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International Travel and Tourism - January to September 1996

1. Passenger Traffic

(i) Total

From January to September 1996, international movements of passengers were made up of 442,940 arrivals and 453,980 departures, i.e. an excess of 11,080 outgoing passengers. These figures represented an increase of 14% in arrivals and 13% in departures when compared to the corresponding period of last year.

Total arrivals included 7,800 "excursionists", i.e. passengers arriving and leaving on the same day. Of these excursionists, 3,000 (39%) came from Reunion Island and 1,100 (15%) from France.

(ii) Mauritian residents

During the period under review, 84,300 arrivals of Mauritian residents were registered, compared to 87,500 departures, representing increases of 12% and 11% respectively over the same period of last year. The major destinations for departing passengers were: Reunion Island (30%), France (17%), United Kingdom (13%), India (8%), Republic of South Africa (8%), and Singapore (6%).

2. Tourist Arrivals

Table 6 shows the breakdown of tourist arrivals by country of residence for the period January to September 1996, compared to the corresponding period of last year.

Tourist arrivals during the period January to September increased by 15% from 296,100 in 1995 to 341,100 in 1996. This favourable performance

is mainly due to the emergence of new European markets and the increase in number of visitors from the Republic of South Africa.

Most (92%) of the tourists came on holidays while 4% came for business and 2% were in transit.

The European market, with a share of 56% of total arrivals, posted an increase of 15%. Increases in number of tourist arrivals were registered in all source markets of this continent. France remains the leading market, and arrivals from this country rose by 12%. Among the other traditional generating countries, arrivals from Switzerland went up by 23%, from Italy 21%, from United Kingdom by 10% and from Germany by 7%.

As far as the emerging markets are concerned, arrivals from Austria almost doubled from 3,000 to 5,950 while those from Sweden increased by 580 (+58%), from Belgium by 1,800 (+46%) and from Netherlands by 400 (+38%).

Tourist arrivals from Africa grew by 13%. There was an increase of 1,600 arrivals from our major short-haul market, Reunion Island, from 60,900 to 62,500 while arrivals from the Republic of South Africa went up by 25% to reach 37,000 by the end of September 1996. Arrivals from Malagasy Republic increased from 4,700 to 7,900 (+69%).

The Asian market sustained a growth of 20% with increases in all markets. India remains the major source of this continent, with 10,000 arrivals (+16%). Arrivals from Hong Kong increased by some 600 (+61%), while those from Malaysia went up from 800 to 1,100 (+42%).

The performance of the Australian market shows an encouraging growth of about 2,000 (+57%) and contributed largely to the 55% increase registered in arrivals from Oceania.

The American market with 2,700 tourists in the first nine months of 1995 went up by 13%. The two major generating countries were USA and Canada which registered increases of 7% and 22% respectively.

3. Tourist Nights

Total tourist nights spent during the period January to September 1996 is estimated at 3,578,000, i.e. 15% higher than last year's figure. The average length of stay of a tourist worked out to be around 10.5 nights.

4. Hotel Statistics

The deregistration of one small hotel during the third quarter of 1996 brought the number of registered hotels to 90 at the end of September. The total number of rooms and beds amounted to 6,400 and 13,300 respectively, representing a 7% increase in both number of rooms and number of beds when compared to September 1995.

The monthly room occupancy rates for the first nine months averaged 65% for all hotels and 71% for large hotels only. The corresponding average bed occupancy rates were 57% and 63% respectively.

5. Gross Tourist Receipts

Gross earnings from tourism for the first nine months of the year is estimated at Rs 6,650 million, representing an increase of 27% over the corresponding period of last year. The average earnings per tourist amounted to Rs 19,500.

6. Employment

At the end of March 1996, direct employment in tourist establishments employing 10 persons or more stood at 14,400, which is 4% higher than last year. Of this number, 67% or 9,700 were engaged in hotels.

7. Forecast

Based on recent trend, the initial projections of tourist arrivals for the year 1996 have been revised upwards to 480,000, i.e. an increase of nearly 14% over last year. Corresponding gross receipts from tourism is expected to be around 9,350 million rupees.

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Explanatory Notes

1. Tourist

A tourist is defined as a non-resident staying in the country for more than 24 hours but less than a year and is not involved in any gainful occupation during his/her stay.

2. Transit

Transit passengers are those who stop over in the country for flight connections to other destinations. There are two types of transit passengers:

Type I : Passengers who do not leave the transit area of the airport or the port.

Type II: Passengers who leave the airport or port and stay in the country for more than 24 hours for only flight connection purposes.

Only Type II transit passengers, as defined above, are included in the definition of "Tourists".

