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This is the eleventh issue of the Annual Statistical Digest for the Colony of Mauritius, prepared and published by the Central Statistical Office.

While every endeavour is made to preserve continuity with the previous issues, the material already published is yet subjected to careful scrutiny and revision with a view to improving the coverage, quality and usefulness of the statistics presented.

With the present issue some new features have thus been introduced in Demography, Agriculture, Production and Finance.

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Director of Statistics

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D E M O G R A P H Y

Definition:

For statistical purposes the convention has been adopted of dividing the whole population into three classes:

(i) the General population, comprising Europeans and descendants of Europeans, and people of African and mixed origin;

(ii) the Indo-Mauritian population, made up of Indian Immigrants and their descendants; and

(iii) the Chinese population consisting of immigrants from China and their descendants.

TOTAL RESIDENT[x] POPULATION - Estimated as at 31st December, 1956[+]

P O P U L A T I O N

	General	Indo-Mauritian	Chinese	Total
Males	82,129	199,543	11,614	293,286
Females	87,312	189,662	8,863	285,837
Total	169,441	389,205	20,477	579,123

x By "resident" population is meant that population which is actually living in the Island; it excludes foreign military forces and civilians habitually resident in the island, but temporarily absent overseas on Military Service and as tourists or students. The "de jure" population of the island is estimated at 579,600.

+ Based initially on Census enumeration of June, 1952.

CONSTITUTION OF THE RESIDENT POPULATION

Year	General	Indo-Mauritian	Chinese
1956	29.3%	67.2%	3.5%

MOVEMENT OF THE CIVIL POPULATION[*] DURING THE YEAR

	General			Indo-Mauritian			Chinese			Total[@]
	Males	Fem.	Total	Males	Fem.	Total	Males	Fem.	Total	
Arrivals	3,344	2,236	5,580	930	360	1,290	548	300	848	7,718
Departures	3,484	2,356	5,840	1,064	385	1,449	559	261	820	8,109

* Includes:-

(a) the very small figure of engaged or disengaged seamen;

(b) emigrants and immigrants to and from the Dependencies but does not include movements of troops and locally enlisted servicemen.

@ Arrivals : Resident Population = 4,727; Non-resident = 2,991
Departures: " " = 5,165; " " = 2,944

ESTIMATED POPULATION BY DISTRICT AS AT 31ST DECEMBER, 1956

DISTRICT	Area in Square Miles	GENERAL			INDO-MAURITIAN			CHINESE			TOTAL		
		Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total
Port-Louis	16	17,714	19,442	37,156	25,616	24,814	50,430	5,544	4,858	10,402	48,874	49,114	97.988
Pamplemousses	69	3,542	3,806	7,348	19,690	19,033	38,723	342	222	564	23,574	23,061	46,635
Riviere du Rempart	57½	3,784	3,829	7,613	20,466	19,365	39,831	297	170	467	24,547	23,364	47,911
Flacq	115	6,066	6,066	12,132	27,034	25,978	53,012	588	329	917	33,688	32,373	66,061
Grand Port	101	7,395	7,488	14,883	22,659	21,242	43,901	754	490	1,244	30,808	29,220	60,028
Savanne	93½	4,318	4,321	8,639	15,790	15,223	31,013	512	322	834	20,620	19,866	40,486
Plaines Wilhems	79	33,481	36,434	69,915	50,572	46,920	97,492	3,027	2,115	5,142	87,080	85,469	172,549
Moka	89	2,542	2,617	5,159	13,339	12,866	26,205	385	252	637	16,266	15,735	32,001
Black River	101	3,287	3,309	6,596	4,377	4,221	8,598	165	105	270	7,829	7,635	15,464
Whole Island	720	82,129	87,312	169,441	199,543	189,662	389,205	11,614	8,863	20,477	293,286	285,837	579,123

Resident population trends 1925 - 1956

Year	Ratio of births to deaths	Natural ∅ increase as at 31st December	Cumulative increase	Rate @ of natural increase	Net ≠ increase as at 31st December	Resident population as at 31st December.
1925	1.77	+ 7,218	+ 7,218	+ 18.4	+ 5,965	393,708
1926	1.56	+ 5,562	+ 12,780	+ 14.1	+ 4,528	398,236
1927	1.38	+ 3,733	+ 16,513	+ 9.4	+ 3,457	401,693
1928	1.34	+ 3,864	+ 20,377	+ 9.5	+ 3,109	404,802
1929	1.11	+ 1,358	+ 21,735	+ 3.3	+ 747	405,549
1930	0.89	- 1,548	+ 20,187	- 3.9	- 1,091	404,458
1931	0.77	- 3,526	+ 16,661	- 8.9	- 4,316	400,142
1932	0.80	- 2,582	+ 14,079	- 6.6	- 2,644	397,498
1933	1.27	+ 2,864	+ 16,943	+ 7.4	+ 2,297	399,795
1934	1.34	+ 3,447	+ 20,390	+ 8.8	+ 3,036	402,831
1935	1.27	+ 2,801	+ 23,191	+ 7.1	+ 2,534	405,365
1936	1.32	+ 3,367	+ 26,558	+ 8.5	+ 3,611	408,976
1937	1.22	+ 2,580	+ 29,138	+ 6.4	+ 2,202	411,179
1938	1.12	+ 1,374	+ 30,512	+ 3.5	+ 1,647	412,826
1939	1.28	+ 3,236	+ 33,748	+ 8.0	+ 3,195	416,021
1940	1.17	+ 1,772	+ 35,520	+ 4.3	+ 1,317	417,338
1941	1.29	+ 2,994	+ 38,514	+ 7.4	- 252	417,086
1942	1.14	+ 1,626	+ 40,140	+ 4.0	+ 158	417,244
1943	1.28	+ 2,962	+ 43,102	+ 7.3	+ 1,188	418,432
1944	1.61	+ 6,903	+ 50,005	+ 16.4	+ 4,720	423,152
1945	1.07	+ 1,013	+ 51,018	+ 2.4	+ 2,164	425,316
1946	1.31	+ 3,899	+ 54,917	+ 9.2	+ 4,906	430,222
1947	2.18	+ 10,246	+ 65,163	+ 23.7	+ 5,832	436,054
1948	1.81	+ 8,521	+ 73,684	+ 19.3	+ 5,486	441,540
1949	2.77	+ 13,088	+ 86,772	+ 29.4	+ 15.177	456,717
1950	3.58	+ 16,657	+ 103,429	+ 35.8	+ 18,669	475,386
1951	3.19	+ 15,760	+ 119,189	+ 32.6	+ 19,133	494,519
1952	3.25	+ 16,673	+ 135,862	+ 33.3	+ 15,288	509,807
1953	2.88	+ 15,597	+ 151,459	+ 30.2	+ 15,060	524,867
1954	2.58	+ 13,464	+ 164,923	+ 25.4	+ 14,051	538,918
1955	3.24	+ 15,882	+ 180,805	+ 28.9	+ 21,014	559,932
1956	3.70	+ 18,171	+ 198,976	+ 31.9	+ 19.191	579,123

In the course of the 32-year period ending with 1956, the Natural Increase has amounted to 51.3% of the original population.

∅ Excess of births over deaths.

@ Rate per 1,000 of the mid-year population.

≠ Allowing for migration.

Natural Increase of Population

Year	Live Births	Deaths	Natural Increase*	Ratio to prewar Average (1935 - 1939 = 100)
1950	23,110	6,453	16,657	624
1951	22,968	7,208	15,760	590
1952	24,120	7,447	16,673	624
1953	23,896	8,299	15,597	584
1954	21,926	8,462	13,464	504
1955	22,970	7,088	15,882	595
1956	24,910	6,739	18,171	681

The figure of 24,910 numbering the total of live births during the year 1956 was the highest on record and was in excess of the figure for 1955 by 1940.

The total number of deaths was lower than in the previous year. The excess of births over deaths or natural increase of population was 581% above the quinquennial prewar average (1935 - 1939).

The natural growth during the year was 18,171, a number which is about seven times the corresponding average (2,670) for the five prewar years (1935 - 1939). This increase for 1956 was 14% higher than the figure for 1955.

The total of natural growth has in fact increased the whole Mauritian resident population of the end of 1945 by 34.8% in the interval of the eleven post-war years.

CHANGES IN THE DEMOGRAPHIC CHARACTERISTICS FROM PRE-WAR TO POST-WAR

	PRE-WAR PERIOD Annual Average: 1933 - 1937	POST-WAR PERIOD Annual Average: 1952 - 1956	Change from pre-war
Births	13,641	23,564	+ 9,923
Deaths	10,631	7,607	- 3,024
Birth rate@	33.8	44.2	+ 10.4
Death rate@	26.3	14.3	- 12.0
Ratio: Births / Deaths	1.29	3.10	+ 140%
Natural increase	3,010	15,957	+ 12,947
Rate of Natural Increase@	7.5	29.92	+ 302%

* Excess of births over deaths.

@ Per thousand of population.

VITAL AND SOCIAL STATISTICS

BIRTHS AND BIRTH RATES

DISTRICT	TOTAL POPULATION		
	Births		Crude Rates+
Port Louis		4,516	46.9
Town	3,901		
Extra Muros	615		
Pamplemousses		1,997	43.6
Riviere du Rempart		2,322	49.6
Flacq		2,871	44.3
Grand Port		2,485	42.1
Savanne		1,716	43.1
Plaines Wilhems		7,060	41.6
Beau Bassin - Rose Hill	1,539		
Quatre Bornes	942		
Curepipe	1,128		
Rest of Plaines Wilhems	3,451		
Moka		1,234	39.2
Black River		709	46.7
Whole Island		24,910	43.8

BIRTH RATES+ FOR THE WHOLE ISLAND - 1930 - 1956

Year	Rate	Year	Rate
1930	31.6	1943	32.6
1931	29.7	1944	43.4
1932	25.7	1945	38.4
1933	33.8	1946	38.4
1934	33.7	1947	43.7
1935	32.8	1948	43.4
1936	34.1	1949	45.6
1937	34.4	1950	49.7
1938	32.6	1951	47.5
1939	35.2	1952	48.1
1940	29.2	1953	46.3
1941	32.2	1954	41.3
1942	32.5	1955	41.8
		1956	43.8

+ Crude rates per 1,000 of the mid-year population.

BIRTHS BY MONTH FOR THE WHOLE ISLAND - 1956

Month	Number of births
January	1,928
February	1,740
March	1,860
April	1,875
May	2,023
June	1,963
July	2,084
August	2,102
September	2,113
October	2,651
November	2,229
December	2,342
Total	24,910

SEX OF CHILDREN BORN

TOTAL POPULATION		
Males	Females	Male births per 1,000 female births
12,693	12,217	1,039

BIRTH RATES

The crude birth rate for the population increased by 4.8% over that of last year. The natural increase of the population has amounted to nearly 80,000 souls in the course of the last five years.

The crude birth rate has now reached a level 29.6% higher than the average of the five pre-war years (1933 - 1937).

BIRTHS AND BIRTH RATES@ SPECIFIC FOR AGE OF MOTHER - YEAR 1956

Age of mother in years	Female Population	Number of live births	Birth rate+ specific for age of mother.
Under 15	28,930	53	1.8
15 - 19	23,394	3,584	153.2
20 - 24	21,705	6,507	299.8
25 - 29	21,146	5,959	281.8
30 - 34	19,298	4,676	242.3
35 - 39	14,584	2,542	174.3
40 - 44	13,033	724	55.6
45 - 49	10,254	90	8.8
50 & over	8,532	9	1.1
Total	160,876	24,144	150.1

\+ Rate = Number of live births per 1,000 of female population in specific age group.

@ General & Indo-Mauritian population only. The tabulation includes 1,785 births (7.4%) for which the age of the mother was not stated. These have been redistributed proportionally among the rest.

NUMBER OF LIVE BIRTHS BY TOTAL* BIRTH ORDER - YEAR 1956

General & Indo-Mauritian Population

Birth Order (parity)	Number of live births	% distribution	Birth rate++ by birth order
First	4,208	17.4	26.2
Second	3,994	16.5	24.8
Third	3,631	15.0	22.6
Fourth	3,025	12.5	18.8
Fifth	2,436	10.1	15.1
Sixth	1,812	7.5	11.3
Seventh	1,227	5.1	7.6
Eighth	811	3.4	5.0
Ninth	534	2.2	3.3
Tenth & higher	736	3.1	4.6
Unknown	1,730	7.2	10.8
Total	24,144	100.0	150.1

* i.e. inclusive of still-births.

++ Number of live births in each birth order per 1,000 female population aged 10 - 54 years.

DEATHS AND DEATH RATES

DISTRICT	TOTAL POPULATION		
	Deaths		Crude rates+
Port Louis		1,344	14.0
Town	1,124		
Extra Muros	220		
Pamplemousses		605	13.2
Riviere du Rempart		476	10.2
Flacq		712	11.0
Grand Port		752	12.7
Savanne		497	12.5
Plaines Wilhems		1,787	10.5
Beau Bassin - Rose Hill	413		
Quatre Bornes	244		
Curepipe	310		
Rest of Plaines Wilhems	820		
Moka		331	10.5
Black River		235	15.5
Whole Island		6,789	11.8

+ per 1,000 of the mid-year population.

Deaths and Death Rates

The total number of deaths in 1956 was lower than in the previous year. The crude death rate for the whole population was nevertheless well below the pre-war quinquennial average (1933 - 1937): it was only 44% of this average.

The following table gives the crude death rates for the last twenty-five years:-

Year	Rate	Year	Rate
1932	32.8	1944	27.1
1933	27.3	1945	36.1
1934	25.7	1946	29.5
1935	26.5	1947	20.1
1936	26.4	1948	23.8
1937	28.8	1949	16.6
1938	29.9	1950	13.9
1939	28.0	1951	14.9
1940	25.5	1952	14.8
1941	25.6	1953	16.1
1942	29.2	1954	16.0
1943	25.9	1955	12.9
		1956	11.8

Deaths by Month for the Whole Island - 1956

Month	Number of Deaths
January	525
February	534
March	578
April	505
May	533
June	557
July	608
August	598
September	633
October	561
November	580
December	527
Total	6,739

NUMBER OF DEATHS BY AGE AND SEX (Total Population)

Age	Males	Females	Total
Under 1	920	724	1,644
1 - 4	379	423	802
5 - 9	115	126	241
10 - 14	42	42	84
15 - 19	40	60	100
20 - 24	66	92	158
25 - 34	172	199	371
35 - 44	275	161	436
45 - 54	405	202	607
55 - 64	518	344	862
65 - 74	428	434	862
75 - 84	167	289	456
85 and over	28	86	114
Not stated	1	1	2
All Ages	3,556	3,183	6,739

MARRIAGES

DISTRICT	POPULATION		
	General*	Indo-Mauritian	Total
Port Louis	397	272	669
Pamplemousses	47	134	181
Riviere du Rempart	56	150	206
Flacq	91	231	322
Grand Port	109	149	258
Savanne	74	126	200
Plaines Wilhems	591	443	1,034
Moka	39	99	138
Black River	49	23	72
Whole Island	1,453	1,627	3,080
Crude Rate+	15.6	8.5	10.8

* Includes Chinese

MARRIAGE RATES

The marriage rate in the population for 1956 was again higher than the corresponding average rate for the quinquennial period 1934 - 1938. The post-war increase in marriage rates is shown in the following table:

Pre-war average (1934 - 1938)	Rate 9.5		
Year	% increase on pre-war average 1934 - 1938		
1946	18.1	+	90
1947	17.5	+	84
1948	14.7	+	55
1949	16.3	+	72
1950	13.1	+	38
1951	12.7	+	34
1952	16.3	+	72
1953	13.4	+	41
1954	11.7	+	23
1955	10.2	+	7
1956	10.8	+	14

+ Ratio of the actual number of persons of both sexes newly married to 1,000 of the entire population.

DIVORCES

GROUNDS ON WHICH DIVORCE PRONOUNCED	POPULATION			
	General	Indo-Mauritian	Chinese	Total
Adultery by Husband	8	14	1	23
Adultery by wife	36	42	2	80
Adultery and Injures Graves by husband	4	1	-	5
Adultery and Injures Graves by wife	3	3	-	6
Injures Graves by husband	23	18	1	42
Injures Graves by wife	9	18	1	28
Desertion by wife	2	3	-	5
Sevices by husband	1	-	-	1
Desertion and Injures Graves by wife	1	-	-	1
Desertion and Adultery by wife	1	-	-	1
	88	99	5	192

NUMBER OF DIVORCES BY NUMBER OF CHILDREN LIVING AT THE TIME OF DIVORCE.

Number of Children	Number of Divorces
No child	105
1 child	27
2 children	25
3 "	15
4 "	12
5 "	4
6 " and more	4
Total	192

Total number of children = 217

NUMBER OF DIVORCES BY DURATION OF MARRIAGE

Duration of Marriage	Number of Divorces
under 1 year	1
1 "	9
2 years	11
3 "	19
4 "	26
5 "	17
6 "	11
7 "	19
8 "	17
9 "	15
10 to 14 years	29
15 to 19 years	11
20 years and over	7
Total	192

STILL-BIRTHS

DISTRICT	TOTAL POPULATION		
	Males	Females	Total
Port Louis	178	145	323
Pamplemousses	61	43	104
Riviere du Rempart	69	71	140
Flacq	138	90	228
Grand Port	93	82	175
Savanne	87	71	158
Plaines Wilhems	297	217	514
Moka	64	47	111
Black River	19	17	36
Whole Island	1,006	783	1,789

Total of still-births ... 1,789
% to live births ... 7.2
% to total births ... 6.7

STILL-BIRTHS

A still-birth is by definition the birth of a dead child at or after the seventh month of pregnancy. Still-births are not included either as births or deaths in the various numbers and rates shown in this chapter.

The number of still-births during the year was 1,789, an increase of 330 (22.6%) on the number for 1955.

STILL-BIRTH RATE+

Year	Rate
1946	8.4
1947	6.7
1948	6.9
1949	6.7
1950	6.1
1951	6.1
1952	6.5
1953	6.6
1954	6.2
1955	6.4
1956	7.2

+ percentage to live-births.

INFANTILE MORTALITY (Total Population)

A G E	EXCLUSIVE OF STILL BIRTHS			Deaths+ under one year per 1,000 live births	INCLUSIVE OF STILL-BIRTHS(x)			
	Males	Females	Total		Males	Females	Total	Deaths+ per 1,000 births
Under 3 months	628	464	1,092	43.8	1,634	1,247	2,881	107.9
3 months and under 6 months	138	110	248	53.8			248	117.2
6 months and under 12 months	154	150	304	66.0			304	128.6
1 year and under 2 years	193	209	402					
2 years and under 3 years	122	135	257					
3 years and under 4 years	64	79	143					
4 years and under 5 years	41	42	83					
	1,340	1,189	2,529					

(x) Inserted in consideration of the result of ante-natal influences.

\+ The rate here refers to the total number of deaths occurring under the upper age limit.

INFANTILE MORTALITY RATES+

Year	Rate
1946	145.2
1947	113.9
1948	186.2
1949	91.0
1950	76.3
1951	83.5
1952	80.8
1953	93.5
1954	81.1
1955	67.2
1956	66.0

+ The number of deaths of infants under 1 year of age occurring in any year for every one thousand live births registered during the same year.

CAUSES OF DEATH - INFANTILE MORTALITY

Section@	Cause	Under 1 year	1 to 5 years
1	Infective and Parasitic Diseases	62	58
2	Neoplasms	-	-
3	Allergic, Endocrine System, Metabolic and Nutritional Diseases	19	85
4	Diseases of the Blood and Blood Forming Organs	7	37
5	Mental, Psychoneurotic & Personality Disorders	-	3
6	Diseases of the Nervous System & Sense Organs	6	8
7	Diseases of the Circulatory System	1	2
8	Diseases of the Respiratory System	221	118
9	Diseases of the Digestive System	332	266
10	Diseases of the Genito-Urinary System	2	4
11	Deliveries and complications of Pregnancy Childbirth and the Puerperium	-	-
12	Diseases of the Skin & Cellular Tissue	3	2
13	Diseases of the Bones & Organs of Movement	1	3
14	Congenital Malformations	12	1
15	Certain diseases of early infancy	867	-
16	Symptoms, Senility and ill-defined conditions	107	255
17	Accidents, Poisonings and Violence	4	43
	Total	1,644	885

@ International Classification 1948.

INFANTILE MORTALITY

The total number of deaths of infants (under 1 year of age) in 1956 was higher than in the previous year being 1,644 against 1,543 in 1955. The rate of infantile mortality in 1956 was however the lowest so far on record.

The inclusion of still-births raises the rate of infantile mortality occurring under 3 months of age by 146%.

MATERNAL MORTALITY

The rate of maternal mortality for the total population in 1956 was 2.1 per thousand births, a figure which shows a reduction of 80% when compared with the decennial average (1937 - 1946) of 10.5.

RODRIGUES ISLAND (Area 49 square miles)

DEMOGRAPHY

POPULATION - Estimated as at 31st December.

Year	NUMBER OF PERSONS	
	Total	No. per square mile
1956	16,034	401

On the 29th of June, 1952, a Census of the population was taken in Rodrigues and the resident population was found to number 13,333, which when adjusted in respect of natural increase and migration, is brought to the figure of population stated above as at the end of 1956.

The inhabitants of the island belong almost entirely to the General Population. The number of inhabitants belonging to the Indian Population is extremely small being 1.5% of the total population. The ratio of males to females in the population is 1 : 1.03.

The rapid natural growth of the population observed in Mauritius is also taking place to some extent in its main Dependency, where in five years, it has amounted to 15.4% of the original population.

VITAL STATISTICS

Year	Births	Deaths	Natural Increase	Birth rate per 1,000	Death rate per 1,000
1949	459	139	320	34.0	10.3
1950	557	158	399	40.5	11.5
1951	575	97	478	40.5	6.8
1952	569	122	447	42.6	9.1
1953	532	251	281	38.5	18.2
1954	587	125	462	41.2	8.8
1955	642	172	470	42.3	11.3
1956	756	171	585	47.6	10.8

RODRIGUES

AGE AT DEATH

Age	Males	Females	Total
Under one year	47	21	68
1 year and under 5 years	17	16	33
5 years and under 10 years	1	3	4
10 years and under 20 years	3	4	7
20 years and under 45 years	7	10	17
45 years and under 65 years	14	5	19
65 years and over	14	9	23
Total	103	68	171

INFANTILE MORTALITY

The infantile mortality in 1956 in the island was 89.9 per 1,000 live births; this figure being about 20% less than that for 1955.

MOVEMENT OF POPULATION

RODRIGUES

	General			Indo-Mauritian			Chinese			Total
	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F	T	
Arrivals from Mauritius	258	202	460	180	17	197	141	28	169	826
Departures to Mauritius	382	244	626	162	19	181	135	18	153	960

M = Males

F = Females

T = Total

H E A L T H

The Tables hereafter are computed from returns of the Medical and Health Department and of the Registrar General's Department.

PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES

In 1956, the Public Health Services consisted of:-

8 General Hospitals;

3 Special Hospitals (one for Poliomyelitis, one for Leprosy and one for Mental Diseases);

44 Public Dispensaries and out-patients' department of Hospitals (excluding 3 Prisons' Dispensaries);

4 Mobile Dispensaries;

1 Mobile Ante-natal Clinic;

2 Mobile Dental Clinics.

On the whole, 317,210 cases were examined at the public dispensaries and the outpatients' department of the public hospitals; the number of outpatients in attendance was 501,072 whilst the total number of attendances at the mobile dispensaries was 81,822.

In addition to the above, there were:-

4 Private Clinics;

9 Maternity Centres (belonging to the Maternity and Child Welfare Society);

8 Maternity Wards in Hospitals;

31 Private Hospitals (maintained on sugar estates);

18 Dispensaries (maintained on sugar estates.

STATISTICS OF HOSPITALS

Hospital	Patients in hospital on 1.1.56	Total admissions	Deaths	Patients remaining on 31.12.56	No. of beds	No. of patients on any date during period under review		Medical Cases	Surgical Cases	No. of operations performed on	
						Maximum	Minimum			In-patients	Out-patients
Civil	254	9,492	540	263	410	405	242	6,274	3,218	2,460	9,808
Long Mountain	21	1,982	49	27	66	66	21	1,845	137	36	580
Poudre d'Or	25	1,527	26	21	70	70	21	1,159	368	7	415
Flacq	23	2,253	49	29	116	109	21	1,790	463	100	2,427
Mahebourg	62	2,782	95	62	105	105	48	1,950	832	53	1,327
Souillac	43	1,958	64	27	97	93	27	1,678	280	86	1,193
Moka	38	1,627	51	48	80	80	39	1,251	376	281	571
Victoria	197	7,786	336	149	263	274	192	5,691	2,095	2,095	14,091
Mental	21	548	27	18	78#	71	21	451	97	70	-
Industrial School	6	167	-	5	16	14	1	93	74	12	45
Beau Bassin Prisons	12	251	-	12	30	18	6	174	77	8	425
Princess Margaret Orthopaedic Centre	123	590	11	139	157	157	132	150	440	743	2,709
Leper	40	8	2	42	62	46	33	8	-	-	2
Total	865	30,971	1,250	842	1,550	1,508	804	22,514	8,457	5,951	33,593

Infirmary only. The Mental Hospital has a total bed strength of 707.

HEALTH SERVICES

DISTRICT	Medical Practitioners		Dentists	Oculists	Maternity Centres @	Pharmacies	Public Cemeteries	Hospitals //	Leper Hospital	Orthopaedic & Poliomyelitis Hospital.	Mental Hospital	Public Dispensaries ++	Benevolent & Orphan Asylums	Private Clinics	Estate Hospitals	Beds in Estate Hospitals
	Private	Government														
Port Louis	11	20	13+	1	-	16	-	1	-	-	-	3	6	-	-	-
Pamplemousses	2	1	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	-	-	5	2	-	4	53
Riviere du Rempart	-	1	-	-	-	-	4	1	-	-	-	6	-	-	3	92
Flacq	1	1	-	-	-	1	6	1	-	-	-	7	-	-	5	93
Grand Port	-	1	-	-	2	2	5	1	-	-	-	6	2	-	6	140
Savanne	1	1	-	-	1	1	4	1	-	-	-	5	1	-	7	135
Plaines Wilhems	44	25	16	1	6	22	2	1	-	1	1	4	4	4	3	54
Moka	2	2	-	-	-	-	4	4	-	-	-	4	-	-	2	42
Black River	-	1	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	1	20
Total	61	53*	29	2	9	42	29	8	1	1	1	45	15	4	31	629

+ 4 belonging to Government Medical Services

@ Excluding 1 Government Ante-Natal Clinic.

++ Excluding 4 Mobile Dispensaries and 2 Prisons Department Dispensaries.

* Excluding 2 posted in the Dependency of Rodrigues.

// Excluding 2 Prisons Hospitals.

STATEMENT OF THE CAUSES OF DEATH IN THE ISLAND DURING THE YEAR 1956

Section+	Nature of disease	POPULATION GENERAL* M	F	T	INDO-MAURITIAN M	F	T	Total number of deaths	% of total	Death rate per 100,000 of population
I	Infective and parasitic diseases	75	50	125	132	97	229	354	5.3	62.2
II	Neoplasms	32	42	74	43	32	75	149	2.2	26.2
III	Allergic, endocrine system, metabolic and nutritional diseases	65	52	117	116	111	227	344	5.1	60.5
IV	Diseases of the blood and blood-forming organs	32	66	98	127	188	315	413	6.1	72.6
V	Mental, psychoneurotic and personality disorders	3	3	6	1	-	1	7	0.1	1.2
VI	Diseases of the nervous system and sense organs	80	94	174	137	87	224	398	5.9	70.0
VII	Diseases of the circulatory system	99	86	185	201	112	313	498	7.4	87.5
VIII	Diseases of the respiratory system	143	136	279	271	223	494	773	11.5	135.9
IX	Diseases of the digestive system	211	187	398	248	219	467	865	12.8	152.1
X	Diseases of the genito-urinary system	29	13	42	32	37	69	111	1.6	19.5
XI	Deliveries and complications of pregnancy, childbirth and the puerperium	-	15	15	-	42	42	57	0.8	10.0
XII	Diseases of the skin & cellular tissue	2	-	2	4	6	10	12	0.2	2.1
XIII	Diseases of the bones & organs of movement	6	6	12	15	11	26	38	0.6	6.7
XIV	Congenital malformations	5	2	7	4	2	6	13	0.2	2.3
XV	Certain diseases of early infancy	152	97	249	365	253	618	867	12.9	152.4
XVI	Symptoms, senility & ill-defined conditions	270	288	558	476	547	1,023	1,581	23.5	277.9
XVII	Accidents, poisonings & violence	64	20	84	116	59	175	259	3.8	45.5
	Total	1,268	1,157	2,425	2,283	2,026	4,314	6,739	100.0	1,184.9

+ International Classification 1948.

* Includes Chinese.

CAUSES OF DEATH IN THE ISLAND

There was a slight decrease of 5% in the number of deaths from all causes in 1956 as compared with 1955. The more important variations in the various disease sections are shown below:

Section	% increase or decrease in deaths
I	+ 14
III	+ 24
IV	- 10
VII	- 13
IX	- 36
X	- 31
XI	+ 58
XV	+ 31

The diseases responsible for the larger number of deaths were:-

(i) Diseases of early infancy;
(ii) Diseases of the Digestive System;
(iii) Diseases of the Respiratory System;
(iv) Diseases of the Circulatory System.

Important decreases were recorded in deaths due to diseases of the genito-urinary system and to the digestive system while deaths due to deliveries and complications of pregnancy, childbirth and the puerperium, to certain diseases of early infancy and to diseases of the allergic and nutritional types showed a marked increase over last year.

Antimalarial works have been carried out in the island since 1942 and in 1949 an intensive campaign to eradicate malaria was started using insecticides. As a consequence, the number of deaths due to malaria has been constantly on the decrease in the course of the last ten years; in 1956 no death due to this cause was registered as against 3 in 1955, 27 in 1954 and 61 in 1953.

The proportion of still-births (7.2% of live births) was slightly higher than last year.

DISEASES CAUSING HIGH MORTALITY IN MAURITIUS

SECTION	DISEASE	Actual Number of deaths	Death rate per 100,000 of population	Variation on 1955 rate
I	Tuberculosis of the respiratory system	132	23	-
	Dysentery	68	12	+ 1
	Tetanus	56	10	+ 1
II	Neoplasm	149	26	-
III	Asthma	185	33	+ 6
	Diabetes	64	11	+ 4
IV	Anaemia	413	73	- 10
VI	Diseases of the nervous system and sense organs	398	70	- 1
VII	Diseases of the circulatory system	498	88	- 16
VIII	Influenza	52	9	- 3
	Pneumonia	280	49	- 2
	Bronchitis	326	57	-
IX	Enteritis & colitis	660	116	- 93
X	Nephritis	99	17	- 10
XV	Diseases peculiar to early infancy	867	152	+ 32
XVII	Accidents, poisoning and violence	259	46	+ 1

TUBERCULOSIS

Year	No. of deaths in the Colony due to the disease	% to total deaths in the Colony	Crude death rate from tuberculosis per million living
1946	196	1.57	462
1947	171	1.97	395
1948	269	2.56	609
1949	301	4.08	677
1950	244	3.78	525
1951	235	3.26	486
1952	201	2.70	401
1953	146	1.76	283
1954	133	1.57	251
1955	134	1.89	244
1956	145	2.15	255

MATERNAL MORTALITY RATE+

Year	Rate per 1,000	Year	Rate per 1,000
1946	10.39	1951	3.20
1947	5.25	1952	3.19
1948	4.10	1953	2.71
1949	3.80	1954	1.72
1950	3.51	1955	1.47
		1956	2.13

\+ The ratio of the number of deaths ascribed to the Puerperal State to the total number of births, including still-births.

On the whole the rate of maternal mortality this year was 45% higher than last year, and yet has fallen by 80% as compared with the 1946 rate.

NOTIFIABLE CONTAGIOUS OR COMMUNICABLE DISEASES BY DISTRICT

DISTRICT	Typhoid Fever	Diphtheria	Acute Poliomyelitis	Puerperal Fever	Erysipelas	Cerebrospinal Meningitis	Tuberculosis
Port Louis	23	21	3	1	1	-	189
Pamplemousses	9	1	-	-	-	-	37
Riviere du Rempart	13	2	2	1	-	-	27
Flacq	6	7	4	2	1	-	39
Grand Port	55	1	5	3	-	1	13
Savanne	16	-	1	2	-	-	14
Plaines Wilhems	17	48	13	2	-	-	75
Black River	5	1	1	-	-	-	9
Moka	5	8	2	-	2	-	11
Total	149	89	31	11	4	1	414

MONTHLY NOTIFICATIONS OF NOTIFIABLE, CONTAGIOUS OR COMMUNICABLE DISEASES

MONTH	Typhoid Fever	Diphtheria	Acute Poliomyelitis	Puerperal Fever	Erysipelas	Cerebrospinal Meningitis	Tuberculosis
January	38	8	-	-	-	-	14
February	37	11	6	-	-	-	31
March	16	7	2	2	-	-	21
April	19	9	4	3	-	-	27
May	12	9	9	1	2	-	52
June	9	8	5	-	-	-	33
July	2	10	1	-	-	-	38
August	2	3	3	1	-	-	26
September	4	4	1	1	-	-	47
October	2	1	-	-	-	1	43
November	5	7	-	3	1	-	37
December	3	12	-	-	1	-	45
Total	149	89	31	11	4	1	414

The incidence of typhoid fever in 1956 showed an increase of 126% over last year.

JUDICIAL STATISTICS

P O L I C E

The establishment of the Regular Force in Mauritius and Rodrigues at the end of 1956 was constituted as follows:-

1 Commissioner
1 Deputy Commissioner
1 Police Medical Officer
10 Superintendents
1 Pay and Quartermaster
1 Assistant Pay and Quartermaster
14 Assistant Superintendents (1 at Rodrigues)
84 Inspectors & Sub-Inspectors (1 attached to the Railways and 1 at Rodrigues)
104 Sergeants (1 attached to the Railways and 2 at Rodrigues)
129 Corporals (1 at Rodrigues)
777 Constables (9 attached to the Railways and 22 at Rodrigues)
25 Police Women

The Police Band comprised:-

1 Bandmaster
1 Inspector
1 Sub-Inspector
5 Sergeants (1 at Rodrigues)
2 Corporals
22 Bandsmen
9 Band Cadets

The following table shows the establishment of the Police Force in Mauritius and the proportion of police to population for the last 10 years:-

Year ended 31st December	Officers	OTHER RANKS				Total (+)	Proportion of Police to population
		Inspectorate	Sergeants	Corporals	Constables		
1947	25	12	51	64	536	688	1 : 634
1948	25	12	52	64	542	695	1 : 635
1949	26	11	52	65	542	696	1 : 656
1950	26	14	57	72	630	799	1 : 595
1951	26	16	67	86	732	927	1 : 533
1952	26	79	95	110	691	1,001	1 : 509
1953	26	79	95	110	691	1,001	1 : 524
1954	26	79	95	110	691	1,001	1 : 538
1955	28	81	98	116	733	1,056	1 : 530
1956	28	83	102	128	755	1,096	1 : 528

(+) Excluding Women Police, Police Band and Rodrigues Police.

