits issued ⁶	No.	511	469
	Floor area	000 m ²	220	276

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>1997</u>	<u>1998¹</u>
Resident population (mid-year)			
Both sexes	No.	35,070	35,221
Males	"	(17,431)	(17,491)
Females	"	(17,639)	(17,730)
Live births	"	681	690
Deaths	"	188	188
Natural increase	"	493	502
Estimated net migration	"	-319	-362
Net increase	"	+174	+140
Live births per 1,000 mid-year population		19.8 ²	19.6 ³
Deaths per 1,000 mid-year population		5.1 ²	5.3 ³
Natural increase per 1,000 mid-year population		14.7 ²	14.3 ³
Civil marriages	No.	233	246
Infant deaths (deaths of children under 1 year of age)	"	13	12

14.2 Education

		<u>1997</u>	<u>1998</u>
Primary education			
Total number of schools		13	13
Enrolment in:			
Government schools	No.	2,506	2,567
Aided schools	"	2,291	2,257
Total enrolment	"	4,797	4,824
Number of teachers		185	175
Pupil/teacher ratio ⁴		26	27.6
Secondary education			
Number of schools		4	3
Total enrolment	No.	3,125	3,124
Number of teachers		121	140
Pupil/teacher ratio		26	22.3

¹ provisional

² based on average for 3 years

³ based on year 1998 only

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

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