

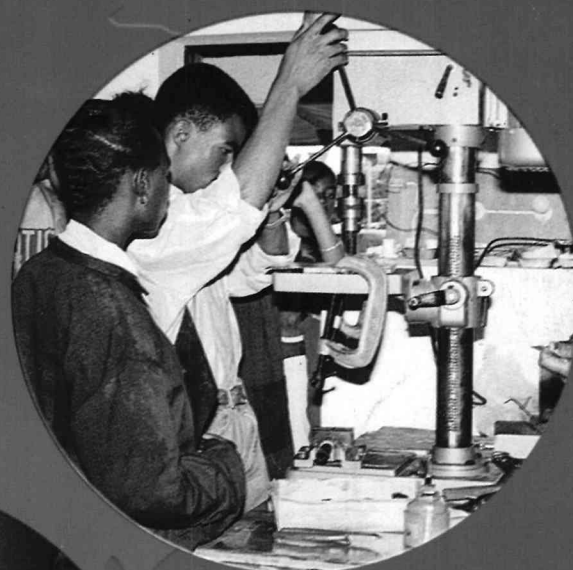


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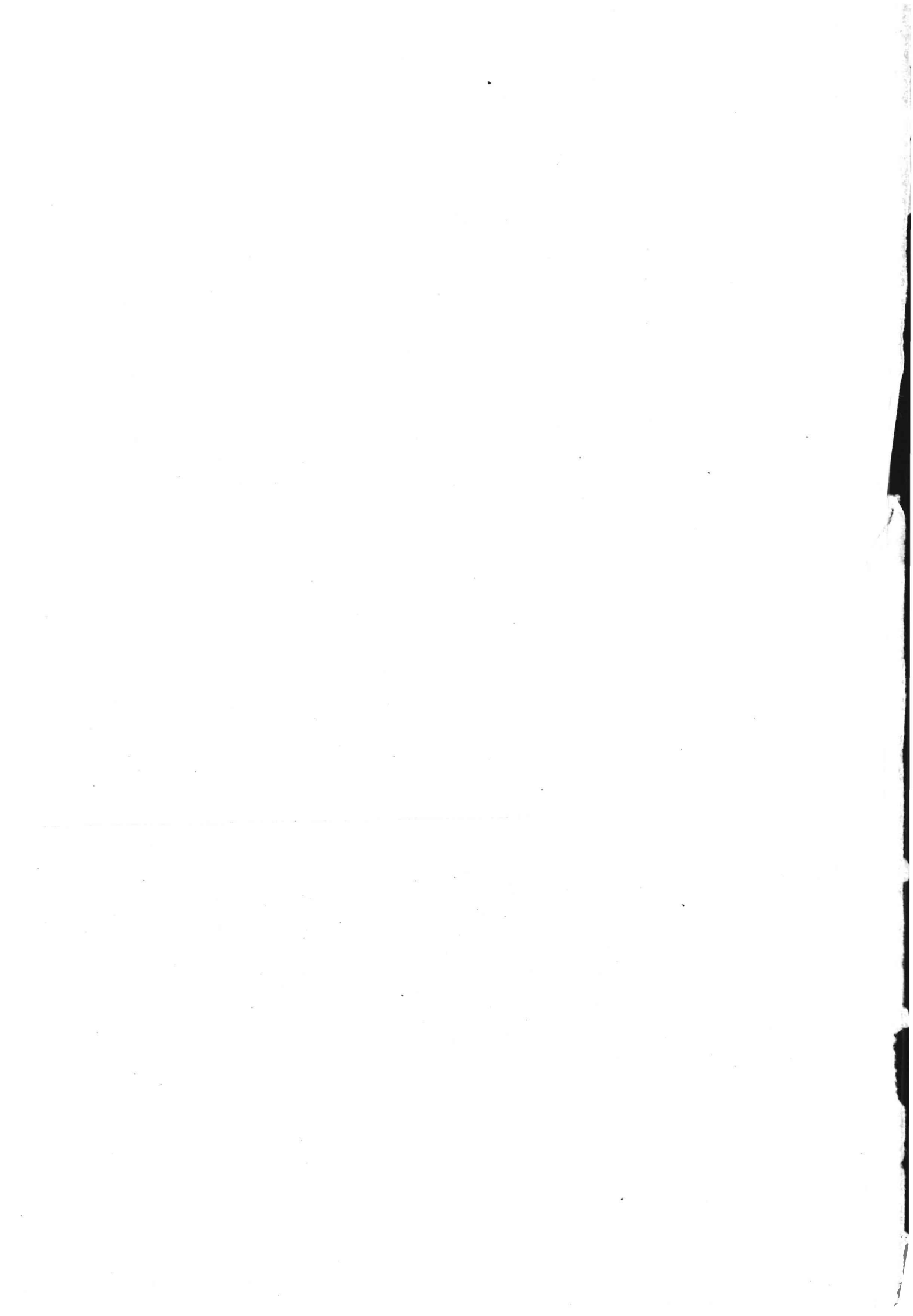


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FOREWORD

This is the twentieth issue of a yearly publication on education statistics prepared by the Central Statistics Office.