CRIMINAL STATISTICS

OFFENCES REPORTED TO AND DEALT WITH BY THE POLICE - YEAR 1956

OFFENCES	Total reported during year 1956	Pending investigation at 31.12.56	Not taken to Court	TAKEN TO COURT				
				Total	Convicted	Dismissed	Nolle prosequi	Awaiting trial at 31.12.56
AGAINST LAWFUL AUTHORITY	311	7	49	255	212	21	2	20
Perjury	19	1	4	14	11	2	-	1
Riots, Illegal Strikes and Breaches of the peace	21	-	4	17	11	6	-	-
Effecting public mischief	32	-	1	31	22	4	1	4
Assault against Public Functionary causing effusion of blood or with premeditation or lying in wait	6	-	-	6	5	-	-	1
Outrage & Assault against Public Functionary	233	6	40	187	163	9	1	14
AGAINST PUBLIC MORALITY	136	7	68	61	41	13	-	7
Rape & Attempt upon Chastity	68	5	40	23	17	1	-	5
Sodomy & Bestiality	10	1	6	3	2	-	-	1
Sexual intercourse with female under 12 years	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Gross indecent act in public	57	1	21	35	22	12	-	1

OFFENCES REPORTED TO AND DEALT WITH BY THE POLICE - YEAR 1956 (continued)

OFFENCES	Total reported during year 1956	Pending investigation at 31.12.56	Not taken to Court	TAKEN TO COURT				
				Total	Convicted	Dismissed	Nolle prosequi	Awaiting trial at 31.12.56
AGAINST THE PERSON	12,345	94	9,598	2,653	2,063	252	9	329
Murder & Manslaughter	14	2	3	9	2	1	-	6
Poisoning	2	-	2	-	-	-	-	-
Abortion	5	-	4	1	-	-	-	1
Wounds & Blows causing death or loss of limb	8	-	2	6	4	1	1	-
Abduction of minors	3	-	3	-	-	-	-	-
Serious Wounds & Blows	72	-	15	57	43	6	-	8
Simple Wounds & Blows	12,058	91	9,532	2,435	1,908	218	7	302
Involuntary Wounds & Blows	146	1	32	113	80	22	1	10
False & malicious denunciation in writing	37	-	5	32	26	4	-	2
AGAINST PROPERTY	5,458	138	3,747	1,573	1,291	120	7	155
Larceny Night Breaking	211	9	151	51	42	2	-	7
Larceny with violence	108	1	83	24	18	5	-	1
Other larcenies with aggravating circumstances	458	8	180	270	241	9	1	19

OFFENCES REPORTED TO AND DEALT WITH BY THE POLICE - YEAR 1956 (continued)

OFFENCES	Total reported during year 1956	Pending investigation at 31.12.56	Not taken to Court	TAKEN TO COURT				
				Total	Convicted	Dismissed	Nolle prosequi	Awaiting trial at 31.12.56
AGAINST PROPERTY (contd.)								
Arson	17	-	16	1	1	-	-	-
Criminal Damage to Property	5	-	2	3	2	-		1
Poaching	31	-	11	20	16	3	-	1
Larceny Praedial	214	6	92	116	97	7	-	12
Larceny bicycle	711	11	601	99	95	4	-	-
Larceny simple	2,534	51	1,839	644	542	38	2	62
Larceny of fowls	210	-	164	46	38	3	-	5
Receiving stolen Property	68	4	12	52	24	20	1	7
Swindling	184	15	108	61	40	6	1	14
Forgery	78	14	23	41	39	2	-	-
Embezzlement by Public Servant & Simple Embezzlement	629	19	465	145	96	21	2	26
OTHER OFFENCES AGAINST THE PENAL CODE	3,378	4	289	3,085	2,990	32	7	56
Personation	6	-	3	3	1	-	-	2
Vagrancy	245	1	126	118	90	13	6	9
Disturbance	1,926	3	131	1,792	1,735	18	-	39
Drunkenness	1,201	-	29	1,172	1,164	1	1	6

OFFENCES REPORTED TO AND DEALT WITH BY THE POLICE - YEAR 1956 (continued)

OFFENCES	Total reported during year 1956	Pending investigation at 31.12.56	Not taken to Court	TAKEN TO COURT				
				Total	Convicted	Dismissed	Nolle prosequi	Awaiting trial at 31.12.56
AGAINST LOCAL LAWS	20,976	87	4,521	16,368	15,655	287	14	412
(a) TRAFFIC	17,808	41	3,511	14,256	13,649	234	8	365
Dangerous, Inconsiderate & Negligent Driving	717	-	102	615	479	92	1	43
Driving under the influence of Liquor	35	-	2	33	24	4	-	5
Exceeding speed	623	-	297	326	323	1	-	2
Bicycle Contraventions	4,548	1	673	3,874	3,842	6	5	21
Using Unlicensed M. Vehicle	235	5	104	126	101	9	1	15
Contraventions of Pedestrians	72	-	17	55	54	-	-	1
Other Traffic Offences	11,578	35	2,316	9,227	8,826	122	1	278
(b) DISTILLERY LAWS	568	4	349	215	194	14	-	7
Illicit Distillation of Colonial Spirit	3	-	-	3	3	-	-	-
Illicit removal or possession of Colonial Spirits, wash or country liquor	12	1	5	6	6	-	-	-
Other offences against Distillery laws	553	3	344	206	185	14	-	7
(c) OFFENCES AGAINST LICENCE LAWS	693	1	258	434	411	10	1	12

OFFENCES REPORTED TO AND DEALT WITH BY THE POLICE - YEAR 1956 (continued)

OFFENCES	Total reported during year 1956	Pending investigation at 31.12.56	Not taken to Court	TAKEN TO COURT				
				Total	Convicted	Dismissed	Nolle prosequi	Awaiting trial at 31.12.56
AGAINST LOCAL LAWS (contd.)								
(d) MISCELLANEOUS	1,907	41	403	1,463	1,401	29	5	28
Offences against Weights and Measures Ordinance	288	7	89	192	189	1	-	2
Illegal Slaughtering	13	1	-	12	10	-	-	2
Smuggling	5	-	-	5	5	-	-	-
Offences against the Dangerous Drugs Ordinance	96	-	17	79	68	2	2	7
Offences against the Firearms' Ordinance	125	-	44	81	81	-	-	-
Offences against Election Laws	63	18	2	43	35	8	-	-
Swearing false Affidavit	30	10	4	16	15	1	-	-
Offences against Food & Defence Regulations	5	-	3	2	2	-	-	-
Offences regarding Shop Hours' Ordinance	1,075	5	230	840	809	14	3	14
Gambling & Public Lotteries	123	-	12	111	107	2	-	2
Breach of H.Cs Regulations	73	-	2	71	69	1	-	1
Offences against the Harbour Regulations	11	-	-	11	11	-	-	-
GRAND TOTAL	42,604	337	18,272	23,995	22,252	725	39	979

SERIOUS CASES REPORTED

Murder & Manslaughter	14
Poisoning	2
Abortion	5
Wounds & Blows causing death or loss of limb or eye	8
Larceny (exclusive of praedial larceny)	3,913
Receiving & possession of stolen property	68
Embezzlement	629
Burglary	211
Robbery	108
Forgery	78
Praedial larceny	214
Offences under the Distillery & Liquor Laws	568
Other serious offences	677

FIRES

717 cases of fire were reported to the Police in 1956, of which 1 was a case of arson.

JUVENILE CRIMINALITY

Offence	Number arrested and convicted			
	1953	1954	1955	1956
Larceny	74	87	84	84
Larceny, praedial	1	11	3	10
Larceny with violence	1	-	3	-
Larceny being two in number or more	10	9	15	18
Larceny with breaking	11	-	4	6
Larceny with night breaking	2	8	16	3
Larceny by person in receipt of wages	5	3	-	3
Larceny by servant	5	3	-	5
Larceny with aggravating circumstances	17	15	17	23
Possession of stolen property	5	6	3	8
Vagrancy	2	10	9	16
Plundering	60	38	39	84
Wounds and Blows	79	85	51	90
Offences against morality	-	1	2	1
Roguery and vagabondage	1	1	1	-
Forgery	3	1	3	-
Various offences	145	182	132	171

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION DEPARTMENT

The following is a statement of cases referred to and dealt with by the Investigation Branch of the Criminal Investigation Department:-

	Crime	Misdemeanours
Number of true cases declared	67	395
Number of cases in which prosecution was entered	60	386

BICYCLE THEFTS

YEAR	Number of bicycles	
	Lost or stolen	Recovered
1956	711	217

HABITUAL CRIMINALS

There were 2,145 male reconvicted criminals (including 144 first offenders reconvicted during the year) in Mauritius in 1956. At the end of the year

187 were in Prison;
416 were under Police supervision;
55 were at liberty on licence.

VIOLENCE AND ASSAULTS

Assaults with violence are common. 1,458 cases of wounds and blows were examined by the Police Medical Officer and 2,163 medical reports were forwarded to the Police for use in evidence.

55 cases of rape and sexual assaults were dealt with.

SUICIDE

7 cases were reported and investigated during the year and the following causes of death were found: 2 by poisoning, 3 by hanging, 1 by gunshot and 1 by a cutting instrument.

FORGERY AND THEFT

In 1956, 360 exhibits related to cases of forgery, swindling and other fraudulent alteration of deeds and documents were examined in the Forensic Laboratory. The corresponding number of exhibits for 1955 was 363.

FIREARMS

The number of firearms licensed during the year was 5,955. The comparative figures for 1954 and 1955 were 5,715 and 5,902 respectively.

JUDICIAL

SUPREME COURT

In the Supreme Court, in 1956, the following cases were dealt with:

	Civil Cases	Divorce Cases	Criminal Appeals	Civil Appeals	Motions & other applications	Bankruptcy cases
New cases entered during the year	39	229	49	29	150	213
Cases disposed of	53	240	40	35	156	201

There were 24 cases brought for trial before the Court of Assizes in which there were 31 accused parties.

	Number of cases
Murder	1
Manslaughter	4
Wounds & Blows causing death without intention to kill	6
Involuntary homicide	7
Rape and complicity in rape	1
Bigamy	1
Arson	1
Procuring miscarriage	2
Sexual intercourse with a female under 12	1
Total	24

22 of the accused parties were convicted, 4 were acquitted and 3 were discharged for want of prosecution.

In the case of murder, the accused party was sentenced to death, but the sentence was commuted to 15 years' penal servitude.

Persons dealt with by the Courts, including the Court of Assizes - 1956

OFFENCES	Total arrested or summoned to Court	Acquitted.	Nolle prosequi	Awaiting trial at 31.12.56	CONVICTED												
					Total	Death		Imprisonment		Borstal & Other Institutions		FINE			Probation, First Offenders' Act, etc...		
						M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	J	M	F	J
AGAINST LAWFUL AUTHORITY	422	35	8	31	348	-	-	70	2	-	1	259	4	-	11	-	1
Perjury	17	2	-	2	13	-	-	9	2	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-
Riots, Illegal Strikes & Breaches of the Peace	18	6	1	2	9	-	-	2	-	-	-	1	-	-	6	-	-
Effecting public mischief	36	9	2	4	21	-	-	2	-	-	-	17	2	-	-	-	-
Assault against public functionary	111	8	-	8	95	-	-	22	-	-	-	72	1	-	-	-	-
Others	240	10	5	15	210	-	-	35	-	-	1	168	1	-	4	-	1
AGAINST PUBLIC MORALITY	233	20	10	15	188	-	-	24	1	4	-	151	3	1	3	-	1
Bigamy	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rape	6	-	2	-	4	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sodomy & Bestiality	4	-	1	1	2	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Gross indecent act in public	61	9	4	3	45	-	-	1	-	-	-	42	1	-	1	-	-
Others	161	11	3	11	136	-	-	17	1	4	-	109	2	1	1	-	1
AGAINST THE PERSON	3,571	553	47	325	2,646	1	-	211	-	2	-	2,217	91	55	61	1	7
Murder and Manslaughter	2	-	-	-	2	1≠	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Involuntary Homicide	6	1	1	-	4	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wounds & Blows causing death	11	3	-	-	8	-	-	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Serious Wounds & Blows	316	90	1	24	201	-	-	119	-	-	-	63	1	3	15	-	-
Simple & Involuntary Wounds & Blows	2,647	361	33	243	2,010	-	-	55	-	1	-	1,798	80	43	29	1	3
Others	589	98	12	58	421	-	-	24	-	1	-	356	10	9	17	-	4

≠ Sentence commuted to 15 years' penal servitude

M = Males
F = Females
J = Juveniles.

Persons dealt with by the Courts, including the Court of Assizes (continued).

OFFENCES	Total arrested or summoned to Court	Acquitted	Nolle prosequi	Awaiting trial at 31.12.56	CONVICTED Total	DEATH		Imprisonment		Borstal & Other Institutions		FINE			Probation		
						M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	J	M	F	J
AGAINST PROPERTY	3,615	325	46	202	3,042	-	-	895	8	91	-	1,280	254	49	312	57	96
Arson	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Larceny with violence	94	13	2	5	74	-	-	68	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	-	-
Other larcenies with aggravating circumstances	516	48	2	36	430	-	-	277	1	31	-	-	-		86	4	31
Receiving stolen property and possession of stolen property	160	39	2	11	108	-	-	83	-	3	-	-	-	-	17	3	2
Larceny simple	564	57	15	39	453	-	-	259	2	41	-	-	-	-	104	12	35
Swindling & Embezzlement	186	26	5	24	131	-	-	67	5	4	-	51	-	-	2	-	2
Forgery	32	2	1	3	26	-	-	21	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	-
Criminal damage to property	238	21	4	22	191	-	-	5	-	-	-	179	-	4	-	-	3
Others	1,824	119	15	62	1,628	-	-	114	-	12	-	1,050	254	45	92	38	23
AGAINST THE PENAL CODE	3,867	64	29	115	3,659	-	-	94	1	7	-	3,316	201	29	11	-	5
Personation	4	2	-	-	2	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Vagrancy	108	13	4	9	82	-	-	61	1	6	-	1	-	-	9	-	4
Disturbance	2,126	33	9	66	2,018	-	-	4	-	-	-	1,845	155	14	-	-	-
Drunkenness	1,204	1	7	30	1,166	-	-	2	-	-	-	1,160	4	-	-	-	-
Others	425	15	9	10	391	-	-	26	-	1	-	310	42	10	1	-	1
AGAINST LOCAL LAWS	21,074	365	148	476	20,085	-	-	338	8	3	-	19,153	371	201	10	-	1
Against Traffic Ordce.	14,637	240	70	297	14,030	-	-	9	-	-	-	13,838	34	147	1	-	1
Against Liquor Ordce.	45	3	-	-	42	-	-	6	-	-	-	36	-	-	-	-	-
Against licence laws	489	5	3	10	471	-	-	-	-	-	-	432	34	5	-	-	-
Gambling & public lotteries	250	2	16	-	232	-	-	8	-	-	-	217	3	1	3	-	-
Against Milk Trade Regulations	960	11	6	10	933	-	-	52	8	-	-	703	156	13	1	-	-
Against Forestry Laws	499	4	5	14	476	-	-	-	-	-	-	396	70	10	-	-	-

M = Males F = Females J = Juveniles

Persons dealt with by the Courts, including the Court ssizes (continued).

OFFENCES	Total arrested or summoned to Court	Acquitted	Nolle prosequi	Awaiting trial at 31.12.56	CONVICTED													
					Total	DEATH		Imprisonment		Borstal & Other Institutions		FINE			Probation		
						M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	J	M	F	J
AGAINST LOCAL LAWS (Contd.)																	
Against Fisheries Laws	653	20	12	38	583	-	-	118	-	-	-	461	1	-	3	-	-
Against Labour Ordinance	59	2	5	6	46	-	-	-	-	-	-	46	-	-	-	-	-
Against Minimum Wages Ordinance	31	3	3	1	24	-	-	-	-	-	-	24	-	-	-	-	-
Against Factories (Safety of Workers) Ordinance	32	-	1	3	28	-	-	-	-	-	-	28	-	-	-	-	-
Others	3,419	75	27	97	3,220	-	-	145	-	3	-	2,972	73	25	2	-	-
Grand Total	32,782	1,362	288	1,164	29,968	1	-	1,632	20	107	1	26,376	924	330	408	58	111

M = Males F = Females J = Juveniles

OFFENCES AGAINST THE FISHERY LAWS

Year	Total number of Contraventions	No. of Cases prosecuted	Number of Convictions	Total Fines inflicted	Number of Boats seized	Number of Illegal Nets seized
				Rs		
1947	770	676	664	11,924	7	99
1948	757	612	592	10,146	17	80
1949	777	664	660	9,208	7	75
1950	591	559	542	7,998	20	103
1951	788	707	690	11,595	15	118
1952	605	511	483	10,304	4	106
1953	550	509	501	15,057	17	120
1954	615	525	514	14,415	15	148
1955	524	451	444	14,246	20	100
1956	436	355	348	11,059	14	81

SUMMARY OF OFFENCES AGAINST THE FOREST LAWS DURING THE YEAR 1956

Category of Offences	Cases taken to Court	Cases dealt with departmentally	Cases outstanding	Total Cases Offenders known	Cases in which Offenders remained unknown	Grand Total All cases.
1. Unauthorised felling or removal						
(a) in Crown Forest	134	7	9	150	93	243
(b) in Mountain Reserves	21	1	-	22	7	29
(c) in River Reserves	109	19	8	136	90	226
(d) in Pas Geometriques	2	7	1	10	5	15
2. Illegal possession of Indigenous Forest Produce.	1	-	-	1	-	1
3. Possession of tools						
(a) In Crown Forests	33	2	1	36	-	36
(b) In River Reserves	11	1	1	13	-	13
4. Conflagration in Crown Forests	1	-	-	1	33	34
5. Encroachment in River Reserves	13	33	-	46	-	46
6. Plundering in Crown Forests	1	-	-	1	-	1
Total	326	70	20	416	228	644

PRISONS STATISTICS

Offence	Total number of persons sentenced	NATURE OF SENTENCE						Distribution of Offences according to				
		Borstal	Imprisonment			Penal Servitude	Death	Age of Offender			Education of Offender	
			For non-payment of fine	Less than 1 month	1 & more than 1 month			Under 25	25 to 50	Over 50	Illiterate	Able to Read & write
MEN												
Homicide	15	-	-	-	9	5	1*	6	9	-	6	9
Unnatural crimes	24	3	4	-	11	6	-	10	14	-	11	13
Offences against persons	204	2	64	34	103	1	-	65	135	4	100	104
Offences against property	541	44	14	16	451	16	-	236	276	29	237	304
Praedial Larceny	46	1	2	4	39	-	-	20	23	3	30	16
Drunkenness & Disorder	294	6	241	29	18	-	-	60	213	21	147	147
Other Crimes & Contraventions	402	3	112	49	238	-	-	121	263	18	214	188
Total	1,526	59	437	132	869	28	1	518	933	75	745	781
WOMEN												
Homicide	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
Unnatural Crimes	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-
Offences against persons	2	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	2	-
Offences against property	10	-	-	1	9	-	-	4	4	2	8	2
Praedial Larceny	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	1	2
Drunkenness & Disorder	4	-	3	-	1	-	-	1	1	2	3	1
Other crimes & contraventions	10	-	1	1	8	-	-	3	6	1	10	-
Total	29	-	7	2	20	-	-	8	15	25	4	
Grand Total	1,555	59	444	134	889	28	1	526	948	81	770	785

*Sentence subsequently reduced to one of Penal Servitude for 15 years.

JUVENILE OFFENDERS DETAINED AT THE INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL

OFFENCES	SENTENCE					AGE OF OFFENDER			
	Less than 3 Years	3 Years	Over 3 Years	Detained till the age of 18	Total	Under 10 Years	10 to 14 years	Over 14 Years	Total
Unnatural Crimes	-	1	-	1	2	-	-	2	2
Offences against persons	-	2	-	-	2	-	2	-	2
Offences against property	-	25	-	19	44	-	22	22	44
Vagrancy	-	5	-	1	6	1	4	1	6
Other Offences	-	-	1	-	1	-	1	-	1
Total	-	33	1	21	55	1	29	25	55

PROBATION

Legislation on this subject first came into force in 1947. Since the 3rd October, 1949, the Probation system covers the whole Island.

NUMBER OF PERSONS RELEASED ON PROBATION

Year	JUVENILES		ADULTS		Total
	Males	Females	Males	Females	
1947	35	1	8	1	45
1948	58	5	32	2	97
1949	69	2	37	12	120
1950	91	11	183	24	209
1951	106	10	189	41	346
1952	117	10	177	29	333
1953	91	6	158	32	187
1954	111	8	156	42	317
1955	115	10	168	26	319
1956	125	15	187	51	378

NUMBER OF PERSONS WHO COMMITTED A BREACH OF THE CONDITION OF THE PROBATION ORDER OR WHO OFFENDED AGAIN.

Year	JUVENILES		ADULTS		Total
	Males	Females	Males	Females	
1947	4	-	-	-	4
1948	15	-	-	-	15
1949	10	1	3	1	15
1950	5	1	10	1	17
1951	16	1	20	1	38
1952	19	-	15	2	36
1953	18	1	9	3	31
1954	10	1	19	-	30
1955	21	-	18	2	41
1956	34	1	20	1	56

In 1956, 239 probationers successfully completed their period of probation, as compared with 272 in 1955.

LABOUR AND SOCIAL

L A B O U R

Employment and Wages in local industries

The Labour Ordinance No 47 of 1938 provides for the compulsory submission by employers to the Labour Department of quarterly or half-yearly returns giving the number of workers employed, actual earnings and information relating to compensation cases as they occur and to camp population.

These returns are however restricted to establishments where more than 9 workers are employed or where 25 acres of land or more are cultivated.

A statement of employment and wages of skilled workers in Sugar Factories is submitted bi-annually by the Sugar Factories to the Central Statistical Office. The statistics given in the table hereafter concerning the Sugar Factories are compiled from these returns.

The Wages of the workers of the Sugar Industry are fixed by means of a trade agreement between the Sugar Industry employers represented by the Sugar Producers' Association and the Sugar Industry workers represented by the General Workers' Union for the artisans and the Mauritius Amalgamated Labourers' Association for the labourers.

As regards employment and wages ruling in occupations, trades and industries in which employers are not compelled by the provisions of the Labour Ordinance to submit employment returns, periodical surveys are carried out by the Labour Department.

W A G E S

Wages of skilled workers in the Sugar Factories

Category of Workers.		W A G E S					
		M O N T H L Y			D A I L Y		
		Lowest	Highest	Average+	Lowest	Highest	Average+
CATEGORY "A"	Grade	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Fitters*	I	112.50	210.-	131.47	3.74	6.90	4.65
	II	95.-	112.50	97.06	3.40	4.15	3.63
	III	72.-	93.56	78.06	2.12	3.27	2.86
Turners*	I	105.-	165.-	117.52	-	-	-
	II	82.50	118.64	90.41	3.45	5.03	3.76
	III	69.-	78.75	72.25	2.75	3.18	3.08
Tinsmiths*		63.60	86.50	70.10	2.50	3.55	3.01
Blacksmiths*	I	95.-	165.-	108.90	-	-	-
	II	86.50	94.50	87.60	3.39	3.65	3.49
	III	61.50	78.37	70.67	2.05	3.28	2.89
Coppersmiths*	I	95.-	157.50	110.12	-	-	-
	II	69.-	95.-	79.67	-	-	3.45
Boiler Makers*	I	95.-	155.-	109.87	-	-	-
	II	69.-	112.50	77.40	2.75	4.14	3.40
Welders*	I	100.-	167.-	110.15	-	-	-
	II	-	-	86.50	2.65	4.90	3.42
	III	69.-	78.-	70.90	-	-	-
Pattern Makers*	I	100.-	172.50	109.84	-	-	-
	II	-	-	78.-	4.-	4.06	4.03
Moulders*	I	100.-	202.50	124.64	-	-	-
	II	69.-	78.75	73.87	2.68	3.05	2.86
Pan Boilers*	I	130.-	211.73	149.50	-	-	-
	II	95.-	129.-	105.30	3.72	3.96	3.77
	III	65.-	95.-	76.25	2.28	3.40	2.80

+ Weighted average.

Wages of Skilled Workers in the Sugar Factories (continued)

Category of Workers.		WAGES					
		MONTHLY			DAILY		
		Lowest	Highest	Average+	Lowest	Highest	Average+
CATEGORY "A" (contd)		Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs
	Grade						
Masons*	Chief	86.50	112.50	94.13	-	-	5.50
	Others	62.-	88.98	72.17	2.25	5.-	3.33
Carpenters*	Chief	95.-	197.-	110.70	-	-	8.-
	Others	61.50	95.-	73.14	2.64	4.26	3.15
Motor Mechanics	Chief	160.-	383.-	202.63	-	-	-
" Mechanics*	I	95.-	169.49	118.26	3.45	5.74	3.75
	II	43.50	90.35	72.81	2.03	3.32	2.50
Motor Vehicle Drivers	I	67.50	110.38	71.62	-	-	-
	II	59.50	69.-	60.69	3.57	4.-	3.86
	III	52.-	55.17	52.89	2.06	3.18	2.60
Tractor Drivers ≠	I	67.50	234.25	100.16	-	-	-
	II	59.50	62.86	60.48	2.01	4.11	2.91
	III	48.80	59.-	53.09	-	-	-
Loco Fitters*	I	112.50	212.50	130.92	-	-	-
	II	95.-	106.18	96.65	3.45	4.-	3.70
	III	69.-	83.42	71.99	2.36	3.05	2.79
Electricians*	I	116.-	214.29	143.80	-	-	-
CATEGORY "B"							
Electricians*	II	55.-	103.45	68.70	-	-	4.01
Mill Drivers ≠	I	55.-	112.50	57.32	2.12	2.39	2.21
	II	45.07	55.-	48.87	-	-	2.01
Derrick Drivers ≠	I	69.50	109.42	75.53	-	-	5.10
	II	55.-	69.50	62.32	2.39	4.-	3.02
Chief Boiler Attendants ≠		46.40	112.50	70.32	-	-	2.28
Loco Drivers ≠		59.-	115.-	62.39	2.23	3.08	2.51
Messengers: ≠							
Laboratory		47.50	135.59	74.07	2.01	2.35	2.26
Office		35.-	81.50	54.83	1.21	2.01	1.61
Stores		43.50	95.-	55.64	1.88	2.25	1.98

Cost of Living Allowance Cat. A & B : January - 47.5%, February 42.5%, March to July 45%, August - December - 46%

End of year bonus: To all workers employed by the month - $3\frac{3}{4}$ months' basic wage;

OVERTIME:-

(a) * For the first 4 hours ... Time + $\frac{1}{2}$, thereafter ... Double time

(b) ≠ For the first 4 hours ... Time + 1/3, thereafter ... Time + $\frac{1}{2}$

Sundays : Double rate.

+ Weighted average.

WAGES OF SKILLED WORKERS - OTHER INDUSTRIES+

	Employed by the month			Employed by the day		
	Highest Rs.	Lowest Rs.	Average Rs.	Highest Rs.	Lowest Rs.	Average Rs.
ISIC						
23 ALOE FIBRE INDUSTRY						
Factory:						
Engine Drivers	128.50	100.00	119.08	-	-	6.00
Decortication Operators	-	-	-	6.66	3.75	4.95
21 AERATED WATER WORKS						
Artisans	300.00	105.00	117.85	4.80	4.50	4.57
Drivers	200.00	100.00	155.90	5.00	4.50	4.80
40 BUILDING CONTRACTORS						
Foremen	300.00	250.00	275.00		-	8.50
Carpenters -						
Head	-	-	-	-	-	8.00
Grade I - III	-	-	-	7.50	4.00	5.70
Masons - Head	-	-	-	-	-	8.00
Grade I - III	-	-	-	7.00	4.00	5.30
Blacksmiths	-	-	-	6.00	5.00	5.42
Painters	-	-	-	7.60	6.00	6.30
Tinsmiths	-	-	-	-	-	8.00
22 CIGARETTE MANUFACTURE						
Artisans	-	-	300.00	7.40	4.00	6.30
Drivers	-	-	-	6.20	5.05	5.15
21 DISTILLING INDUSTRY						
Artisans	-	-	125.00	6.46	4.35	5.63
Drivers	-	-	87.00	-	-	5.75
71 DOCKS						
Artisans	228.20	223.00	227.00	6.77	5.40	5.79
Drivers	190.37	179.73	184.51	-	-	-
51 ELECTRICITY						
Electricians	-	-	-	6.03	4.64	6.00
Mechanics	-	-	-	8.46	4.64	5.92
Drivers	-	-	-	6.84	4.64	5.70

+ Statistics collected by the Labour Department.

WAGES OF SKILLED WORKERS - OTHER INDUSTRIES+ (continued)

	Employed by the month			Employed by the day		
	Highest	Lowest	Average	Highest	Lowest	Average
ISIC	Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs
31 LIME INDUSTRY						
Artisans	-	-	-	7.50	4.00	5.45
Drivers	-	-	-	-	-	5.88
31 OIL INDUSTRY						
Artisans	-	-	-	8.75	4.75	5.90
28 PRINTING INDUSTRY						
Pressmen	275.00	100.00	175.10	7.50	4.00	5.63
Typographers	265.00	90.00	169.60	7.16	3.75	5.85
Bookbinders	215.00	123.00	156.25	7.67	3.75	5.50
19 SALT MANUFACTURE						
Artisans	-	-	-	5.00	3.50	4.65
25 SAW MILLS						
Sawyers	220.75	138.75	172.50	8.00	5.00	6.20
Drivers	116.00	100.00	108.00	-	-	-
29 TANNING INDUSTRY						
Artisans	176.00	157.00	166.75	6.50	4.16	4.86
20 TEA INDUSTRY						
Factory:						
Artisans	235.00	150.00	175.00	6.70	4.50	5.40
Drivers	150.00	125.00	129.25	6.00	4.00	5.35
22 TOBACCO INDUSTRY						
Artisans	306.82	138.35	213.50	6.00	4.00	5.00
21 WINE INDUSTRY						
Artisans	-	-	-	7.00	3.50	4.45
Drivers	-	-	150.00	6.67	4.00	5.40

+ Statistics collected by the Labour Department.

The number in front of each industry belongs to the major group of the International Standard Industrial Classification.

WAGE INDICES +

Sugar Industry Artisans - Monthly employed

	1956 Index (1939 = 100)
Fitter	328
Pan Boiler	353
Motor Mechanic	298
Blacksmith	291
Carpenter	317
Boiler Maker	304
Motor Driver	385
Loco Driver	385
Mill Driver	422

+ 1956 Wages include cost of living bonus, plus end of year bonus.

Semi-skilled or Unskilled Workers

Two categories exist for this type of labour:

(i) The workers employed by the month (Category I); and

(ii) The workers employed by the day (Category II).

Each of these categories is again sub-divided into three classes or grades for men and two classes or grades for women and juveniles.

The various classes are intended to group the workers in respect of their different abilities and efficiency in the field or factory.

The wages paid to all the categories of workers employed in the Sugar Industry are fixed by means of a trade agreement between the Sugar Producers' Association representing the employers and the General Workers' Union and the Mauritius Amalgamated Labourers' Association representing the workers. The wages paid in accordance with this agreement are given in the following table.

SUGAR INDUSTRY

Minimum wages[+] of various categories of labourers

Period 1st January 1956 to 31st December, 1956

	CLASS		
	I	II	III
	Rs	Rs	Rs
MONTHLY EMPLOYED[@]			
Field or Factory Labourers			
MEN			
Basic wage	43.50	38.86	32.84
Cost of Living Allowance[*] (weighted average 45.4%)	19.75	17.64	14.91
Regularity Bonus	4.35	3.89	3.28
End of year bonus	13.59	12.14	10.26
	81.19	72.53	61.29
	I	II	Children
WOMEN & JUVENILES			
Basic wage	28.85	25.73	20.08
Cost of Living Allowance[*] (weighted average 45.4%)	13.10	11.68	9.12
Regularity Bonus	2.88	2.57	2.01
End of year bonus	9.02	8.04	6.28
	53.85	48.02	37.49

[+] Exclusive of overtime earnings computed on average cost of living allowance.

[@] The monthly worker is also entitled to housing accommodation or allowance, free medical treatment, annual leave and to a plot of land of 1/16 acre for the planting of vegetables. Female labourers are further entitled to maternity allowance.

[*] January: 47.5%; February 42.5%; March - July 45%; August - December: 46%.

SUGAR INDUSTRY (continued)

	Class	Basic wage	Cost of living allowance (45.4%)	Total	Monthly Average at 26 working days@
		Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs
DAILY EMPLOYED					
Field Labourers:					
Men	I	2.48	1.13	3.61	93.86
	II	1.93	0.88	2.81	73.06
	III	1.31	8.59	1.90	49.40
Women	I	1.24	0.56	1.80	46.80
	II	1.00	0.45	1.45	37.70
Young Persons		1.00	0.45	1.45	37.70
Children		0.69	0.31	1.00	26.00
Factory Workers:					
Men	I	2.01	0.91	2.92	75.92
	II	1.62	0.74	2.36	61.36
Women		1.00	0.45	1.45	37.70
Young Persons (Male)		1.00	0.45	1.45	37.70

@ Exclusive of overtime

OVERTIME¥

Week days		Sundays
For the first 4 hours	: Time + 1/3	Paid at double rate
Over 4 hours	: Time + ½	

¥ Calculated on the basic salary and cost of living allowance.

WAGE+ INDICES (1938 = 100)

Field or Factory Labourer - Category I - Monthly employed.

	1938@ Wage Rs.	January to December 1956	
		Wage Rs.	Index
MEN:			
CLASS I	20.00	81.19	406
II	18.00	72.53	403

Field Labourer - Category II - Daily employed

	1938@ Wage Rs.	January to December, 1956	
		Wage Rs.	Index
MEN:			
CLASS I	0.95*	3.61	380
II	0.50	2.31	562

+Based on minimum earnings according to agreement.

@From Report of Minimum Wage Board 1933.

*66 cents per day during inter harvest season and Rs 1.25 per day during harvest.

WAGES OF SEMI-SKILLED OR UNSKILLED WORKERS - OTHER INDUSTRIES[@]

ISIC		Employed by the month			Employed by the day		
		Highest	Lowest	Average	Highest	Lowest	Average
		Rs	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
23	ALOE FIBRE INDUSTRY						
	Factory:						
	Men	-	-	-	5.83	2.80	3.93
	Women	-	-	-	2.25	1.60	1.93
	Juveniles	-	-	-	2.45	1.75	2.07
	Field:						
	Supervisors	-	-	-	6.66	5.00	5.58
	Men	-	-	-	4.00	2.50	3.35
	Women	-	-	-	2.50	1.60	1.93
	Juveniles	-	-	-	-	-	1.31
21	AERATED WATER WORKS						
	Men	100.00	88.80	97.40	3.85	3.00	3.20
	Women	50.00	30.00	43.33	-	-	1.60
	Juveniles	-	-	-	-	-	1.60
40	BUILDING CONTRACTORS						
	Men	-	-	120.00	4.00	3.00	3.10
	Juveniles	-	-	-	-	-	1.65
22	CIGARETTE MANUFACTURE						
	Men	-	-	-	-	-	4.59
	Women	-	-	-	-	-	2.69
21	DISTILLING INDUSTRY						
	Men	-	-	-	4.10	2.50	2.85
	Women	-	-	-	-	-	1.83
	Juveniles	-	-	-	1.71	1.62	1.67
71	DOCKS						
	Supervisors	-	-	102.60	-	-	-
	Men	88.05	83.90	85.87	14.83	4.52	8.75
	Women	-	-	33.55	2.38	1.19	1.57
	Juveniles	-	-	-	-	-	2.00
51	ELECTRICITY						
	Men	-	-	-	3.75	2.78	3.39
31	LIME INDUSTRY						
	Supervisors	-	-	-	5.00	3.00	4.09
	Men	-	-	-	4.00	2.50	3.31
	Women	-	-	-	3.00	1.60	2.28
	Juveniles	-	-	-	2.25	1.75	2.12

[@]Statistics collected by the Labour Department.

WAGES OF SEMI-SKILLED OR UNSKILLED WORKERS - OTHER INDUSTRIES[@] (continued)

ISIC		Employed by the month			Employed by the day		
		Highest	Lowest	Average	Highest	Lowest	Average
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
31	MATCH INDUSTRY						
	Men	-	-	-	-	-	2.41
31	OIL INDUSTRY						
	Men	-	-	-	3.25	2.05	2.50
19	SALT MANUFACTURE						
	Supervisors	-	-	-	3.75	2.50	3.15
	Men	-	-	-	3.25	2.50	3.10
	Women	-	-	-	1.75	1.60	1.64
	Juveniles	-	-	-	2.25	1.75	1.90
25	SAW MILLS						
	Men	117.00	70.00	88.22	6.00	3.00	4.48
29	TANNING INDUSTRY						
	Men	140.00	120.00	132.00	4.75	3.00	4.08
	Women	-	-	-	3.50	3.00	3.16
20	TEA INDUSTRY						
	Factory:						
	Men	-	-	135.00	4.50	3.50	3.82
	Juveniles	-	-	-	-	-	2.00
	Field:						
	Supervisors	180.00	175.00	178.33	5.10	4.17	4.68
	Men	-	-	-	4.10	3.32	3.60
	Women	-	-	-	2.91	2.00	2.45
	Juveniles	-	-	-	2.30	1.50	1.85
22	TOBACCO INDUSTRY						
	Men	-	-	-	4.00	3.00	3.75
	Women	-	-	-	2.50	1.50	2.00
	Juveniles	-	-	-	3.00	1.50	1.75
21	WINE INDUSTRY						
	Men	-	-	-	4.00	2.50	3.30
	Women	-	-	-	2.75	1.60	1.64
	Juveniles	-	-	-	2.50	1.50	2.15

[@]Statistics collected by the Labour Department.

The number in front of each industry belongs to the major group of the International Standard Industrial Classification.

