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### Passenger traffic

The volume of passenger traffic handled at the airport during the first quarter of 1992 was about 224,600. Compared to the figure of 200,950 during the same period last year, this shows an increase of the order of 12%. It will be remembered that the corresponding increase for the same period from 1990 to 1991 was about 2%.

The number of departures was 118,600, that is, 14% above the 104,120 observed during the first quarter of 1991. Arrivals have grown by about 10% from 96,830 to around 106,000.

### Tourist arrivals

There has been a 10% increase in the number of tourists visiting the country, that is, 77,700 during the first quarter compared to 70,370 during the same period of 1991. The corresponding increase from 1990 to 1991 was around 5%.

The main tourist generating countries for Mauritius continued to be Reunion with 21,600, France with 16,500, and the Republic of South Africa with 11,400 tourists during the period. These countries together accounted for nearly 65% of total tourist arrivals.

Tourists from the traditional European markets amounted to around 34,300 (i.e. an increase of about 20% compared to the corresponding period of last year). Nearly half of them (16,500) were from France, and about 13% (4,500) from the United Kingdom, while the remaining 37% came mostly from Germany, Italy and Switzerland. Reunion Island, whence tourist arrivals amounted to 21,600 during the quarter, continued to be the most important short-haul market for Mauritius, with a share of about 28% of tourist arrivals. Tourists from the Malagasy Republic, India and Japan numbered 1,500, 1,250 and 900 respectively.

The Republic of South Africa which has maintained its position as a major medium-haul market, contributed about 15% (11,400) to the total number of tourists visiting the island during the period.

### Tourist nights

Assuming an average length of stay of 12 nights per tourist, the number of tourist nights for the quarter is estimated to be about 932,000, that is, an increase of 10% over the figure for the same period last year.

### Occupancy rates

There was an increase of 485 rooms available for renting to tourists during the period. The room and bed occupancy rates for all hotels have both increased marginally by one percentage point during the period. It must be noted that the corresponding increase in the number of rooms the previous year was about 800. However, there had been a drop in room and bed occupancy rates in all hotels of 12 and 10% respectively, over that same period.

Tourist receipts

Gross tourist receipts are estimated at around Rs 1,125 million for the quarter, representing an increase of about 13% over the corresponding period of last year. This gives an average receipt per tourist of about Rs 14,500 as compared to Rs 14,200 a year ago.

Employment

The number of persons employed in tourism establishments with 10 or more persons as at the end of the quarter was estimated at around 11,040, representing an increase of 9% over the same period last year when it was 10,100.

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Table 1 - Selected tourism statistics, 1987 - 1992

Year	Number as at end of period			Tourist arrivals (Number)	Tourist nights (Million)	Tourist receipts (Rs Mn)
	Hotels	Rooms	Bedplaces			
1987	60	3,108	6,418	207,570	2.37	1,786
1988	64	3,399	7,005	239,300	3.00	2,381
1989	67	3,605	7,374	262,790	3.20	2,796
1990	75	4,603	9,572	291,550	3.56	3,630
1991	80	5,064	10,482	300,670	3.61 <sup>2/</sup>	3,875 <sup>1/</sup>
1990: <u>1st Qr.</u>	<u>70</u>	<u>3,878</u>	<u>7,908</u>	<u>67,100</u>	<u>0.805</u>	<u>928.0</u>
<u>2nd Qr.</u>	<u>72</u>	<u>4,291</u>	<u>8,801</u>	<u>66,770</u>	<u>0.801</u>	<u>786.0</u>
<u>1st Semester</u>	<u>72</u>	<u>4,291</u>	<u>8,801</u>	<u>133,870</u>	<u>1.606</u>	<u>1,714.0</u>
<u>3rd Qr.</u>	<u>72</u>	<u>4,384</u>	<u>9,132</u>	<u>76,790</u>	<u>0.922</u>	<u>879.0</u>
<u>4th Qr.</u>	<u>75</u>	<u>4,603</u>	<u>9,572</u>	<u>80,890</u>	<u>1.032</u>	<u>1,037.0</u>
<u>2nd Semester</u>	<u>75</u>	<u>4,603</u>	<u>9,572</u>	<u>157,680</u>	<u>1.954</u>	<u>1,916.0</u>
1991: <u>1st Qr.</u>	<u>76</u>	<u>4,661</u>	<u>9,710</u>	<u>70,370</u>	<u>0.844<sup>2/</sup></u>	<u>999.0</u>
<u>2nd Qr.</u>	<u>77</u>	<u>4,700</u>	<u>9,800</u>	<u>65,040</u>	<u>0.781<sup>2/</sup></u>	<u>889.0<sup>2/</sup></u>
<u>1st Semester</u>	<u>77</u>	<u>4,700</u>	<u>9,800</u>	<u>135,410</u>	<u>1.625<sup>2/</sup></u>	<u>1,888.0<sup>2/</sup></u>
<u>3rd Qr.</u>	<u>80</u>	<u>4,777</u>	<u>9,925</u>	<u>78,340</u>	<u>0.940<sup>2/</sup></u>	<u>909.0<sup>2/</sup></u>
<u>4th Qr.</u>	<u>80</u>	<u>5,064</u>	<u>10,482</u>	<u>86,920</u>	<u>1.045<sup>2/</sup></u>	<u>1,078.0<sup>1/</sup></u>
<u>2nd Semester</u>	<u>80</u>	<u>5,064</u>	<u>10,482</u>	<u>165,260</u>	<u>1.985<sup>2/</sup></u>	<u>1,987.0<sup>1/</sup></u>
1992: <u>1st Qr.</u>	<u>82</u>	<u>5,146<sup>1/</sup></u>	<u>10,646<sup>1/</sup></u>	<u>77,700<sup>1/</sup></u>	<u>0.932<sup>1/</sup></u>	<u>1,125.0<sup>1/</sup></u>

