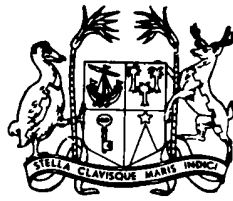


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Passenger Traffic

(I) Total

During the first quarter of 1995, 128,900 arrivals and 141,800 departures were registered by the Passport and Immigration Office, representing a total traffic of 270,700 passenger movements. This figure is 2.6% higher than that of the 1st quarter of 1994.

Arrivals by sea numbered to 1,700 or 1.3% of total arrivals while 2,200 departures (1.6%) were registered at the harbour.

Total arrivals included 1,900 "excursionists" or "same-day visitors", i.e those arriving and leaving on the same day. Of these excursionists, 47% (900) came from Reunion Island and 12% (235) from France.

(ii) Mauritian Residents

International movements of Mauritian residents during the first quarter of 1995 were made up of 25,400 departures and 22,100 arrivals, representing an excess of 3,300 departures over arrivals. Regarding departures, the major destinations were : Reunion Island (7,500), United Kingdom (3,400), France (3,000), India (2,800), Republic of South Africa (2,300) and Singapore (1,800).

Tourist Arrivals

Some 102,200 tourists visited the country during the period under review, i.e 1.4% more than the corresponding period of 1994. Of this 93% (94,900) came on holidays, 3% (3,400) on business while another 3% were in transit.

The main generating markets were : France (29%), Reunion Island (23%), Germany (11%), Republic of South Africa (9%) United Kingdom (6%), Italy (5%), Switzerland (3%) and India (2%).

Visitor Nights

Total visitor nights spent during the first quarter is estimated at 1,342,000, which is 1.4% higher than the corresponding figure of 1994.

Hotel Statistics

The number of registered hotels at the end of March 1995 was 90, with a total room capacity of 5,900 and bed capacity of 12,200.

The room occupancy rates for the first quarter averaged 67% for all hotels confounded and 73% for large hotels only. The average bed occupancy rates were 61% and 68% respectively.

Gross Tourism Receipts

Gross tourism receipts for the period under review is estimated at 1,700 million rupees, which is 3.5% higher than the figure of 1,642 million rupees registered for the first quarter of 1994. The average expenditure per tourist amounts to Rs 16,600.

Forecast

Based on figures for the first quarter and present trends and perspectives, total tourist arrivals for the year 1995 is estimated at around 420,000 with a total gross receipts of 6.5 billion rupees.

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Explanatory Notes

1. Tourist

A tourist is defined as a non-resident staying in the island for more than 24 hours but less than a year and is not involved in any gainful occupation.

2. Transit

A transit passenger is a non-resident who leaves the airport and stays in the country for more than 24 hours for flight connection purposes.

3. Excursionist

An excursionist is a non-resident who stays in the country for less than 24 hours, other than those who do not leave the airport.

4. Visitor Nights

Visitor nights are the total number of nights spent in the country by tourists who arrived during the period under review.

5. Large Hotels

Large hotels are well established beach hotels with more than 80 rooms.

Table 1:- Passenger Traffic by month 1993 - 1995

Month	Number					
	1993		1994		1995	
	Arrivals	Departures	Arrivals	Departures	Arrivals	Departures
January	52,160	60,230	52,652	60,384	52,976	63,363
February	34,520	39,370	34,478	38,941	33,869	34,812
March	33,180	33,970	40,099	37,363	42,045	43,615
1st Quarter	<u>119,860</u>	<u>133,570</u>	<u>127,229</u>	<u>136,688</u>	<u>128,890</u>	<u>141,790</u>
April	44,740	44,930	40,446	44,779		
May	38,660	37,490	39,840	42,809		
June	33,420	35,190	33,226	30,724		
2nd Quarter	<u>116,820</u>	<u>117,610</u>	<u>113,512</u>	<u>118,312</u>		
1st Semester	<u>236,680</u>	<u>251,180</u>	<u>240,741</u>	<u>255,000</u>		
July	44,620	35,670	44,863	37,654		
August	54,600	60,050	54,205	59,733		
September	38,600	38,540	38,611	39,332		
3rd Quarter	<u>137,820</u>	<u>134,260</u>	<u>137,679</u>	<u>136,719</u>		
October	44,490	40,520	48,980	45,904		
November	48,170	48,210	44,666	46,528		
December	56,580	46,230	56,499	44,181		
4th Quarter	<u>149,240</u>	<u>134,960</u>	<u>150,145</u>	<u>136,613</u>		
2nd Semester	<u>287,060</u>	<u>269,220</u>	<u>287,824</u>	<u>273,332</u>		
Whole Year	523,740	520,400	528,565	528,332		