E M P L O Y M E N T

EMPLOYMENT OF SKILLED AND UNSKILLED WORKERS IN THE SUGAR INDUSTRY[@]

Summary of employment of skilled Workers	Monthly employed	Daily employed
Skilled Workers	3,616	849
Semi-skilled Workers: Supervisors	1,295	742

Summary of employment of Unskilled Workers:	MONTHLY EMPLOYED								
	Men			Women			Juveniles		
	Maximum	Minimum	Average	Maximum	Minimum	Average	Maximum	Minimum	Average
Class I	2,444	2,270	2,364	103	51	85	52	28	42
II	960	844	891	20	6	14	32	16	26
III	249	203	218	-	-	-	-	-	-
			3,473			99			68
	DAILY PAID								
By Estate	22,940	15,420	19,087	7,242	6,268	6,942	2,168	1,915	2,045
By Job Contractors	11,946	9,232	10,330	6,881	5,412	6,136	678	577	622
			29,417			13,078			2,667

Proportion of monthly and daily employed workers in each category

	Monthly	Daily
	%	%
Skilled workers	81	19
Supervisors	64	36
Unskilled workers: Men	11	89
Women	1	99
Juveniles	2	98

% distribution of daily paid unskilled workers employed by the Estates and by Job Contractors

	PAID BY	
	Estate	Job Contractors
	%	%
Men	65	35
Women	53	47
Juveniles	77	23

[@] Statistics collected by the Labour Department.

MANPOWER EMPLOYED IN THE SUGAR MANUFACTURING PROCESS ONLY

Number of skilled and unskilled workers employed per factory:

Maximum	356
Minimum	102
Average	197

Number of shifts per day per factory 2

Number of men per shift per factory:

Maximum	178
Minimum	51

Total number of men workers employed per day in the 26 Sugar Factories: 5,133

Employment in the Sugar Industry has a seasonal fluctuation determined by the harvest and inter-harvest periods. The harvest period is from July to December, but employment, as a rule, is at its highest between September and November, and at its lowest in January or June. The total employment in the Industry in 1956 reached a maximum of 60,700 workers and a minimum of 49,900 workers, a ± 10% fluctuation on the average of 55,300.

The difference in conditions of employment between skilled and unskilled workers is noteworthy. About 81% of the skilled workers are employed on a monthly agreement, while about 89% of the unskilled men workers are on day-employment. Nearly all unskilled women and juveniles are employed by the day.

The vast majority of workers in the Sugar Industry are field labourers belonging to the cultivation side; there were only 26 factories in 1956 employing the greater number of skilled workers and artisans. In fact the proportion of skilled to unskilled labour in the Industry is only 8.8 : 100. On the average one factory needs about 170 skilled men.

EMPLOYMENT IN THE SUGAR INDUSTRY - 1956

YEAR	Maximum number of workers employed during the year			Minimum number of workers employed during the year			Average number of workers employed during the year		
	Skilled	Unskilled	Total	Skilled	Unskilled	Total	Skilled	Unskilled	Total
1956	4,732	55,986	60,718	4,177	45,743	49,920	4,465	50,839	55,304

Skilled workers are employed in the Secondary Industries to a total of about 5,000, while public services (Railways, Public Works, Electricity) employ about 2,700.

The total labour employment in the main industries and public services go on the average to add up to 12,200 skilled and nearly 47,200 unskilled men and some 20,800 women and juveniles, forming a grand total of 80,200. To this figure might be added some 5,500 workers engaged in tailoring and shoe repairing.

LABOUR CONTENTIONS

Number settled	
(a) Administratively or by conciliation	3,527
(b) After arbitration (official trade dispute)	NIL
(c) By Industrial Magistrate's Court (legal dispute)	75+

+ of which 53 settled in Chambers

STRIKES

Occupation	Number of Strikes	Number of workers involved	Number of men-days lost
Stevedore	1	1,478	13,302

CASUALTIES SUSTAINED DURING WORK

	Deaths	Injuries
Factory cases	1	353
Rail Transport cases	1	59
Other Cases	7	4,939
Total	9	5,351

Employment of Skilled and Unskilled Workers - Other Industries & Public Services@

	ISIC Group	Skilled Workers	Unskilled Workers			Total
			Males	Females	Juveniles	
Aerated Water Works	214	68	53	42	4	167
Aloe Fibre Industry+	231	77	654	937	64	1,732
Bakeries	206	270	215	-	-	485
Building Trade	400	939	330	-	22	1,291
Bus Coach Building	383	92	-	-	61	153
Cigarette Manufacture	220	44	52	141	-	237
Distilling Industry	211	22	142	1	2	167
Docks	720	138	821	10	18	987
Electrical Companies	511	337	231	-	11	579
Footwear Manufacture	241, 300	238	-	-	189	427
Jewellers' Trade	395	290	-	-	88	378
Lime Industry	311	189	158	234	19	600
Match Industry	319	-	21	-	-	21
Oil Industry	209, 312	7	50	-	-	57
Printing Establishments	280	261	-	-	72	333
Public Services:						
Government	810	2,602	6,985	404	87	10,078
Municipal*	810	125	456	57	38	676
Salt Manufacture	190	9	60	56	5	130
Saw Mills	250	60	130	-	-	190
Stevedoring	716	820	-	-	-	820
Tanning Industry	291	21	13	3	-	37
Tea Industry	209	26	774	610	270	1,680
Tobacco Plantations	010	104	675	660	330	1,769
Wine Manufacture	212	105	85	196	3	389
Workshops - Engineering & Motor	381, 382, 383, 384	848	386	3	273	1,510
		7,692	12,291	3,354	1,556	24,893

ISIC = International Standard Industrial Classification

@ Statistics collected by the Labour Department

+ Inclusive of the Sack Factory

* Inclusive of Town Councils.

List of Trade Unions and/or Industrial Associations as at 31.12.56

ASSOCIATION	Number of members on roll	Number of persons who have ceased to be members	Number of members as at 31.12.56
Technical Workers			
Government Printing Workers' Union	85	8	77
Electricity and Telephones Manual and Technical Workers' Union	269	110	159
Printing Workers' Union	100	5	95
Agricultural Department Junior Professional & Technical Officers' Association	32	2	30
Central Electricity Board Technical & Clerical Staff Association	86	2	84
Income Tax Technical Staff Union	17	-	17
Commercial			
Jewellers' Association	83	62	21
Shop Assistants' Union	37	30	7
Milk Producers' and Retail Distributors' Union	41	37	4
Market Traders' Association	138	43	95
Industrial			
Mauritius Tobacco Producers' Syndicate	73	17	56
Mauritius Cane Growers' Association	38	1	37
Mauritius Sugar Producers' Association	23	-	23
Federation of Port and Harbour Employers	12	-	12
Mauritius Planters' Association	245	25	220
Bus Drivers' and Conductors' Union	302	11	291
Tobacco Small Planters' Association (Dormant)	-	-	-
Road Transport Employees' Association	11	1	10
Taxi Drivers' Union (Dormant)	-	-	-
General Transport Workers' Union	30	-	30
The Mauritius Federation of Transport	10	-	10
Taxi Owners' Association	196	1	195
Fisheries Owners' Association	24	23	1
Labour			
School Servants' Union	106	86	20
Government Manual Workers' Union	900	510	390
General Port and Harbour Workers' Union	1,582	200	1,382
Agricultural Workers' Union	7,846	3,896	3,950
Amalgamated Labourers' Association	12,396	5,563	6,833
Gold, Silver and Allied Trades Union	21	-	21
All Workers' Union	63	43	20
Workmen's Union	309	157	152
Government Messengers' Union	110	2	108
United Docks & Stevedores Workers' Union	710	491	219
Building Industry Workers' Union	689	165	524

List of Trade Unions and/or Industrial Associations as at 31.12.56 (contd).

A S S O C I A T I O N	Number of members on roll	Number of persons who have ceased to be members	Number of members as at 31.12.56
Clerical			
Government Clerical Service Association	226	49	177
Sanitary Officers' Union	34	3	31
Municipal Employees' Association	38	16	22
Docks and Wharves Staff Employees' Association	235	-	235
Sugar Industry Staff Employees' Association	565	-	565
Cable and Wireless (Mauritius Local Staff) Employees' Association	16	-	16
Clerks' Association	28	-	28
Mauritius Commercial Bank Employees' Association	126	-	126
Mauritius Bank Officers' Guild	85	-	85
Mauritius Agricultural Bank Employees' Guild	23	-	23
Professional			
Principals of Roman Catholic Secondary Schools Union	9	-	9
Builders' Association of Mauritius	9	2	7
Secondary and Preparatory School Teachers' Union	124	-	124
Union of Primary School Teachers	701	299	402
Government Teachers' Union	211	61	150
Mauritius Senior Professional Civil Servants' Association	92	12	80
Nursing Association	184	21	163
Association of Chemists' Assistants	52	37	15
Miscellaneous			
Government General Employees' Union	433	158	275
Postmen Union	73	47	26
Government Servants' and Employees' Association	2,309	530	1,779
Artisans and General Workers' Union	1,977	366	1,611
Port Louis Firemen Union	59	-	59
Public Servants' Association	132	-	132
Yamiatul Aimma	67	24	43
TOTAL	34,392	13,116	21,276

E D U C A T I O N

Number of children of normal primary school going age (5 and over - under 12) ... 107,834

Percentage enrolment to children of normal primary school going age ... 66%

Number of pupils on roll@ in Government and Aided Primary and Secondary Schools

Last Quarter of Year	MAURITIUS			RODRIGUES	Grand Total
	Primary	Secondary	Total	Primary	
1950	53,240	3,139+	56,379	2,043	58,422
1951	56,615	3,415+	60,030	2,204	62,234
1952	60,816	3,785+	64,601	2,143	66,744
1953	68,648	4,165+	72,813	2,106	74,919
1954	68,926	4,286+	73,212	2,146	75,358
1955	71,503	4,543+	76,046	2,007	78,053
1956	72,333	3,241	75,574	1,955	77,529

@ Exclusive of children attending private institutions.

+ These figures comprise about 30 - 35% of younger pupils reading in the primary section of these schools.

Information concerning non-aided primary schools and part-time and night schools is not available in all cases. Besides, such schools are not controlled by the Education Department and the information on record about some of them cannot be certified as correct.

GOVERNMENT AND AIDED PRIMARY SCHOOLS - (as at 31.10.56)

DISTRICT	No. of Schools	Number of pupils on roll and in average attendance In Government Schools				Total number of pupils on roll	No. of Schools	Number of pupils on roll and in average attendance In Aided Schools				Total number of pupils on roll
		BOYS		GIRLS				BOYS		GIRLS		
		Number on roll	Average Attend-ance	Number on roll	Average Attend-ance			Number on roll	Average Attend-ance	Number on roll	Average Attend-ance	
Port Louis	12	3,337	2,860	2,450	2,079	5,787	11	4,297	3,733	4,284	3,686	8,581
Pamplemousses	15	3,574	3,111	2,264	1,924	5,838	3	684	597	488	407	1,172
Grand Port	13	2,810	2,367	1,825	1,529	4,635	7	1,485	1,265	1,123	929	2,608
Plaines Wilhems	15	4,628	4,045	3,316	2,840	7,944	20	6,938	6,126	6,263	5,432	13,201
Moka	3	760	652	440	368	1,200	8	1,286	1,118	882	739	2,168
Riviere du Rempart	8	2,379	2,058	1,272	1,061	3,651	4	915	748	655	515	1,570
Savanne	6	1,915	1,616	1,194	986	3,109	4	806	693	608	504	1,414
Black River	2	342	275	231	179	573	4	452	373	323	268	775
Flacq	11	2,229	1,914	1,446	1,200	3,675	12	2,774	2,367	1,658	1,385	4,432
TOTAL	85	21,974	18,898	14,438	12,166	36,412	73	19,637	17,020	16,284	13,865	35,921
Rodrigues	1	273	221	271	223	544	4	735	585	676	541	1,411

Government and Aided Secondary Schools - (as at 31.10.56)

Distribution of Schools	Number of pupils on roll and in average attendance				
	B O Y S		G I R L S		Total number of pupils
	Number on roll	Number in average attendance	Number on roll	Number in average attendance	
GOVERNMENT					
Royal College	403	376	-	-	403
Royal College School	526	413	-	-	526
Queen Elizabeth College	-	-	189	144	189
TOTAL	929	789	189	144	1,118
AIDED*					
Loreto Convent (Curepipe)	-	-	269	253	269
Loreto Convent (St. Pierre)	-	-	108	97	108
Loreto Convent (Quatre Bornes)	-	-	211	200	211
Loreto Convent (Port Louis)	-	-	400	377	400
Loreto Convent (Vacoas)	-	-	118	103	118
St. Joseph College	314	288	-	-	314
St. Esprit College	296	267	-	-	296
St. Andrews College	321	304	86	81	407
TOTAL	931	859	1,192	1,111	2,123

* Excluding younger pupils reading in the primary section of these schools.

S U M M A R Y

Roll+ of pupils and students in Schools and Colleges (as at 31.10.56)

	ENROLMENT			AVERAGE ATTENDANCE		
	Boys	Girls	Total	Boys	Girls	Total
Primary Schools						
Government	21,974	14,438	36,412	18,898	12,166	31,064
Aided	19,637	16,284	35,921	17,020	13,865	30,885
Secondary Schools						
Government	929	189	1,118	789	144	933
Aided*	931	1,192	2,123	859	1,111	1,970
TOTAL	43,471	32,103	75,574	37,566	27,286	64,852

STUDENTS

Agricultural College	52
Training College for Teachers	224

SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES	Number	Number of teachers
Primary Schools		
Government and Aided	158	2,139
Other Institutions	150	512
Secondary Schools		
Government		
Royal College) Royal College School) Queen Elizabeth College)	3	75
Aided	8	136
Other Institutions	57	364

Pupil - teacher Ratio

Primary Schools:	Government	33 : 1
	Aided	35 : 1
Secondary " :	Government	15 : 1
	Aided	16 : 1

EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS

Museum	2
Educational Laboratories	6
Agricultural College	1
Training College for Teachers	1
Public Libraries	5

DEPENDENCY OF RODRIGUES

Number of Primary Schools (Government and Aided)	5
Number of teachers	82

\+ Mauritius only.

* Excluding younger pupils reading in the primary section of these schools.

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

OUTDOOR RELIEF

The following table shows the classification of the paupers receiving relief in 1956 according to disabilities.

	Males	Females	Total
Tender age	264	302	566
Old age	957	1,097	2,054
Tuberculosis	400	210	610
Other diseases	1,879	1,607	3,486
Unemployment	238	8	346
Temporary disabilities	2,056	1,414	3,470
Total	5,894	4,638	10,532

INDOOR RELIEF

Charitable Institutions			
Orphanages			
Belle Rose	40	9	49
Bon Secours	-	52	52
Muslim	19	17	36
Pere Laval	12	-	12
Plaisance	11	-	11
Ramakrishna Mission	5	7	12
Rose Belle	2	16	18
Shradanand	6	10	16
Total	95	111	206
Infirmaries			
Belle Rose	-	59	59
Bon Secours	-	40	40
Calebasses	174	-	174
Chemin Grenier	1	19	20
Currimjee Jeewonjee	51	18	69
Hospice Pere Laval	-	67	67
Pamplemousses	59	-	59
Rose Belle	70	15	85
Shradanand	-	26	26
The Home	19	12	31
Total	374	256	630

OLD AGE RELIEF

The following table shows the number of persons receiving Old Age Pension as at 31st December, 1956.

	Males	Females	Total
Men aged 65 and over) &) Women aged 60 & over)	5,166	13,679	18,845
Blind persons aged 40 & over	84	102	186
Total	5,250	13,781	19,031

AGRICULTURE AND PRODUCTION

LAND UTILISATION

	Acres	Acres	% of total Island area	
Agriculture:				
Sugar	188,000)		40.8)	
Aloe Fibre (effective area)	5,400)		1.1)	
Tea	3,000)	206,600	0.6)	44.8
Tobacco	700)		0.2)	
Foodcrops	4,500)		1.0)	
Vegetables	5,000)		1.1)	
Arable land potentially productive		3,800		0.8
Private Forest lands		5,800		1.3
Meadows, grassland, scrub and grazing grounds		108,000		23.4
Crown Forests		67,100		14.8
Natural Reserves		15,500		3.4
Built-up Areas:				
Towns (within municipal limits)	7,900)		1.7)	
Suburbs	1,300)	14,200	0.3)	3.1
Villages, hamlets, industrial areas	5,000)		1.1)	
Inland water bodies		2,700		0.6
Permanent waste lands		37,100		8.0
Total Island Area		460,800		100.0

The main agricultural pursuit of the Island is sugar-cane cultivation which occupies the best of the agricultural lands available. In 1956, about 188,000 acres (41% of the total area) were under cane cultivation. Other industrial crops are grown on a minor scale: they are aloe fibre, tea and tobacco.

The major foodcrops, which comprise 1 cereal and several rootcrops occupy some 4,500 acres (including mixed cropping with sugar). There are in addition about 1,000 acres of banana plantation.

CULTIVATION AND PRODUCTION

	Acres under cultivation	Metric tons
Industrial crops		
Cane Sugar	188,000	573,000
Aloe (raw fibre)	-	1,513
Tea	3,000	698
Tobacco	700	405*
	Acres harvested (Calendar year 1956)	
Foodcrops		
Maize	2,500	1,490
Rice	-	-
Manioc	360	1,640
Sweet potatoes	200	670
Eddoes	180	720
Potatoes	370	3,120
Groundnuts	410	380

* Weight of leaf tobacco.

FOOD PRODUCTION

The figures of area related to foodcrop growing should be understood to represent the effective area which has yielded the tonnage indicated for each foodcrop.

This effective area is made up of:

(i) Land devoted exclusively to foodcrop growing;
(ii) Land available in sugarcane interlines and used for mixed cropping;
(iii) The aggregate of land surface having borne two or three successive crops in one same year;
(iv) Land which has been devoted to food growing for only part of the year.

The considerable decrease in foodcrop production during the last period under review has been stated as due to various reasons: lack of good quality seeds in the case of potatoes; the larger profits and greater security now attached to cane growing; the lack of easy credit terms for financing foodcrops; the great competition of imported foodstuffs now unrestricted in quantity.

Harvested area (acres) of foodcrop plantations (period 1st July to 30th June).

Period	Maize	Manioc	Eddoes	Sweet Potatoes	Potatoes	Ground-nuts	Rice	Total
1948-49	10,286	2,509	612	648	996	2,092	893	18,036
1949-50	8,425	1,442	438	224	1,168	1,347	677	13,721
1950-51	5,056	899	330	314	1,019	1,220	395	9,233
1951-52	4,619	902	360	431	1,232	1,725	74	9,351
1952-53	4,426	784	321	427	1,425	1,239	69	8,691
1953-54	4,359	672	241	374	1,189	817	52	7,704
1954-55	4,633	810	178	449	1,291	739	21	8,121
1955-56	2,847	466	134	121	690	404	-	4,662

Production of foodstuffs (metric tons)

Period	Maize	Manioc	Eddoes	Sweet Potatoes	Potatoes	Ground-nuts	Rice	Total
1948-49	7,396	4,496	1,509	1,142	3,629	902	599	19,673
1949-50	5,250	3,939	1,092	494	3,360	904	519	15,558
1950-51	3,427	3,378	1,044	1,009	4,470	723	418	14,469
1951-52	3,101	3,079	1,140	1,326	4,948	1,406	75	15,075
1952-53	2,928	3,060	1,324	1,615	7,069	1,306	69	17,371
1953-54	2,684	2,895	1,046	1,338	4,750	827	45	13,585
1954-55	2,890	3,110	600	1,505	6,190	690	15	15,000
1955-56	1,641	2,046	506	347	2,885	369	-	7,794

The average yield obtained in kilos per acre during the years 1954-55 and 1955-56 for each of the main foodcrops is given in the following table:-

	Kgs per acre			Kgs per acre	
	1954-55	1955-56		1954-55	1955-56
Rice	714	-	Sweet potatoes	3,350	2,868
Maize	624	576	Groundnuts	934	953
Manioc	3,840	4,390	Potatoes	4,795	4,181
Eddoes	3,370	3,776			

CANE CULTIVATION AND SUGAR PRODUCTION

Cultivation and Yield

The total area under cane cultivation in 1956 was 187,961 acres, of which 175,121 acres or 93.2% of the total cultivated area, were harvested. Very near 4,421,500 metric tons of cane were reaped. The larger estates, to which a factory is attached, produced 59.2% and the other plantations 40.8% of the total. The largest average yield of cane per acre for the crop was slightly more than 38 metric tons obtained by one estate with factory, located South of the Island; the lowest average yield obtained by planters was 14.6 metric tons per acre. The average yield for the whole crop was 25.2 metric tons per acre. It may be significant to note that the large estates possessing a factory, reaped on the average 49% greater tonnage per acre than all the other planters together, leaving out the metayers.

The following table gives the area of estates with factory under the principal cane varieties as at 30th June, 1955 and 1956:

	30th June, 1955		30th June, 1956	
	Acres	% of total area	Acres	% of total area
M 134/32	70,149	74	63,799	66
E 1/37	14,380	15	16,924	18
B 3337	2,575	3	3,735	4
M 112/34	1,936	2	1,930	2
M 423/41	1,507	2	1,280	1
B 37161	1,451	1	2,890	3
B 37172	1,247	1	2,150	2
Other varieties	2,107	2	4,183	4
Total	95,352	100	96,891	100

FURTHER DETAILS ON THE SUGARCANE CULTIVATION IN 1956

	Area under cultivation		Area harvested			Tonnage of cane harvested		Yield
	Acres	% of total	Acres	% of total	% of area cultivated	M/Tons	% of total	Tons/Acre
Estates with factory:								
Virgins	22,761		11,320			392,764	8.9	
Ratoons	74,130		74,007			2,224,815	50.3	
Total	96,891	51.6	85,327	48.7	88.1	2,617,579	59.2	30.7
Metayers' lands	9,289	4.9	9,193	5.3	99.0	143,779	3.2	15.6
Planters' lands	81,781	43.5	80,601	46.0	98.6	1,660,069	37.6	20.6
Island Total	187,961	100.0	175,121	100.0	93.2	4,421,427	100.0	25.2

In respect of area, individual plantations were, in 1953, distributed according to the following table:

Acreage (Arpents)	Number	% of total	% of cane cultivated area	Acreage (Arpents)	Number	% of total	% of cane cultivated area
Less than 1	6,380	30.8	1.7	10.0 - 99.99	932	4.5	11.5
1.0 - 1.99	5,884	26.4	3.9	100.0 - 499.99	79	0.4	9.4
2.0 - 2.99	3,043	14.7	3.7	500 and Over	35	0.2	57.7
3.0 - 4.99	2,664	12.8	5.2				
5.0 - 9.99	1,704	8.2	5.9	Total	20,721	100.0	100.0

MANUFACTURE OF SUGAR - 1956

The cane crop was milled in 26 factories, the majority of which operated between the third week of July and the fourth week of November. The earliest and latest dates of the milling period were the 1st July and 5th December, 1956 respectively. The total weight of cane milled amounted to 4,421,000 metric tons in round numbers.

The production was distributed among the 26 factories as follows:

Quantity of sugar manufactured	Number of factories
Over 25,000 m/tons	9
20,000 - 25,000 m/tons	5
15,000 - 20,000 "	4
10,000 - 15,000 "	7
Under 10,000 "	1
	26

SUGAR FACTORIES' PRODUCTION

In M/Tons

Products of Manufacture		Residues of Manufacture	
White Sugar	Raw Sugar	Molasses	Scums
19,257	553,255	118,716	88,470

Reckoning on the whole of the 1956 production, the overall commercial sugar extraction was 12.95% by weight of millable cane, which corresponds to an equivalent of 7.72 tons of cane for 1 ton of sugar produced. The best average extraction of commercial sugar for a single factory was 14.48% of millable cane and the least extraction was 11.75%.

The total factory production was 19,257 metric tons of white (unrefined) sugar and 553,255 metric tons of raw sugar. The total tonnage of sugar manufactured was thus 572,512 metric tons showing an overall yield of sugar per harvested acre of 3.27 metric tons. The total sugar production for 1956 was 7.3% greater than that of 1955 owing to an increase of 2.7% in the average of the sugar extraction and of 4.6% in the average yield of canes per acre, the area harvested remaining almost the same as in 1955.

The largest quantity manufactured by a single factory was 56,725 metric tons and the smallest 9,201 metric tons. 14 factories produced more than 20,000 metric tons, 18 produced more than 15,000 metric tons and 25 factories out of 26 produced more than 10,000 metric tons.

SUGAR INDUSTRY RESULTS 1948 - 1956

Crop Year	Total Area under cultivation (acres)	Total Area harvested (acres)	Canes harvested (Metric tons)	Sugar Manufactured (Metric Tons)		
				White	Raw	Total
1948	154,624	142,037	3,158,823	18,467	373,211	391,678
1949	163,246	150,235	3,355,398	11,601	404,422	416,023
1950	170,612	157,522	3,719,674	12,570	444,121	456,691
1951	176,381	166,502	4,355,177	11,018	473,068	484,086
1952	181,798	172,465	4,096,700	17,107	451,176	468,283
1953	184,486	174,289	4,642,859	13,684	498,541	512,225
1954	186,512	175,685	4,280,078	15,009	483,733	498,742
1955	187,792	175,390	4,227,757	18,939	514,402	533,341
1956	187,961	175,121	4,421,427	19,257	553,255	572,512

YIELD OF SMALL CANE PLANTATIONS
(Frequency distribution of sample)

Yield in Tons/Arpents+	1952	1953	1954	1955	1956
	Frequency per 1,000	Frequency per 1,000	Frequency per 1,000	Frequency per 1,000	Frequency per 1,000
Less than 5	(13.4)	(5.9)	(7.5)	(14.0)	(16.9)
5.0 - 5.9	9.1	5.3	4.8	7.3	7.7
6.0 - 6.9	11.4	7.2	10.5	13.2	11.3
7.0 - 7.9	14.7	8.9	13.5	17.7	15.9
8.0 - 8.9	16.7	11.5	18.0	16.8	19.0
9.0 - 9.9	20.8	15.0	25.2	23.7	26.7
10.0 - 10.9	26.3	18.6	25.4	30.4	33.8
11.0 - 11.9	30.8	23.3	26.6	33.7	26.5
12.0 - 12.9	35.8	26.2	39.7	39.1	30.4
13.0 - 13.9	40.9	30.7	40.1	42.6	36.3
14.0 - 14.9	45.2	32.6	48.4	48.1	41.3
15.0 - 15.9	44.5	35.6	44.9	46.0	39.8
16.0 - 16.9	51.5	35.7	56.8	43.4	45.6
17.0 - 17.9	53.7	36.7	45.4	52.1	40.7
18.0 - 18.9	54.7	39.1	55.8	54.4	45.4
19.0 - 19.9	50.1	42.1	52.0	54.4	41.3
20.0 - 20.9	45.9	44.1	55.9	52.5	49.2
21.0 - 21.9	44.1	42.8	49.2	45.0	46.1
22.0 - 22.9	41.9	42.9	47.2	43.4	42.5
23.0 - 23.9	41.2	41.0	40.7	38.5	42.5
24.0 - 24.9	36.7	40.9	38.3	35.5	40.9
25.0 - 25.9	33.1	39.8	34.9	36.9	33.8
26.0 - 26.9	29.4	39.1	32.3	31.2	31.9
27.0 - 27.9	27.7	37.9	31.7	27.4	34.8
28.0 - 28.9	29.3	34.9	21.6	23.5	22.9
29.0 - 29.9	26.8	33.2	23.0	23.3	21.9
30.0 - 30.9	23.3	30.7	15.9	16.4	24.6
31.0 - 31.9	16.8	27.6	13.9	15.4	18.3
32.0 - 32.9	14.8	25.2	15.3	11.2	15.8
33.0 - 33.9	12.0	22.4	10.7	8.9	11.7
34.0 - 34.9	9.8	20.3	8.5	7.5	11.1
35.0 - 35.9	8.4	17.6	6.2	10.4	10.0
36.0 - 36.9	6.7	14.6	4.4	7.1	9.0
37.0 and above	(32.5)	(70.6)	(35.7)	(29.0)	(54.4)
Total number of plantations	4,891	5,198	5,040	5,069	5,204

+1 arpent = 1.043 acres.

AREA OF SMALL PLANTATIONS

(Frequency Distribution of Sample)

Area (Arpents)	1952	1953	1954	1955	1956
	Frequency per 1,000	Frequency per 1,000	Frequency per 1,000	Frequency per 1,000	Frequency per 1,000
Less than 1.00	(191.3)	(210.3)	(205.5)	(202.2)	(230.6)
1.00 - 1.99	277.6	278.0	277.0	278.3	275.8
2.00 - 2.99	178.5	178.2	185.3	185.4	176.4
3.00 - 3.99	109.5	114.7	106.3	108.9	102.6
4.00 - 4.99	65.4	64.8	66.5	66.3	68.0
5.00 - 5.99	54.3	44.4	45.4	45.6	43.6
6.00 - 6.99	33.8	31.2	32.1	29.0	31.1
7.00 - 7.99	20.5	19.0	20.8	20.3	18.8
8.00 - 8.99	16.3	13.7	17.5	16.0	14.0
9.00 - 9.99	8.9	8.8	7.7	11.2	8.5
10.00 - 10.99	12.8	8.1	10.3	9.5	7.1
11.00 - 11.99	5.6	4.2	4.6	3.9	3.6
12.00 - 12.99	5.6	5.6	5.0	5.3	4.4
13.00 - 13.99	3.3	4.4	2.2	2.6	2.1
14.00 - 14.99	3.3	2.5	1.6	2.8	2.7
15.00 - 15.99	4.2	2.9	3.4	3.4	2.7
16.00 - 16.99	1.6	1.3	0.8	1.2	0.4
17.00 - 17.99	1.9	0.8	0.6	1.8	1.4
18.00 - 18.99	1.6	1.0	1.6	1.0	1.2
19.00 - 19.99	0.5	1.3	0.8	0.4	0.8
20.00 and above	(3.5)	(4.8)	(5.0)	(4.9)	(4.2)
Total number of plantations	4,291	5,198	5,040	5,069	5,204

The sample examined for the year 1956 comprised 5,204 small plantations returned by the Department of Co-operation.

There is evidence from the frequency distribution for the 1956 crop, as compared with those of former years, that there is a progressive improvement in the yield of small plantations.

The modal value of the yield in 1956 was 21.1 tons per arpent, whereas the mean value was 21.0, an increase of 5.5% on the corresponding figure for 1955 which was 19.9 tons per arpent.

In the sample examined, an overwhelming majority of small plantations (85%) have an area of less than 5 arpents.

MECHANICAL CULTIVATION ON SUGAR PLANTATIONS

About 230 cultivation tractors were owned in 1956 by the larger estates and plantations, and some 30 more were operated by contractors and the Sugar Planters' Mechanical Pool.

The majority of these tractors were below 45 H.P. and about 39% were of the Caterpillar & Cletrac makes.

Some 260 ploughs were used on sugar plantations.

SUGAR PRODUCTION 1949 - 1956

Year	INDEX OF		
	Acreage cultivated	Sugar production	Selling price
		(1948 = 100)	
1949	106	106	107
1950	110	117	117
1951	114	124	132
1952	118	120	145
1953	119	131	153
1954	121	127	149
1955	121	136	146
1956	122	146	153+

DISTILLERY PRODUCE

In 1956, 3 distilleries were in operation, producing high degree alcohol (at 94° - 96° G.L.) from sugar molasses. The total quantity produced, expressed in terms of pure alcohol at 100° G.L. was 17,300 hectolitres, about 4% less than the total production of the previous year.

The quantities of alcohol which were either exported or converted into various commercial spirits consumed locally are given in the following table:-

In hectolitres

Rum (50°G.L.)	15,463	Vinegar	211
Power Alcohol (94° - 96° G.L.)	1,646	Drugs	46
Denatured stove spirits (88° - 90° G.L.)	6,137	Perfumes (94° G.L.)	183
		Exported alcohol (94°G.L.)	255

The remaining stock (in terms of pure alcohol) held by distilleries at the end of the year was 6,848 hectolitres (at 100° G.L.).

+ Provisional.

EXPORT OF COLONIAL SPIRITS

The quantity and value of high degree alcohol exported during the last 8 years are given in the following table:-

Year	Hectolitres	Value in Rupees
1949	61,915	4,327,852
1950	41,465	2,902,562
1951	65,931	4,615,137
1952	68,964	4,827,465
1953	21,185	1,557,114
1954	284	25,403
1955	295	23,057
1956	255	21,171

ALOE FIBRE INDUSTRY

Fibre, extracted from the leaves of the plant "furcroea gigantea", is at present partly used in the manufacture of a number of packing bags or sacks and filter press cloth for the sugar industry and partly exported as raw fibre. In Mauritius, at present, the aloe grows wild with scrub and it is not, therefore, possible to ascertain the actual acreage from which the production is derived. Regular planting covers an area of some 2,700 acres, of which less than 300 are sisal. The wild furcroea is estimated to grow sparsely over some 12,000 acres, but at present production is estimated from the yield to be derived from an equivalent effective area of some 2,700 acres.

The requirements of the sugar industry for packing a production of 500,000 metric tons of sugar are 6¼ million bags of 80 kgs net capacity. It has been calculated that slightly over 6¾ thousand metric tons of raw fibre would be necessary to produce these packing requirements. In addition, some 350 - 400 tons of raw fibre would be needed to meet the miscellaneous other local requirements in filter press cloth, yarn, etc. The production of 1956 was only 1,513 tons.

The weaving factory was erected in Mauritius in 1932. It has recently been enlarged and its production capacity has been more than doubled. In 1956 the weaving factory utilised some 1,500 tons of raw fibre to produce slightly less than 1½ million bags of 80 kgs capacity to pack the sugar manufactured in the Colony. This production, however, is only about 24% of the sugar industry's requirements.

The fibre production of the last 8 years was as follows:

Year	No. of factories in operation.	Production (M/Tons)
1949	30	1,300
1950	40	1,714
1951	42	2,032
1952	42	2,254
1953	40	2,177
1954	40	1,980
1955	30	1,722
1956	23	1,513

The quantity and value of exported fibre for each of the last eight years were as follows:-

Year	Quantity (M/Tons)	F.O.B. Value(Rupees)
1949	206	188,779
1950	380	567,272
1951	626	924,141
1952	506	685,685
1953	153	76,029
1954	60	25,007
1955	186	99,565
1956	93	49,811

The raw fibre consumed and the product manufactured by the Sack Factory for the last three years were as follows:-

Commodity	Unit	Y E A R		
		1954	1955	1956
Raw fibre used	M/Tons	2,187	2,905	1,521
Sacks (capacity: 80 kgs of sugar)	Units	2,249,222	2,687,369	1,401,143
Sacking cloth	Sq. yds.	3,382	6,303	1,625
Filter press cloth	Yards	40,049	64,332	12,457
Yarn for twine making	M/Tons	16	8	13

TEA INDUSTRY

Tea is grown in the well-watered uplands of the Island. In 1956, some 3,000 acres were under cultivation of which 2,400 acres were in bearing. There were 371 tea plantation owners and 5 factories producing tea for local consumption. Details of production of the tea factories are given below:-

Factory	Production (Commercial tea)
	Kgs
Bois Cheri	314,975
Corson	156,691
Avenir St. Andre	144,706
Pont Colville	63,260
Nouvelle France	17,810
Total	697,442

In addition, 316 kgs of green tea were manufactured during the year.

Out of the production of 698 metric tons of tea, 152 tons were exported.

Importation of foreign tea from Ceylon, Hong Kong and China amounted to only 10 tons.

The following table gives an indication of the trend in the development of this local industry during the past seventeen years.

AREA, PRODUCTION, IMPORTS AND EXPORTS 1940 - 1956

Year	Area under cultivation+	Local production	Imports	Exports
	Acres	M/Tons	M/Tons	M/Tons
1940	1,086	69.5	99.4	-
1941	1,326	105.5	144.8	-
1942	1.670	126.1	84.5	-
1943	1,969	173.9	68.1	-
1944	2,009	173.2	42.0	-
1945	2,009	165.0@	29.0	-
1946	2,009	216.4	72.2	-
1947	2,009	235.4	77.4	0.1
1948	2,031	280.0	57.7	5.8
1949	2,077	300.3	16.2	15.4
1950	2.174	342.2	39.5	22.4
1951	2,211	384.3	21.5	40.8
1952	2,426	401.8	43.1	8.2
1953	2,594	412.4	51.5	33.0
1954	2,823	519.1	16.4	113.2
1955	2,900	608.6	15.9	175.6
1956	2,985	697.8	9.8	152.4

@ Severe cyclones.

+ The areas given in this column are approximate, except for 1956 - year in which a survey of all plantations was made.