3. Excursionist or Same-day Visitor

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. Tourist Nights

Tourist nights are the total number of nights spent in the country by tourists 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 1994 - 1

Month	1994		1995	
	Arrivals	Departures	Arrivals	Departures
January	52,652	60,384	52,976	63,363
February	34,478	38,941	33,869	34,812
March	40,099	37,363	42,045	43,615
<u>1st Quarter</u>	<u>127,229</u>	<u>136,688</u>	<u>128,890</u>	<u>141,790</u>
April	40,446	44,779	41,549	42,055
May	39,840	42,809	41,144	42,209
June	33,226	30,724	32,986	33,131
<u>2nd Quarter</u>	<u>113,512</u>	<u>118,312</u>	<u>115,679</u>	<u>117,395</u>
1st Semester	240,741	255,000	244,569	259,185
July	44,863	37,654	47,760	38,320
August	54,205	59,733	56,022	61,741
September	38,611	39,332	39,065	41,035
<u>3rd Quarter</u>	<u>137,679</u>	<u>136,719</u>	<u>142,847</u>	<u>141,096</u>
October	48,980	45,904	50,470	45,733
November	44,666	46,528	49,691	53,748
December	56,499	44,181	61,871	48,844
<u>4th Quarter</u>	<u>150,145</u>	<u>136,613</u>	<u>162,032</u>	<u>148,325</u>
2nd Semester	287,824	273,332	304,879	289,421
Whole Year	528,565	528,332	549,448	548,606

Table 2 : - Departure of Mauritian Residents by country of disembarkation,

January to September 1996

Country of disembarkation	1st. Quarter	2nd. Quarter	3rd. Quarter	Jan. to Sep. 1996
ALL COUNTRIES	25,932	26,634	34,981	87,547
EUROPE	8,134	8,649	14,526	31,309
Belgium	109	67	293	469
France	3,351	3,717	7,444	14,512
Germany	362	342	580	1,284
Italy	437	221	878	1,536
Switzerland	362	349	612	1,323
United Kingdom	3,453	3,794	4,564	11,811
Other European	60	159	155	374
AFRICA	11,597	11,682	13,977	37,256
Kenya	328	399	306	1,033
Malagasy Republic	594	556	608	1,758
Reunion	7,603	8,264	9,972	25,839
Seychelles	297	232	289	818
S. Africa, Rep. of	2,497	1,898	2,483	6,878
Zimbabwe	208	255	242	705
Other African	70	78	77	225
ASIA	5,147	5,611	5,607	16,365
Hong Kong	540	734	911	2,185
India	2,611	1,865	2,319	6,795
Malaysia	135	61	235	431
Singapore	1,780	1,776	2,098	5,654
Other Asian	81	1,175	44	1,300
OCEANIA	990	624	776	2,390
Australia	989	624	776	2,389
Other Oceanian	1			1
AMERICA	59	38	71	168
U.S.A	23	17	23	63
Canada	36	21	48	105
Other American				
NOT STATED	5	30	24	59

Table 3:- Selected tourism statistics, 1992 - 1996

Year	Number as at end of period			Tourist arrivals (Number)	Tourist nights (000)	Tourist receipts (Rs million)	
	Hotels	Rooms	Bedplaces				
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	12,187	400,526	4,359	6,415	
1995	95	5,977	12,359	422,463	4,435	7,472	
1995	1st Qr.	90	5,888	12,187	102,153	1,072	1,815
	2nd Qr.	92	5,922	12,255	88,212	926	1,548
	<u>1st Semester.</u>	<u>92</u>	<u>5,922</u>	<u>12,255</u>	<u>190,365</u>	<u>1,998</u>	<u>3,363</u>
	3rd Qr.	94	5,977	12,359	105,746	1,110	1,868
	4th Qr.	95	5,977	12,359	126,352	1,326	2,241
	<u>2nd Semester</u>	<u>95</u>	<u>5,977</u>	<u>12,359</u>	<u>232,098</u>	<u>2,436</u>	<u>4,109</u>
	1996**	1st Qr.	95	6,357	13,133	115,349	1,210
	2nd Qr.	91*	6,407	13,308	103,046	1,081	1,932
	<u>1st Semester.</u>	<u>91*</u>	<u>6,407</u>	<u>13,308</u>	<u>218,395</u>	<u>2,291</u>	<u>4,250</u>
	3rd Qr.	90	6,382	13,259	122,684	1,287	2,300
	<u>Jan. - Sep.</u>	<u>90</u>	<u>6,382</u>	<u>13,259</u>	<u>341,079</u>	<u>3,578</u>	<u>6,550</u>

* Revised

** Figures for 1996 are provisional

Table 4 : - Tourist arrivals by main purpose of visit, Jan. to September 1996

Purpose of visit	1st. Quarter	2nd. Quarter	3rd. Quarter	January - September
Holiday	107,369	95,056	113,006	315,431
Business	3,791	4,714	4,531	13,036
Transit	2,985	2,085	2,421	7,491
Conference	635	645	1,101	2,381
Sports	225	208	214	647
Other & Not Stated	344	338	1,411	2,093
Total	115,349	103,046	122,684	341,079