Tables presented in this report relate to the Republic of Mauritius and cover latest available information on pre-primary, primary, secondary, vocational and technical as well as tertiary education.

The data have been compiled on the basis of information collected through surveys conducted in 2003 among educational institutions, as well as from the Mauritius Examinations Syndicate and the Tertiary Education Commission.

It is hoped that the data assembled in this report will be of valuable help to the public in general, particularly to education planners and policy makers. The preparation of this report has necessitated the collaboration of the Ministry of Education and Scientific Research, the Central Information Systems Division, educational institutions, and several other organisations. Their co-operation and assistance are herewith gratefully acknowledged.

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Map showing the five educational zones with the number of schools, 2003

EDUCATION STATISTICS 2003

1. Expenditure

Government recurrent expenditure on education was estimated around Rs 5,119 million for the financial year 2003/2004. This represents 14.7% of the government total recurrent expenditure of Rs 34,779 million for 2003/2004. For the financial year 2002/2003, government recurrent expenditure on education was Rs 4,563 million, representing 14.5% of the government total recurrent expenditure which amounted to Rs 31,538 million.

Of the budget allocated to the Ministry of Education for the financial year 2003/2004, 41.9% was disbursed to the secondary education sector, 30.3% to primary, 13.9% to post secondary, 1.7% to technical and vocational, 1.5% to pre-primary and the remaining 10.7 % to other expenses (Table 1.2).

2. Pre-primary Education

2.1 *Schools*

In February 2003, a survey was conducted in 1,092 pre-primary schools: 1,061 in the Island of Mauritius and 31 in Rodrigues. Of these schools, 78% were privately run institutions; 17%, found on primary school premises, were administered by the Pre-School Trust Fund (PSTF) and the remaining 5% were administered by the Municipal and Village Councils (Table 2.2.1).

2.2 *Enrolment*

The population aged 3 years and over, enrolled in these pre-primary schools, numbered 38,620, of whom 19,433 were boys and 19,187 girls. The Gross Enrolment Ratio (children attending pre-primary schools as a percentage of the total number of children in the age group 4 to 5 years in the population) thus works out to 99%.

2.3 *Personnel*

The pre-primary schools employed 3,127 persons, of whom 2,508 were teachers and 619 non-teaching staff (Table 2.8.1). Most (99.4%) of the teachers were women. The average number of pupils per teacher works out to 15.

3 Primary Education

3.1 Schools

In February 2003, there were 291 schools providing primary education, 278 in the Island of Mauritius and 13 in Rodrigues. The majority (221) of the schools was run by government, 51 by the Roman Catholic Education Authority (RCEA), 2 by the Hindu Education Authority and the other 17 were private non-aided schools (Table 3.2.1).

3.2 Enrolment

The primary school population in the Republic of Mauritius decreased from 132,432 in 2002 to 129,616 in 2003. Boys represented 51% of the total school population. Around 76% of the primary school population was enrolled in government schools while the remaining 24% were in aided and non-aided schools.

The distribution by grade shows the highest number of pupils in grade VI with 27,723 pupils. This number includes 5,671 repeaters. The Gross Enrolment Ratio, which relates the total number of children attending primary schools to the population aged 6 to 11 years, works out to 102%.

The education system also provides for instruction in seven Oriental languages. The number of pupils studying anyone of these languages totalled 86,714 or 67% of the total primary school population in the Republic of Mauritius (Table 3.14.1).

3.3 Personnel

Some 8,575 persons (4,225 men and 4,350 women) staffed the primary schools. Of this number, 5,620 were teaching staff: 4,247 General Purpose Teachers and 1,373 Oriental Language Teachers. The remaining 2,955 comprised 288 Head Teachers, 930 Deputy Head Teachers and 1,737 administrative and other workers. The pupil/teacher ratio in primary schools works out to 30.

3.4 Certificate of Primary Education (CPE)

In 2002, the number of school candidates who took part in the CPE examination totalled 27,842 (14,486 boys and 13,356 girls). Of this number, 18,079 or 65% succeeded. Genderwise comparison shows a success rate of 71% for girls against 60% for boys (Table 3.22).

4 Secondary and Pre-vocational Education

4.1 General

At March 2003, secondary and pre-vocational education was offered in 184 schools: 178 in the Island of Mauritius and 6 in Rodrigues. Seventy of them were offering secondary academic education only, 9 pre-vocational education only and 105 both secondary academic and pre-vocational education.