TOBACCO INDUSTRY

Tobacco cultivation in 1956 covered an area of 719 acres, the production being restricted to 370 tons of cured leaf tobacco. There were 456 growers, of which 382 produced air-cured and 74 flue-cured tobacco. Further details of this industry are given in the following tables:

	1955 - 1956	1956 - 1957
Acreage under cultivation		
Flue-cured leaf	440 acres	613 acres
Air-cured leaf	69 "	106 "
Total	509 acres	719 acres
Crop production		
Flue-cured leaf	293,747 kgs	311,986 kgs
Air-cured leaf	74,317 "	92,619 "
Total	368,064 kgs	404,605 kgs
Average yield per acre		
Flue-cured	667 kgs	509 kgs
Air-cured	1,083 "	874 "
Overall average	723 "	563 "

AVERAGE RETURN OBTAINED BY PRODUCERS IN MAURITIUS

Variety	PER ACRE		PER KILOG	
	1955 - 1956	1956 - 1957	1955 - 1956	1956 - 1957
	Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs
Flue-cured	3,268	2,641	4.97	5.19
Air-cured	2,487	2,133	2.20	2.44

HIGHEST AND LOWEST VALUES OBTAINED DURING YEAR 1956-1957.

Variety	Yield per acre		Value per acre		Value per kg.	
	Highest	Lowest	Highest	Lowest	Highest	Lowest
	Kgs	Kgs	Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs
Flue-cured Amarello	1,626	278	8,179	1,119	6.51	3.09
Air-cured Amarello	2,297	52	5,885	84	2.89	1.52

The figures in the above tables refer to the "tobacco crop year" which normally extends from the beginning of April to the end of March.

QUANTITY OF TOBACCO LEAF RECEIVED AT FACTORIES

In kilos

	Financial year		
	1953 - 1954	1954 - 1955	1955 - 1956
Local leaf@	393,645	394,938	443,214
Imported leaf	145,989	146,643	140,128
Total	539,634	541,581	583,342
Quantity of tobacco leaf used at factories			
Local leaf@	407,716	388,377	423,544
Imported leaf	148,980	148,181	132,198
Total	556,696	536,558	555,742

@Including a very small quantity of leaf from Rodrigues

Imported leaf represents on the average only 26% of the total leaf consumed.

QUANTITY OF MANUFACTURED PRODUCTS OBTAINED FROM LEAF

In Kilos

	Financial Year		
	1953 - 1954	1954 - 1955	1955 - 1956
Quantity of manufactured tobacco obtained from leaf+	561,180	542,259	576,228
Marketable tobacco Products			
Cigarettes	558,787	538,533	573,318
Snuff	2,160	3,048	2,760
Total	560,947	541,581	576,078

In the course of the three-year period ending mid 1956, an average of 557 metric tons of locally manufactured cigarettes went into consumption, with in addition an average of about 65 metric tons of the imported commodity. In the average total of 622 metric tons of cigarettes consumed, the local production represents therefore the very considerable proportion of 90%.

+The increase of 0.8% - 3.7% in weight here is due to the incorporation of moisture in process of manufacture.

FORESTRY

The Crown Lands cover an area of 82,000 acres of which 72,000 or nearly 90% are under control of the Conservator of Forests, while the remainder is administrated by the Department of Public Works and other Government authorities. Forest lands, including scrub and grass lands, occupy in the Island 187,850 acres which are distributed as follows:-

		Acres	Acres
1.	CROWN FORESTS		67,150
	(i) Native Forests	4,520	
	(ii) Productive Forests	23,859	
	(iii) Catchment Areas	10,602	
	(iv) Mountain Reserves	23,424	
	(v) Miscellaneous	4,745	
2.	LEASED CROWN LANDS ON THE COASTAL BELT OF 250 FEET		5,500
	(i) Tree plantations	4,400	
	(ii) Grazing lands	1,100	
3.	NATIONAL RESERVES		15,500
	(i) Mountain Reserves	9,000	
	(ii) River reserves	6,500	
4.	PRIVATE HOLDINGS		99,700
	(i) Forest land	5,800	
	(ii) Scrub land	93,900	
	TOTAL FOREST AND SCRUB LANDS		187,850

From 1946 to 1956, 445 acres have been planted with tree seedlings in the River Reserves, while 783 acres of new plantations were created in 1956 within the Crown Forest Lands.

Building and furniture timber from Crown Forest produce in 1956 amounted to 9,007 cubic metres (in log volumes). In addition, it is estimated that 5,700 cubic metres of timber (in log volumes) were produced from privately owned Forests and 'Pas Geometriques'.

The volume of imported timber in 1956 exceeded by 10% the volume of local forest produce.

TOTAL OUTPUT OF TIMBER AND WOOD FUEL IN 1956

	Unit	From Crown Forests	From Pas Geometriques and Private Forests	Total
Timber	Cu. metres (round timber)	9,007	5,700	14,707
Wood Fuel (round wood)	Cu. metres (solid)	33,555	13,800	47,355

Details of the output of forest produce for 1956 are given hereunder.

PRODUCE OF CROWN FORESTS, PRIVATE FORESTS & PAS GEOMETRIQUES
(Log volumes in hundreds of Cu. metres)

Timber	88.2
Sleepers	-
Round wood	58.8
Firewood	405.5
Charcoal	67.8

This represents a total equivalent in log volume of round timber of roughly 62,000 cubic metres.

The Crown Forests also supplied 128 cubic metres of log wood for match manufactures.

OTHER INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION

LIME

Production of lime in Mauritius is connected with sugar manufacture, being the principal agent in the juice clarifying process. Lime is moreover employed as a fertilizer in agriculture and is also generally used in the building trade and in the tanning industry. It is produced from corals, in stone kilns located near the sea-board. Of these kilns only one is a modern patent continuous vertical type. Wood is generally used as fuel in those kilns, though a number also use coal.

The production for 1950 - 1956 was as follows:-

Year	No. of Lime Works in operation	LIME PRODUCED		
		1st Grade+	Other Grades*	Total
		M/Tons	M/Tons	M/Tons
1950	24	6,200	6,500	12,700
1951	22	7,600	8,100	15,700
1952	21	6,000	7,200	13,200
1953	23	7,900	6,500	14,400
1954	23	6,100	6,000	12,100
1955	24	5,100	6,200	11,300
1956	25	6,000	5,000	11,000

\+ containing 60 - 70% of Calcium Oxide and utilised mainly in Sugar Factories

* " 30 - 60% of Calcium Oxide and used in the building trade. A small amount is also utilised for agricultural purposes.

SALT

Salt is extracted from sea-water in shallow paved pans located in the driest parts of the coastal belt. There were in the Colony, in 1956, 8 salt-works having a total area of about 150 acres. Of these 7 were in operation. The smallest works have a surface of less than one acre while the largest in actual operation in 1956 was of 57 acres.

The production for 1950 - 1956 was as follows:-

Year	No. of salt-works	Total production
		M/Tons
1950	10	2,610
1951	9	3,400
1952	6	2,210
1953	7	2,500
1954	6	3,100
1955	7	3,500
1956	7	3,500

OIL AND SOAP

Oil production in Mauritius assumed importance during the period immediately following the first World War and again, to an even greater extent, during World War II.

There is at present only one oil extraction plant in the Colony; it was established some 35 years ago but was improved and enlarged during World War II in order to increase its productive capacity.

Copra from which coconut oil is extracted, is produced by the Dependencies of Mauritius - Agaléga and the Chagos Archipelago. The present production of copra is around 1,800 metric tons. The coconut oil produced is in part refined and deodorised for human consumption, and in part used for the manufacture of soap.

The following table gives the quantities of copra used and of the oil and soap manufactured during the last 5 years:

In Metric Tons

YEAR	Copra used	Edible Oil Produced	Poonac+ produced	Soap manufactured	
				from copra oil	from imported oil
1952	1,276	654	440	141	207
1953	1,498	833	524	89	114
1954	1,263	763	422	68	88
1955	1,189	711	383	65	71
1956	2,042	1,187	684	120	74

MATCH MANUFACTURE

Matches are produced in the Island from imported chemicals and by utilising wood from pine logs produced by the Forest Department.

The production and consumption of local matches in the Colony for the period 1951 - 1956 are given hereunder:-

Year	PRODUCTION		Value Rs	CONSUMPTION
	Million sticks	Contained in gross boxes@		Gross Boxes@
1951	209	36,212	116,300	25,100
1952	86	15,000	52,800	34,600
1953	109	18,890	65,200	21,900
1954	89	15,424	52,400	18,400
1955	54	9,009*	29,100	7,600++
1956	57	8,245*	30,300	9,800++

Only one match factory was in operation in 1956. It consumed a total of 128 cubic metres of local wood during the year.

+ Oil cake residue for feeding animals.

@ Each box contains about 40 sticks

* Including 389 gross boxes of 80 sticks per box in 1955 and 1,625 in 1956.

++ Including 321 gross boxes of 80 sticks per box in 1955 and 1,700 in 1956.

PRODUCTION OF ELECTRICITY

Electricity is produced in Mauritius partly in hydraulic powered plants+ and partly in diesel and steam powered plants. The steam powered installations are utilised exclusively in sugar factories.

1. Hydro-electric installations:

The total rated capacity of hydro-electric power stations+ amounts to: 9,810 K.V.A.

2. Thermo-electric installations:

(i) Diesel-powered plants: the newly created St Louis power station has at present a rated capacity of 7,480 K.V.A.
There is, besides, a minor installation having a rated capacity of 550 K.V.A., mainly used in cases of emergency.

(ii) Steam-electric installations: these steam-electric plants are privately owned and are to be found exclusively in sugar factories, where their utilisation is becoming more frequent.
The present aggregate rated capacity of these plants is: 17,000 K.V.A.

Hence, the aggregate power of all electricity generating installations in the Colony amounts to nearly 35,000 K.V.A. or 47,000 H.P. Of this aggregate, the total capacity of electrical power plants installed in sugar factories now accounts for about 49 %.

The total number of units generated in 1956 (exclusive of private steam plants) was as follows:-

Hydro-electric power plants	26.8 million Kwh
Diesel-electric power plants	14.4 " "
Total	41.2 million Kwh

The total output (exclusive of transmission losses) of the 3 main hydro-electric stations and of the diesel-powered plants was distributed by the various sub-stations as hereunder:-

	Kwh
Port Louis and district	9,679,977
Beau-Bassin, Rose Hill, Quatre Bornes, Reduit, Moka and St. Pierre	8,411,740
Phoenix, Vacoas, Floreal, Curepipe and Forest Side	16,032,316
Rose Belle, Souillac and Mahebourg area	2,634,900
Total	36,758,933

The total number of units actually consumed amounted to 33.5 million Kwh distributed as follows:-

	Units	% of total
Domestic consumption	19.8 million Kwh	59.1
Commercial "	3.1 " "	9.2
Industrial "	8.6 " "	25.7
Public utility (mainly street lighting)	2.0 " "	6.0
	33.5 million Kwh	100.0

+ See next page

The number of consumers as at 31st December, 1956 was as follows:

District of Port Louis (extra muros)		1,279
District of Grand Port	...	3,733
District of Savanne	...	2,514
District of Moka	...	688
Towns:- Port Louis	...	11,082
Beau Bassin	...	1,984
Rose Hill	...	2,957
Quatre Bornes	...	2,893
Vacoas	...	5,095
Curepipe and outskirts	...	4,163
	Total	36,388

NATURAL RESOURCES

WATER POWER

Water power is used and has been developed in the Island for generating electricity in three main hydro-electric plants and to a lesser extent for driving machinery in sugar and also fibre factories and workshops.

The three main hydro-electric power stations are:-

S T A T I O N	Rated capacity	Output of Power Station in million kwh.
1. The Tamarin River Power Station, Tamarin Falls	8,800 KVA	23.4
2. The Cascade River Power Station, Reduit Falls.	660 "	2.6
3. The Savanne River Power Station, Cecil Falls, Souillac.	350 "	0.7
	9,810 KVA	26.7

In addition about 700 H.P. of minor isolated water power installation exist in sugar factories, and another 200 H.P. in aloe fibre factories.

DEVELOPMENT OF HYDRO ELECTRIC POWER PRODUCTION 1938 = 1956

Year	Kw-hrs distributed	Index (1938 = 100)
1938	5.0 million	100
1946	12.4 "	248
1949	17.6 "	352
1950	20.8 "	416
1951	23.1 "	462
1952	26.8 "	536
1953	30.8 "	616
1954	29.1 "	582
1955	29.4 "	588
1956	23.9 "	478

The total possible output of hydro-electric power capable of being economically developed in the island is estimated at 100 million kwh.

LIVESTOCK

The main livestock of the Colony consist of draught and dairy cattle, the greater number of which are kept on small holdings or by individual cow-keepers, while a lesser number exists on sugar estates, where herds are kept mainly for the production of manure. A fair proportion of the locally-bred cattle go to supply the total beef consumed in the Island. Goats exist in fairly large numbers, with a comparatively small number of sheep and pigs. Equines are very small in number. Wild deer exist in a difficultly ascertainable number, but are probably less than 10,000. The local stock is largely supplemented by importation of live animals, principally beef-cattle.

TOTAL LIVESTOCK IN THE COLONY (Estimates)

Dairy stock (including young stock)	38,000	Sheep	2,000
Herd cattle	2,500	Goats	53,500
Draught cattle	1,200	Pigs	4,000

A Milch Cattle Census was taken by the Veterinary Section of the Agricultural Department in mid-1956; the results are as follows:-

Cows	...	16,500
Young females	...	14,100
Young males	...	5,900
Bulls	...	1,500
	Total	38,000

LIVESTOCK IMPORTED DURING THE YEAR

Country of Origin	Equines	Cows & Oxen	Goats	Sheep	Pigs	Turtles
United Kingdom	12	-	-	-	-	-
Union of South Africa	-	-	-	-	-	-
Australia	-	-	-	100	-	-
France	16	-	-	-	-	-
Madagascar	-	6,183	-	-	-	-
Reunion	2	-		-	-	-
Rodrigues	-	350	2,401	1,478	3,005	-
Other Dependencies	-	-	-	-	14	372
	30	6,533	2,401	1,578	3,019	372

DEPLETION OF LIVESTOCK+

			Heads
Cattle	...	...	12,836*
Goats	...	...	21,394
Sheep	...	...	1,476
Pigs	...	...	6,441
Deer	...	...	2,000@

\+ Slaughtered for food;
* of which 6,252 were from local & Rodrigues herds;
@ estimated annual number of head killed in hunting parties.

Beef cattle supply	From imports	From local & Rodrigues herds
Percentage of animals slaughtered	51	49

CATTLE SLAUGHTERED FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION (1947 - 1956)

Heads

YEAR	LOCAL CATTLE					CATTLE FROM		GRAND TOTAL
	MILCH BREED			Other than Milch Breed	Total	Rodrigues	Madagascar	
	Bulls & Calves	Heifers	Cows					
1947	-	-	-	-	6,235	350*	6,357	12,942
1948	-	-	-	-	6,173	200*	5,859	12,232
1949	5,287	212	2,072	815	8,386	352	2,686	11,424+
1950	4,769	252	2,440	432	7,893	839	4,228	12,960
1951	4,580	253	1,733	321	6,887	620	1,580	9,087
1952	4,557	58	2,288	447	7,350	428	2,680	10,458+
1953	3,888	44	1,583	284	5,799	26	3,001	8,826
1954	3,838	62	2,056	777	6,733	258	3,521	10,512
1955	2,833	50	1,551	871	5,305	850	5,575	11,730+
1956	3,350	144	1,571	820	5,885	354	6,584	12,823+

* Estimated

\+ These figures exclude the very small number of animals slaughtered but found unfit for human consumption, namely 13 in 1949, 22 in 1952, 14 in 1955 and 13 in 1956.

FISHERIES

The coast line of Mauritius is 152 miles long. The total shallow area where coastal fishing is exercised is about 125 square miles. The lagoon area where most of the fishing is done is estimated at 95 square miles. Of this area, fishing reserves, where net fishing is limited to two or three times a year, cover about 25 square miles; so that normal daily fishing with nets is carried over only 70 square miles inside the lagoon area. The protection afforded to the fish in the reserves shows remarkably in the catches of the nets in these fishings. About 600 different species of fish have been found to exist around the Island classified+ as follows:-

		Varieties
(i) Lagoon shallow species	...	100
(ii) Reef species	...	250-300
(iii) Bottom species, to a depth of 60 fathoms		100
(iv) Deep bottom species, from 60 to 120 fathoms		50
(v) Pelagic species	...	50

Shallow water fishing is carried out with basket traps, lines, nets and cast nets. Outside the reef, line fishing and traps are extensively used. Large nets are normally authorised to fish between sunrise and sunset, occasionally however they are permitted to fish at night.

In 1956, 32 permits to use seine nets were issued giving employment to about 600 fishermen.

The total annual catch of these nets is shown below:-

Average 1946 - 1950	...	404	Metric Tons
1951	...	380	" "
1952	...	393	" "
1953	...	410	" "
1954	...	425	" "
1955	...	440	" "
1956	...	372	" "

In 1956, the total individual fishings or net/days in the reserves amounted to 53 and the catch to 24.6 tons, as against 72 fishings and 26.2 tons in 1955. The average catch per net/day has thus increased from 364 kgs. in 1955 to 465 kgs in 1956.

The lagoon and neighbouring waters are now exploited to the fullest extent and therefore the yield from these sources cannot be sensibly increased. But the open waters of the shelf with an average depth of 30 to 40 fathoms can still admit of an intensification of fishing.

+ Except for the pelagic species, there is no very definite demarcation in the classification owing to the migratory habits of the different varieties.

The shelf is narrow all round the coast, except in the North where it extends to form the Round Island - Flat Island Bank and in the South West where it widens to a few miles. These extensions included, the total area of shallow water covers some 400 square miles which at present are producing one ton of fish per square mile per annum, a very small figure compared to the yield of 10 tons per square mile of the lagoon and waters neighbouring the reefs. During the winter months fishing offshore is quite impossible on the windward side and is much reduced on the leeward side. Further that part of the shelf which immediately surrounds the reefs is inhabited by species which also frequent the lagoon where they are captured, thus contributing to the result of the inshore fisheries.

The present annual production of fish (lobsters and octopi excluded) from the lagoon shallows and the surrounding waters has been estimated at roughly 15 tons per square mile; this is considered to be almost the maximum that can be expected from local waters. The above production is, however, estimated to be only one-third of what the optimum local consumption could absorb.

The number of professional fishermen engaged in the fishing industry at the end of 1953 was:-

No. of fishermen		Mode of fishing
701	using	basket traps
491	"	line traps
204	"	basket traps and line
16	"	basket traps and nets
366	"	nets and cast nets.

The catch of fish in 1956 is estimated at 2,151 tons made up as follows:-

	M/Tons
Weight produced at controlled landing stations	1,651
Weight produced at uncontrolled landing stations	200
Weight of fish consumed by fishermen	180
Weight caught by non-professionals	120
Total	2,151

The total controlled catch of the last 10 years is given in the following tables:-

TOTAL CONTROLLED CATCH IN TONS

	1947	1948	1949	1950	1951	1952	1953	1954	1955	1956
Nets	406	401	399	413	380	393	410	425	441	372+
B. Traps	544	662	511	606	664	764	791	649	706	699
Lines	159	215	163	161	190	226	247	275	297	317
Octopi	324	307	302	280	252	233	204	233	266	230
Lobsters	22	28	23	23	21	27	32	30	25	33
Sharks	(included in nets and lines)									
	1455	1613	1398	1483	1507	1648	1684	1612	1735	1651

+ Reduction due to partial application of the close season for nets.

CONTROLLED CATCH PER DISTRICT PER YEAR
(Metric Tons)

	1947	1948	1949	1950	1951	1952	1953	1954	1955	1956
Grand Port - Flacq	571	591	479	451	435	462	482	485	549	508
Pamplemousses R. du Rempart	505	558	526	577	633	663	700	606	652	599
Black River - Savanne	379	464	393	454	439	523	502	521	534	544
	1455	1613	1398	1482	1507	1648	1684	1612	1735	1651

MONTHLY CATCH OF ALL CONTROLLED STATIONS

	Metric Tons			Average 1947-1956	Graduated % Average
	1954	1955	1956	%	
January	101.1	154.4	107.6	7.4	9.1
February	168.1	148.4	133.-	8.8	8.8
March	160.8	155.0	157.2	10.1	9.4
April	142.5	174.0	139.4	9.2	9.5
May	134.4	154.6	146.-	9.3	8.6
June	125.9	112.9	158.9	7.4	7.9
July	119.6	134.7	143.2	7.1	6.9
August	99.4	126.2	114.6	6.2	6.6
September	105.8	114.7	116.1	6.4	6.7
October	115.8	145.5	105.6	7.5	7.8
November	150.3	149.7	149.6	9.5	9.4
December	188.2	164.9	180.2	11.1	9.3
	1,611.9	1,735.0	1,651.4	100.0	100.0

In the table herebelow is given the inshore and offshore controlled production of the last 3 years:

In Metric Tons

	1954	1955	1956
Main species	500	541	464
Octopi	233	266	230
Lobsters	30	25	33
Other species	487	553	569
Total inshore catch	1,250	1,385	1,296
Catch in other waters (offshore)	362	350	355
Total controlled catch	1,612	1,735	1,651

The inshore fishery thus produces 75 to 80% of the total controlled catch.

The total number of oysters picked up and consumed yearly is estimated at approximately 1 million and shows a tendency to increase.

The number of sharks captured during the period 1950 - 1956 is given hereunder:

1950	...	1,415
1951	...	1,632
1952	...	1,892
1953	...	1,960
1954	...	2,319
1955	...	2,448
1956	...	2,545

The figures show a steady increase since the application of the new rates of bonus for sharks captured.

Fishing as an industry is also carried out by a private company at the Cargados Carajos banks (St. Brandon Island). The average annual production for the ten year period 1947 - 1956 was 210 tons of salted fish. In 1956, 237 tons of salted fish were received in Mauritius from St. Brandon. In the same year 337 tons of salted fish and octopus were received from the Dependency of Rodrigues.

N.B. The greater part of the information given in this chapter has been extracted from the Annual Report of the Fisheries Branch of the Department of Agriculture.

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YIELD OF ANIMAL PRODUCE

Milk	180,000 hectolitres
Butter	11 metric tons
Cheese	3 " "
Beef	1,830+ " "
Pork	310 " "
Mutton	140* " "
Goat flesh	180 " "
Cattle hides	12,800 units

+ Includes 1,000 metric tons or 55% of imported livestock and 150 tons or 8% of congealed beef.

* Includes 125 tons of congealed mutton.

SUMMARY OF LOCAL FOOD PRODUCTION

Commodity	Quantity produced for home consumption
Cereals	
Maize	1,490 metric tons
Bread	11,000 " "
Rootcrops	
Manioc	1,640 metric tons
Sweet potatoes and eddoes	1,390 " "
Potatoes	3,120 " "
Meat fresh	1,200 " "
Fish fresh	2,200 " "
Dairy produce	18,600 " "
Edible Oil (Coconut)	1,190 " "
Tea	700 " "
Sugar: White	17,200 " "
Raw	6,800 " "
Salt	3,500 " "
Rum	1,546,000 litres
Wine	3,930,000 "

SUMMARY OF INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION

Commodity	Quantity produced or manufactured
Sugar	573,000 metric tons
Aloe Fibre (Raw)	1,500 " "
Rum	1,546,000 litres
Alcohol for export	24,000 "
Tobacco (leaf)	400 metric tons
Pouch tobacco and snuff	3 " "
Cigarettes	553 " "
Tea	700 " "
Wine	4,113,000 litres
Soda water	453,000 "
Soft aerated beverages	2,847,000 "
Sacks (aloe fibre)	1,401,000 units
Cloth (aloe fibre, width 26")	2,250 yards
Yarn	10 metric tons
Lime	11,000 " "
Salt	3,500 " "
Soap	190 " "
Hides and skin, cattle	12,800 units
Timber (building and furniture)	7,400 cubic metres
Charcoal	950 metric tons (estimated)

Number of persons licensed to exercise in trades specific to food production and distribution.

	ISIC+	
Manufacturer of Soda and Aerated Minerals	214	10
Manufacturer of salt	190	8
Victualler (on and off premises)	842	1,501
Restaurant Keeper	842	81
Hotel and Boarding House Keeper	843	7
Retailer of groceries	612	102
Manufacturer of Ice	399	6
Producer of Vinegar	209	5
Dealer in imported Vegetables & Fruits	612	18
General Retailer	612	2,880
Wholesale & Retail Dealer	611-612	128
Seller of Ale, Beer, Porter & Cider	612	35
Producer of Meat	201	201
Producer of Fresh Fish	040	1,778
Producer of Bread	206	83
Manufacturer of Wine	212	12

INDUSTRIES AND MANUFACTURES

Number of persons in possession of a licence to conduct or deal in certain specific industries

	ISIC+			ISIC+	
Manufacturer of Oils	312	2	Manufacturer of Gold & Silver Wares	395	145
" " Lime	311	25	Manufacturer of Matches	319	2
" " Salt	190	8	Manufacturer of Tobacco	220	2
" " Soap	319	5	Operator of a Foundry	341-342	124
Manufacturer or seller of Bricks, Tiles & Cement	331	24	" " " Distillery	211	5
			Dealer in Firewood	612	14
Manufacturer or Producer of vinegar	209	5	" " Manure	612	7
			" " Leather and Saddlery	612	18
Manufacturer of Perfumed Spirits	319	7	" " Vacoas bags	612	1
			" " Timber	612	78
Manufacturer of manure	311	1	" " Old Metals	612	118
" " Ice	399	6			

Number of establishments engaged in various local industries

	ISIC+			ISIC+	
Sugar Factory	207	26	Ice Factory	399	6
Aloe Fibre Factory	231	23	Vinegar Factory	209	5
Tea Factory	209	5	Perfume Producing Plant	319	6
Distillery	211	5	Gold & Silver Wares Shop	395	145
Soap Factory	319	5	Tobacco Factory	220	2
Match Factory	319	2	Sawmill & Timber Yard	250	104
Oil Producing Plant	312	2	Bakery	206	83
Salt Pan	190	7	Tannery	291	8
Lime Kiln	311	25	Furniture and Cabinet making	260	495
Bricks, Tiles & Cement Factory	331	43	Bus coach-builders' shop	384	9
Tinsmiths' Shop	350	53	Watchmakers' workshop	394	36
Shoemakers' Workshop	241-242	222	Tailors' "	243	912
Garage	384	62			
Cycle Repairs Workshop	384	117			

+ ISIC = International Standard Industrial Classification Group Number.

TRADE AND COMMERCE

THE VISIBLE TRADE OF THE COLONY

The visible trade balance of the Colony depends almost entirely on the price obtained for exported sugar. In 1956 sugar exports+ formed 98.4% of the total domestic exports in value, whilst molasses, a by-product of the sugar industry, accounted for another 1.2%.

The following table shows the value of the total annual trade and of the visible trade balance for the last ten years:

BALANCE OF VISIBLE TRADE (1947 - 1956).

Calendar year	V A L U E				Excess in value of exports (+) or imports (-)	Total value of trade
	of Imports	Per Capita	of Exports*	Per Capita		
Prewar average 1936-38	Rs 000 32,759	Rs 80	Rs 000 39,464	Rs 95	Rs 000 + 6,705	Rs 000 72,223
1947	113,833	259	102,541	233	- 11,202	216,374
1948	136,189	308	145,831	330	+ 9,642	282,020
1949	153,140	345	170,701	384	+ 17,561	323,841
1950	175,802	378	153,029	329	- 22,773	328,831
1951	203,062	420	237,963	492	+ 34,901	441,025
1952	230,801	460	253,741	505	+ 22,940	484,542
1953	251,094	486	276,488	535	+ 25,394	527,582
1954	214,359	404	268,370	506	+ 54,011	482,729
1955	254,472	463	252,539	460	- 1,933	507,011
1956	224,150	394	299,581	527	+ 75,431	523,731
Period 1947-56	1,956,902		2,160,784		+ 203,882	4,117,686

* Includes amount allowed on sugar preference certificates and various bonuses. Includes also sales value of bunker fuel and ships' stores.

The visible trade balance at the end of 1956 was favourable by a very wide margin. In actual value, the level of exports was the highest on record while the level of imports had markedly come down.

The quantum index of imports (1948 = 100) was 147 in 1956 as compared with 160 in the previous year. The average price for imports was moreover the lowest since 1949 .

On the other hand, exports in respect of both quantum and average price were much higher than in recent years. But the declared value of the Colony's exports is in a large measure dependent on the fraction of the exportable crop which has been shipped by the end of the year. As the production of sugar (the main item of domestic exports) starts annually in July and the crop is completely sold out by the following June, it seems more rational to examine the visible trade balance half yearly as follows:-

+ when amount allowed on sugar preference is added on.

Period	Imports	Exports*	Unit: 000 Rupees Difference (E - I) Half-yearly	As at 30th June
July 1950 - December 1950	94,633	113,339	+ 18,706	+ 14,341
January 1951 - June 1951	80,425	76,060	- 4,365	
July 1951 - December 1951	122,637	161,903	+ 39,266	- 9,017
January 1952 - June 1952	116,054	67,771	- 48,283	
July 1952 - December 1952	114,747	185,970	+ 71,223	+ 11,000
January 1953 - June 1953	118,721	58,498	- 60,223	
July 1953 - December 1953	132,373	217,991	+ 85,618	+ 60,036
January 1954 - June 1954	92,994	67,412	- 25,582	
July 1954 - December 1954	121,365	200,957	+ 79,592	+ 5,422
January 1955 - June 1955	126,325	52,155	- 74,170	
July 1955 - December 1955	128,147	200,384	+ 72,237	+ 37,257
January 1956 - June 1956	105,807	70,827	- 34,980	
July 1956 - December 1956	118,343	228,755	+ 110,412	

* The value of Exports includes the amount allowed on sugar preference and various bonusses; the value of sales of bunker fuel and ships' stores have also been included.

The visible trade for the twelve months ending 30th June 1956 shows a substantial favourable balance.

Over the ten year period 1947 - 1956 the Calendar year visible trade balance has accrued favourably to the extent of nearly Rs 204 million.

INDEXES OF PRINCIPAL DOMESTIC EXPORTS (1948 = 100)

Calendar year	SUGAR		TEA		ALOE FIBRE		MOLASSES
	Ton. exported	Value+ per ton F.O.B.	Ton. exported	Value per ton F.O.B	Ton exported	Value per ton F.O.B.	Value per ton F.O.B
1952	122	143	141	109	469	138	267
1953	125	155	565	110	142	51	124
1954	130	145	1,935	111	55	42	91
1955	123	144	3,034	114	173	54	99
1956	140	151	2,628	114	76	51	117

+ Inclusive of the value of Preference Certificates.

THE POST-WAR TERMS OF TRADE

The quantum and price indexes (1948 = 100) of external trade for the last five years are given in the following table:

Year	QUANTUM INDEX			PRICE INDEX		
	Exports	Imports	Ratio Exports Index/ Imports Index	Exports	Imports	Ratio Exports Index/ Imports Index
1952	123	127	0.97	142	134	1.06
1953	125	140	0.89	152	132	1.15
1954	128	139	0.92	144	113	1.27
1955	123	160	0.77	142	115	1.24
1956	137	147	0.93	150	112	1.34

The following table shows the quantum indexes for sugar exports (98% of the total domestic exports in value) in respect of both periods: the sugar crop year and the calendar year.

Comparison between these indexes shows that the true sequence as shown by the quantum index of the crop exports is not always reflected in the quantum index of the calendar exports. The sugar crop in any year is produced between June and December.

QUANTUM INDEX FOR EXPORTED SUGAR

(1948 = 100)

Crop Year	Tonnage exported from crop	Export quantum index for crop year	Export quantum index for calendar year
1949	396,865	106	113
1950	434,901	116	93
1951	464,143	124	131
1952	448,873	120	122
1953	490,219	131	125
1954	476,504	128	130
1955	510,804	137	123
1956	548,496	147	140

The quantum index of exports for the calendar year is thus largely dependent on the fraction of the harvested crop which is shipped for export between June and December each year. Domestic exports other than sugar are insignificant in comparison.

NOTE:- Indexes are computed by Fisher's Ideal Formula, using moving crossed weights. Coverage is about 85% in the case of imports and is almost 99% in the case of exports. Quantum & Price indexes conform with the index of total trade value.

TRADE WITH THE STERLING AND HARD CURRENCY AREAS

		STERLING AREA		HARD CURRENCY AREA		OTHER COUNTRIES		TOTAL RUPEES
		Rupees	% of total	Rupees	% of total	Rupees	% of total	
1952	Import Trade	175,066,238	75.8	4,983,230	2.2	50,750,955	22.0	230,800,423
	Export Trade	237,627,418	94.4	9,846,703	3.9	4,225,343	1.7	251,699,464
	Total Trade	412,693,656	85.5	14,829,933	3.1	54,976,298	11.4	482,499,887
1953	Import Trade	199,570,372	79.5	3,849,855	1.5	47,673,528	19.0	251,093,755
	Export Trade	230,609,122	84.1	41,381,822	15.1	2,174,157	0.8	274,165,101
	Total Trade	430,179,494	81.9	45,231,677	8.6	49,847,685	9.5	525,258,856
1954	Import Trade	169,962,760	79.3	2,786,530	1.3	41,610,065	19.4	214,359,355
	Export Trade	224,064,953	83.9	41,494,123	15.6	1,406,605	0.5	266,965,681
	Total Trade	394,027,713	81.8	44,280,653	9.2	43,016,670	8.9	481,325,036
1955	Import Trade	198,423,508	78.0	4,640,449	1.8	51,408,290	20.2	254,472,247
	Export Trade	208,478,118	82.8	42,127,039	16.7	1,161,738	0.5	251,766,895
	Total Trade	406,901,626	80.4	46,767,488	9.2	52,570,028	10.4	506,239,142
1956	Import Trade	160,827,844	71.7	4,844,227	2.2	58,477,411	26.1	224,149,482
	Export Trade	241,559,064	81.0	54,451,231	18.3	2,068,137	0.7	298,078,432
	Total Trade	402,386,908	77.0	59,295,458	11.4	60,545,548	11.6	522,227,914

THE EXPORT TRADE

The figures of Exports in the preceding table include value of Sugar Preference Certificates which for 1956 amounted to Rs 6,928,284 but exclude value of Bunkers and Ships' stores which for 1956 amounted to Rs 1,505,082.

The total values of the Export Trade in domestic produce for 1948 - 1956 were:-

	Rs
1948	136,506,669
1949	160,681,871
1950	145,881,309
1951	227,833,883
1952	242,995,510
1953	264,785,990
1954	257,558,856
1955	241,587,467
1956	287,076,993

The total values for domestic exports quoted above are exclusive of the value of the Colonial Sugar Preference Certificates which add to the selling price of the sugar. The figures for domestic exports when the value of the Sugar Preference is included are:-

	Rs
1948	141,299,669
1949	165,511,871
1950	151,141,309
1951	233,381,671
1952	249,106,680
1953	271,060,579
1954	264,414,030
1955	248,459,800
1956	294,005,277

The proportions in value of the various items of domestic exports were as given in the following table:-

	1956	
	Value (Rs)	% of total value
Sugar	289,307,517 @	98.41
Molasses	3,403,043	1.16
Tea	818,422	0.28
Ginger & suran	128,576	0.04
Aloe Fibre	41,310	0.01
Colonial Spirits	21,171	-
Miscellaneous	285,238	0.10
	294,005,277	100.00

@ Includes value of Colonial Sugar Preference Certificates (Rs 6,928,284).

The destination of the main domestic exports in 1956 were, in relative quantities:

	% of total quantity					
	Sugar	Molasses	Tea	Ginger & Suran	Aloe Fibre	Colonial Spirits
United Kingdom	79.62	74.05	90.13	-	-	-
Other Countries of the British Commonwealth	20.38	6.67	5.92	98.60	-	100.00
Foreign Countries	-	19.28	3.95	1.40	100.00	-
Total	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00

Re-exports and returned goods.