Table 5:- Tourist arrivals by month, 1994 - 1996

Month	Number		
	1994	1995	1996
January	41,757	42,528	42,743
February	27,268	26,587	30,870
March	31,738	33,038	41,736
<u>1st Quarter</u>	<u>100,763</u>	<u>102,153</u>	<u>115,349</u>
April	30,350	34,428	38,759
May	30,685	30,607	36,303
June	22,537	23,177	27,984
<u>2nd Quarter</u>	<u>83,572</u>	<u>88,212</u>	<u>103,046</u>
<i>1st Semester</i>	184,335	190,365	218,395
July	32,211	33,833	35,656
August	40,319	42,985	50,347
September	28,605	28,928	36,681
<u>3rd Quarter</u>	<u>101,135</u>	<u>105,746</u>	<u>122,684</u>
October	39,139	40,620	
November	35,037	39,437	
December	40,880	46,295	
<u>4th Quarter</u>	<u>115,056</u>	<u>126,352</u>	
<i>2nd Semester</i>	216,191	232,098	
Whole Year	400,526	422,463	

Table 6 : - Tourist Arrivals by Country of Residence, January to September 1995/1996

Country of residence	1st Quarter			2nd Quarter			3rd Quarter			January to September		
	1995	1996	% change	1995	1996	% change	1995	1996	% change	1995	1996	% change
All Countries	102,153	115,349	12.9	88,212	103,046	16.8	105,746	122,684	16.0	296,111	341,079	15.2
EUROPE	59,373	69,704	17.4	51,480	57,797	12.3	54,225	62,714	15.7	165,078	190,215	15.2
Austria	1,351	2,674	97.9	791	1,554	96.5	851	1,719	102.0	2,993	5,947	98.7
Belgium	1,058	1,849	74.8	1,178	1,864	58.2	1,614	1,915	18.6	3,850	5,628	46.2
France	29,304	33,228	13.4	23,216	25,811	11.2	24,845	27,676	11.4	77,365	86,715	12.1
Germany	10,871	12,022	10.6	9,512	9,057	-4.8	8,977	10,234	14.0	29,360	31,313	6.7
Italy	4,935	5,905	19.7	3,671	5,079	38.4	4,379	4,739	8.2	12,985	15,723	21.1
Netherlands	250	342	36.8	377	548	45.4	469	627	33.7	1,096	1,517	38.4
Spain	596	448	-24.8	716	827	15.5	848	1,267	49.4	2,160	2,542	17.7
Sweden	535	917	71.4	259	379	46.3	216	296	37.0	1,010	1,592	57.6
Switzerland	2,913	3,776	29.6	2,570	2,917	13.5	2,447	3,068	25.4	7,930	9,761	23.1
United Kingdom	5,860	6,283	7.2	7,511	8,180	8.9	8,264	9,404	13.8	21,635	23,867	10.3
Commonwealth of Independent States	n.a	478	-	n.a	151	-	n.a	252	-	n.a	881	-
Other European	1,700	1,782	4.8	1,679	1,430	-14.8	1,315	1,517	15.4	4,694	4,729	0.7
AFRICA	35,807	37,468	4.6	27,677	33,568	21.3	42,438	48,815	15.0	105,922	119,851	13.2
Comoros	326	262	-19.6	357	269	-24.6	331	313	-5.4	1,014	844	-16.8
Kenya	208	151	-27.4	305	337	10.5	324	344	6.2	837	832	-0.6
Malagasy Rep.	1,221	1,875	53.6	1,442	2,797	94.0	2,014	3,215	59.6	4,677	7,887	68.6
Reunion	23,059	22,024	-4.5	12,971	14,827	14.3	24,868	25,655	3.2	60,898	62,506	2.6
Seychelles	667	965	44.7	1,538	1,982	28.9	2,249	2,767	23.0	4,454	5,714	28.3
S/ Africa Rep. of	8,972	11,121	24.0	9,312	11,532	23.8	11,238	14,379	27.9	29,522	37,032	25.4
Zambia	112	41	-63.4	96	100	4.2	122	86	-29.5	330	227	-31.2
Zimbabwe	620	344	-44.5	1,037	796	-23.2	670	1,048	56.4	2,327	2,188	-6.0
Other African	622	685	10.1	619	928	49.9	622	1,008	62.1	1,863	2,621	40.7

Table 6 : - Tourist Arrivals by Country of Residence, January to September 1995/1996 (Ctd.)