**Table 2 : - Departure of Mauritian Residents by country of disembarkation,
1st. Quarter 1995**

Country of residence	January	February	March	1st. Quarter
EUROPE	3,450	1,999	2,463	7,912
Belgium	35	23	40	98
France	1,359	729	894	2,982
Germany	189	118	170	477
Italy	202	185	157	544
Switzerland	161	94	78	333
United Kingdom	1,492	843	1,114	3,449
Other European	12	7	10	29
AFRICA	4,521	2,988	3,410	10,919
Kenya	129	67	57	253
Malagasy Republic	265	155	167	587
Reunion	3,000	2,082	2,376	7,458
Seychelles	63	26	15	104
S. Africa Rep. of	960	589	715	2,264
Zimbabwe	62	59	61	182
Other African	42	10	19	71
ASIA	1,653	1,273	2,395	5,321
Hong Kong	154	144	210	508
India	706	631	1,471	2,808
Malaysia	18	51	1	70
Singapore	646	433	710	1,789
Other Asian	129	14	3	146
OCEANIA	523	263	210	996
Australia	523	263	210	996
AMERICA	49	18	17	84
USA	17	5	2	24
Canada	32	13	15	60
NOT STATED	4	125		129
All Countries	10,200	6,666	8,495	25,361

Table 3:- Selected tourism statistics, 1991 - 1995

Year	Number as at end of period			Tourist arrivals (Number)	Visitor nights (000)	Tourist receipts (Rs Mn)	
	Hotels	Rooms	Bedplaces				
1991	80	5,064	10,482	300,670	3,700	3,940	
1992	84	5,271	10,917	335,400	4,110	4,655	
1993	85	5,341	11,058	374,630	4,610	5,362	
1994	90	5,888	12,155	400,526	5,263	6,052 **	
1994 :	1st Qr.	85	5,341	11,058	100,763	1,324	1,642
	2nd Qr.	85	5,401	11,192	83,572	1,098	1,260
	<u>1st Semester.</u>	<u>85</u>	<u>5,401</u>	<u>11,192</u>	<u>184,335</u>	<u>2,422</u>	<u>2,902</u>
	3rd Qr.	86	5,527	11,433	101,135	1,329	1,350 **
	4th Qr.	90	5,888	12,155	115,056	1,512	1,800 **
	<u>2nd Semester</u>	<u>90</u>	<u>5,888</u>	<u>12,155</u>	<u>216,191</u>	<u>2,841</u>	<u>3,150 **</u>
	1995 1st Qr.	<u>90</u>	<u>5,888</u>	<u>12,155</u>	<u>102,153</u>	<u>1,342 *</u>	<u>1,700 **</u>

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**Table 4 : - Tourist arrivals by main purpose of visit,
1st. Quarter 1995**

Purpose of visit	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	1st. Quarter
Holiday	40,008	24,603	30,329	94,940
Business	787	1,103	1,505	3,395
Transit	1,419	671	856	2,946
Conference	70	35	110	215
Sports	33	28	58	119
Other & Not Stated	211	147	180	538
Total	42,528	26,587	33,038	102,153

Table 5:- Tourist arrivals by month, 1993 - 1995

Month	Number		
	1993	1994	1995
January	38,910	41,757	42,528
February	25,920	27,268	26,587
March	24,170	31,738	33,038
<u>1st Quarter</u>	<u>89,000</u>	<u>100,763</u>	<u>102,153</u>
April	32,580	30,350	
May	28,250	30,685	
June	20,880	22,537	
<u>2nd Quarter</u>	<u>81,710</u>	<u>83,572</u>	
<i>1st Semester</i>	<i>170,710</i>	<i>184,335</i>	
July	30,320	32,211	
August	38,450	40,319	
September	26,750	28,605	
<u>3rd Quarter</u>	<u>95,520</u>	<u>101,135</u>	
October	33,040	39,139	
November	35,400	35,037	
December	39,960	40,880	
<u>4th Quarter</u>	<u>108,400</u>	<u>115,056</u>	
<i>2nd Semester</i>	<i>203,920</i>	<i>216,191</i>	
Whole Year	374,630	400,526	