The value of re-exports and returned goods during the last five years was:-

Year	Re-exports	Returned Goods
	Rs	Rs
1952	2,517,296	75,490
1953	2,838,834	265,683
1954	2,482,520	69,131
1955	3,085,304	221,791
1956	3,173,665	899,490

There were in addition sales of bunker fuel & ships' stores to the value indicated below for the years 1952 - 1956:-

Year	Value
	000 Rs
1952	1,969
1953	2,342
1954	1,189
1955	1,167
1956	1,505

THE IMPORT TRADE

The value of the Import Trade in 1956 totalled 224.1 million rupees. The countries from which the principal 1956 imports were derived were:-

Country	Value (Rs)	Proportion to total %
United Kingdom	76,268,767	34.0
India	23,433,255	10.5
Burma	15,614,452	7.0
Australia	13,834,016	6.2
Union of South Africa	13,630,785	6.1
Belgium	12,789,745	5.7
France	8,077,940	3.6
Western Germany	6,646,789	3.0
Iran	5,658,754	2.5
United States of America	4,312,626	1.9
Hong Kong	3,740,658	1.7
Federation of Malaya (including Singapore)	3,591,396	1.6
Madagascar	2,890,013	113
Japan	2,665,911	1.2
Holland	2,490,259	1.1
Bahrein	2,443,132	1.1
Uganda	2,389,274	1.1
Chile	2,297,016	1.0
Portuguese East Africa	2,193,766	1.0
Italy	1,848,565	0.8
Siam	1,846,270	0.8
Aden	1,459,444	0.6
Pakistan	1,215,201	0.5
Other Sources	12,811,748	5.7
Total	224,149,482	100.0

CLASSIFICATION+ OF 1956 IMPORTS IN VALUE

	Value (Rs 000)	Proportion to total (%)
Section 0 Food	61,049	27.3+
" 1 Beverages and Tobacco	5,435	2.4
" 2 Crude Materials, Inedible except Fuels	7,880	3.5
" 3 Mineral Fuels, Lubricants & related materials	14,183	6.3
" 4 Animal & Vegetable Oils & Fats	8,989	4.0
" 5 Chemicals	27,322	12.2
" 6 Manufactured goods classified chiefly by materials	56,279	25.1
" 7 Machinery & Transport Equipment	27,821	12.4
" 8 Miscellaneous Manufactured Articles	14,870	6.7
" 9 Miscellaneous Transactions & Commodities (not elsewhere specified)	322	0.1
Total	224,150	100.0

QUANTUM & PRICE INDEXES OF IMPORTS BY SECTION+

(1952 = 100)

Section	1955		1956	
	Price	Quantum	Price	Quantum
0	83	138	77	115
1	96	134	98	119
2	78	250	89	262
3	82	83	76	123
4	74	132	85	178
5	93	141	94	136
6	81	117	79	112
7	102	111	106	79
8	90	164	92	147
Overall Index	86	126	84	116

+ According to the Standard International Trade Classification.

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CEREALS AND PULSES

The percentage value of cereals and pulses in the total food purchases was 65%. Rice constituted 70% and wheat flour 16% of the total value of cereals and pulses.

In respect of quantity, the importation in 1956 of cereals and pulses and certain other main food commodities, expressed as a percentage of the prewar average+ imports are:-

SITC++	Commodity	Quantity imported	% of prewar average imports
042 - 02	Rice	45,101 M/Tons	75.2
046 - 01	Wheat flour	17,012 "	189.0
054 - 02	Pulses	5,239 "	88.4
054 - 01	Potatoes	3,741 "	263.5
051 - 01 to 06	Fresh fruits	813 "	625.4
001 - 01	Live cattle for food*	6,183 Heads	127.5
031 - 02	Fish salted or pickled	694 M/Tons	128.5

* Beef supply

\+ The prewar average is computed from imports of 1936-1938.

EDIBLE OILS AND FATS

The relative quantities of edible oils and fats imported in 1956 are shown in the following table as a ratio to total quantity imported:-

SITC ++	Commodity	Quantity imported	% of total Quantity imported
412 - 03	Cotton seed oil	3,384 M/Tons	58.4
412 - 04	Groundnut oil	1,129 "	19.5
412 - 02	Soya Bean oil	102 "	1.8
412 - 05	Olive oil	17 "	0.3
412 - 09	Gingely & Mustard oils	8 "	0.1
412 - 19	Other oils from seeds, kernels, etc.	514 "	8.9
091 - 01	Margarine	571 "	9.9
091 - 02	Shortenings, lard, etc.	64 "	1.1
	Total	5,789	100.0

++ Standard International Trade Classification.

CRUDE MATERIALS AND MINERAL FUELS

The quantities of these materials imported in 1956 are expressed in the following table as a percentage of the prewar average imports:-

SITC+	Material	Quantity imported.	% of the prewar average imports
311 - 01	Coal	19,376 M/Tons	44.2
243 - 03	Timber	16,139 Cu. Metres	147.0
313 - 02	Kerosene	56,579 Hectols	195.1
313 - 01.2	Motor Spirit (petrol)	357,789 "	532.2
313 - 04	Lubricating oils	16,282 "	246.7
512 - 05	Turpentine	168 "	74.7
412 - 11	Castor oil	72 M/Tons	75.2
412 - 01	Linseed Oil	121 "	67.2

The relative proportions in the total imports of motor spirits (excluding aviation gasoline - 17,085 hectols) in reference to different sources of importation were:-

	Quantity imported (Hectolitres)	% of total
Iran	211,006	59.0
Bahrein	72,425	20.2
Aden	49,375	13.8
Saudi Arabia	24,966	7.0
Netherland West Indies	17	-
Total	357,789	100.0

MANUFACTURED GOODS

ROAD VEHICLES

The importation of road vehicles in 1956 as compared with the average prewar numbers was:-

SITC+	Type	Average pre-war number	1956 number	Ratio to prewar average
732 - 01	Motor cars	270	471	174.4
732 - 05) 732 - 03)	Motor chassis and lorries	75	133	177.3
732 - 02	Motor cycles	16	82	512.5
733 - 01	Bicycles	1,900	3,850	202.6

661 - 02+ Cement

The importation of cement in 1956 amounted to 38,135 metric tons or 591% of prewar average imported quantity.

+ Standard International Trade Classification.

MANUFACTURED GOODS (continued)

TEXTILES

The value of 1956 imports in textiles was made up in relative proportions as follows:-

	M A N U F A C T U R E S			
	Cotton	Woollen	Synthetic Fibres	Total
	Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs
Total value of imports	8,467,208	1,872,371	3,742,606	14,082,185
% of the total value of textile imports	60.1	13.3	26.6	100.0

As compared with prewar average the relative quantities of textiles imported in 1956 were:-

SITC+	Material	Quantity imported (Sq. Metres)	% of the prewar imports
652 - 01) 652 - 02)	Grey and white cotton piece goods Dyed or printed cotton piece goods	6,545,202	87.8
653 - 02	Woollen piece goods	160,008	122.1

552 - 02+ Soap

The quantity of common soap imported in 1956 was 2,916 metric tons representing 182% of prewar average.

+ Standard International Trade Classification.

DETAILS OF IMPORTED MERCHANDISE+

Division No.	Group No.	Item No.	Divisional Title description	Unit	Quantity	Value C.I.F. Unit = Rs 1,000
SECTION 0 FOOD						61,049
Live Animals						
00	001	001 - 01	Bovine Cattle	Head	6,183	2,171
"	001	001 - 02	Sheep and Lambs	"	100	10
"	001	001 - 04	Poultry	Number	13,364	17
Meat and Meat Preparations						
01	011	011 - 01 to 09	Frozen Meat	M/Ton	374	756
"	012	012 - 01	Bacon and Ham	"	32	205
"	012	012 - 01 to 03	Smoked, dried or salted meats	"	78	209
"	013	013 - 02 & 09	Canned Meat not in airtight containers.	"	159	643
"	013	013 - 01	Sausages of all kinds	"	24	113
Dairy Products, Eggs and Honey						
02	022	022 - 01 & 02	Milk dry, condensed & evaporated	"	1,632	3,595
"	023	023 - 01	Butter	"	244	1,348
"	023	023 - 01	Ghee (animal)	"	19	95
"	024	024 - 01	Cheese	"	94	435
"	025	025 - 01	Eggs in the shell	000	1,037	190
"	025	025 - 02	Eggs not in the shell, liquid, frozen or dried	M/Ton	3	7
"	026	026 - 01	Natural Honey	"	0.3	0.5
"	029	029 - 09	Milk Foods	"	156	701
"	029	029 - 09	Dairy Products N.E.S.@	"	27	142

+according to the Standard International Trade Classification.

@not elsewhere specified.

DETAILS OF IMPORTED MERCHANDISE (continued)

Division No.	Group No.	Item No.	Divisional title description	Unit	Quantity	Value C.I.F. Unit = Rs 1,000
SECTION 0 FOOD (continued)						
Fish and fish preparations						
03	031	031 - 01	Fish frozen	M/Ton	146	182
"	031	031 - 02	Fish salted, dried or smoked	"	694	1,242
"	031	031 - 03	Crustacea and Molluscs salted or dried	"	10	37
"	032	032 - 01	Canned fish	"	850	2,016
"	032	032 - 02	Fish & fish products not in airtight containers	"	13	14
Cereal and Cereal preparations						
04	041	041 - 01	Wheat and spelt unmilled	"	33	15
"	042	042 - 02	Rice	"	45,101	27,364
"	043	043 - 01	Barley, unmilled	"	9	3
"	044	044 - 01	Maize (corn) unmilled	"	1,678	733
"	045	045 - 02	Oats, unmilled	"	170	64
"	045	045 - 09	Cereals, unmilled N.E.S.@	"	29	22
"	046	046 - 01	Wheat flour	"	17,012	6,464
"	047	047 - 01	Meal and flour of rye	"	4	3
"	047	047 - 02	Meal and flour of maize (corn)	"	197	96
"	047	047 - 09	Meal and flour of cereals N.E.S.@	"	286	153
"	048	048 - 01	Groats and cereals: flaked, pearled or prepared in a manner not elsewhere specified ("prepared breakfast foods")	"	105	226
"	048	048 - 03	Macaroni, spaghetti, noodles, vermicelli & other similar preparations	"	70	129
"	048	048 - 04	Bakery products (bread, biscuits, cakes, etc.)	"	102	412
"	048	048 - 09	Preparation of cereals, flour and fecula for food (N.E.S.)@ (including malt flour)	"	27	81

@ Not elsewhere specified.

DETAILS OF IMPORTED MERCHANDISE (continued)

Division No.	Group No.	Item No.	Divisional title description	Unit	Quantity	Value C.I.F. Unit = Rs 1,000
SECTION 0 FOOD (continued)						
Fruits and Vegetables						
05	051	051 - 01 to 07	Fruits & nuts fresh (not including oil nuts)	M/Ton	829	671
"	052	052 - 01	Dried fruits including artificially dehydrated fruits	"	108	141
"	053	053 - 01 to 03	Fruit preserved and fruit preparations	"	74	152
"	053	053 - 04	Fruit juices	Hecto-litre	676	103
"	054	054 - 01	Potatoes not including sweet potatoes	M/Ton	3,741	1,514
"	054	054 - 02	Beans, peas, lentils & other legumes (pulses) dry including split	"	5,239	3,483
"	054	054 - 09	Fresh vegetables	"	669	384
"	055	055 - 01 to 04	Other fresh and dried vegetables	"	368	459
Sugar and Sugar Preparations						
06	061 062		Sugar and Sugar preparations	"	125	320
Coffee, Tea, Cocoa, Spices and Manufactures thereof						
07	071	071 - 01	Coffee not roasted	"	47	104
"	071	071 - 02	Coffee roasted including ground	"	2	12
"	071	071 - 03	Coffee extracts, coffee essences and similar preparations containing coffee	"	3	86
"	072	072 - 02	Cocoa powder	"	17	96
"	073	073 - 01	Chocolate and chocolate preparations	"	42	245
"	074	074 - 01	Tea	"	10	72
"	075	075 - 01 - 02	Spices	"	568	885

DETAILS OF IMPORTED MERCHANDISE (continued)

Division No.	Group No.	Item No.	Divisional title description	Unit	Quantity	Value C.I.F. Unit = Rs 1,000
SECTION 0 FOOD (continued)						
Feeding stuff for animals (not including unmilled cereals)						
08	081	081 - 01 - 04 & 09	Feeding stuffs for animals	M/Ton	1,264	509
Miscellaneous Food preparations						
09	091	091 - 01	Margarine	"	571	1,185
"	091	091 - 02	Shortenings, lard or lard substitutes, and similar edible fats	"	64	129
"	099	099 - 09	Vinegar	Hectol	47	13
"	099	099 - 09	Food preparations N.E.S.@	M/Ton	131	577
SECTION 1 BEVERAGES AND TOBACCO						
Non alcoholic beverages						5,435
11	111	111- 01	Non alcoholic beverages (including water but not including fruit or vegetable juices)			54
"	112	112 - 01	Wine ordinary	Hectol	3,000	598
"	112	112 - 01	Wine sparkling	"	162	131
"	112	112 - 02	Cider and fermented fruit juices N.E.S.@	"	442	37
"	112	112 - 03	Beer (including ale, stout, porter) & other fermented cereal beverages	"	14,300	1,321
"	112	112 - 04	Distilled alcoholic beverages	"	886	806

@Not elsewhere specified.

DETAILS OF IMPORTED MERCHANDISE (continued)

Division No.	Group No.	Item No.	Divisional title description	Unit	Quantity	Value C.I.F. Unit = Rs 1,000
SECTION 1 BEVERAGES & TOBACCO (continued)						
Tobacco and Tobacco Manufactures						
12	121	121 - 01	Tobacco unmanufactured	M/Ton	116	1,140
"	122	122 - 01 & 02	Cigars, cheeroots and cigarettes	"	74	1,119
"	122	122 - 03	Tobacco manufactured	"	0.4	9
SECTION 2 CRUDE MATERIALS, INEDIBLE, EXCEPT FUELS						7,880
Oil seeds, Oil Nuts and Oil Kernels						
22	221	221 - 01	Groundnuts	M/Ton	54	63
"	221	221 - 04	Soyabeans	"	10	7
"	221	221 - 05	Linseed	"	13	18
"	221	221 - 09	Oil Seeds & Nuts N.E.S.[@]	"	77	69
Crude Rubber including Synthetic & reclaimed						
23	231	231 - 01	Natural rubber, similar natural gums	"	6	25
Wood, Lumber and Cork.						
24	243	243 - 01	Railway sleepers	000	-	-
24	243	243 - 02 & 03	Lumber sawn, planed or dressed	Cu. metre	16,139	3,977
Pulp and Waste Paper						
25	251	251 - 01	Old newspapers	M/Ton	420	172

[@] Not elsewhere specified.

DETAILS OF IMPORTED MERCHANDISE (continued)

Division No.	Group No.	Item No.	Divisional title description	Unit	Quantity	Value C.I.F. Unit = Rs 1,000
SECTION 2 CRUDE MATERIALS, INEDIBLE, EXCEPT FUELS (continued)						
Textile Fibres (not manufactured into yarn, thread or fabrics) & waste						
26	263	263 - 03	Cotton waste	M/Ton	51	70
"	265	265 - 09	Vegetable textile fibres N.E.S.@	"	118	60
Crude Fertilizers and Crude Minerals, excluding Coal, Petroleum & Precious Stones						
27	271	271 - 01	Natural fertilizers of animal or vegetable origin, not chemically treated	"	5,306	503
"	271	271 - 02	Natural Sodium Nitrate	"	5,058	1,590
"	272	272 - 01	Natural asphalt	"	744	220
"	272	272 - 02	Sand (including ground quartz)	"	6	2
"	272	272 - 04	Clay	"	134	22
"	272	272 - 05	Salt (including salt put up for retail sale)	"	4	3
"	272	272 - 08	Building & monumental (dimension) stone	"	-	23
"	272	272 - 16	Graphite	"	1	2
"	272	272 - 12 & 19	Minerals, crude, including ice, N.E.S.@	"	108	20
Animal and Vegetable crude materials, inedible, N.E.S.@						
29	292	292 - 02	Natural gums, resins, balsam & lacs	"	33	56
"	292	292 - 03	Rattan	"	52	113
"	292	292 - 04	Plant seeds & flowers for use in medicine and perfumery	"	3	9
"	292	292 - 05	Seeds for planting	"	3	40
"	292	292 - 09	Kapok	"	7	17

@ not elsewhere specified.

DETAILS OF IMPORTED MERCHANDISE (continued)

Division No.	Group No.	Item No.	Divisional title description	Unit	Quantity	Value C.I.F. Unit = Rs 1,000
SECTION 3 MINERAL FUELS, LUBRICANTS & RELATED MATERIALS						14,183
Mineral Fuels, Lubricants and related Materials						
31	311	311 - 01	Coal	M/Ton	19,376	1,532
"	311	311 - 02	Coke	"	430	128
"	313	313 - 01.1	Aviation Gasoline	Hectol	17,058	591
"	313	313 - 01.2	Other Motor Spirits	"	357,789	5,118
"	313	313 - 02	Lamp Oil	"	56,579	1,759
"	313	313 - 03	Gas oil, diesel oil & other fuel oils	"	264,148	3,237
"	313	313 - 04.1	Lubricating oils, including mixtures with animal and vegetable lubricants	"	16,282	1,377
"	313	313 - 04.2	Lubricating greases	M/Ton	156	175
"	313	313 - 05	Mineral jelly & waxes	"	25	26
"	313	313 - 09.1	Pitch	"	895	227
"	313	313 - 09	Petroleum Products N.E.S.@	"	2	4
"	313	313 - 09	Turpentine Substitutes	"	15	9
SECTION 4 ANIMAL AND VEGETABLE OILS AND FATS						8,989
Animal and Vegetable Oils, Fats, Greases and Derivatives						
41	411	411 - 01	Oils from fish & other marine animals	M/Ton	4	7
"	411	411 - 02	Tallow & Cart grease	"	4	5
"	412	412 - 01	Linseed oil	"	121	290
"	412	412 - 02	Soya Bean oil	"	102	193
"	412	412 - 03	Cotton Seed oil	"	3,384	5,364
"	412	412 - 04	Groundnut oil	"	1,128	1,807
"	412	412 - 05	Olive oil	"	17	99
"	412	412 - 07	Coconut oil	"	-	-
"	412	412 - 11	Castor oil	"	72	140
"	412	412 - 19.1	Gingelly & Mustard Oils	"	8	18
"	412	412 - 19.2	Other vegetable oils	"	513	834

@ not elsewhere specified.

DETAILS OF IMPORTED MERCHANDISE (continued)

Division No.	Group No.	Item No.	Divisional Title description	Unit	Quantity	Value C.I.F. Unit = Rs 1,000
SECTION 4 ANIMAL AND VEGETABLE OILS AND FATS (continued)						
Animal and Vegetable Oils, Fats, Greases and Derivatives (continued)						
41	413	413 - 01	Oils, oxidized, blown or boiled	M/Ton	94	184
"	413	413 - 02	Hydrogenated oils and fats	"	0.3	1
"	413	413 - 04	Beeswax and other waxes of animal origin	"	2	9
SECTION 5 CHEMICALS						27,322
Chemical Elements and Compounds						
51	511	511 - 01	Inorganic Acid	M/Ton	69	85
"	511	511 - 03	Sodium Hydroxide	"	18	11
"	511	511 - 04	Sodium Carbonate	"	81	24
"	511	511 - 09	Inorganic Compounds N.E.S.@	"	274	270
"	512	512 - 01	Aliphatic & Other organic acids	"	3	7
"	512	512 - 03	Glycerine	"	1	3
"	512	512 - 05	Spirits of Turpentine	"	17	20
"	512	512 - 09	Organic Compounds N.E.S.@	"	19	64
Mineral Tar and Crude Chemicals from Coal, Petroleum and Mineral Gas						
52	521	521 - 01	Mineral Tar	"	52	20
"	521	521 - 02	Tar oils and Crude chemicals from coal, etc.	"	0.5	1
Dyeing, Tanning and Colouring Materials						
53	531	531 - 01.1	Coaltar Dyestuffs	"	3	5
"	531	531 - 01.2	Natural indigo	"	64	154

@ not elsewhere specified.

DETAILS OF IMPORTED MERCHANDISE (continued)

Division No.	Group No.	Item No.	Divisional title description	Unit	Quantity	Value C.I.F. Unit = Rs 1,000
SECTION 5 CHEMICALS (continued)						
Dyeing, Tanning and Colouring Materials (continued)						
53	532	532 - 01	Dyeing extracts	M/Ton	4	12
"	532	532 - 02 & 03	Tanning extracts	"	52	52
"	533	533 - 01 to 03	Pigments, Paints, varnishes and related materials	"	993	2,139
Medicinal and Pharmaceutical Products						
54	541	541 - 01 to 04	Medicinal alkaloids & derivatives	"	27	522
"	541	541 - 09	Other medicinal products N.E.S.@	"	307	2,585
Essential Oils, Perfume Materials, Toilet, Polishing & Cleansing Preparations						
55	551	551 - 01 & 02	Essential oils, perfumes & flavour materials	M/Ton	-	272
"	552	552 - 01	Dentifrices	"	25	302
"	552	552 - 02	Soap, common	"	2,916	3,038
"	552	552 - 02	Toilet soap	"	253	623
"	552	552 - 01	Perfumery, cosmetic & other toilet preparations	"	80	635
"	552	552 - 03	Waxes, polishes, pastes, etc.	"	151	480
Fertilizers Manufactured						
56	561	561 - 01 to 03 & 09	Fertilizers manufactured	"	39,718	13,806

@ not elsewhere specified.

DETAILS OF IMPORTED MERCHANDISE (continued)

Division No.	Group No.	Item No.	Divisional title description	Unit	Quantity	Value C.I.F. Unit = Rs 1,000
SECTION 5 CHEMICALS (continued)						
Explosives and Miscellaneous Chemical Materials and Products						
59	591	591 - 01	Cartridges			20
"	591	591 - 01 - 03	Explosives			119
"	599	599 - 01	Synthetic plastic materials			68
"	599	599 - 02	Disinfectants & Insecticides	M/Ton	553	1,562
"	599	599 - 03 & 04 & 09	Other chemical materials and products	"	154	421
SECTION 6 MANUFACTURED GOODS CLASSIFIED CHIEFLY BY MATERIAL						56,279
Leather, Leather Manufactures N.E.S.@ and Dressed Furs						
61	611	611 - 01	Leather	M/Ton	14	117
"	611	611 - 02	Artificial Leather	"	12	105
"	612	612 - 01 to 03	Machinery leather, Belting, Saddlery, Uppers, etc.	"	2	21
"	612	612 - 09	Manufactures of leather N.E.S.@	"	6	69
Rubber Manufactures N.E.S.@						
62	621	621 - 01	Rubber fabricated materials	"	80	516
"	629	629 - 01	Rubber tyres and tubes	"	-	3,250
"	629	629 - 02	Hygienic & medical articles of rubber	"	-	14
"	629	629 - 09	Rubber manufactured articles N.E.S.@	"	102	523
Wood and Cork manufactures (excluding furniture)						
63	631	631 - 02	Plywood		-	236
"	631	631 - 03	Fibreboards	M/Ton	192	256
"	631	631 - 09	Artificial or reconstituted wood		-	113
"	632	632 - 01	Boxes, cases, crates & Parts		-	4
"	632	632 - 02	Cooperage products			1
"	632	632 - 03	Shingles	000	283	105
"	632	632 - 03	Builders' woodwork		-	74
"	632	632 - 09	Manufactures of wood, N.E.S.@		-	83
"	633	633 - 01	Agglomerated cork materials	M/Ton	5	15
"	633	633 - 09	Corks & bungs	000	4,495	55
"	633	633 - 09	Articles of cork, N.E.S.@	[illegible]	-	19

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DETAILS OF IMPORTED MERCHANDISE (continued)

Division No.	Group No.	Item No.	Divisional title description	Unit	Quantity	Value C.I.F. Unit = Rs 1,000
SECTION 6 MANUFACTURED GOODS CLASSIFIED CHIEFLY BY MATERIAL (continued)						
Paper, paperboard and Manufactures thereof						
64	641	641 - 01	Newsprint	M/Ton	239	238
"	641	641 - 02	Printing & writing paper	"	189	376
"	641	641 - 03	Packing & wrapping paper	"	15	35
"	641	641 - 04	Paperboard	"	16	16
"	641	641 - 05	Building paperboard	"	55	53
"	641	641 - 06 & 07	Other paperboards	"	31	128
"	641	641 - 08	Wallpaper	"	2	6
"	641	641 - 11	Cigarette paper	"	28	114
"	641	641 - 12	Blotting paper	"	2	10
"	641	641 - 19	Muslin paper	"	15	56
"	641	641 - 19	Paper & Paperboard N.E.S.@	"	97	285
"	642	642 - 01 to 03 & 09	Articles made of paper, pulp, etc...	"	445	951
Textile Yarn, Fabrics, Made-up Articles and related products						
65	651	651 - 01	Silk yarn & thread	"	0.2	4
"	651	651 - 02	Yarn of wool & hair	"	4	112
"	651	651 - 03 & 04	Cotton yarn & thread	"	25	815
"	651	651 - 05 to 09	Yarn of textile fibres N.E.S.@	"	3	38
"	652	652 - 01	Cotton fabrics (grey)	000 Sq.Ms.	769	569
"	652	652 - 02	Cotton fabrics (other than grey)	"	5,776	7,898
"	653	653 - 01	Silk fabrics	"	1	11
"	653	653 - 02	Woollen & worsted fabrics	"	160	1,872
"	653	653 - 03	Linen, hemp fabrics	"	9	48
"	653	653 - 04	Fabrics of jute	"	60	127
"	653	653 - 05 - 06 - 07 - & 09	Other fabrics	"	2,217	3,763

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DETAILS OF IMPORTED MERCHANDISE (continued)

Division No.	Group No.	Item No.	Divisional title description	Unit	Quantity	Value C.I.F. Unit = Rs 1,000
SECTION 6 MANUFACTURES OF GOODS CLASSIFIED CHIEFLY BY MATERIAL (continued)						
Textile Yarn, Fabrics, Made-up Articles and related products (continued)						
65	654	654 - 01 to 04	Tulle, lace, etc.			661
"	655	655 - 01 to 04, 06 & 09	Special textile fabrics & related products			740
"	656	656 - 01	Jute bags	000	3,246	3,886
"	656	656 - 02	Tarpaulin, tents & canvas goods	M/Ton	11	135
"	656	656 - 03	Blankets & rugs	No.	38,685	347
"	656	656 - 04 - 05 & 09	Made-up household articles of textile materials	-	-	352
"	657	657 - 01 to 03	Carpets, floor rugs, mats, matting, etc.	-	-	95
"	657	657 - 04	Linoleum	000 Sq.Ms.	23	22
Non-Metallic Mineral Manufactures N.E.S.@						
66	661	661 - 01	Lime	M/Ton	173	42
"	661	661 - 02	Cement	"	38,135	5,366
"	661	661 - 03	Building stone (worked)			3
"	661	661 - 09	Building materials of asbestos	"	268	238
"	661	661 - 09	Building materials N.E.S.@	"	12	29
"	662	662 - 01 to 03	Clay construction materials	"	-	613
"	663	663 - 01 - 07 & 09	Mineral manufactures N.E.S.@ not including clay & glass			781
"	664	664 - 03	Glass sheets	000 Sq.Ms	98	424
"	664	664 - 04 to 08	Plate glass, etc.	"		324
"	665	665 - 01 - 02 & 09	Glassware			863
"	666	666 - 01	Table articles (earthenware)			12
"	666	666 - 02	Table articles (faience or fine earthenware)			189
"	666	666 - 03	Table articles (chinaware or porcelain)			148

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Division No.	Group No.	Item No.	Divisional title description	Unit	Quantity	Value C.I.F. Unit = Rs 1,000
SECTION 6 MANUFACTURES OF GOODS CLASSIFIED CHIEFLY BY MATERIAL (continued)						
Silver, Platinum, Gems and Jewellery						
67	671	671 - 01 & 02	Silver & platinum group metals			4
"	672	672 - 02	Precious & semi-precious stones cut but not set	No.	299	62
"	673	673 - 01 & 02	Jewellery, goldsmiths' & silversmiths' wares			456
Base Metals						
68	681	681 - 01	Pig iron	M/Ton	14	9
"	681	681 - 03	Ingots, blooms, slabs, etc.	"	4	6
"	681	681 - 04	Joists, girders, etc.	"	2,175	1,576
"	681	681 - 05	Universal plates & sheets uncoated	"	175	147
"	681	681 - 06	Hoops & strips not coated	"	6	5
"	681	681 - 07	Plates & Sheets coated	"	4,873	4,934
"	681	681 - 08 & 11	Tramway rails & tramway track construction accessories	"	639	457
"	681	681 - 12	Wire rods & wire	"	113	112
"	681	681 - 13	Steel tubes and fittings	"	563	649
"	681	681 - 14	Pipes & fittings	"	333	436
"	682	682 - 01	Copper & copper alloys unwrought	"	7	54
"	682	682 - 02	Copper & copper alloys wrought	"	89	580
"	684	684 - 02	Aluminium & aluminium alloys wrought	"	188	823
"	685	685 - 02	Lead & lead alloys worked	"	20	38
"	686	686 - 02	Zinc & zinc alloys worked	"	2	12
"	687	687 - 01	Solder	"	5	31
"	687	687 - 02	Tin & tin alloys worked	"	8	26
Ordnance						
69	691	691 - 02	Firearms, including revolvers			27

DETAILS OF IMPORTED MERCHANDISE (continued)

Division No.	Group No.	Item No.	Divisional title description	Unit	Quantity	Value C.I.F. Unit = Rs 1,000
SECTION 6 MANUFACTURES OF GOODS CLASSIFIED CHIEFLY BY MATERIAL (continued)						
Manufactured Metals						
69	699	699 - 01 & 02	Finished structural parts of metals	M/Ton	1,246	2,536
"	699	699 - 03	Wire cables and ropes of iron and steel	"	128	209
"	699	699 - 05 & 06	Wire netting, wire fencing, wire grills, wire mesh and barbed wire	"	177	280
"	699	699 - 07	Nails, bolts, washers, etc.	"	580	643
"	699	699 - 08	Needles & pins	"	2	29
"	699	699 - 11	Safes	"	9	34
"	699	699 - 12	Hand tools	"	80	544
"	699	699 - 13 to 15	Household utensils of all base metals	"	126	431
"	699	699 - 16	Table and kitchen knives			163
"	699	699 - 17	Cutlery			249
"	699	699 - 18	Hardware of metals	M/Ton	93	355
"	699	699 - 21	Metal containers	"	5	15
"	699	699 - 22	Stoves, furnaces, grates, etc.	"	24	123
"	699	699 - 29	Capsules for bottles & crown corks	000	26,486	280
"	699	699 - 29	Manufactures of metals N.E.S.@	M/Ton	427	1,337
SECTION 7 MACHINERY AND TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT						
Machinery, other than electric						27,821
71	711	711 - 01	Steam generating boilers	M/Ton	116	205
"	711	711 - 02	Boiler house plant & parts	"	224	741
"	711	711 - 03	Steam engines & parts	"	19	120
"	711	711 - 05	Diesel engines & parts	"	98	957
"	711	711 - 09	Engines N.E.S.@ & parts thereof	"	0.3	4
"	712	712 - 01	Ploughs	No.	4	63
"	712	712 - 01	Irrigation systems & parts thereof	M/Ton	4	65
"	712	712 - 01	Agricutural machinery & appliances for cultivation	"	90	203
"	712	712 - 02	Agricultural Machinery & appliances for harvesting	No.	22	31

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DETAILS OF IMPORTED MERCHANDISE (continued)

Division No.	Group No.	Item No.	Divisional title description	Unit	Quantity	Value C.I.F. Unit = Rs 1,000
SECTION 7 MACHINERY AND TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT (continued)						
Machinery other than electric (continued)						
71	712	712 - 09	Agricultural Machinery N.E.S.@	M/Ton	8	73
71	713	713 - 01	Tractors for agricultural purposes	Number	28	969
"	713	713 - 01	Parts of agricultural tractors			886
"	713	713 - 01	Tractors N.E.S.@ & parts	M/Ton	6	51
"	714	714 - 01	Typewriters	Number	201	66
"	714	714 - 02	Accounting, bookkeeping & calculating machines	M/Ton	5	275
"	715	715 - 01	Machine tools for working metals	"	4	39
"	715	715 - 02	Other metal working machinery	"	10	73
"	716	716 - 01	Pumps for liquids	"	37	445
"	716	716 - 02	Industrial trucks	Number	1	44
"	716	716 - 03	Bulldozers	"	7	218
"	716	716 - 03	Parts of bulldozers			24
"	716	716 - 03	Mobile cranes, parts & accessories	M/Ton	2	97
"	716	716 - 03	Hoisting machinery & parts	"	6	54
"	716	716 - 04	Wood working machinery	"	2	19
"	716	716 - 05	Pneumatic tools	"	1	15
"	716	716 - 07	Printing type & plates	"	5	35
"	716	716 - 07	Printing & bookbinding machinery & parts	"	15	101
"	716	716 - 08	Textile machinery & accessories	"	3	36
"	716	716 - 11	Sewing machines	Number	1,969	564
"	716	716 - 12	Air-conditioning & refrigerating equipment	M/Ton	3	36
"	716	716 - 13	Machinery & appliances N.E.S.@	"	255	1,139
"	716	716 - 14	Ball, needle and roller bearings	"	8	92
"	716	716 - 15	Machine parts & accessories N.E.S.@	"	755	3,097

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DETAILS OF IMPORTED MERCHANDISE (continued)

Division No.	Group No.	Item No.	Divisional title description	Unit	Quantity	Value C.I.F. Unit = Rs 1,000
SECTION 7 MACHINERY AND TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT (continued)						
Electrical Machinery, Apparatus and Appliances						
72	721	721 - 01	Electric generators, alternators, etc.	M/Ton	143	1,271
"	721	721 - 02	Electric batteries for motor vehicles	000	5	239
"	721	721 - 02	Electric batteries for torches	"	411	84
"	721	721 - 02	Electric batteries N.E.S.@	"	1,531	10
"	721	721 - 03	Bulbs for electric lighting	"	290	149
"	721	721 - 03	Bulbs for motor vehicles	"	34	20
"	721	721 - 03	Bulbs for torches and hand lamps	"	74	2
"	721	721 - 03	Bulbs, arc lamps & tubes for electric lighting N.E.S.@		16	31
"	721	721 - 04	Radio apparatus	Number	2,892	957
"	721	721 - 05	Apparatus for telephony & telegraphy	M/Ton	3	46
"	721	721 - 06	Electric domestic appliances	"	19	198
"	721	721 - 07	Electric appliances for vehicles	"	20	644
"	721	721 - 08	Apparatus for measuring & controlling energy	"	13	287
"	721	721 - 11	Electric apparatus for medical purposes	"	1	23
"	721	721 - 12	Portable electric domestic appliances	"	24	227
"	721	721 - 12	Portable electric tools	"	4	64
"	721	721 - 13	Insulated cable & wire for electricity	"	107	581
"	721	721 - 19	Electrical machinery, apparatus & appliances N.E.S.@	"	572	3,191
Transport Equipment						
73	731	731 - 01	Tramway locomotives, steam	Number	1	65
"	731	731 - 03	Tramway locomotives, except steam and electric	"	4	329

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DETAILS OF IMPORTED MERCHANDISE (continued)

Division No.	Group No.	Item No.	Divisional title description	Unit	Quantity	Value C.I.F. Unit = Rs 1,000
SECTION 7 MACHINERY AND TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT (continued)						
Transport Equipment (continued)						
73	731	731 - 06	Tramway cars	M/Ton	53	74
"	731	731 - 07	Parts of railway rolling stock	"	14	18
"	731	731 - 07	Parts of tramway rolling stock	"	243	428
"	732	732 - 01	Motor cars	Number	471	3,281
"	732	732 - 02	Motor cycles	"	82	81
"	732	732 - 03	Buses, trucks, lorries	"	90	1,016
"	732	732 - 05	Motor chassis	"	43	469
"	732	732 - 06	Bodies, chassis, frames & other parts for motor vehicles	M/Ton	264	2,025
"	732	732 - 07	Parts of motor cycles	M/Ton	2	45
"	733	733 - 01	Bicycles	Number	3,850	526
"	733	733 - 02	Parts of bicycles	M/Ton	28	173
"	733	733 - 09	Road vehicles including trailers N.E.S.@ and parts thereof			308
"	734	734 - 03	Parts of aircraft	M/Ton	0.4	85
"	735	735 - 09	Ships & boats N.E.S.@			25
SECTION 8 MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES						14,870
81	811	811 - 01	Prefabricated buildings & parts	M/Ton	273	293
"	812	812 - 02 & 03	Sinks, washbasins, bidets, etc.			545
"	812	812 - 04	Lighting fixtures of all materials	M/Ton	22	169
Furniture and Fixtures						
82	821	821 - 01	Wood furniture & fixtures			573
"	821	821 - 02	Metal furniture & fixtures			887
"	821	821 - 09	Furniture & fixtures of rattan			28
"	821	821 - 09	Furniture & fixtures N.E.S.@			121

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DETAILS OF IMPORTED MERCHANDISE (continued)

Division No.	Group No.	Item No.	Divisional title description	Unit	Quantity	Value C.I.F. Unit = Rs 1,000
SECTION 8 MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (continued)						
Travel Goods, Hand Bags and similar articles						
83	831	831 - 01	Travel goods of all materials			90
"	831	831 - 02	Handbags, wallets, purses, etc.			176
Clothing						
84	841	841 - 01	Stockings & hose	000 Pairs	487	485
"	841	841 - 02 & 04	Pyjamas			86
"	841	841 - 02 & 04	Underwear			346
"	841	841 - 03 & 05	Outwear			486
"	841	841 - 05	Shirts	000	269	712
"	841	841 - 06	Leather coats & other leather clothing	-	-	4
"	841	841 - 07	Clothing of impermeable materials		-	37
"	841	841 - 08 & 11	Hats	000	62	233
"	841	841 - 11	Caps	"	16	31
"	841	841 - 12	Gloves & mittens	Pair	7,365	21
"	841	841 - 19	Handkerchiefs	000	264	130
"	841	841 - 19	Clothing N.E.S.[@]			858
Footwear						
85	851	851 - 01	Slippers & house footwear of all materials except rubber	000 pairs	16	56
"	851	851 - 02	Footwear wholly or mainly of leather	"	80	655
"	851	851 - 03	Footwear wholly or mainly of textile materials (excluding canvas shoes)	"	2	4

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DETAILS OF IMPORTED MERCHANDISE (continued)

Division No.	Group No.	Item No.	Divisional title description	Unit	Quantity	Value C.I.F. Unit = Rs 1,000
SECTION 8 MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (continued)						
Footwear (continued)						
85	851	851 - 04	Rubber footwear (including canvas shoes)	000 pairs	192	1,335
"	851	851 - 09	Footwear N.E.S.@			3
Professional, Scientific & Controlling Instruments, Photographic & Optical Goods, Watches and Clocks						
86	861	861 - 01	Optical instruments and appliances			101
"	861	861 - 02	Cinematograph projectors			71
"	861	861 - 02	Photographic & Cinematographic apparatus N.E.S.@			124
"	861	861 - 03	Surgical, medical & dental instruments & appliances N.E.S.@			79
"	861	861 - 09	Measuring, controlling and scientific instruments N.E.S.@			332
"	862	862 - 01	Films, plates & paper for photography			99
"	862	862 - 02	Cinematographic films not exposed			31
"	862	862 - 03	Chemical products for use in photography	M/Ton	2	5
"	863	863 - 01	Cinematographic films exposed	000 metres	1,051	723
"	864	864 - 01	Watches	000	9	266
"	864	864 - 02	Clocks	"	8	139
Miscellaneous Manufactured Articles N.E.S.@						
89	891	891 - 01	Phonographs	No.	758	151
"	891	891 - 02	Phonograph records	000	55	190
"	891	891 - 03 & 09	Musical Instruments N.E.S.@			99
"	892	892 - 09	Commercial publicity material			76
"	892	892 - 09	Books, publications and documents			69
"	892	892 - 09	Printed matter on paper or cardboard N.E.S.@			726
"	899	899 - 01	Candles	M/Ton	123	192
"	899	899 - 01	Tapers	"	15	94
"	899	899 - 02	Matches	000 gross boxes	103	305
"	899	899 - 03	Umbrellas & parasols	000	15	40

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DETAILS OF IMPORTED MERCHANDISE (continued)

Division No.	Group No.	Item No.	Divisional title description	Unit	Quantity	Value C.I.F. Unit = Rs 1,000
SECTION 8 MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (continued)						
Miscellaneous Manufactured Articles N.E.S.@ (continued)						
89	899	899 - 04	Artificial flowers & prepared ornaments			21
"	899	899 - 05	Buttons & studs			123
"	899	899 - 06	Fancy carved articles			12
"	899	899 - 07	Table & other household articles made of plastic			21
"	899	899 - 08	Refrigerators	Number	244	242
"	899	899 - 11	Articles made of plastic N.E.S.@			221
"	899	899 - 12	Articles of basketwork or of wickerwork N.E.S.@			14
"	899	899 - 13	Brooms & brushes			146
"	899	899 - 14	Sports goods (excluding arms & ammunition)			189
"	899	899 - 15	Playing cards	000 Packs	48	33
"	899	899 - 15	Baby carriages	Number	419	20
"	899	899 - 15	Toys & games N.E.S.@			594
"	899	899 - 16	Fountain pens & pencil holders			221
"	899	899 - 17	Office supplies (not paper) N.E.S.@	M/Ton	36	159
"	899	899 - 18	Pipes, cigar holders & cigarette holders			9
"	899	899 - 21	Works of art & collectors' pieces			4
"	899	899 - 99	Mechanical lighters	000	2	7
"	899	899 - 99	Manufactured articles N.E.S.@			560
SECTION 9 MISCELLANEOUS TRANSACTIONS AND COMMODITIES N.E.S.@						322
Live Animals not for Food						
92	921	921 - 09	Live animals (not for food)	Number	4,070	194

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Division No.	Group No.	Item No.	Divisional title description	Unit	Quantity	Value C.I.F. Unit = Rs 1,000
SECTION 9 MISCELLANEOUS TRANSACTIONS AND COMMODITIES N.E.S.@ (continued)						
Returned Goods and Special Transactions						
93	931	931 - 02	Baggage and personal effects			128
G O L D						
A	A	A - 3	Gold sheets			74

SUMMARY OF IMPORTS‡ IN VALUE

Section No.		Description	Value C. I. F. Unit = Rs 1,000
SITC	0	Food	61,049
	1	Beverages and Tobacco	5,435
	2	Crude Materials, Inedible, except Fuels	7,880
	3	Mineral Fuels, Lubricants and related materials	14,183
	4	Animal and Vegetable Oils and Fats	8,989
	5	Chemicals	27,321
	6	Manufactured Goods Classified chiefly by Material	56,279
	7	Machinery and Transport Equipment	27,821
	8	Miscellaneous Manufactured Articles	14,870
	9	Miscellaneous Transactions and Commodities N.E.S.@	322
	A	Gold	74
		Grand Total	224,023

NOTE: Returned Goods amounting to Rs 899,490 included in Imports.