<sup>1/</sup> provisional

<sup>2/</sup> revised

Table 2 - Passenger traffic by month, 1990 - 1992

Month	Number					
	1990		1991		1992 <sup>1/</sup>	
	Arrivals	Departures	Arrivals	Departures	Arrivals	Departures
January	38,640	43,540	39,540	45,200	44,500	52,500
February	26,880	31,400	25,220	29,030	30,500	34,600
March	27,150	29,170	32,070	29,890	31,000	31,500
<u>1st Quarter</u>	<u>92,670</u>	<u>104,110</u>	<u>96,830</u>	<u>104,120</u>	<u>106,000</u>	<u>113,600</u>
April	34,770	31,840	31,340	33,590		
May	32,210	36,140	32,780	33,490		
June	27,020	28,920	28,730	31,060		
<u>2nd Quarter</u>	<u>94,000</u>	<u>96,900</u>	<u>92,850</u>	<u>98,140</u>		
<u>1st Semester</u>	<u>186,670</u>	<u>201,010</u>	<u>189,680</u>	<u>202,260</u>		
July	34,890	29,850	36,070	29,680		
August	44,980	44,840	46,660	50,260		
September	34,140	38,620	30,730	32,020		
<u>3rd Quarter</u>	<u>114,010</u>	<u>113,310</u>	<u>113,460</u>	<u>111,960</u>		
October	37,000	33,570	37,080	34,750		
November	34,520	37,520	37,450	39,280		
December	46,000	36,820	49,010	37,370		
<u>4th Quarter</u>	<u>117,520</u>	<u>107,910</u>	<u>123,540</u>	<u>111,400</u>		
<u>2nd Semester</u>	<u>231,530</u>	<u>221,220</u>	<u>237,000</u>	<u>223,360</u>		
Whole Year	418,200	422,230	426,680	425,620		

1/ provisional

Table 3 - Tourist arrivals by country of residence, 1990 - 1992

Country of residence	Number					1st Qtr. 1992 <sup>1/</sup>
	1991					
	1st Qtr.	2nd Qtr.	3rd Qtr.	4th Qtr.	1st Qtr.	
France	53,170	58,370	13,190	19,940	16,500	
Germany	19,680	24,140	5,370	7,890	5,900	
Italy	14,180	13,240	3,770	4,450	4,100	
Switzerland	10,740	8,930	2,130	3,200	2,850	
United Kingdom	21,920	20,660	5,320	5,820	4,500	
Belgium	1,920	2,010	670	660	410	
Malagasy Republic	6,550	6,010	1,290	2,310	1,500	
Reunion Island	73,310	77,840	23,900	17,710	21,600	
Seychelles	3,500	3,420	1,030	1,460	450	
Kenya	1,440	1,240	270	400	320	
South Africa, Rep. of	41,860	43,020	10,740	11,630	11,400	
Zambia	1,490	890	190	130	400	
Zimbabwe	3,670	3,580	1,010	820	600	
Australia.	3,060	2,960	650	1,100	770	
India	8,190	8,490	2,050	1,730	1,250	
U.S.A.	2,220	1,720	380	400	470	
Singapore	2,110	2,010	500	600	410	
Japan	3,220	3,750	1,070	1,070	900	
Other countries	19,320	18,390	4,810	5,600	3,370	
All Countries	291,550	300,670	78,340	86,920	77,700	