Table 6 : - Tourist Arrivals by Country of Residence, 1st Quarter 1994/1995

Country of Residence	January			February			March			1st Quarter		
	94	95	% Change	94	95	% Change	94	95	% Change	94	95	% Change
	EUROPE	20,017	20,072	0.3	18,238	19,182	5.2	19,048	20,207	6.1	57,303	59,461
Austria	476	420	-11.8	676	597	-11.7	508	334	-34.3	1,660	1,351	-18.6
Belgium	255	259	1.6	277	407	46.9	177	392	121.5	709	1,058	49.2
France	10,428	9,953	-4.6	8,610	9,038	5.0	9,133	10,313	12.9	28,171	29,304	4.0
Germany	3,531	3,719	5.3	3,508	3,437	-2.0	3,962	3,715	-6.2	11,001	10,871	-1.2
Italy	1,292	1,857	43.7	1,498	1,737	16.0	1,420	1,341	-5.6	4,210	4,935	17.2
Netherlands	83	94	13.3	73	75	2.7	67	81	20.9	223	250	12.1
Spain	158	121	-23.4	109	226	107.3	220	249	13.2	487	596	22.4
Sweden	195	220	12.8	270	193	-28.5	127	122	-3.9	592	535	-9.6
Switzerland	1,240	1,221	-1.5	1,050	946	-9.9	682	746	9.4	2,972	2,913	-2.0
United Kingdom	1,792	1,619	-9.7	1,742	1,864	7.0	2,355	2,377	0.9	5,889	5,860	-0.5
Other European	567	589	3.9	425	662	55.8	397	537	35.3	1,389	1,788	28.7
AFRICA	19,869	20,118	1.3	6,656	5,259	-21.0	10,618	10,430	-1.8	37,143	35,807	-3.6
Comoros	162	192	18.5	68	62	-8.8	34	72	111.8	264	326	23.5
Kenya	91	65	-28.6	61	55	-9.8	88	88	0.0	240	208	-13.3
Malagasy Rep.	422	423	0.2	489	361	-26.2	557	437	-21.5	1,468	1,221	-16.8
Reunion	14,510	15,470	6.6	3,148	2,036	-35.3	5,147	5,553	7.9	22,805	23,059	1.1
Seychelles	262	222	-15.3	200	171	-14.5	197	274	39.1	659	667	1.2
S/ Africa Rep. of	3,804	3,327	-12.5	2,389	2,254	-5.7	4,246	3,391	-20.1	10,439	8,972	-14.1
Zambia	48	67	39.6	14	19	35.7	14	26	85.7	76	112	47.4
Zimbabwe	248	223	-10.1	169	149	-11.8	190	248	30.5	607	620	2.1
Other African	322	129	-59.9	118	152	28.8	145	341	135.2	585	622	6.3

Table 6 : - Tourist Arrivals by Country of Residence, 1st Quarter 1994/1995 (Ctd.)

Country of Residence	January			February			March			1st Quarter		
	94	95	% Change	94	95	% Change	94	95	% Change	94	95	% Change
	ASIA	1,295	1,703	31.5	1,998	1,561	-21.9	1,668	1,830	9.7	4,961	5,094
Hong Kong	61	197	223.0	285	87	-69.5	102	85	-13.7	448	372	-17.0
India	435	535	23.0	619	622	0.5	572	674	17.8	1,626	1,831	12.6
Japan	207	403	94.7	340	171	-49.7	242	356	47.1	789	930	17.9
Malaysia	72	66	-8.3	139	89	-36.0	135	69	-48.9	346	224	-35.3
People's Rep. of China	129	161	24.8	83	149	79.5	163	191	17.2	375	501	33.6
Singapore	238	214	-10.1	384	209	-45.6	233	261	12.0	855	684	-20.0
Other Asian	153	127	-17.0	148	234	58.1	221	191	-13.6	522	552	5.7
OCEANIA	342	360	5.3	176	308	75.0	201	303	50.7	719	971	35.0
Australia	308	334	8.4	160	273	70.6	182	290	59.3	650	897	38.0
Other Oceanian	34	26	-23.5	16	35	118.8	19	13	-31.6	69	74	7.2
AMERICA	234	275	17.5	200	277	38.5	203	268	32.0	637	820	28.7
USA	115	156	35.7	144	171	18.8	123	155	26.0	382	482	26.2
Canada	101	90	-10.9	49	77	57.1	68	81	19.1	218	248	13.8
Other American	18	29	61.1	7	29	314.3	12	32	166.7	37	90	143.2
All Countries	41,757	42,528	1.8	27,268	26,587	-2.5	31,738	33,038	4.1	100,763	102,153	1.4