‡Including Imports by the Colonial Government. @ Not elsewhere specified.

DETAILS OF EXPORTED MERCHANDISE (including RE-EXPORTS) 1956

Exports of domestic produce are indicated by +

Division No.	Group No.	Item No.	Divisional title description	Unit	Quantity	Value F.O.B. Unit = Rs 1,000
SECTION 0 FOOD						286,863
Meat and Meat Preparations						
01	011 012 013		Meat and meat preparations	M/Ton	1	6
Dairy Products, Eggs and Honey						
02	022	022 - 01	Milk and cream evaporated and condensed	"	1	3
02	023	023 - 01	Butter fresh	"	7	30
Fish and Fish Preparations						
03	031	031 - 03	Crustacea & Molluscs	"	8	2
03	032	032 - 02	Fish canned & fish preparations	"	0.5	2
Cereals and Cereal Preparations						
04	046 048		Cereals and cereal preparations	"	2	2
Fruits and Vegetables						
05	051	051 - 01, 05 &06	Fresh fruits	"	72	81
05	054	054 - 09	Ginger, suran, sweet potatoes +	"	307	129
05	054	054 - 09	Other fresh vegetables	"	6	3
Sugar and Sugar Preparations						
06	061	061 - 01	Sugar not refined+	"	536,341	280,588
06	061	061 - 02	Sugar refined +	"	3,637	1,792
06	061	061 - 03	Molasses Inedible +	"	52,694	3,403
Coffee, Tea, Cocoa, Spices and Manufactures thereof						
07	074	074 - 01	Tea +	"	152	818
Miscellaneous Food Preparations						
09	099	099 - 09	Food Preparations N.E.S.@		-	4

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Division No.	Group No.	Item No.	Divisional title description	Unit	Quantity	Value F.O.B. Unit = Rs 1,000
SECTION 1 BEVERAGES AND TOBACCO						9
Alcoholic Beverages						
11	112	112 - 01 & 04	Alcoholic beverages			9
SECTION 2 CRUDE MATERIALS, INEDIBLE, EXCEPT FUELS						1,611
Hides, Skins, and Fur Skins undressed						
21	211	211 - 01 & 04	Hides & Skins undressed	M/Tons	20	15
Oil Seeds, Oil Nuts and Oil Kernels						
22	221	221 - 02	Copra	"	200	184
Wood Shaped or Simply Worked						
24	243	243 - 01 & 03	Lumber (including sleepers) sawn or planed	C/Metres	7	1
24	244	244 - 01	Cork	M/Tons	4	7
Textile Fibres not manufactured into yarn, thread or fabric and waste						
26	265	265 - 02	Hemp and hemp tow & waste +	"	17	9
"	265	265 - 04	Aloe Fibre +	"	82	41
Metalliferrous Ores and Metal Scrap						
28	282	282 - 01	Iron & Steel scrap	M/Tons	6,656	606
"	284	284 - 01	Non-ferrous metal scrap	"	519	745
Animal and Vegetable Crude Materials N.E.S.@						
29	291	291 - 01	Animal Crude Material N.E.S.@			3
SECTION 3 MINERAL FUELS, LUBRICANTS AND RELATED PRODUCTS						32
31	313	313 - 01	Motor spirit (other than aviation gasoline)	Hectol	16	0.5
31	313	313 - 02	Petroleum lamp oil	"	10	0.5
"	313	313 - 03	Gas oil & diesel oil	"	2,844	28
"	313	313 - 04	Lubricating oils	"	41	0.6
"	"	"	Lubricating greases	M/Tons	3	3
SECTION 4 ANIMAL AND VEGETABLE OILS AND FATS						1
41	412	412 - 09	Oils from seeds, nuts and kernels	M/Tons	0.8	1

@ not elsewhere specified.

DETAILS OF EXPORTED MERCHANDISE (including RE-EXPORTS) (continued)

Division No.	Group No.	Item No.	Divisional title description	Unit	Quantity	Value F.O.B. Unit = Rs 1,000
SECTION 5 CHEMICALS						29
Chemical Elements and Compounds						
51	512	512 - 02	Ethyl alcohol +	Hectol	255	21
"	"	512 - 02	Methyl alcohol +	"	38	2
Pigments, paints, varnishes and related materials						
53	533	533 - 03	Prepared paints	M/Ton	0.5	1
Essential Oils and Perfume Materials, Polishing and Cleansing Preparations						
55	552	552 - 01	Perfumery and other toilet preparations except soap	"	0.1	1
Miscellaneous Chemical Materials and Products						
59	599	599 - 09	Chemical materials N.E.S.@	"		4
SECTION 6 MANUFACTURED GOODS CLASSIFIED CHIEFLY BY MATERIAL						
Rubber Manufactured Articles N.E.S.@						
62	629	629 - 01	Rubber tyres and tubes	Number	100	19
63			Wood & cork manufactures (excluding furniture)			2
Textile Yarn, Fabrics and Made-up articles and Related Products						
65	652	652 - 02	Cotton fabrics	Sq.Metre	4	7
"	653	653 - 02	Woollen and worsted fabrics	"	1	8
"	656	656 - 01	Bags & sacks for packing	000	604	446
"	656	656 - 03	Blankets & covering rugs	"	2	4
Non-Metallic Mineral Manufactures, N.E.S.@						
66	665	665 - 01 to 09	Glassware			1
Silver, Platinum, Gems and Jewellery						
67	671	671 - 01	Silver unworked & partly worked			7
67	673	673 - 01	Jewellery, Goldsmiths & Silversmiths' wares			45

DETAILS OF EXPORTED MERCHANDISE (including RE-EXPORTS) (continued)

Division No.	Group No.	Item No.	Divisional title description	Unit	Quantity	Value F.O.B. Unit = Rs 1,000
SECTION 6 MANUFACTURED GOODS CLASSIFIED CHIEFLY BY MATERIAL (continued)						
Base Metals						
68	681	681 - 14	Pipes & fittings	M/Ton	4	9
"	685	685 - 01	Lead and lead alloy unwrought	"	3	4
"	685	685 - 02	Lead sheets, pipes and tubes	"	3	2
Manufactures of Metals N.E.S.@						
69	699	699 - 12	Hand tools	"	0.6	2
"	699	699 - 21	Metal containers			13
"	699	699 - 29	Manufactured goods N.E.S.@	"	-	22
SECTION 7 MACHINERY AND TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT						268
Machinery other than electric						
71	711	711 - 01	Steam generating boilers			1
"	711	711 - 05	Diesel engines and parts	M/Ton	0.1	4
72	712	712 - 01	Ploughs and Parts thereof	"	4	43
"	713	713 - 01	Agricultural tractors	"	2	25
"	714	714 - 02	Calculating machines	"	0.1	6
"	716	716 - 08	Textile Machinery & Accessories	"		1
"	716	716 - 13	Machinery & Appliances N.E.S.@	"	17	70
"	716	716 - 15	Machine parts & accessories N.E.S.@	"		3
Electric Machinery, Apparatus & Appliances						
72	721	721 - 04	Radio Apparatus			9
"	721	721 - 19	Electrical Machinery, Apparatus & Appliances	"	5	28

@ Not elsewhere specified.

DETAILS OF EXPORTED MERCHANDISE (including RE-EXPORTS) (continued)

Division No.	Group No.	Item No.	Divisional title description	Unit	Quantity	Value F.O.B. Unit = Rs 1,000
SECTION 7 MACHINERY AND TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT (continued)						
Transport equipment						
73	732	732 - 01	Motor cars	Number	4	19
"	732	732 - 06	Motor chassis	M/Ton	2	13
"	734	734 - 03	Parts of aircraft	"	0.5	47
SECTION 8 MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES						481
82	821	821 - 01 & 09	Furniture and Fixtures	-	-	4
83	831	831 - 01 & 02	Travel goods of leather and imitation leather			5
Clothing						
84	841	841 - 05	Shirts	Number	1,082	2
"	841	841 - 09	Clothing N.E.S.@			2
Footwear						
85	851	851 - 04	Rubber footwear	000 pairs	2	9
Scientific, Medical, Optical, Measuring and Controlling Instruments and Apparatus						
86	861	861 - 02	Photographic and cinematographic apparatus and appliances			6
"	863	863 - 01	Cinematographic films exposed	000 Metres	1,597	421

@ Not elsewhere specified.

DETAILS OF EXPORTED MERCHANDISE (including RE-EXPORTS) (continued)

Division No.	Group No.	Item No.	Divisional title description	Unit	Quantity	Value F.O.B. Unit = Rs 1,000
SECTION 8 MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES (continued)						
Miscellaneous Manufactured Articles N.E.S.@						
89	892	892 - 01	Books and pamphlets			8
"	892	892 - 02	Newspapers and periodicals	M/Ton	2	5
"	892	892 - 04	Pictures and designs			-
"	892	892 - 09	Printed matter on cardboard and paper N.E.S.@			0.2
"	899	899 - 15	Toys and games			2
"	899	899 - 99	Manufactured articles N.E.S.@			17
SECTION 9 MISCELLANEOUS TRANSACTIONS AND COMMODITIES N.E.S.@						1,265
Postal Packages						
91	911	911 - 01	Postal packages			160
92	921	921 - 01	Horses			5
Returned Goods and special Transactions						
93	931	931 - 01	Returned goods			900
"	931	931 - 02	Baggage			200
S I L V E R						
	B	B - 2	Silver Coins	M/Ton		NIL
						NIL

@ Not elsewhere specified.

SUMMARY OF EXPORTS IN VALUE

Section No.	Description	Value F.O.B. Unit = Rs 1,000
SITC+ 0	Food	286,863
1	Beverages and Tobacco	9
2	Crude Materials, Inedible, except Fuels	1,611
3	Mineral Fuels, Lubricants and related materials	32
4	Animal and Vegetable Oils & Fats	1
5	Chemicals	29
6	Manufactured Goods classified chiefly by materials	591
7	Machinery and Transport Equipment	268
8	Miscellaneous Manufactured Articles	481
9	Miscellaneous Transactions and Commodities N.E.S.@	1,265
B	Silver	Nil
	Grand total	291,150

NOTE:- Returned Goods amounting to Rs 899,490 included in Exports.

Value of Preference Certificates on Sugar amounting to Rs 6,928,284 excluded from Exports.

@ Not elsewhere specified.

+ Standard International Trade Classification

DOMESTIC TRADE

The following table gives a summary of imports from and exports to the Dependencies + of Mauritius during the year 1956:

In Rupees

Section No.	Divisional title description	Imports	Exports
SITC 0	Food	1,855,261	1,382,452
1	Beverages and Tobacco	641	730,734
2	Crude Materials, Inedible except Fuels	1,056,080	180,233
3	Mineral Fuels, Lubricants and related materials	Nil	97,276
4	Animal and Vegetable Oils and Fats	4,900	155,845
5	Chemicals	Nil	234,193
6	Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	522	751,408
7	Machinery and Transport	Nil	93,205
8	Miscellaneous Manufactured Articles	1,495	369,138
9	Miscellaneous Transactions and Commodities N.E.S.@	6,356	24,044
B	Silver Coins and current notes	Nil	Nil
	Total	2,925,255	4,018,528

+ Rodrigues, Chagos Archipelago, Agalega, St. Brandon.

@ Not elsewhere specified.

SUGAR SALES 1940 - 1956

In Metric tons

Crop Years	SUGAR EXPORTED		LOCAL SALES		Total Sales
	Raw Sugar	White Sugar	Raw Sugar	White Sugar	
1940	276,403	27,433	-	19,941	314,777
1941	276,308	34,093	-	12,640	323,041
1942	261,484	52,444	3,243	11,652	328,823
1943	259,298	28,848	12,543	7,196	307,885
1944	154,962	23,675	6,794	13,314	198,745
1945	117,073	3,590	7,670	10,160	138,493
1946	244,473	27,192	7,189	12,104	290,958
1947	310,310	18,379	7,999	10,899	347,587
1948	365,848	7,449	7,036	11,018	391,351
1949	396,865	-	7,484	11,601	415,950
1950	434,901	-	9,220	12,570	456,691
1951	464,143	-	6,925	11,018	484,086
1952	444,353	4,520	6,823	12,587	468,283
1953	490,166	51	8,373	13,633	512,225
1954	476,503	30	7,230	14,979	498,742
1955	508,685	2,119	5,717	16,820	533,341
1956	546,398	2,098	6,857	17,159	572,512

PRICES

SALES PROCEEDS OF SUGAR PER METRIC TON

Crop Year	C.I.F. Value	F.O.B. Value	Value of special colonial preference+	Total export value	Index (1938 = 100)	Local sales value	Index (1938 = 100)	Total sales value	Index (1938 = 100)
	Rs per M/Ton	Rs per M/Ton	Rs per M/Ton	Rs per M/Ton		Rs per M/Ton		Rs per M/Ton	
1938 - 39	137.92	115.05	15.99	131.03	100	160.93	100	132.27	100
1939 - 40	137.68	127.46	22.77	150.23	115	160.95	100	151.33	114
1940 - 41	172.87	151.63	16.46	168.09	128	179.78	112	169.18	128
1941 - 42	173.70	152.45	15.98	168.43	129	179.88	112	169.32	128
1942 - 43	202.86	181.05	15.62	196.67	150	189.48	118	196.80	149
1943 - 44	202.89	180.95	17.28	198.26	151	168.28	105	196.72	149
1944 - 45	252.53	230.06	27.75	257.81	197	221.50	138	255.24	193
1945 - 46	360.10	337.80	40.49	378.29	289	245.28	152	362.20	274
1946 - 47	291.99	269.74	18.21	287.95	220	291.41	181	288.84	218
1947 - 48	343.05	320.53	14.82	335.35	256	341.62	212	336.18	254
1948 - 49	363.38	340.68	13.00	353.68	270	355.60	221	354.56	268
1949 - 50	367.21	364.94	12.18	377.12	288	370.51	230	377.34	285
1950 - 51	424.55	401.34	12.09	413.43	316	359.91	224	411.75	311
1951 - 52	478.24	454.04	11.95	465.99	356	356.75	222	463.24	350
1952 - 53	518.20	497.78	14.63	513.40	392	369.85	230	507.45	384
1953 - 54	549.27	523.78	17.25	541.86	414	365.96	227	534.31	404
1954 - 55	530.91	505.73	19.82	526.31	402	372.87	232	519.48	393
1955 - 56	527.85	495.07	18.86	514.80	393	381.96	237	509.19	385

+ Including Canadian Pool.

The whole of the sugar production of the Colony is at present sold through the medium of the Mauritius Sugar Syndicate, so that all producers are receiving the same average price per ton. The Syndicate makes no charge for its services, beyond the bare cost of salaries and office expenses. The Syndicate does not handle the sale of alcohol or any other by-products of the Sugar Industry.

Raw sugar in excess of 99° polarisation is liable to a higher customs' duty in the United Kingdom and in Canada than sugar exceeding 98° to a maximum of 99°. Out of the saleable sugar crop, a guaranteed quota of 356,600 metric tons is sold to the United Kingdom Ministry of Food according to the terms of the Commonwealth Sugar Agreement, and the balance is sold on the World Market. On sugar sold to the Ministry of Food, the Syndicate is only responsible for freight at pre-war rate, the Ministry of Food paying all difference. The Syndicate is, on the other hand, responsible for effecting the Marine Insurance on all exported sugar.

The sale of sugar on the overseas market is liable to a local Merchants' Commission of 2/3% of the c.i.f. value, and to a Brokers' Commission of 1/3% on sugar sold to the Ministry of Food and ½% on sugar sold on the World Market. The following table gives in relative proportions the cost of these services per ton of sugar sold on the foreign Market:-

CROP YEAR

	1953 - 1954		1954 - 1955		1955 - 1956	
	Rs	%	Rs	%	Rs	%
Freight	21.94	75.6	21.81	76.2	29.40	81.1
Insurance	1.63	5.6	1.49	5.2	1.42	3.9
London Brokerage	1.92	6.6	1.88	6.6	1.95	5.4
Shippers' Commission	3.53	12.2	3.43	12.0	3.49	9.6
Total	29.02	100.0	28.61	100.0	36.26	100.0

Brokerage and commission are also payable by producers to Port Louis brokers through whom the Syndicate distributes the proceeds but this is not considered to be a marketing expense in the proper sense.

MARKETING CHARGES FOR OVERSEAS SALES
(% of total value@ of crop exported)

CROP YEAR

1953 - 1954	1954 - 1955	1955 - 1956
5.1	5.2	6.6

@ C.I.F. Value plus Value of Preference Certificates.

EXTERNAL TRADE

Metric Tons

GROSS FREIGHT TONNAGE OF EXPORTS AND IMPORTS - 1956

Period ending	Imports	Exports	Total exports & imports
8/1	7,817	13,774	21,591
15/1	12,306	14,573	26,879
22/1	3,205	15,124	18,329
29/1	1,216	7,909	9,125
5/2	2,124	12,465	14,589
12/2	3,153	13,409	16,562
19/2	3,049	17,859	20,908
26/2	11,417	2,396	13,813
4/3	5,102	9,275	14,377
11/3	2,170	10,281	12,451
18/3	3,564	20,293	23,857
25/3	9,731	8,996	18,727
1/4	8,106	2,052	10,158
8/4	7,909	127	8,036
15/4	6,866	695	7,561
22/4	2,776	1,256	4,032
29/4	715	2,349	3,064
6/5	9,982	62	10,044
13/5	2,291	43	2,334
20/5	2,506	141	2,647
27/5	1,642	51	1,693
3/6	8,456	1,066	9,522
10/6	14,383	1,438	15,821
17/6	11,610	779	12,389
24/6	8,962	414	9,376
1/7	9,143	123	9,266
8/7	675	71	746
15/7	5,620	48	5,668
22/7	5,280	5,061	10,341
29/7	16,367	6,545	22,912
5/8	14,390	10,213	24,603
12/8	8,785	15,067	23,852
19/8	5,104	17,078	22,182
26/8	7,549	4,669	12,218
2/9	12,284	21,835	34,119
9/9	7,206	18,145	25,351
16/9	758	17,270	18,028
23/9	3,296	28,371	31,667
30/9	4,279	21,482	25,761
7/10	14,414	26,695	41,109
14/10	20,158	24,495	44,653
21/10	2,155	27,144	29,299
28/10	4,952	23,036	27,988
4/11	7,383	12,987	20,370
11/11	8,819	30,380	39,199
18/11	4,951	33,121	38,072
25/11	1,363	22,663	24,026
2/12	7,061	15,251	22,312
9/12	10,434	16,059	26,493
16/12	6,836	28,878	35,714
23/12	3,939	30,250	34,189
31/12	7,363	5,888	13,251
Total	351,622	619,652	971,274
Imports from & exports to Dependencies	7,157	5,409	12,566
Grand total of Exports & Imports	358,779	625,061	983,840

Number of persons in possession of a licence to exercise the various trades
(by industrial groups)

ISIC+		Number
01	Agriculture & Livestock Production	1
19	Non-metallic mining and quarrying not elsewhere classified	8
20	Food manufacturing industries, except beverage industries	5
21	Beverage industries	58
22	Tobacco manufactures	2
28	Printing, publishing and allied industries	44
29	Manufacture of leather and leather products, except footwear	8
31	Manufacture of chemicals and chemical products	17
33	Manufacture of non-metallic mineral products except products of petroleum and coal	49
34	Basic metal industries	124
35	Manufacture of metal products, except machinery and and transport equipment	61
39	Miscellaneous manufacturing industries	164
40	Construction	59
52	Water and sanitary services	7
61	Wholesale and retail trade	10,361
62	Banks and other financial institutions	8
63	Insurance	74
64	Real estate	89
71	Transport	49
72	Storage and warehousing	45
82	Community and business services	120
83	Recreation services	110
84	Personal services	1,748
	Total	13,224

+International Standard Industrial Classification.

CONSUMERS' PRICE INDEXES

Basic Period: 1948 = 100

Month \ Class	1955 Manual Workers	1955 Clerical	1955 Executive	1955 Administrative	1956 Manual Workers	1956 Clerical	1956 Executive	1956 Administrative
January	129	129	129	129	125	128	128	129
February	131	131	130	130	125	128	128	129
March	133	132	132	131	125	128	128	128
April	132	131	131	130	125	128	128	128
May	128	130	130	130	126	129	129	129
June	126	128	128	128	126	129	129	129
July	125	127	127	128	126	129	129	129
August	125	127	127	128	127	129	129	129
September	125	127	127	128	130	130	130	129
October	124	126	126	128	131	131	131	129
November	124	126	126	128	132	132	132	131
December	125	127	127	128	131	131	131	131

Range of monthly household expenditure

Manual Workers: up to Rs 300

Clerical Class: up to Rs 550

Executive Class: Rs 550 - Rs 1,000

Administrative Class: Over Rs 1,000

The above indexes are based on the findings of a survey of household expenditure effected at the beginning of 1952.

COMPARATIVE RETAIL MARKET PRICES IN 1948 AND IN 1956

1. FOOD (a) Grains and cereals comprising rice, maize, flour, lentils, dholl and beans.

Commodity	Unit of Quantity	1948 Maximum Rs	1948 Minimum Rs	1956 Maximum Rs	1956 Minimum Rs
Flour	kg	0.56(c)	0.52(c)	0.60(c)	0.52(c)
Bread	200 grms.	0.13(c)	0.12(c)	0.17(c)	0.17(c)
Biscuits (local)	100	1.00	0.80	1.50	1.00
Biscuits (imported)	½kg	4.00	2.50	4.25	3.00
Rice (imported)	kg	0.70(c)	0.62(c)	0.90	0.60
Paddy	"	1.40	0.60	0.70	0.60
Maize rice	"	0.50	0.50	0.60	0.60
Macaroni (local)	"	0.98	0.98	1.52	1.10
Macaroni (imp.)	"	1.80	1.76	2.40	2.00
Vermicelli (local)	"	0.98	0.98	1.52	1.10
Lentils (black)	"	0.62	0.62	2.00	0.60
Dholl (imp.):					
Toowar	"	1.50	1.00	1.40	0.90
Gram	"	1.00	1.00	1.20	0.80
Split peas	"	0.92	0.92	1.40	0.80
Beans broad	"	0.60	0.60	1.40	1.00
Beans haricot	"	0.60	0.60	2.40	1.20
1. FOOD (b) Meat, fish, eggs, poultry, etc.					
Beef - fresh	kg	2.50(c)	1.40(c)	5.00	3.00
Beef - salted	"	3.20	2.40	4.80	4.00
Corned beef	12 ozs	1.15	1.06	2.00	1.80
Corned mutton	"	1.00	0.99	1.56	1.56
Sausages, pork - fresh	kg	6.00	5.60	5.60	4.50
Sausages, pork - canned	12 ozs	2.48	1.25	2.75	2.50
Sausages, beef - canned	"	2.00	1.20	2.50	2.25
Goat & mutton - fresh	Kg	1.20	1.20	5.00	4.50
Pork - fresh	"	5.60	4.60	5.60	4.50
Pork - salted	"	4.40	3.60	5.60	4.50
Fish - fresh	"	1.60	0.60	2.93	1.52
Fish - salted	"	1.10	1.10	3.00	2.00
Sardines in oil	4 ozs	0.82	0.40	0.70	0.55
Salmon	16 ozs	1.82	1.47	2.80	2.30
Herrings	"	1.30	1.04	1.00	0.90
Bomblas	kg	2.10	1.90	4.40	2.80
Snoek	"	2.00	1.50	4.80	2.40
Prawns	"	5.36	4.24	8.00	6.40
Eggs	unit	0.22	0.17	0.30	0.23
Poultry	kg	6.00	3.50	6.00	5.50
Ham, uncooked	"	3.50	2.50	9.00	8.00
Ham, boiled	"	6.00	5.00	18.00	15.00
Salami	"	2.25	1.75	8.00	6.80
Bacon	"	3.75	3.25	6.80	6.80
Lamb tongue - canned	12 ozs	1.40	1.40	1.75	1.50
Sheep tongue - canned	"	1.40	1.40	1.75	1.50

1. FOOD (d) Cooking oils, curry stuffs and fats (ghee, lard, oil vegetable fat), vinegar, salt, etc.

Commodity	Unit of Quantity	1948		1956	
		Maximum	Minimum	Maximum	Minimum
Coconut oil refined	litre	1.50(c)	1.25(c)	1.50	1.40
Groundnut oil	"	1.50(c)	1.25(c)	2.00	1.75
Salad oil	"	5.00	5.00	3.07	2.80
Olive oil (Plagniol)	"	16.16	12.00	7.33	5.00
Lard	kg	4.92	3.08	3.00	2.40
Ghee, vegetable	"	4.84	3.80	2.80	2.80
Ghee, animal	"	5.64	5.46	8.81	7.71
Vinegar (local)	litre	0.65	0.60	0.69	0.69
Vinegar (imported)	"	2.33	2.33	2.53	1.15
Salt fine	kg	0.12	0.12	0.20	0.18
Curry stuff	"	2.00	1.60	2.80	2.20
Curry powder	"	5.40	2.80	2.80	2.40
Jam	1½lbs	1.55	1.30	1.75	1.60
Orange marmalade	2 lbs	0.75	0.75	2.00	1.75
Yorkshire sauce	jar	1.50	1.50	1.40	1.25
Tomato sauce	1 lb	1.60	1.60	1.72	1.72
1. FOOD (e) Butter, cheese, sugar and beverages (tea, coffee, milk etc.)					
Tea (local)	kg	5.60	4.80	7.38	6.50
Tea (imported)	"	8.80	5.66	11.45	10.35
Sugar, white	"	0.44(c)	0.39(c)	0.46(c)	0.46(c)
Sugar, raw	"	0.30(c)	0.30(c)	0.32(c)	0.32(c)
Coffee	"	1.30	1.30	4.50	2.80
Cocoa	"	4.48	2.48	6.61	6.61
Chocolate	"	7.00	2.56	11.43	9.25
Butter (imported)	"	5.59	4.46	8.82	6.76
Margarine	32 ozs	2.83	2.80	2.35	2.35
Cheese (imported)	kg	4.10	3.26	6.00	6.00
Milk, whole	litre	0.40	0.38	0.50	0.50
Milk, condensed	14 ozs	0.90	0.66	1.00	0.90
1. FOOD (f) Wines and Spirits					
Soda water	½ bottle	0.15	0.15	0.15	0.15
Lemonade	"	0.20	0.15	0.20	0.16
Wine (local)	bottle	1.50	0.60	1.00	0.60
Wine (imported)	"	4.50	1.50	4.25	1.50
Beer	"	2.01	1.42	1.60	1.25
Ale	"	1.25	1.25	1.60	1.50
Porter	"	2.24	1.86	2.00	1.80
Brandy	"	11.00	8.50	13.00	10.50
Rum	litre	6.00	4.00	6.75	6.50
Whisky	bottle	9.05	8.78	19.00	16.50
2. CLOTHING AND GARMENTS					
Men's hats, felt	unit	33.00	5.00	27.50	7.00
Women's hats	"	30.00	12.00	15.00	9.00
Women's hats, straw	"	25.00	12.00	20.00	8.00
Helmets, ord.qual.	"	9.00	5.00	10.25	8.00
Helmets, sup.qual.	"	27.00	18.00	30.00	18.00
Bonnets (tweed caps)	"	3.25	2.00	3.00	2.50
Bonnets (topees)	"	12.25	3.50	18.00	4.50

2. CLOTHING AND GARMENTS (continued)					
Commodity	Unit of Quantity	1948		1956	
		Maximum Rs	Minimum Rs	Maximum Rs	Minimum Rs
Sarees	unit	12.36	9.27	17.00	6.00
Handkerchiefs	"	1.50	0.50	1.75	0.85
Drill, white	metre	3.35	1.30	3.00	2.25
Drill, khaki	"	3.45	2.21	3.00	2.25
Mattress cloth	"	5.50	1.66	3.25	1.50
Serge	"	26.00	18.07	24.00	8.00
Mosquito netting	"	6.75	2.50	6.50	5.50
Silk material	"	4.09	1.26	4.50	1.10
Tweed	"	26.75	12.32	22.00	7.00
Lining material	"	3.50	0.60	1.68	1.68
Flannel	"	30.45	11.93	22.00	8.00
Regatta	"	1.50	0.75	3.00	0.75
Prints (Indienne)	"	2.60	1.25	2.00	0.65
Shirting - grey	"	2.90	1.85	1.35	0.56
Shirting - white	"	2.70	1.40	2.00	0.80
Shirts (local)	unit	12.00	3.00	8.50	1.75
Shirts (imported)	"	19.00	7.50	29.75	5.50
Towels (ord.qual.)	"	4.50	0.75	3.00	0.85
Towels, bath	"	6.00	2.71	11.00	4.00
Socks, cotton	pair	3.70	0.75	3.00	1.00
Socks, woollen	"	4.25	2.50	5.50	2.75
Stockings, silk (for ladies)	"	8.50	1.50	3.00	2.50
Blankets, cotton	unit	12.00	4.00	9.00	5.00
Blankets, woollen	"	52.00	20.00	75.00	37.00
Shoes, Men's	pair	36.80	14.00	40.00	11.00
Shoes, Women's	"	30.00	9.00	35.00	11.00
Shoes, Children's	"	16.00	4.00	20.00	6.00
Shoes, canvas	"	5.50	2.50	8.00	2.90
Sewing thread, cotton	300 yds	0.63	0.47	0.83	0.83
Sewing thread, D.M.C.	59 grms	1.83	1.20	2.25	2.25
Knitting wool	kg	29.22	16.00	48.00	20.00
Neckties, inf.qual.	unit	3.75	2.25	3.50	1.75
Neckties, sup.qual.	"	7.50	4.00	12.00	5.00
Men's underwear (singlets)	"	3.50	1.25	4.25	0.75
Pullovers	"	20.00	3.50	15.00	7.00
Dhotees	"	10.00	6.50	7.00	6.50
Tussor, inf.qual.	metre	3.75	2.50	3.75	3.00
Tussor, sup.qual.	"	12.00	8.50	5.00	4.00
3. FUEL					
Kerosene	litre	0.45(c)	0.39(c)	0.71	0.70
Denatured spirits	"	0.40	0.35	0.60	0.40
Power alcohol	"	0.46	0.45	0.80	0.80
Motor spirit	Imp.gal.	2.47	2.20	2.20	2.20
Charcoal	kg	0.20	0.16	0.24	0.20
Firewood:					
Higher grade	bundle	0.07	0.06	0.09	0.09
Higher grade	corde +	60.00	44.00	80.00	80.00

+ 1 Corde = 2.74 cubic metres.