4.2 Secondary education

4.2.1 Schools

Out of the 175 schools dispensing secondary education, 169 were found in the Island of Mauritius and 6 in Rodrigues. Sixty three of these schools, 47 Form I-V and 16 Form VI, were state administered, while the other 112 were confessional, private aided and non-aided schools (Table 4.2.1).

4.2.2 Enrolment

In 2003, secondary education enrolment numbered 103,847 of whom 49,946 (48%) were boys and 53,901 (52%) girls. The state schools catered for 30% of secondary school population while the confessional and private schools made up for the rest (70%). The Gross Enrolment Ratio (secondary education enrolment as a percentage of the population aged 12 to 19 years) works out to 66% against 64% in 2002.

4.3 Pre-Vocational Education

4.3.1 Schools

At March 2003, there were 114 schools offering pre-vocational education: 109 in the Island of Mauritius and 5 in Rodrigues. Forty nine of these schools were state schools while the other 65 were confessional or private (aided and unaided) schools.

4.3.2 Enrolment

In 2003, pre-vocational education enrolment was 7,326. This number comprised 4,673 boys and 2,653 girls. The state schools accounted for 37 % of the total population enrolled in pre-vocational schools.

4.4 Personnel

The number of persons employed in schools offering secondary and pre-vocational education totaled 9,326.

The secondary education teaching staff was 5,938 (2,871 men and 3,067 women) giving an average of 17 pupils per teacher. The pre-vocational education teaching staff was 433 (191 men and 242 women) giving also an average of 17 pupils per teacher. The non-teaching staff was 2,955 and consisted of 270 at senior management level, 891 administrative staff and 1,794 other workers.

4.5 Cambridge School Certificate (SC)

In 2002, out of 14,527 candidates (6,697 boys and 7,830 girls) who took part in the Cambridge School Certificate examination, 10,843 or 75% were successful. A comparison by gender showed a pass rate of 77% for girls as compared to 72% for boys. A summary of the results is given in Table 4.20.

4.6 Cambridge Higher School Certificate (HSC)

The number of students taking part in the Cambridge Higher School Certificate examination totalled 6,845 (3,163 boys and 3,682 girls). Of this number 5,189 or 76% were successful. The girls scored a pass rate of 77% as compared to 74% for boys (Table 4.23).

5 Post Secondary Education

5.1 University of Mauritius

5.1.1 Enrolment

The University of Mauritius is the major supplier of tertiary education in the country. As at October 2003, it had a student population of 5,745 (exclusive of joint programmes with Mauritius Institute of Education and Mahatma Gandhi Institute). Forty seven percent of the students enrolled were females.

The emphasis at the University of Mauritius is on degree courses, which constituted 81% of the total enrolment in 2003/2004. About 14% of students enrolled for Post Graduate courses and the remaining 5% were studying for the Diploma and Certificate courses.

5.1.2 Output

For the academic year 2002/2003, some 1,317 (716 males and 601 females) students graduated from the University of Mauritius. The highest number of graduates (1,132 or 86%) was from the Degree courses, followed by 178 (13%) for the Diploma, and 7 (1%) for the Higher Degree courses.

5.2 University of Technology - Mauritius (UTM)

5.2.1 Enrolment

As at October 2003, the student population numbered 984, of whom 428 were females. Some 46% of the student population was enrolled in the School of Business Informatics and Software Engineering and 54% in the School of Public Sector Policy and Management.

The emphasis is on the Degree course with 70% of student population, 19% were studying for Diploma and the remaining 11% was enrolled on the Master Degree.

5.3 Mauritius Institute of Education (MIE)

5.3.1 Enrolment

At October 2003, there were 4,922 teachers and prospective teachers being trained at the MIE, representing a decrease of 5% over the year 2002. The female participation represented 72% of the overall enrolment. Of all the courses, 26% were offered on a full time basis, while 74% were offered on a part time basis (Table 5.8).

Some 68 (1%) students were registered on the Master of Education course in collaboration with the University of Brighton; 229 (5%) were following the Post Graduate Certificate in Education course; 194 (4%) were enrolled for the Bachelor of Education course run jointly with the University of Mauritius; 856 (17%) were on Diploma course, 3,575 (73%) on Certificate and Advanced Certificate Courses.

5.4 Mahatma Gandhi Institute (MGI)

5.4.1 Enrolment

During the academic year 2003, the MGI had a student population of 2,002 of whom 1,376 (69%) were female students. Some 31 (2%) of the students were registered on the Master course, 76 (4%) were following the Degree course, 26 (1%) were registered for the Diploma/Degree, 208 (10%) were enrolled on the Diploma course, 1,262 (63%) were on the Certificate and Advanced Certificate course, while the remaining 399 (20%) were following non-formal courses.