Table 7:- Monthly room occupancy rate for all hotels, 1993 - 1995

Month	Occupancy rate (%)		
	1993	1994	1995*
January	64.5	75.4	69.0
February	58.5	66.6	66.0
March	56.8	65.3	64.0
<u>1st Quarter</u>	<u>60.0</u>	<u>69.1</u>	<u>67.0</u>
April	60.1	63.8	
May	51.4	63.0	
June	43.0	53.7	
<u>2nd Quarter</u>	<u>51.6</u>	<u>60.3</u>	
<i>1st Semester</i>	<i>55.9</i>	<i>64.8</i>	
July	49.5	56.8	
August	62.9	66.4	
September	62.8	67.6	
<u>3rd Quarter</u>	<u>57.9</u>	<u>63.6</u>	
October	69.5	70.4	
November	75.5	78.7	
December	64.9	63.5	
<u>4th Quarter</u>	<u>69.9</u>	<u>70.9</u>	
<i>2nd Semester</i>	<i>64.3</i>	<i>67.4</i>	
Whole Year	60.0	66.1	

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Table 8:- Monthly bed occupancy rate for all hotels, 1993 - 1995

Month	Occupancy rate (%)		
	1993	1994	1995*
January	59.6	67.6	64.0
February	52.6	57.1	59.0
March	49.4	60.2	58.0
<u>1st Quarter</u>	<u>54.0</u>	<u>62.6</u>	61.0
April	53.8	58.6	
May	47.6	56.5	
June	38.6	47.7	
	<u>46.8</u>	<u>54.4</u>	
<i>1st Semester</i>	<i>50.5</i>	<i>58.6</i>	
July	44.9	51.9	
August	56.6	60.8	
September	56.7	61.3	
<u>3rd Quarter</u>	<u>52.3</u>	<u>58.1</u>	
October	59.3	65.6	
November	66.4	68.7	
December	59.1	59.5	
<u>4th Quarter</u>	<u>59.3</u>	<u>64.5</u>	
<i>2nd Semester</i>	<i>56.1</i>	<i>61.1</i>	
Whole Year	53.2	59.9	

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Table 9:-Monthly room occupancy rate for large hotels, 1993 - 1995

Month	Occupancy rate (%)		
	1993	1994	1995*
January	70.8	81.5	76.0
February	70.2	76.5	73.0
March	65.9	73.1	71.0
<u>1st Quarter</u>	<u>68.9</u>	<u>77.1</u>	<u>73.0</u>
April	71.0	73.7	
May	59.6	71.3	
June	51.7	60.8	
<u>2nd Quarter</u>	<u>60.9</u>	<u>68.3</u>	
<i>1st Semester</i>	<i>64.9</i>	<i>72.6</i>	
July	55.9	64.4	
August	67.4	69.6	
September	72.3	76.2	
<u>3rd Quarter</u>	<u>65.1</u>	<u>70.0</u>	
October	76.9	79.8	
November	86.2	90.1	
December	72.4	70.3	
<u>4th Quarter</u>	<u>78.4</u>	<u>80.0</u>	
<i>2nd Semester</i>	<i>72.0</i>	<i>75.1</i>	
Whole Year	68.5	73.9	

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Table 10 :- Monthly bed occupancy rate for large hotels, 1993 - 1995

Month	Bed occupancy rate (%)		
	1993	1994	1995*
January	66.3	73.6	71.0
February	64.3	70.1	67.0
March	58.4	68.6	65.0
<u>1st Quarter</u>	<u>63.0</u>	<u>70.8</u>	<u>68.0</u>
April	63.9	69.6	
May	54.4	65.5	
June	47.0	55.7	
<u>2nd Quarter</u>	<u>55.2</u>	<u>63.3</u>	
<i>1st Semester</i>	<i>59.1</i>	<i>67.0</i>	
July	51.0	60.9	
August	61.1	66.0	
September	66.5	70.7	
<u>3rd Quarter</u>	<u>59.4</u>	<u>65.9</u>	
October	65.7	78.0	
November	77.1	80.6	
December	67.5	66.0	
<u>4th Quarter</u>	<u>69.9</u>	<u>74.9</u>	
<i>2nd Semester</i>	<i>64.9</i>	<i>70.4</i>	
Whole Year	62.0	68.8	

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