4. HOUSEHOLD REQUISITES					
Commodity	Unit of Quantity	1948		1956	
		Maximum Rs	Minimum Rs	Maximum Rs	Minimum Rs
Soap (local)	3 lbs bar	2.25(c)	0.92(c)	1.30	0.90
Soap (imported)	"	2.25(c)	2.23(c)	1.90	1.75
Cups & Saucers	unit	2.00	1.25	3.00	1.00
Plates	"	2.50	1.00	2.00	0.75
Glasses	"	1.00	0.25	1.30	0.35
Electric bulbs 16 c.p.	"	0.90	0.75	0.70	0.50
Candles	"	0.28	0.28	0.20	0.20
Writing pads	"	2.50	0.90	2.25	1.25
Envelopes	100	2.00	0.75	1.75	1.00
Frying pans	unit	4.00	1.25	4.00	2.50
Cooking pots	"	9.00	5.00	9.00	3.50
Kettles, aluminium	"	7.50	3.00	8.50	4.50
Safety razor blades	"	0.12	0.05	0.15	0.03
Shopping bags, (vacoa)	"	0.75	0.15	0.60	0.30
Brooms, coco	"	0.25	0.25	0.40	0.30
Brooms, fatac	"	0.40	0.30	0.50	0.35
Washing blue	"	0.06	0.05	0.07	0.05
Matches, small box (local)+	"	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03
Matches, small box (imported)	"	0.06	0.06	0.06	0.05
Toilet soap	cake	0.45	0.35	0.35	0.18
Tooth paste	tube	0.90	0.75	0.85	0.75
Toilet paper, ord.qual.	roll	0.50	0.50	0.60	0.50
Face powder, large box	unit	3.50	2.25	4.25	1.75
Scrubs Ammonia	bottle	1.40	1.40	1.50	1.50
Turpentine	litre	2.50	2.50	3.10	2.50
Wax	kg	3.00	3.00	3.50	3.00
Cleansing powder	packet	1.00	0.80	0.70	0.70
Washing soda	kg	0.50	0.50	0.80	0.60
Creoline	litre	2.75	2.75	3.00	3.00
Boot polish, large size	tin	0.40	0.40	0.50	0.50
Whiting shoe	cake	0.15	0.15	0.25	0.25
Sunlight soap	"	0.10	0.10	0.33	0.33
Metal polish	tin	1.75	0.95	1.25	0.50
Brush coco (for floors)	unit	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.30
5. TOBACCO AND CIGARETTES					
Pipe tobacco (local)	oz.	0.68	0.68	0.83	0.83
Pipe tobacco (imported)	"	1.70	1.25	1.63	1.31
Cigarettes (local)	50	1.90	0.70	2.50	1.00
Cigarettes (imported)	"	3.75	2.00	3.50	2.75

+ 40 sticks.

Retail Price Level Indices

(1948 = 100)

The figures in each column are quarterly extremes of indices.

1. FOOD (a) Grains and Cereals comprising rice, maize, flour, lentils, dholl and beans.

Commodity	Jan-March	Apr-June	July-Sept.	Oct-Dec.
Flour	107	107	107	107 - 93
Bread	143	143	143	143 - 134
Biscuits (local)	144	144	144	144
Biscuits (imported)	110	110	110	110
Rice (imported)	107 - 91	107 - 91	107 - 91	107 - 86
Paddy	84	84	84	84
Maize rice	120	120	120	120
Macaroni (local)	129	129	129	129
Macaroni (imported)	124	124	124	124
Vermicelli	136	136	136	136
Lentils (black)	169 - 113	137 - 121	177 - 129	150 - 313
Dholl (imported):				
Toowar	86	82 - 73	95 - 82	116 - 95
Gram	86 - 78	82 - 73	95 - 82	99 - 95
Split peas	87	87 - 92	120 - 92	120
Beans, broad	216 - 166	183 - 200	208 - 183	208
Beans, haricots	334 - 300	334 - 300	334 - 300	334 - 300
1. FOOD (b) Meat, fish, eggs, poultry, etc.				
Beef, fresh	196	196	196	196
Beef, salted	160	160	192	192
Corned Beef	172 - 170	172	172	170
Sausages, pork (fresh)	92	92	92	105 - 92
Sausages, pork (canned)	138	169 - 138	169	169
Sausages, beef (canned)	169	169 - 152	152	152
Goat & mutton, fresh	141	141	148 - 141	148
Fish, fresh	262 - 199	265 - 210	254 - 228	313 - 235
Fish, salted	182 - 145	200 - 182	255 - 218	254 - 218
Pork, fresh	99	99	104 - 99	104
Pork, salted	121 - 102	130 - 121	130 - 125	125
Sardines in oil	68	84 - 68	71 - 68	71
Salmon	159	159	159 - 141	141
Herrings	81	81	81	81
Bomblas	146	137	215 - 137	215
Snoek	218 - 158	242 - 194	267 - 215	215
Prawns	167	133	133 - 125	125
Eggs	137 - 126	147 - 137	147 - 132	132
Poultry	115	115	115	115
Ham, uncooked	283	283	283	283
Ham, boiled	289 - 281	281	289 - 281	300
Salami	282 - 275	282	282	282
Bacon	192	192	194 - 192	194
Lamb tongue (canned)	113	113	113	113

1. FOOD (c) Vegetables and Fruits.

Commodity	Jan.	Feb.	March	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
PERISHABLE												
Chouchou	394	500	278	133	78	67	83	89	172	161	288	385
Brinjal	91	109	122	109	165	239	169	165	169	217	283	335
Haricot, green	165	179	131	154	160	133	100	107	142	181	225	217
Pipengaille	135	123	40	114	172	129	154	132	142	123	295	228
Patolle	117	100	96	104	167	137	200	167	208	248	237	241
Andive	123	111	120	80	123	95	169	123	123	145	141	163
Green Leaf Vegetables	93	98	103	93	101	99	110	93	99	119	158	126
Pomme d'Amour	160	142	125	77	142	110	180	156	223	153	163	228
Lalo	146	115	119	67	74	162	153	164	166	189	225	211
Pumpkin	94	112	73	79	103	106	135	141	162	129	106	129
Calabash	146	121	91	116	146	126	131	116	172	126	151	172
Peas, green	232	164	239	170	178	143	136	120	133	198	185	196
Embrevades	-	-	-	-	263	211	169	178	169	189	311	257
Margoze	103	58	62	154	185	154	177	215	231	162	148	226
Manioc	108	108	114	114	97	130	124	87	168	189	151	178
Voëm	153	126	88	119	128	112	157	180	-	-	173	162
Petsaï	-	187	133	147	147	173	147	200	140	200	207	-
Cabbage	154	-	-	217	120	177	143	137	132	183	223	228
Cauliflower	-	-	-	-	194	114	117	91	111	117	189	-
Lettuce	137	137	114	92	92	92	114	92	125	92	103	114
Cucumber	80	86	62	92	117	92	135	166	172	166	142	111
Beetroot	120	90	-	90	100	80	110	100	90	80	110	80

1. FOOD (c) Vegetables and Fruits (Continued)

Commodity	Jan.	Feb.	March	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
Turnip	138	138	-	-	154	123	77	108	123	154	154	154
Patisson	125	162	175	150	175	150	125	125	138	100	150	163
Rave	128	128	160	144	96	112	144	128	112	128	192	144
Banana	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
SEMI-PERISHABLE												
Potato (local)	186	223	-	108	117	117	100	86	109	128	135	137
Potato (imported)	194	238	120	118	107	115	110	100	-	136	151	145
Arrouille - violet	83	125	81	92	108	111	111	92	108	97	108	119
Arrouille - curry	115	115	115	115	146	111	115	115	115	169	115	173
Carrot	163	178	111	163	204	196	133	111	137	122	159	148
Onion (local)	138	162	181	196	152	141	123	101	129	96	110	125
Onion (imported)	151	165	125	257	151	151	173	138	151	140	145	134
Garlic	115	113	105	113	106	116	99	115	116	129	117	110
Ginger	272	250	191	297	200	175	141	109	128	134	187	181
Chillies, green (big)	98	115	36	76	151	247	149	319	326	228	282	307
Chillies, green (small)	120	104	54	118	74	147	179	208	273	310	311	345
Groundnut, green	-	133	-	-	-	168	120	-	120	-	194	170
Groundnut, dry	-	184	-	-	-	-	120	124	150	140	151	157
Sweet potatoes	131	126	95	142	205	147	142	137	147	147	184	221
Maize (whole)	106	104	98	106	113	98	106	111	109	111	106	106
Radish	-	75	50	50	75	75	100	75	75	50	50	50
Pineapples	164	114	253	222	194	161	144	267	244	236	244	197
Oranges	165	170	230	205	230	125	135	125	145	150	130	180
Mangoes	148	112	112	-	-	-	-	-	-	213	188	175
Coconut, dry	110	115	105	127	122	120	105	110	134	110	115	127

1. FOOD (d) Cooking oils, curry stuffs and fats (ghee, oil, vegetable fat), vinegar, salt, etc.

Commodity	Jan-March	Apr-June	July-Sept	Oct-Dec.
Coconut oil, refined	85	85	85 - 79	79
Groundnut oil	89 - 86	92 - 89	92	92
Salad oil	56	61 - 60	60	60
Olive oil, Plagniol	35	52 - 45	52	52
Lard	84	92 - 84	92 - 83	83
Ghee, vegetable	65	65	65	65
Ghee, animal	139	154 - 139	149	149
Vinegar (local)	110	110	110	110
Vinegar (imported)	79	79	79	79
Salt, fine	159	159	167	167
Curry stuff	121	121	137 - 111	121
Curry powder	65	65	65	65
Jam	116	116	116	116
Orange marmalade	132	132	132	132
Yorkshire sauce	110	110	110	110
Tomato sauce	172	172	172	172

1. FOOD (e) Butter, cheese, sugar and beverages (tea, coffee, milk, etc.)

Tea (local)	133	135 - 133	135	135
Tea (imported)	157 - 154	158 - 154	158	158
Sugar, white	110	110	110	110
Sugar, raw	107	107	107	107
Coffee	254	254	248 - 226	226
Cocoa	186	186	186	186
Chocolate	231	231	231	231
Butter (imported)	139	164 - 139	143	143 - 137
Margarine	84	84	84	84
Cheese (imported)	158	164	164	164
Milk, whole	123	128 - 123	128	128
Milk, condensed	121	142 - 121	136	136 - 132

1. FOOD (f) Wines and Spirits

Soda water	100	100	100	100
Lemonade	100	100	100	100
Wine (local)	76	76	76	76
Wine (imported)	80	80	80	80
Beer	87	87	87	87
Ale	124	124	124	124
Porter	102	102	102	102
Brandy	104	104	104	104
Rum	117	117	129 - 117	129
Whisky	176	176	176	196

2. CLOTHING AND GARMENTS

Men's hats - felt	114	114	114	114
Women's hats - felt	61	61	61	61
Women's hats - straw	70	70	70	70
Helmets, ord.qual.	98	98	98	98
Helmets, sup.qual.	95	95	95	95
Bonnets (tweed caps)	120	120	120	120
Bonnets (topees)	188	188	188	188

2. CLOTHINGS AND GARMENTS (continued)

Commodity	Jan.- March	Apr.-June	July-Sept.	Oct.- Dec
Sarees	107 - 87	107	107	107
Handkerchiefs	136	136	136	136
Drill, white	126	126	126	126
Drill, Khaki	93	93	93	93
Mattress cloth	45	45	45	45
Serge	83	83	83	83
Mosquito netting	146	146	146	146
Silk material	54	54	60 - 54	63 - 60
Tweed	71	71	71	71
Lining material	201	201	201	201
Flannel	73	73	73	73
Regatta	74	74	74	74
Prints (Indienne)	71	71	71 - 70	70
Shirting - grey	54	54	52 - 58	57
Shirting - white	76 - 74	74	74	83 - 73
Shirts (local)	60	60	60	60
Shirts (imported)	115	115	115	115
Towels, ord. qual.	93	93	93	93
Towels, bath	156	156	156	156
Socks, cotton	109	109	109	109
Socks, woollen	120	120	120	120
Stockings, silk (for ladies)	71	71	71	71
Blankets, cotton	79	79	79	79
Blankets, woollen	166	166	166	166
Shoes, Men's	97	97	97	104 - 97
Shoes, Women's	108	108	108	108
Shoes, Children's	131	131	131	131
Shoes, canvas	135	135	135	135
Sewing thread, cotton	151	151	151	151
Sewing thread, D.M.C.	173	173	173	173
Knitting wool	125	167-125	167	167
Working suits	74	74	74	74
Neckties, inf.qual.	82	82	84 - 82	84
Neckties, sup.qual.	102	102	102 - 84	102
Pullovers	71	85- 71	85	85
Dhotees	48	50	52 - 50	52 - 48
Men's underwear (singlets)	157	157-130	130	130
Tussor inf. qual.	90	90	90	90
Tussor sup. qual.	53	53	53	53

3. FUEL

Kerosene	165	165	165	165
Denatured spirit	171	171	171	171
Power alcohol	174	174	174	174
Motor spirit	92	92	92	92
Charcoal	122	122	122	122
Firewood:				
Higher grade (bundle)	150	150	150	150
(corde +)	151	151	151	151

+ 1 corde = 2.74 cubic metres.

4. HOUSEHOLD REQUISITES

Commodity	Jan-March	Apr-June	July-Sept	Oct-Dec
Soap (local)	63	63	63	63
Soap (imported)	83 - 78	83	82	82
Cups and Saucers	109	109	116	116
Plates	80 - 60	80 - 60	86 - 60	86 - 60
Glasses	93	93	134	134
Electric bulbs (16c.p.)	68	68	68	68
Candles	71	71	71	71
Writing pads	119	119	119	119
Envelopes	110	110	110	110
Frying pans	150	150	150	150
Cooking pots	85	85	85	85
Kettles (aluminium)	122	122	122	122
Safety razor blades	113	113	113	113
Shopping bags (vacoa)	140	140	140	140
Brooms - coco	140	140	140-132	132
Brooms - fatac	143	143-123	109	109
Washing blue	100	100	100	100
Matches, small box (local)+	100	100	100	100
Matches, small box (imported)	100	100	100	100
Toilet soap	100	100	100	100
Tooth paste	84	84	84	84
Toilet paper, ord. qual.	100	100	100	100
Face powder (large box)	191	191	234	234
Scrubs ammonia	75	75	75	75
Turpentine	127	127	127	127
Wax	167	167	179	179
Cleansing powder	149	149	149	149
Washing soda	149	149	149	149
Creoline	188	188	188	188
Boot polish (large size)	104	104	104	104
Whiting shoe	139	139	139	139
Sunlight soap	97	97	97	97
Metal Polish	128	128	128	128
Brush coco (for floors)	140	140	140	140
5. TOBACCO AND CIGARETTES				
Pipe tobacco (imported)	208	208	208	208
Cigarettes (imported)	110	110	110	110
Cigarettes (local)	137	137	137	137

+ 40 sticks.

Tools and Working Materials

Commodity	Indices
IRONMONGERY	
Nails	294 - 95
Screws	225 - 133
Rivets	133
Locks	73
Hooks	167 - 80
Iron wire	148 - 143
Brass bars and sheets	120
Tacks	100
Bolts and nuts	167 - 100
Hinges	140 - 100
Padlocks	167 - 120
Iron bars and plates	167 - 142
Steel bars	117
Solder	167
TOOLS	
Agricultural tools	150 - 67
Metal and woodwork tools	150 - 100
BUILDING MATERIALS	
Glass plates	120 - 100
Paint, prepared	172 - 100
Paint, (powder)	140 - 100
Linseed oil	132 - 94
Turpentine	113
Cement	125
Lead pipe	200
Corrugated iron sheets	126
Plain iron sheets	143
Wood, local	111+
Wood, imported	108@ 115 - 104x 158// 156 - 152++

NOTE: The highest and lowest values of the indices are quoted.

+ Eucalyptus

@ Singapore

x Kerling

// Mahogany

++ Teak.

Market price fluctuations of vegetables and fruits

Commodity	Unit of Quantity	Maximum during year	Minimum during year	Fluctuation
		Rs	Rs.	Rs.
PERISHABLE				
Chouchou	kg.	0.90	0.12	0.78
Brinjal	"	0.77	0.21	0.56
Haricot vert	"	1.08	0.48	0.60
Pipengaille	"	0.96	0.13	0.83
Patolle	"	0.60	0.23	0.37
Andive	"	0.55	0.26	0.29
Green Leaf Vegetables	"	0.54	0.34	0.20
Pomme d'Amour	"	1.33	0.45	0.88
Lalo	"	1.00	0.30	0.70
Pumpkin	"	0.55	0.25	0.30
Calabash	"	0.34	0.18	0.16
Peas Green	"	2.15	1.08	1.07
Embrevades	"	2.37	1.52	0.85
Margoze	"	1.50	0.38	1.12
Manicc	"	0.35	0.18	0.17
Voëm	"	0.80	0.52	0.28
Petsai	unit	0.31	0.20	0.11
Cabbage	"	0.40	0.21	0.19
Cauliflower	"	0.70	0.33	0.37
Lettuce	"	0.12	0.08	0.04
Cucumber	"	0.28	0.13	0.15
Beetroot	"	0.12	0.08	0.04
Turnip	"	0.10	0.09	0.01
Patisson	"	0.14	0.10	0.04
Rave	"	0.12	0.04	0.08
Banana	"	0.04	0.04	-
SEMI-PERISHABLE				
Potato (local)	kg.	1.65	0.56	0 89
Potato (imported)	"	1.31	0.55	0.76
Arrouille violet	"	0.45	0.29	0.16
Arrouille - curry	"	0.45	0.30	0.15
Carrot	"	0.55	0.30	0.25
Onion (local)	"	1.58	0.82	0.76
Onion (imported)	"	0.95	0.69	0.26
Chillies, green (big)	"	1.79	0.20	1.59
Chillies, green (small)	"	5.40	0.84	4.56
Garlic	"	2.46	2.00	0.46
Ginger	"	0.95	0.35	0.60
Sweet potato	"	0.42	0.18	0.24
Maize (whole)	"	0.53	0.46	0.07
Radish	unit	0.04	0.02	0.02
Pineapple	"	0.96	0.41	0.55
Orange	"	0.46	0.25	0.21
Coconut, dry	"	0.55	0.43	0.12

F I N A N C E

Statement of the public revenue of the Colony for the period 1st July, 1955 to 30th June, 1956.

HEAD OF REVENUE	Actual Revenue to 30th June, 1956
CURRENT RECEIPTS	
Direct Taxes	
Taxes on Income	38,207,857
Taxes on Capital	886,826
Contribution to Social Security	797,116
Indirect Taxes	
Customs Duties	28,336,092
Taxes on Commerce and Industry:-	
(a) Excise duties	15,675,170
(b) Licences	1,923,282
Taxes on Transportation	2,005,110
Taxes on Financial Transactions	4,998,558
Receipts from Public Utilities	
Civil Aviation	102,021
Telecommunications	1,272,540
Harbour and Quays	1,822,957
Posts and Telegraphs	1,578,573
Railways	4,609,675
Sanitation and Sewerage	240,560
Water and Irrigation	588,944
Wireless and Broadcasting	293,914
Receipts from Public Services	
Accountant General	1,589,308
Agriculture	485,612
Audit	36,181
Archives	18,120
Central Administration	12,000
Customs and Excise	279,062
Education	282,865
Fire Services	48,921
Forests	1,114,730
Health	138,572
Judicial	313,052
Labour	18,745
Legal	1,000
Miscellaneous	1,109,741
Police	88,993
Printing	62,160
Prior Charges Reimbursed	78,674
Prisons	27,389
Public Assistance	16,317
Public Works and Surveys	773,321
Rental of Government Property	630,308
Interest and Royalties	3,527,071
TOTAL-CURRENT RECEIPTS	114,991,338
CAPITAL RECEIPTS	
Colonial Development and Welfare	5,222,785
Development and Welfare	20,678,695
Land sales	7,550
Repayment of Loans and Advances	2,116,554
TOTAL-CAPITAL RECEIPTS	28,025,584
TOTAL REVENUE	143,016,922

Statement of the public Expenditure of the Colony for the period 1st July, 1955 to 30th June, 1956.

HEAD OF EXPENDITURE		Actual Expenditure to 30th June, 1956.
ORDINARY		Rs
Prior Charges		
Public Debt+	...	5,027,277
Public Service Pensions	...	5,646,709
Defence	...	1,822,451
Governance		
Governor	...	193,955
Central Administration	...	852,966
District Administration	...	252,896
Local Government	...	1,306,468
Accountant General	...	525,082
Archives	...	109,111
Audit	...	257,623
Central Statistical Office	...	168,278
Customs and Excise	..	1,494,382
Development Establishment	...	535,698
Income Tax	...	391,603
Judicial	...	1,210,524
Legal	...	213,418
Legislature	...	419,249
Miscellaneous	...	1,911,226
Police	..	5,671,290
Printing Office	...	597,237
Prisons and Industrial School	...	1,190,191
Registrar General	...	316,447
Supplies Control	...	253,425
Public Works and Surveys Establishment		1,781,311
Social Services		
Co-operative Societies	...	198,615
Ecclesiastical	...	410,769
Education	...	13,204,052
Health	...	11,023,254
Labour	...	452,823
Mauritius Institute	...	102,796
Public Assistance	...	8,409,174
Social Welfare	...	584,673
Public Utilities and Services		
Agriculture	...	2,470,962
Civil Aviation	...	419,034
Telecommunications	...	1,854,361
Fire Services	...	804,714
Forests	...	2,186,450
Granary	...	266,064
Harbour and Quays	...	1,091,448
Mauritius Broadcasting Services & Globe Reuter News Service	...	340,071
Observatory	...	292,909
Posts and Telegraphs	...	1,750,348
Railways	...	6,063,647

Statement of the public Expenditure of the Colony for the period 1st July, 1955 to 30th June, 1956.
(Continued)

HEAD OF EXPENDITURE	Actual Expenditure to 30th June, 1956
ORDINARY (continued)	
Investment	
Public Works (Recurrent)	6,412,789
TOTAL ORDINARY	90,487,770
EXTRAORDINARY	
Public Works (Non-Recurrent)	4,932,154
Development Works and Projects	13,304,083 ≠
Loans and Advances	11,490,550
Reserves	12,500,000
TOTAL EXTRAORDINARY	42,226,787
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	132,714,557

≠ Includes a sum of Rs 18,604,784 being expenditure from LOAN SOURCES.

+ PUBLIC DEBT

The total Public Debt of the Colony on the 30th June, 1956 was Rs 99,059,842 and the Sinking Funds held against the Public Debt aggregated Rs 5,970,095. The comparable figures on the 30th June, 1955 were Rs 71,716,926 and Rs 4,704,989 respectively.

Statement of Assets and Liabilities of the Public Treasury as at 30th June, 1956.

LIABILITIES	Rs.	ASSETS	Rs.
Deposits	4,758,388	Cash Balances	28,387,819
Mauritius Development & Welfare Fund	8,903,107	Joint Colonial Fund	19,386,667
Loan Funds Unexpended ...	14,655,486	Remittances in transit	66,364
Special Funds - Deposits held on account of various Special Funds ...	61,983,288	Advances	19,239,429
		Investments:-	
Reserve Fund	19,500,000	Surplus Funds	26,824,126
General Revenue Balance ...	43,005,671	Various Special Funds ...	58,901,535
	152,805,940		152,805,940

Financial position of the Colony as at 30th June 1956

REVENUE		Rs.	EXPENDITURE		Rs.
General Revenue Balance as at 30th June, 1955		34,609,594	Ordinary Expenditure	Rs 108,724,006	
Ordinary Revenue	Rs 114,991,338		Capital Expenditure	Rs 23,990,550	132,714,556
Capital Revenue	Rs 28,025,584	143,016,922	Depreciation on Investments		1,906,289
			General Revenue Balance as at 30th June 1956		43,005,671
		177,626,516			177,626,516

STATEMENT OF PUBLIC REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE 1950 - 1956

(Excluding transfers to and from the Reserve Account and Supplementary Sinking Fund)

Year ended 30th June	Revenue Rs	Expenditure Rs	Surplus Rs
1950	55,100,214	50,106,975	4,993,239
1951	60,315,772	55,809,012	4,506,760
1952	82,612,696	73,861,434	8,751,262
1953	90,006,188	88,930,054	1,076,134
1954	97,778,504	94,044,553	3,733,951
1955	121,805,177	115,071,316	6,733,861
1956	143,016,922	132,714,557	10,302,365

YIELD OF INCOME TAX

	FINANCIAL YEAR		
	1953 - 1954	1954 - 1955	1955 - 1956
	Rs	Rs	Rs
Individuals	12,284,948	14,822,458	15,555,198
Companies	18,582,793	22,857,807	22,652,659
Total tax collected	30,867,741	37,680,265	38,207,857

REVENUE COLLECTED ON TOBACCO AND DISTILLERY PRODUCE

	1954	1955	1956
Tobacco			
Excise Revenue	4,761,938	5,265,688	4,709,981
Customs Revenue	4,394,510	5,175,948	4,338,383
Total Revenue	9,166,448	10,441,636	9,048,364
Distillery Produce	10,031,839	9,776,361	10,315,237

PENSIONS AND GRATUITIES

STATEMENT IN RESPECT OF PENSIONS, GRATUITIES AND COMPASSIONATE ALLOWANCES FROM FUNDS OF THE COLONY

Civil Servants other than Railway Employees.

Financial Year	Number of beneficiaries at the beginning of the year drawing		No. of new beneficiaries drawing		No. of beneficiaries who ceased drawing		Total Payments+ 000 Rs
	Pensions	C/Allowances	Pensions	C/Allowances	Pensions	C/Allowances	
1947-48	971	469	85	27	74	69	1,495
1948-49	982	427	74	33	67	39	1,648
1949-50	989	421	72	39	40	34	1,596
1950-51	1,021	426	55	29	70	29	1,693
1951-52	1,006	426	60	28	46	29	2,634
1952-53	1,020	425	87	24	57	23	2,613
1953-54	1,050	426	99	120	62	24	3,732
1954-55	1,087	522	92	88	75	38	4,087
1955-56	1,104	572	94	86	57	38	3,853
1956-57	1,141	620	89	77	53	39	3,831

+Including: (i) Pensions and Gratuities on retirement;
(ii) Death Gratuities of Pensioners;
(iii) Death Gratuities of recipients of compassionate allowance who were formerly holders of non-pensionable offices;
(iv) Death Gratuities to heirs of deceased public officers;
(v) Pensions and Gratuities to members of the Labour Batallion who served in World War I.

RAILWAY EMPLOYEES

Financial Year	Number of beneficiaries at the beginning of the year drawing		No. of new beneficiaries drawing		No. of beneficiaries who ceased drawing		Total Payments+ 000 Rs
	Pensions	C/Allowances	Pensions	C/Allowances	Pensions	C/Allowances	
1947-48	95	157	13	20	4	6	201
1948-49	104	171	2	16	7	16	182
1949-50	99	171	10	15	7	16	207
1950-51	102	170	6	20	6	17	181
1951-52	102	173	6	17	6	17	201
1952-53	102	173	5	8	2	11	336
1953-54	105	170	22	52	11	17	588
1954-55	116	185	30	55	15	15	626
1955-56	131	225	29	79	8	28	691
1956-57	152	276	101	70	14	43	1,062

PENSIONS PAID BY THE CIVIL SERVICE WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' PENSION FUND

Calendar year	No. of pensioners at beginning of year	No. of new pensioners	No. of pensions which ceased during the year	Actual Payments 000 Rs
1950	1,268	38	35	415
1951	1,271	52	25	422
1952	1,298	62	42	1,100
1953	1,318	62	51	971
1954	1,329	86	47	1,574+
1955	1,368	64	45	1,128
1956	1,387	78	70	1,011

+Including Rs 596,788 paid as arrears for period 1st July, 1949 to 31st August, 1954 following an investigation by the Government Actuary.

OLD AGE PENSIONS* PAID FROM FUNDS OF THE COLONY

Calendar year	Number of Pensioners	Actual Payments 000 Rs
1952	12,304	2,201
1953	19,002	3,180
1954	20,456	4,311
1955	18,429	4,401
1956	19,031	4,452

*Paid to men aged 65 and over, women aged 60 and over and blind persons aged 40 and over.

Accounts of Public Funds expended in relieving various types of destitution - 1948 - 1956

Calendar Year	Outdoor Relief	Indoor Relief	Relief Work	Old Age Pensions+	Contribution to Welfare Organizations			School for the Blind	TOTAL
					Maternity & Child Welfare Society	Milk for poor mothers & babies	Expenditure on free meals		
	Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs
1948	600,016	225,520	42,973	-	42,375	4,800	6,666	6,000	928,350
1949	703,841	220,963	55,464	-	47,900	4,800	6,315	6,800	1,046,088
1950	794,704	231,606	51,312	845,390	49,851	7,400	6,806	6,800	1,993,869
1951	1,024,382	234,979	59,400	2,340,613	41,575	16,162	8,296	6,800	3,732,207
1952	1,596,437	359,344	60,262	2,200,740	99,773	17,600	14,044	15,000	4,363,200
1953	2,106,678	360,991	65,193	3,180,364	42,904	30,712	15,232	15,000	5,817,074
1954	2,092,673	363,541	64,883	4,310,823	118,000	46,400	18,452	15,000	7,029,772
1955	2,497,002	352,882	67,872	4,401,183	113,900	47,300	17,711	15,000	7,517,850
1956	2,726,949	373,296	77,111	4,452,387	119,150	49,200	16,800	15,000	7,829,893

+ Scheme instituted on 1st July, 1950

Comparative approved public expenditure on different Social Services of the Colony for the financial year 1956-1957

Social Services	Administration (Salaries)	Other Expenditure (including travelling, subventions etc...)	Total	% of the estimated current revenue of the Colony.
	Rs	Rs	Rs	
Public Assistance	562,198	7,687,091+	8,249,289	7.1
Social Welfare	217,591	412,029	629,620	0.5
Prisons & Industrial School	919,561	485,918	1,405,479	1.2
Health	5,469,253	7,326,756	12,796,009	11.0
Education	12,153,285	4,082,319	16,235,604	14.0
Total	19,321,888	19,994,113	39,316,001	33.8

+ Includes Old Age Pensions

SUBSIDIZATION OF STAPLE FOODSTUFFS

Financial year	1952 - 1953	1953 - 1954	1954 - 1955	1955 - 1956
	Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs
Amount of Expenditure	4,773,392	4,349,885	Nil	Nil.

GOVERNMENT CAPITAL EXPENDITURE PROGRAMME

The Mauritius Development and Welfare 10-year plan was originally designed to cover the period 1946 - 1956. The plan was revised in 1950, and was subsequently modified in 1955. On the 30th June 1955, the first project was considered completed and a new five-year plan was instituted with the renewal of the United Kingdom Colonial Development and Welfare Acts at the start of financial year 1955 - 56.

The expenditure as envisaged in the original 10-year plan was Rs 109,231,600 and the Actual Expenditure for the 9 years ending 30th June 1955 totalled Rs 84, 472,112.

The new 5-year plan is essentially concerned with development projects and is presented in the form of a Capital Expenditure programme for the period 1955-56 - 1959-60.

Capital Expenditure here comprises:-

1. All expenditure on constructional works - new works, major repairs and improvements to existing fixed assets.

2. All major purchases of new plants, machinery and vehicles.

Details of the Capital Expenditure Programme are given in the following tables:-

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS FOR THE PERIOD 1955 - 1960

Source of Funds	Estimated Total Receipts 1955 - 60	Actual Receipts 1955 - 56	Estimates 1956 - 57	Balance to be obtained
	Rs 000	Rs 000	Rs 000	Rs 000
(a) Colony Funds				
Balance at 1.7.55	1,880	1,880	-	-
Annual Contribution from Revenue	45,000	10,000	5,000	30,000
Transfer of Capital Receipts	9,800	-	2,270	7,530
Run-down of stores level	500	500	-	-
Total	57,180	12,380	7,270	37,530
(b) Colonial Development & Welfare Receipts Total	14,610	5,200	1,890	7,520
(c) Loan Funds				
Balance in hand at 1.7.55	5,610	5,610	-	-
Raised	26,620	12,000	14,620	-
To be raised	46,000	-	-	46,000
Total	78,230	17,610	14,620	46,000
Grand Total	150,020	35,190	23,780	91,050

STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURE FOR THE PERIOD 1955 - 1960

Allocation	Estimated Total Expenditure 1955 - 60	Actual Expenditure 1955 - 56	Estimates 1956 - 57	Balance to be spent
	Rs 000	Rs 000	Rs 000	Rs 000
Governance				
District Administration	214	30	3	181
Police	5,649	769	548	4,332
Printing	120	-	5	115
Prisons	307	44	68	195
Registrar General	240	-	-	240
Local Government	7,000	300	450	6,250
Customs & Excise	110	53	47	10
Treasury	90	-	30	60
Total - Governance	13,730	1,196	1,151	11,383
Social Services				
Co-operation	550	64	118	368
Education	16,045	2,446	4,692	8,907
Housing loans, urban	8,616	1,416	2,021	5,179
Health	13,924	1,498	1,630	10,796
Public Assistance	240	23	86	131
Subventions to Charitable Institutions	300	-	100	200
Social Welfare	80	-	-	80
Total - Social Services	39,755	5,447	8,647	25,661
Public Utilities & Services				
Agriculture	15,977	1,703	3,807	10,467
Fisheries	250	-	-	250
Civil Aviation	261	183	12	66
Telecommunications	5,860	269	1,042	4,549
Fire Services	958	135	113	710
Forests	791	255	253	283
Harbour & Quays	10,288	88	78	10,122
Broadcasting	750	41	18	691
Observatory	655	92	131	432
Posts & Telegraphs	449	-	226	223
Water Supplies & Irrigation	14,495	6,024	3,495	4,976
Sewerage	2,770	119	272	2,379
Total - Public Utilities & Services	53,504	8,909	9,447	35,148
Investment				
Public Works Miscellaneous	6,815	533	1,416	4,866
Roads	9,600	2,196	2,041	3,363
Electricity	17,975	11,041	2,750	4,184
Secondary Industries	1,400	-	40	1,360
Total - Investment	35,790	13,770	6,247	15,773
T O T A L	142,779	29,322	25,492	87,965
Reserve	7,000	-	-	-
GRAND TOTAL	149,779	29,322	25,492	87,965

MUNICIPALITY OF PORT LOUIS+

Estimated population on 31st December 1956 = 80,200

Local Government

REVENUE	Calendar year 1955	Calendar year 1956	EXPENDITURE	Calendar year 1955	Calendar year 1956
	Rs	Rs		Rs	Rs
Rate on Immovable Properties (0.8 - 2.0%)	853,293	991,013	Public Debt	362,994	347,175
Tenant's Tax	89,174	124,905	Pensions and Gratuities	134,512	208,338
Government Contribution	501,114	520,424	The Mayor and Council	46,539	29,220
Rents	308,406	308,508	Establishments	204,417	207,743
Electricity	879,596	85,231@	Municipal Services	1,058,994	928,079
Water Supply	126,689	178,580	Public Recreation & Education	35,952	30,484
Entertainment Duty	99,808	105,647	Electricity	723,703	232,138
Miscellaneous	243,635	252,447	Fire Brigade	359,434	344,443
			Special Expenditure	13,600	91,700
			Miscellaneous	60,917	47,922
			Closing Balance	100,653	99,513
	3,101,715	2,566,755		3,101,715	2,566,755

+ Strictly within Municipal limits.

@ 20 days' takings ending on the 20.1.56, date on which the Electricity Service was transferred to the Central Electricity Board.

TOWN COUNCIL OF CUREPIPE

Estimated township population on 31st December, 1956 = 25,300

REVENUE	Financial year ended 30.6.56	Financial year ended 30.6.57	EXPENDITURE	Financial year ended 30.6.56	Financial year ended 30.6.57
	Rs	Rs		Rs	Rs
CURRENT			ORDINARY		
Rate of 1 - 2% on immovable properties	434,652	440,361	Prior Charges:-		
Tenant's Tax	75,767	51,356	Debts	78,502	149,353
Government Contribution	156,732	144,840	Pensions and Gratuities	43,895	65,754
Receipts from Public Utilities+	52,295	52,073	Administration	256,962	249,510
Receipts from Public Services	75,795	65,389	Social Services@	178,815	214,288
Rental from Council Properties	89,123	84,215	Public Utilities & Services	107,586	130,120
			Investment - Public Works	233,713	254,458
EXTRAORDINARY			EXTRAORDINARY		
Housing Scheme Rental	45,505	44,662	Housing Scheme refunds	36,217	78,733
Sale of Buildings	14,785	54,215			
Closing balance	-	205,105	Closing Balance	8,944	-
	944,634	1,142,216		944,634	1,142,216

+ Include Markets and Abattoirs @ Include Sanitary Services and Public Entertainment.