5.5 Mauritius College of the Air (MCA)

5.5.1 Enrolment

The MCA is mainly involved in the production of educational program for the formal education at primary, secondary and tertiary level for broadcast. All the programmes were being delivered through the distance mode, in collaboration with an institution overseas. The institutions included the Institute of Logistic and Transport, the Chartered Institute of Marketing (UK), and Indira Gandhi National Open University (India).

In 2003, students enrolled at all levels numbered 1,695 of whom 52% were females. Some 3% of the student population were on the Master Degree course, 1% on the Post Graduate Diploma, 4% students were enrolled for the Degree courses, 2% for the Diploma and Advanced Diploma courses, 42% for the Certificate courses and the remaining 48% were registered on the non-formal courses (Table 5.10).

5.6 Polytechnics

5.6.1 Enrolment

Higher technical education was further dispensed in the 3 polytechnics, namely Sir Guy Forget Polytechnic, Swami Dayanand Institute of Management and the Institut Supérieur de Technologie.

The courses offered by the Swami Dayanand Institute of Management are mainly related to Business Administration, Information Systems and Business Informatics. The Sir Guy Forget

Polytechnic offers Mecanique automobile, Fabrication mecanique, Electro-technique, Electronique and Batiment. Genie electrique et informatique Industrielle, Maintenance at Automatismes Industrielles, Genie Civil are conducted at the Institut Superieur de Technologie.

Enrolment at the Polytechnics, all of which offered full-time courses, numbered 1,198 in 2003, compared to 1,047 in 2002. Enrolment at the The Swami Dayanand Institute of Management accounted for 57% of the polytechnic student population, Sir Guy Forget Polytechnic for 28%, and the Institut Superieur de Technologie the remaining 15% (Table 5.11).

5.7 Mauritius Institute of Health (MIH)

5.7.1 Enrolment

During the academic year 2003, the MIH had a student population of 113 of whom 33 (29%) were female students. Some 17 (15%) of the students were registered on the Post Graduate courses, while the remaining 96 (85%) were on the Certificate courses. The new intake for the current year, irrespective of levels, was 82 (Table 5.12).

5.8 Distance Education from Overseas Institutions

At December 2002, the number of students enrolled on tertiary-level programmes delivered through the distance or mixed mode reached 7,242 (Table 5.16) compared to 6,420 in 2001, representing an increase of 13%.

The most common field of study was Accounting with 31% (2,254). The second most common field was Computer Studies with 27% (1,962) of students; 17% (1,200) studied Administration/Management and the rest 25% (1,826) covered a wide range of subjects of which the main ones are Law, Mathematics, Commerce/Marketing, Engineering, Social Science and Economics.

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EXPENDITURE

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Table 1.1 - Government Recurrent Expenditure on Education, 2001/2002, 2002/2003 and 2003/2004

Republic of Mauritius

	2001/2002 ¹		2002/2003 ¹		2003/2004 ²	
	Rs (mn)	%	Rs (mn)	%	Rs (mn)	%
Government Recurrent Expenditure (Rs. mn)	27,854	100.0	31,538	100.0	34,779	100.0
Recurrent Expenditure on Education (Rs. mn)	4,113.6	14.8	4,563.0	14.5	5,119.0	14.7

¹ Revised

² Provisional : based on budgetary estimates

Table 1.2 - Government Recurrent Expenditure on Education by sector, 2001/2002, 2002/2003 and 2003/2004

	Expenditure Rs (mn)								
	2001/2002 ¹			2002/2003 ¹			2003/2004 ²		
	Rs (mn)	%		Rs (mn)	%		Rs (mn)	%	
Ministry of Education ³	4,038.9	100.0	98.2	4,478.6	100.0	98.2	5,022.6	100.0	98.1
<i>Pre-primary</i>	59.2	1.5		68.3	1.5		75.0	1.5	
<i>Primary</i>	1,289.1	31.9		1,432.9	32.0		1,523.3	30.3	
<i>Secondary</i>	1,621.2	40.1		1,815.7	40.5		2,104.0	41.9	
<i>Technical & Vocational</i>	76.1	1.9		82.7	1.9		86.9	1.7	
<i>Post Secondary</i>	639.7	15.8		674.7	15.1		698.8	13.9	
<i>Other</i> ⁴	353.6	8.8		404.3	9.0		534.6	10.7	
Other Ministries ⁵	74.7		1.8	84.4		1.8	96.4		1.9
Total	4,113.6		100.0	4,563.0		100.0	5,119.0		100.0

¹ Revised

² Provisional : based on budgetary estimates

³ Includes expenditure on education in Rodrigues

⁴ Includes administrative staff

⁵ Public expenditure on education for other ministries

Source: Statistics Unit, Ministry of Finance



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