Country of residence	1st Quarter			2nd Quarter			3rd Quarter			January to September		
	1995	1996	% change	1995	1996	% change	1995	1996	% change	1995	1996	% change
	ASIA	5,094	5,546	8.9	6,560	8,674	32.2	6,563	7,581	15.5	18,217	21,801
Hong Kong	372	545	46.5	243	512	110.7	398	578	45.2	1,013	1,635	61.4
India	1,831	2,002	9.3	3,659	4,726	29.2	3,131	3,305	5.6	8,621	10,033	16.4
Japan	930	1,001	7.6	643	668	3.9	793	703	-11.3	2,366	2,372	0.3
Malaysia	224	296	32.1	283	269	-4.9	256	516	101.6	763	1,081	41.7
People's Rep. of China	501	318	-36.5	421	615	46.1	496	505	1.8	1,418	1,438	1.4
Singapore	684	723	5.7	745	736	-1.2	522	800	53.3	1,951	2,259	15.8
Other Asian	552	661	19.7	566	1,148	102.8	967	1,174	21.4	2,085	2,983	43.1
OCEANIA	970	1,370	41.2	1,465	2,009	37.1	1,337	2,461	84.1	3,772	5,840	54.8
Australia	897	1,276	42.3	1,377	1,935	40.5	1,272	2,367	86.1	3,546	5,578	57.3
Other Oceanian	73	94	28.8	88	74	-15.9	65	94	44.6	226	262	15.9
AMERICA	820	961	17.2	859	978	13.9	1,002	1,081	7.9	2,681	3,020	12.6
USA	482	562	16.6	526	527	0.2	567	603	6.3	1,575	1,692	7.4
Canada	248	306	23.4	274	333	21.5	320	392	22.5	842	1,031	22.4
Other American	90	93	3.3	59	118	100.0	115	86	-25.2	264	297	12.5
OTHER & NOT STATED	89	300	237.1	171	20	-88.3	181	32	-82.3	441	352	-20.2

Table 7:- Monthly room occupancy rates for all hotels, 1994 - 1996

Month	Occupancy rate (%)		
	1994	1995	1996*
January	75	72	72
February	67	62	67
March	65	64	69
<u>1st Quarter</u>	<u>69</u>	<u>66</u>	<u>69</u>
April	64	61	71
May	63	64	61
June	54	59	50
<u>2nd Quarter</u>	<u>60</u>	<u>61</u>	<u>61</u>
<i>1st Semester</i>	65	64	65
July	57	53	55
August	66	69	69
September	68	63	70
<u>3rd Quarter</u>	<u>64</u>	<u>62</u>	<u>64</u>
October	70	74	
November	79	73	
December	64	71	
<u>4th Quarter</u>	<u>71</u>	<u>73</u>	
<i>2nd Semester</i>	67	67	
Whole Year	66	66	

* Provisional

Table 9:-Monthly room occupancy rates for large hotels, 1994 - 1996

Month	Occupancy rate (%)		
	1994	1995	1996*
January	82	78	80
February	77	72	77
March	73	71	76
<u>1st Quarter</u>	<u>77</u>	<u>74</u>	<u>78</u>
April	74	72	76
May	71	72	65
June	61	58	53
<u>2nd Quarter</u>	<u>68</u>	<u>68</u>	<u>65</u>
<i>1st Semester</i>	73	71	71
July	64	61	60
August	70	75	72
September	76	73	77
<u>3rd Quarter</u>	<u>70</u>	<u>70</u>	<u>69</u>
October	80	87	
November	90	83	
December	70	77	
<u>4th Quarter</u>	<u>80</u>	<u>83</u>	
<i>2nd Semester</i>	75	76	
Whole Year	74	73	

* Provisional

Table 10 :- Monthly bed occupancy rates for large hotels, 1994 - 1996

Month	Bed occupancy rate (%)		
	1994	1995	1996*
January	74	72	71
February	70	67	68
March	69	65	67
<u>1st Quarter</u>	<u>71</u>	<u>68</u>	<u>69</u>
April	70	66	67
May	66	64	57
June	56	51	47
<u>2nd Quarter</u>	<u>63</u>	<u>61</u>	<u>57</u>
<i>1st Semester</i>	67	64	63
July	61	57	53
August	66	71	63
September	71	67	68
<u>3rd Quarter</u>	<u>66</u>	<u>65</u>	<u>61</u>
October	78	80	
November	81	80	
December	66	69	
<u>4th Quarter</u>	<u>75</u>	<u>77</u>	
<i>2nd Semester</i>	70	71	
Whole Year	69	67	

* Provisional

Table 11:- Employment in the tourist industry as at March, 1992 - 1996

Establishments \ Year	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996
Restaurants	772	850	1,157	1,000	1,154
Hotels	7,592	8,271	9,082	9,340	9,666
Travel and Tourism	2,887	3,310	3,419	3,515	3,596
Total	11,251	12,431	13,658	13,855	14,416

Note: The above figures refer to large establishments only (i.e. employing 10 or more persons)