1/ provisional

Table 4 - Tourist arrivals by month, 1990 - 1992

Month	Number		
	1990	1991	1992 <sup>1/</sup>
January	27,950	28,620	32,000
February	19,520	18,110	22,000
March	19,630	23,640	23,700
<u>1st Quarter</u>	<u>67,100</u>	<u>70,370</u>	<u>77,700</u>
April	25,570	22,540	
May	23,210	23,790	
June	17,990	18,710	
<u>2nd Quarter</u>	<u>66,770</u>	<u>65,040</u>	
<u>1st Semester</u>	<u>133,870</u>	<u>135,410</u>	
July	22,180	23,400	
August	31,420	33,410	
September	23,190	21,530	
<u>3rd Quarter</u>	<u>76,790</u>	<u>78,340</u>	
October	26,940	27,600	
November	24,300	26,600	
December	29,650	32,720	
<u>4th Quarter</u>	<u>80,890</u>	<u>86,920</u>	
<u>2nd Semester</u>	<u>157,680</u>	<u>165,260</u>	
Whole Year	291,550	300,670	

1/ provisional

Table 5 - Monthly room occupancy rate for all hotels, 1990 - 1992

Month	percentage		
	1990	1991	1992 <sup>1/</sup>
January	68.6	55.0	56.4
February	61.9	48.9	51.0
March	57.4	48.1	48.9
<u>1st Quarter</u>	<u>62.6</u>	<u>50.7</u>	<u>52.0</u>
April	58.6	51.0	
May	61.0	51.3	
June	49.5	41.5	
<u>2nd Quarter</u>	<u>56.5</u>	<u>48.1</u>	
<u>1st Semester</u>	<u>59.5</u>	<u>49.4</u>	
July	58.4	45.0	
August	64.4	60.4	
September	65.3	54.2	
<u>3rd Quarter</u>	<u>62.9</u>	<u>53.1</u>	
October	68.3	60.6	
November	68.8	63.3	
December	58.4	56.0	
<u>4th Quarter</u>	<u>65.0</u>	<u>59.9</u>	
<u>2nd Semester</u>	<u>64.0</u>	<u>56.9</u>	
Whole Year	61.8	53.1 <sup>2</sup>	

<sup>1/</sup> provisional



Table 6 - Monthly bed occupancy rate for all hotels, 1990 - 1992

Month	Percentage		
	1990	1991	1992 <sup>1/</sup>
January	62.2	50.3	50.8
February	53.0	43.0	44.7
March	49.0	41.1	41.8
<u>1st Quarter</u>	<u>54.8</u>	<u>44.9</u>	<u>46.0</u>
April	51.1	46.2	
May	53.7	45.0	
June	41.3	36.2	
<u>2nd Quarter</u>	<u>48.8</u>	<u>42.6</u>	
<u>1st Semester</u> =====	<u>51.8</u> =====	<u>43.8</u> =====	
July	50.9	40.2	
August	59.6	56.4	
September	58.0	48.0	
<u>3rd Quarter</u>	<u>56.3</u>	<u>48.1</u>	
October	59.7	54.3	
November	59.6	52.3	
December	51.9	50.3	
<u>4th Quarter</u>	<u>57.0</u>	<u>52.3</u>	
<u>2nd Semester</u> =====	<u>56.7</u> =====	<u>50.6</u> =====	
Whole Year	54.3	47.1	

<sup>1/</sup> provisional

Table 7 - Monthly room occupancy rate for large hotels, 1990 - 1992

Month	Percentage		
	1990	1991	1992 <sup>1/</sup>
January	82.1	66.8	66.3
February	80.5	61.4	63.1
March	73.6	60.9	58.3
<u>1st Quarter</u>	<u>78.7</u>	<u>63.1</u>	<u>62.7</u>
April	74.7	66.8	
May	77.6	66.6	
June	68.8	52.4	
<u>2nd Quarter</u>	<u>73.9</u>	<u>62.2</u>	
<u>1st Semester</u> =====	<u>76.4</u> =====	<u>62.6</u> =====	
July	73.9	58.7	
August	74.8	72.8	
September	74.5	63.9	
<u>3rd Quarter</u>	<u>74.4</u>	<u>65.1</u>	
October	83.2	74.6	
November	84.6	78.0	
December	70.1	69.1	
<u>4th Quarter</u>	<u>79.2</u>	<u>73.8</u>	
<u>2nd Semester</u> =====	<u>77.0</u> =====	<u>69.6</u> =====	
Whole Year	76.7	66.1	

<sup>1/</sup> provisional



Table 9 - Employment<sup>1/</sup> in the tourist industry, 1988 - 1992

	1988		1989		1990		1991		1992 <sup>2/</sup>
	March	September	March	September	March	September	March	September	March
Restaurants	855	867	949	1,019	935	900	919	763	780
Hotels	4,045	4,116	4,379	4,600	5,581	5,995	6,422	6,860	7,460
Travel and Tourism	1,893	1,991	1,877	2,065	2,386	2,775	2,759	2,765	2,800
Total	6,793	6,974	7,205	7,684	8,902	9,670	10,100	10,388	11,040

1/ large establishments only (i.e. employing 10 or more persons)

2/ provisional