TOWN COUNCIL OF BEAU BASSIN - ROSE HILL

Estimated township population on 31st December, 1956 = 32,500

REVENUE	Financial year ended 30.6.56	Financial year ended 30.6.57	EXPENDITURE	Financial year ended 30.6.56	Financial year ended 30.6.57
Rate of 0.6 - 1% on immovable properties	337,345	343,789	Secretariat & Treasury	135,453	139,662
Tenant's Tax	37,566	9,749	Public Works	323,871	313,222
Government Contribution	197,730	186,888	Sanitary Services	148,851	165,134
Slaughter House	62,957	57,553	Slaughter House	26,700	27,001
Markets	80,683	82,345	Markets	25,658	25,714
Entertainment duty	48,588	48,060	Lighting of streets	12,625	25,912
Rents	72,212	70,115	Chairman and Council	23,688	10,657
Miscellaneous	58,457	68,885	Public Debt	75,517	72,497
			Gardens	17,783	14,730
			Miscellaneous	49,173	62,153
			Closing Balance	56,219	10,702
	895,538	867,384		895,538	867,384

TOWN COUNCIL OF QUATRE BORNES

Estimated Township Population on 31st December 1956 = 19,900

REVENUE	Financial year ended 30.6.56	Financial year ended 30.6.57	EXPENDITURE	Financial year ended 30.6.56	Financial year ended 30.6.57
	Rs	Rs		Rs	Rs
Rates, Taxes & Duties:			Prior Charges:		
Rate of 1% on immovable properties	132,609	154,192	Pensions	3,916	5,032
Tenant's Tax	20,458	17,873	Administration:		
Other taxes & duties	20,789	25,041	Chairman & Council	6,099	5,449
Government Contribution	119,778	113,724	Secretary & Treasurer	52,312	55,295
			Public Works Establishment	37,261	50,857
Social Services:			Miscellaneous	18,448	25,137
Public Entertainment	-	18,277	Social Services:		
Public Utilities & Services:			Public entertainment	5,698	38,495
Markets (Rental & dues)	7,448	11,416	Town Hall & Library	5,347	18,291
			Welfare Services	3,150	5,013
Rental of Council's Properties	17,547	14,497	Public Utilities & Services:		
Housing Scheme*	-	127,248	Sanitary services	80,031	64,469
			Markets	15,483	16,637
Miscellaneous	15,803	23,082	Lighting of Streets	11,781	9,993
			Gardens	3,176	10,380
Closing Balance	27,598	48,964	Fire Services	3,600	3,600
			Investment:		
			Public Works Recurrent	115,728	85,178
			Housing Scheme*	-	160,488
	362,030	554,314		362,030	554,314

*Incorporated in the Current Revenue & Expenditure account as from 1.7.56.

TOTAL SALE-PROCEEDS OF SUGAR

Crop year	Export Proceeds+ Rs	Index	Local Sale Proceeds Rs	Total sale Proceeds Rs
1938	40,853,310	100	1,865,695	42,719,005
1939	32,971,853	81	1,996,428	34,968,281
1940	51,607,586	126	2,179,602	53,787,188
1941	52,825,931	129	2,420,044	55,245,975
1942	62,372,994	153	2,972,517	65,345,511
1943	57,709,112	141	3,450,197	61,159,309
1944	46,452,857	114	4,673,487	51,126,344
1945	45,951,025	113	4,516,256	50,467,281
1946	79,002,383	198	5,813,192	84,815,575
1947	111,658,797	273	6,490,700	118,149,497
1948	133,657,301	327	6,435,766	140,093,067
1949	151,433,186	371	7,080,562	158,513,748
1950	182,434,053	447	7,861,440	190,295,493
1951	219,337,613	537	7,133,770	226,471,383
1952	230,451,162	564	7,178,694	237,629,856
1953	265,632,103	650	8,053,264	273,685,367
1954	250,807,067	614	8,281,030	259,088,097
1955	262,961,068	644	8,608,309	271,569,377
1956@	299,000,000	732	9,000,000	308,000,000

+ These values exclude only insurance, freight and London brokerage. They include the value of Preference Certificates.

@ Estimated.

BANKS' AVERAGE RATE OF EXCHANGE

Currency	Selling Rate	Buying Rate
	Rs	Rs
£	13.400	13.200
franc	0.0138	0.0134
$	4.820	4.725

NOTES AND COINS IN CIRCULATION

	Notes	Coins
	Rs	Rs
During 1st quarter 1956	57,055,000	3,498,400
During last quarter 1956	56,855,000	3,698,400

TRENDS IN CIRCULATION OF CURRENCY

30th June	Notes and Coins	Ratio to prewar
	Rs	
1937 - 1939 (average)	11,142,490	100
1949	31,226,835	280
1950	34,726,835	312
1951	37,135,407	336
1952	45,673,000	410
1953	51,443,400	462
1954	54,105,400	486
1955	54,108,400	486
1956	52,670,637	473

BANKING STATISTICS

PARTICULARS OF TRADING BANKS IN MAURITIUS

STATEMENT AS AT 31ST DECEMBER, 1956

(Unit = Rs 000)

LIABILITIES		ASSETS	
1. Notes in circulation	-	1. Cash	6,151
2. Deposits		2. Balances due by other banks in the Colony	2,489
(i) Demand	99,870	3. Balances due from Banks abroad	77,439
(ii) Time	13,871	4. Loans & Advances:	
(iii) Savings	5,260	(a) Primary Production (including processing of primary products)	10,946
3. Balances due to:		(b) Other Industries (including Commerce & Distribution)	15,499
(a) Other Banks in the Colony	2,579	(c) Other Advances	20,083
(b) Banks abroad	1,183	5. Investments	
4. Other Liabilities etc.	17,644	(a) Local	2,506
		(b) Other	2,100
		6. Other Assets	3,194
Total Liabilities	140,407	Total Assets	140,407

MAURITIUS POST OFFICE SAVINGS BANK+

Year	Number of depositors on 30th June	Amount of deposit during the financial year ended 30th June	Amount of withdrawals during the financial year ended 30th June.	Total amount to credit of depositors on 30th June.
		Rs	Rs	Rs
1938	40,551	2,142,250	2,070,852	6,815,120
1939	42,896	2,233,886	2,189,713	7,053,802
1947	58,582	8,384,791	9,128,123	16,835,091
1948	62,630	7,394,575	7,474,334	17,147,123
1949	66,830	8,497,113	6,932,581	19,139,629
1950	68,701	9,393,451	8,945,238	20,043,925
1951	74,021	9,854,999	9,126,527	21,242,304
1952	78,465	13,668,612	11,045,096	24,380,985
1953	79,108	14,300,760	12,948,099	25,346,852
1954	86,236	18,881,953	15,556,115	29,323,844
1955	90,074	17,403,518	17,855,699	29,578,067
1956	90,293	14,222,145	17,073,231	27,392,394

BANK DEPOSIT FIGURES

30th June	Post Office Savings Bank	Trading Banks	Total
	Rs	Rs	Rs
1942	6,972,194	23,032,902	30,005,096
1943	8,917,074	31,889,362	40,806,436
1944	12,122,810	36,433,543	48,556,353
1945	15,064,637	36,064,424	51,129,061
1946	17,180,346	35,432,919	52,613,265
1947	16,835,094	40,975,158	57,810,252
1948	17,147,123	40,432,039	57,579,162
1949	19,139,629	46,765,173	65,904,802
1950	20,043,925	56,978,356	77,022,281
1951	21,242,304	63,401,345	84,643,649
1952	24,380,985	71,440,617	95,821,602
1953	25,346,852	70,812,001	96,158,853
1954	29,323,844	103,910,307	133,234,151
1955	29,578,067	111,122,351	140,700,418
1956	27,392,394	125,409,854	152,802,248

TREASURY

The deposits as at 30.6.56 amounted to Rs 4,758,388

CO-OPERATIVE CENTRAL BANK LIMITED

The total deposits as at 30.6.56 amounted to Rs 2,108,241.

FRIENDLY SOCIETIES

The total deposits as at 31.12.56 amounted to Rs 1,481,049

+Bank pays interest at the rate of 2½%.

MAURITIUS AGRICULTURAL BANK

1. Agricultural Bank loans issued and outstanding:

	Agricultural		Housing		Industrial		Total	
	No.	Amount Rs	No	Amount Rs	No.	Amount Rs	No.	Amount Rs
Loans issued								
at 31.12.50	433	24,686,485	-	- -	- -	-	433	24,686,485
In 1951	41	2,737,700	81	1,528,690	1	200,000	123	4,466,390
" 1952	26	4,543,500	141	2,188,640	1	57,000	168	6,789,140
" 1953	20	4,417,890	122	1,913,140	-	18,000	142	6,349,030
" 1954	16	1,432,890	174	1,655,847	1	4,990	191	3,093,727
" 1955	14	1,273,490	165	1,543,220	-	-	179	2,816,710
" 1956	23	1,329,300	162	1,391,090	-	-	185	2,720,390
at 31.12.56	578	40,421,255	845	10,220,627	3	279,990	1,426	50,921,872
Loans outstanding at 31.12.56	307	25,680,217	797	8,328,778	3	122,485	1,107	34,131,480

MAURITIUS AGRICULTURAL BANK (continued)

2. GOVERNMENT LOANS:

(a) The Hurricane Loans Ordinance 1945

	Outstanding as at 31.12.56	
	Number of Loans	Amount Rs
(i) Repairs to Industrial buildings	51	1,968,857
(ii) Replantation of sugar-cane lands	170	7,570,108
(iii) Rebuilding & Repairing houses	255	123,449
(b) The Sugar Industry (Rehabilitation of factories & Rolling Stock) Ord. 24/48	27	3,437,345
(c) The Aloe Fibre Industry (Development loan) Ord. 72/52		
(i) for aloe plantations	8	112,005
(ii) for aloe factories	8	146,000
Total		47,489,244

Mortgages subscribed by small planters at the Mauritius Agricultural Bank as at 31st December, 1956:

Number of loans ... 261
Amount outstanding ...Rs. 1,341,612 *

*Out of which Rs 215,778 due for loans under the Hurricane loan Ordinance, 1945.

Estimated Indebtedness of the Sugar Industry+ 30th April, 1956

			In Rupees
1.	Amount due on Hurricane loan 1931 (Ordinance 16 of 1931)		754,314
2.	Amount due on Hurricane Loan 1945 (Ordinance 2 of 1945)		
	(i) Art. 6(1) (a) Buildings	2,017,719	
	(ii) Art. 6(1) (b) Plantations	8,369,867	10,387,586
3.	Rehabilitation Loan (Ord. 24 of 1948)		3,465,659
4.	Amount due to the Mauritius Agricultural Bank		24,908,774@
5.	Other Mortgages: Factory Estates	6,911,108	
	Planters (Estimate)	3,500,000	10,411,108
	Total		49,927,441

+ Secured by Mortgages

@ Excludes loans made to the Tea Industry but includes small loans made to concerns engaged in mixed farming such as cane and tobacco, cane and aloe, cane and forestry.

THE CYCLONE AND DROUGHT INSURANCE FUND
(Sugar Industry)

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1956

EXPENDITURE	Rs	INCOME	Rs
Bank Charges & Office Expenses	111,228	Premium	11,542,118
Loss on revaluation of foreign investments	727,091	General Reserve Fund	335,452
Surplus for the year	13,972,724	Profit on Redemption of Securities	3,887
		Interests and dividends	2,929,586
	14,811,043		14,811,043

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AS AT 31ST DECEMBER, 1956

LIABILITIES	Rs	ASSETS	Rs
Capital Account			
Balance 1st January, 1956	83,221,288	Cash at Bank	12,019,174
Add surplus for the year	13,972,724	Office furniture & fixtures	10,688
		Investments	85,162,753
		Miscellaneous	1,397
	97,194,012		97,194,012

The Balance to the credit of the Cyclone and Drought Insurance Fund at the end of each of the last 10 years is given in the following table:

Balance as at 31st December	Rs
1947	2,178,067
1948	9,827,420
1949	16,081,154
1950	22,971,379
1951	30,182,163
1952	44,553,372
1953	61,384,576
1954	75,026,793
1955	83,221,288
1956	97,194,012

THE BALANCE OF PAYMENTS 1954 - 1956

Unit = Rs 000

	1954+			1955++			1956++		
	Credit	Debit	Balance	Credit	Debit	Balance	Credit	Debit	Balance
CURRENT TRANSACTIONS									
Goods and Services	300,628	240,540	+ 60,088	285,529	280,606	+ 4,923	324,374	254,655	+ 69,719
Donations	7,659	6,536	+ 1,123	2,879	5,927	- 3,048	6,380	4,691	+ 1,689
Total	308,287	247,076	+ 61,211	288,408	286,533	+ 1,875	330,754	259,346	+ 71,408
CAPITAL TRANSACTIONS									
Private Capital movements	514	3,138	- 2,624	115	6,547	- 6,432	-	7,978	- 7,978
Official and Banking Institutions	2,555	53,004	- 50,449	37,732	31,125	+ 6,607	22,397	69,134	- 46,737
Total	3,069	56,142	- 53,073	37,847	37,672	+ 175	22,397	77,112	- 54,715
GRAND TOTAL	314,356	303,218	+ 8,138	326,255	324,205	+ 2,050	353,151	336,458	+ 16,693

\+ Final figures

++ Provisional figures.

GROSS CAPITAL FORMATION EVALUATIONS 1952 - 1956

Unit Rs 000

Year	Total	Purchase@ of capital goods and equipment of foreign origin	Domestic production@ of capital goods and equipment	New constructions & public works +	Capital sunk in plantations* and silviculture
1952	74,215	34,852	2,050	33,023	4,290
1953	90,582	38,480	2,115	47,165	2,824
1954	75,797	23,792	2,600	46,600	2,805
1955	85,947	40,300	2,500	41,284	1,863
1956	79,009	26,710	2,500	47,825	1,974

@ Exclusive of durable consumer goods but inclusive of transport and installation costs

+ Inclusive of present cost of works in progress and enterprises & works for public utilities and services.

* i.e. new plantations or extensions and improvements of existing ones. It does not include the working capital expended on periodical replanting and upkeeping existing plantations.

GROSS CAPITAL FORMATION - 1956

Unit Rs 000

Industrial Distribution (I.S.I.C.)+	Total	Purchase of capital goods and equipment of foreign origin	Domestic production of capital goods and equipment.	New Constructions and public works	Capital sunk in plantations and silviculture
0. Agriculture	5,450	2,798	-	678	1,974
1. Mining and Quarrying	-	-	-	-	-
2-3. Manufacturing	14,571	12,071	2,500	-	-
4. Construction	42,113	236	-	41,877	-
5. Public Utilities (Electricity, water & sanitary works)	6,548	1,300	-	5,248	-
6. Commerce	498	498	-	-	-
7. Transport, storage and communication	9,147	9,147	-	-	-
8. Services	682	660	-	22	-
TOTAL	79,009	26,710	2,500	47,825	1,974

+ International Standard Industrial Classification of all economic network.

NATIONAL INCOME 1948 - 1956

The values of Domestic Exports, of Gross Domestic Product (at factor cost) and of the Net National Product at factor cost (which is equivalent to the national income) are tabulated hereunder for each of the years 1948 - 1956:-

Unit Rs 1 million

Calendar year	Domestic Exports+	Gross Domestic Product≠	National Income≠
1948	138	305	307
1949	156	350	349
1950	186	415	410
1951	226	473	465
1952	241	529	518
1953	272	598	583
1954	257	587	576
1955	267	606	594
1956@	304	644	621

+ Computed on the exportable value of the production of sugar for that year.

≠ at factor cost.

@ provisional.

NATIONAL INCOME AT CONSTANT PRICES

Calendar Year	National income at 1948 prices Rs 1 mn.	Per capita income at constant prices (1948) Rs	Index
1948	307	700	100
1949	326	726	104
1950	347	745	106
1951	372	769	110
1952	362	721	103
1953	402	778	111
1954	400	754	108
1955	410	746	107
1956@	403	709	101

@ provisional.

GROSS AND NET NATIONAL PRODUCT@ 1956

		Rs Mn.
1.	Agriculture, forestry, hunting & fishing	195
2.	Mining and Quarrying	-
3.	Manufacturing	148
4.	Construction	28
5.	Electricity, water and sanitary services	11
6.	Transportation, storage & communication	84
7.	Wholesale and Retail Trade	59
8.	Banking, Insurance and Real Estate	9
9.	Ownership of dwellings	42
10.	Public Administration and Defence	16
11.	Services	52
	Gross domestic product (at factor cost)	644
	LESS	
	Provision for the consumption of fixed capital	- 26
	Net domestic product at factor cost	618
	PLUS	
	Net factor income from the rest of the world	+ 3
	Net National Product at factor cost	621

@ Provisional.

CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETIES

The number of societies on the Register at the close of the last co-operative year (29th February 1956) was 300 comprising the following types of societies:

Central Bank	1
Credit Unlimited	156
Credit Limited	3
Marketing	1
Thrift and Savings	38
Co-operative Union	1
Housing	2
Federation of Credit Societies	1
Consumers' Stores	67
Printing	1
Transport	8
School Savings	19
Wholesale	1
Better Living	1
	300

WORKING CAPITAL *

In Rupees

	1953 - 1954+		1954 - 1955		1955 - 1956	
	Mauritius	Rodrigues	Mauritius	Rodrigues	Mauritius	Rodrigues
	Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs
1. Central Bank	2,283,813	-	2,934,207	-	3,052,975	-
2. Credit Limited	672	2,234	720	2,387	2,148	2,787
3. Credit Unlimited	4,033,177	45,861	4,224,970	48,179	4,289,075	49,326
4. Consumers' Stores	428,763	-	562,108	-	714,388	-
5. Marketing	17,307	-	12,943	-	7,354	-
6. Thrift and Savings	228,293	-	383,457	-	444,312	-
7. Co-Operative Union	13,365	-	24,050	-	11,247	-
8. Housing	5,114	-	6,497	-	44,339	-
9. Federation of Credit Societies	49,920	-	62,301	-	67,941	-
10. Printing	27,819	-	29,394	-	31,178	-
11. Transport	30,777	-	119,367	-	139,963	-
12. School Savings	18,689	-	29,621	3,771	34,146	8,357
13. Wholesale	119,854	-	163,504	-	223,664	-
14. Better Living	20	-	113	-	117	-
Total	7,257,583	48,095	8,553,252	54,337	9,062,847	60,470

* Working capital represents total assets less undistributed surplus.

+ Ten months' operation - 1st May 1953 to 28th February, 1954.

CREDIT SOCIETIES OF UNLIMITED LIABILITY

At the end of February, 1956, the number of societies in the oldest field of activity, i.e. Credit of the Unlimited Liability type, in active operation in Mauritius was 136 and in Rodrigues 20 (making a grand total of 156) comprising a membership of 8,434 and 328. The owned capital was Rs 1,320,750 and Rs 42,304 respectively. Loans granted during the co-operative year, i.e. during the period 1st March, 1955 to 29th February 1956, amounted to Rs 4,778,855 in Mauritius and Rs 44,494 in Rdorigues. While loans are given exclusively for agricultural purposes, there is a certain proportion for purchasing cattle, repairing buildings, freeing land from debt, etc. The great bulk of the loans are naturally made in connection with cane cultivation and have been applied for the purposes of cultivation, purchase of chemical fertilizers and manure, and reaping the crop. Apart from this, in places where the raising of tobacco, tea, foodcrops and vegetables is practised, an appreciable proportion of the available capital has been applied for the purpose of raising these crops.

CLASSIFICATION OF LOANS GRANTED IN UNLIMITED LIABILITY SOCIETIES FOR THE PERIOD 1ST MARCH, 1955 TO 29TH FEBRUARY, 1956
(Mauritius only)

	No. of Loans	% of total	Amount Rs	% of total
PRODUCTIVE				
1. Cultivation	11,017	94.8	4,483,362	93.8
2. Buying cattle	43	0.4	9,248	0.2
3. Repairing buildings	177	1.5	73,125	1.5
4. Purchasing land	47	0.4	35,708	0.7
5. Paying cost of Notarial Deeds	4	-	2,190	0.1
6. Medical aid and others	32	0.3	19,653	0.4
Total	11,320	97.4	4,623,286	96.7
UNPRODUCTIVE				
1. Payment of debts	258	2.2	141.562	3.0
2. Marriage and others	42	0.4	14,007	0.3
Total	300	2.6	155,569	3.3
Grand Total	11,620	100.0	4,778,855	100.0

Number of members drawing loans during the period 1.3.55 - 29.2.56: 4,815

Number of members indebted as at 29th February, 1956: 4,161

Average size of loans held by members as at 29th February, 1956: Rs 815

RATES OF INTEREST CHARGED ON LOANS TO MEMBERS

	%
1 Society charging	5
2 Societies "	6
2 " "	6½
32 " "	7
11 " "	7½
47 " "	8
3 " "	8½
28 " "	9
10 " "	10
Average of interest:	
In Mauritius	8.0
In Rodrigues	5.9

THRIFT AND SAVINGS SOCIETIES

The number of Thrift and Savings Societies on the register during the period 1st March, 1955 to 29th February, 1956 was 38. The total membership was 2,459 whilst the total savings at 29th February, 1956, i.e. the close of the co-operative year, amounted to Rs 264,541.

The following table shows the distribution of societies according to districts:

DISTRICT	No. of Societies	No. of Members	Total Savings Rs	Amount Withdrawn Rs	Working Capital Rs
Port Louis	2	629	44,261	3,022	114,845
Pamplemousses	8	461	56,909	53,913	61,858
Riviere du Rempart	3	320	121,099	112,262	156,662
Flacq	5	184	24,025	18,152	45,715
Grand Port	10	458	5,734	8,059	20,321
Savanne	2	58	3,232	4,004	3,162
Plaines Wilhems	7	349	9,281	9,491	30,715
Black River	1	-	-	-	-
Total	38	2,459	264,541	208,903	433,278

CONSUMERS' SOCIETIES

As at 29th February, 1956, sixty-seven co-operative stores were on the Register.

The following is a statement of the business of the Consumers' Societies for the period 1st March, 1955 to the 29th February, 1956.

District	No. of Stores	Membership	Paid up Share Capital	Total Sales	Net Profit/ Net Loss (-)	Reserve Funds
			Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs
Port Louis	5	1,086	13,658	400,782	- 220	6,898
Pamplemousses	13	1,774	54,534	346,970	40,436	45,957
Riviere du Rempart	8	1,158	22,155	210,190	16,589	24,409
Flacq	7	1,031	15,911	122,366	2,694	14,383
Grand Port	5	1,045	16,823	151,653	20,195	11,404
Savanne	3	512	9,323	57,004	11,290	7,439
Plaines Wilhems	17	2,955	79,668	754,332	27,445	54,965
Moka	8	916	20,244	193,301	21,788	26,719
Black River	1	294	3,200	40,403	5,330	4,977
Total	67	10,771	235,516	2,277,001	145,547	197,151
Wholesale	1	68	68,672	3,664,628	76,726	31,502

MARKETING SOCIETIES

GINGER

The Creve Coeur Ginger Cooperative Marketing Society is now the only marketing society in operation. The statistics pertaining to that society during each of the cooperative years 1953-54, 1954-55 and 1955-56 are as follows:-

	1953 - 1954 (10 month operating)	1954 - 1955	1955 - 1956
Number of members	378	378	378
Quantity of ginger marketed	178,761 kgs	128,735 kgs	70,039 kgs
Value	Rs 44,628	Rs 28,514	Rs 22,411
Gross Profit	Rs 314	Rs 232	Rs 881
Net Profit	Rs 248	Rs 158	Rs - 27
Net Loss	-	-	Rs 27
Reserve	Rs 2,197	Rs 2,445	Rs 2,603

SUGARCANE

The number of members of co-operative credit societies electing to engage in the co-operative sale of their sugarcane through the agency of their societies in respect of the 1955 crop totalled 6,494. The tonnage of canes thus sold amounted to 391,884 metric tons while the quantity of sugar received in return for the canes supplied totalled 30,514 metric tons, and represented 77.87 kilos of sugar per ton of canes on an average. In addition, the members of some societies also received 10 kilos of molasses and 5 kilos of scums per ton of canes. In all other cases, the equivalent in sugar of these by-products was paid to them.

TOBACCO

Members of 9 credit societies engaged in the co-operative sale of their tobacco crop. The value of leaves sold to the Tobacco Board amounted to Rs 158,113.

The following table illustrates the position of societies relative to the fluctuations:

(i) in the tonnage of canes produced;
(ii) in the quantum of sugar received per ton of canes, and
(iii) in the amount of money controlled at the end of each of the last ten years.

Crop	No. of members selling canes	Tonnage of canes sold	Tonnage of sugar received	Average quantum of sugar received per ton of canes	Average price of sugar ex-Sugar Syndicate per 100 kilos	Amount controlled by Societies
		M/Tons	M/Tons	Kilos	Rs	Rs
1946	2,904	141,815	10,510	74.10	24.96	2,623,030
1947	2,885	170,257	12,824	75.33	28.77	3,688,951
1948	3,603	181,860	14,128	77.68	30.24	4,272,331
1949	3,998	197,738	15,941	80.25	32.87	5,240,421
1950	4,588	261,154	20,906	80.05	36.30	7,589,602
1951	5,524	360,542	26,474	73.43	41.19	10,905,446
1952	5,917	374,201	28,282	75.58	44.27	12,521,755
1953	6,292	462,717	32,826	70.94	47.34	15,539,956
1954	6,484	413,315	31,040	75.10	45.87	14,239,082
1955	6,494	391,884	30,514	77.87	44.85	13,687,349

CENTRAL BANK

The Mauritius Co-operative Central Bank Limited was registered on the 8th October, 1948, with 97 member societies (89 co-operative credit societies and 8 co-operative stores) and a paid up share capital of Rs 19,600. The managing committee consists of 16 members, 13 of which are elected and 3 nominated by the Registrar, Co-operative Department. The Committee selects its own Chairman and Vice-Chairman.

The principal statistics relating to the Co-operative Central Bank at the end of each of the Co-operative financial years 1953 - 54, 1954 - 55, and 1955 - 56 are as follows:-

	1953 - 1954+	1954 - 1955	1955 - 1956
Borrowing rate	4½%	5%	4 - 4½%
Lending rate	5½%	5½ - 6%	6 - 7 %
Membership	131	141	143
	Rs	Rs	Rs
Total Assets	2,320,630	2,985,437	2,796,286
Loans granted	3,715,753	3,840,261	3,737,772
Loans recovered	1,397,765	1,620,394	1,390,641
Loans outstanding	2,317,988	2,219,867	2,347,131
Total deposits held	1,141,498	1,689,573	1,921,645
Paid-up Share Capital	223,579	284,625	334,273
Barclays Bank Overdraft	738,519	559,936	325,899
Reserve Fund	210,083	341,797	435,447
Net Profit	36,817	51,230	59,388

+Ten months' operation - 1st May, 1953 to 28th February, 1954.

CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETIES

Financial and statistical statement for the period 1st March, 1955 to 29th February, 1956.

Type of Society	NUMBER OF		A S S E T S					
	Societies	Members	Cash in hand & at bank	Loans due by members & societies	Stock in hand and fixed assets	Investments	Other items	TOTAL
			Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs
1. Credit (unlimited liability)	156	8,762	491,164	3,437,788	26,892	331,242	100,430	4,387,516
2. Credit (limited liability)	3	67	568	3,319	468	-	351	4,706
3. Stores & Canteens	67	10,771	184,840	-	287,651	69,721	314,546	856,758
4. Central Bank	1	143	43	2,347,132	156,097	600,000	9,091	3,112,363
5. Wholesale	1	68	135,305	-	151,763	2,000	11,591	300,659
6. Thrift & Savings	38	2,459	327,110	-	-	-	118,837	445,947
7. Marketing	1	378	6,288	1,012	-	-	27	7,327
8. Housing	2	181	18,805	26,000	-	-	-	44,805
9. Federation of Credit Societies	1	126	62,987	-	688	-	4,266	67,941
10. Printing	1	837	7,467	-	20,454	-	5,586	33,507
11. Transport	8	381	36,348	-	106,767	700	15,155	158,970
12. Union	1	191	6,322	-	3,294	59,221	1,978	70,815
13. School Savings Bank	19	3,772	43,093	-	-	-	-	43,093
14. Better Living	1	80	13	-	219	-	-	232
TOTAL	300	28,216	1,320,353	5,815,251	754,293	1,062,884	581,858	9,534,639

Financial and Statistical Statement for the period 1st March, 1955 to 29th February, 1956 (continued)

	L I A B I L I T I E S											
	Share Capital	DEPOSITS		LOANS FROM		Suspense Account	Barclays Bank overdraft	Sundry Creditors	Reserve Funds	Other Items	Excess of Assets over Liabilities	TOTAL
		Non-Members	Members	Co-operative Central Bank	Government							
		Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs
1.	457,162	22,469	189,793	2,339,759	14,560	290,560	4,960	109,868	905,892	1,538	50,955	4,387,516
2	2,830	7	356	-	34	-	-	-	1,357	-	122	4,706
3	235,516	-	7,486	-	-	-	-	54,516	387,745	140	171,355	856,758
4.	334,273	43,198	1,878,447	-	-	-	325,899	1,510	324,648	145,000	59,388	3,112,363
5	68,672	-	92,326	-	-	-	-	14,988	47,234	444	76,995	300,659
6	-	-	433,278	-	159	6,295	-	-	4,466	-	1,749	445,947
7	3,959	-	-	-	-	699	-	66	2,603	-	-	7,327
8	2,680	-	15,032	-	26,000	-	-	124	503	-	466	44,805
9	-	-	-	-	424	-	-	-	67,517	-	-	67,941
10	27,639	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,121	2,418	2,329	33,507
11	113,102	-	-	7,273	-	-	-	3,169	4,379	-	31,047	158,970
12	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,247	10,000	-	59,568	70,815
13	-	-	41,802	-	-	4	-	-	553	144	590	43,093
14	-	-	-	-	-	20	-	-	97	-	115	232
	1,245,833	65,674	2,658,520	2,347,032	41,177	297,578	330,859	185,488	1,758,115	149,684	454,679	9,534,639

REGISTRATION

	YEAR		
	1954	1955	1956
Amount of duties collected	Rs 3,401,986	Rs 2,936,459	Rs 2,713,358

SUCCESSIONS

	YEAR								
	1954			1955			1956		
	POPULATION								
	G	I-M	Total	G	I-M	Total	G	I-M	Total
Number of declarations	236	420	656	216	390	606	209	408	617
Total amount of duties in 000'Rupees	626	81	707	449	146	595	1,334	99	1,433

G = General; I-M = Indo-Mauritian.

MORTGAGES

	YEAR		
	1954	1955	1956
No. of inscriptions	3,800	4,084	4,297
Sums secured by inscriptions enrolled	Rs 28,794,373	Rs 34,287,119	Rs 32,629,366
Duties & fees collected	60,142	77,634	100,658

ARCHIVES

	YEAR		
	1954	1955	1956
Number of books and periodicals deposited	631	613	644
Fees collected	3,632	11,119	17,609

REGISTERED COMPANIES

On the 31st December, 1956, the Register of Companies contained the names of 475 concerns, enumerated as follows:-

Private companies*	320
Public companies+	80
Foreign companies	75
	475

SALES OF LAND (value):

Sales to	General Population ...	Rs 2,890,295
	Indo-Mauritian Population	Rs 8,479,579

SALES OF REAL PROPERTY

	1954		1955		1956	
	No. of sales	Value	No. of sales	Value	No. of sales	Value
		Rs		Rs		Rs
Acquired by: General Population	1.232	15,789,342	1,129	11,764,949	938	9,414,742
Indo-Mauritian Population	4,972	14,352,401	4,333	16,382,645	4,031	18,992,435

BANKRUPTCY

Number of Bankruptcy Notices brought before Court	179
Number of Bankruptcy Notices struck out	83
Number of Bankruptcy Notices referred to Court	15
Number of Bankruptcy Notices dealt with by the Court	69
Number of Bankruptcy Notices pending on 31.12.56	12

* A private company is one which by its articles:

(a) restricts the rights to transfer its shares;

(b) limits the number of its members to fifty;

(c) prohibits any invitation to members of the public to subscribe for any shares or debentures of the company.

\+ A public company is constituted by an invitation to members of the public (i.e., to any person) to subscribe for shares. The minimum number of persons required by law for the constitution of a "public company" is seven.

Number of trade licences issued from 1.1.56 to 31.12.56 distributed according to value of licence.

Value of licence	Number of trade licences	% distribution on total of trade licences	Liquor Licences
Rs			
1.00	-	-	-
2.50	187	1.9	-
7.50	106	1.1	-
10.00	3,102	30.9	-
15.00	1,984	19.8	-
25.00	379	3.8	41
40.00	176	1.7	-
45.00	36	0.4	-
50.00	337	3.4	9
55.00	14	0.1	-
60.00	2,904	29.0	-
75.00	493	4.9	69
100.00	95	0.9	1,829
125.00	27	0.3	78
150.00	128	1.3	1,126
175.00	-	-	40
200.00	54	0.5	-
250.00	5	-	-
375.00	-	-	-
500.00	-	-	5
Total	10,027	100.0	3,197

The percentage of liquor licences to total number of licences issued was 24.

CLASSIFICATION OF TAXABLE INCOMES

I N C O M E S		NUMBER OF CASES - 1955-56	
exceeding	but not exceeding	Individuals	Companies
Rs	Rs		
1	5,000	4,065	85
5,001	10,000	993	23
10,001	15,000	461	13
15,001	25,000	400	23
25,001	50,000	300	25
50,001	100,000	109	25
100,001	250,000	39	15
250,001	500,000	2	5
500,001	750,000	-	9
750,001	1,000,000	-	7
	Over 1,000,000	-	12
	Total	6,369	242

These figures refer only to those individuals and companies who actually paid tax or were assessed for the year 1955-1956.

TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATION

OVERSEAS SHIPPING

	Vessels entering the port during the year		Vessels leaving the port during the year	
	Number	Tonnage	Number	Tonnage
British & Foreign				
Steam Vessels	297	1,238,744	304	1,243,448
Coasting				
Steam Vessels	28	12,153	24	10,445

PASSENGER TRAFFIC BY SEA AND AIR

Country of Origin or Destination	Arriving at Mauritius from			Leaving Mauritius for		
	Sea	Air	Total+	Sea	Air	Total@
British Isles	56	109	165	238	96	334
France	313	287	600	345	238	583
Other European Countries	1	18	19	3	27	30
Egypt	-	18	18	-	4	4
British East Africa*	289	324	613	290	507	797
South Africa	487	142	629	569	184	753
Madagascar	378	788	1,166	443	830	1,273
Reunion	360	2,038	2,398	444	1,868	2,312
Australia	3	70	73	23	56	79
Hong Kong	179	-	179	133	-	133
Singapore	17	-	17	21	-	21
Portuguese East Africa	2	4	6	69	6	75
Seychelles	28	-	28	105	-	105
India	42	4	46	70	2	72
Ceylon	51	-	51	56	-	56
Other Countries	8	3	11	5	9	14
Rodrigues	960	-	960	826	-	826
Minor Dependencies	525	-	525	421	-	421
TOTAL	3,699	3,805	7,504	4,061	3,827	7,888

* The place of origin and destination of the majority of these passengers was probably the British Isles or India.

\+ Excluding 294 discharged seamen and 2,037 air passengers in transit.

@ Excluding 325 engaged seamen and 2,037 air passengers in transit.

IMMIGRATION, EMIGRATION AND TRAVEL

Of the total number of persons who entered and left the Colony during the year, 83 were immigrants and 144 emigrants.

1,451 passports were issued by the Police, 295 were renewed and 146 were visaed.

GROSS TONNAGE OF MERCHANDISE HANDLED IN PORT LOUIS HARBOUR+

In metric tons.

Year	Exports@	Imports	Total
1938	309,000	219,000	528,000
1951	550,000	277,000	827,000
1952	548,000	320,000	868,000
1953	576,000	329,000	905,000
1954	608,000	316,000	924,000
1955	544,000	360,000	904,000
1956	620,000	351,000	971,000

Number of vessels registered in the Harbour of Port Louis at the beginning of 1956

	Number	Tonnage
Motor vessels	3	2,979
Sailing vessels	4	88
Steam vessels	2	1,303

HARBOUR

Number of transport vessels & crafts used in Port Louis Harbour

(a) By Ships' Agents, Docks, lighterage and stevedoring Companies:

Lighters	... ...	143
Tugs	... ...	10
Water boats	... ...	3
Launches	... ...	15

(b) By Government Departments:

Harbour and Quays:	Tugs	...	6
	Launches	...	2
	Plying boats		4
Customs & Excise :	Launches	...	2
Police :	Launch	...	1

(c) Public Carriers : Launches ... 23
Plying boats 13

Gross tonnage handled at the Granary:

Commodities	(Imported ...	47,884
	(Local ...	Nil

@ Includes bunker fuel

+ Excluding gross tonnage of merchandise to and from the Dependencies of Mauritius.

AIR SERVICES

AIR TRAFFIC: PLAISANCE AIRPORT

Type of Aircraft Movement	NUMBER OF MOVEMENTS		
	Landings	Take-offs	TOTAL
Scheduled Services	166	166	332
Non-Scheduled Transport	4	4	8
Other Commercial	-	-	-
Test Training	-	-	-
Private	-	-	-
Military (British & Foreign)	2	2	4
Other non-commercial	-	-	-
All movements	172	172	344
Diverted movements (included in the above figures)	-	-	-

PASSENGER TRAFFIC BY AIR

	Number		Category by age			Nationality		TOTAL
	Males	Females	Infant	Child	Adult	British	Foreign	
INWARDS								
Air France	2,199	1,383	8	329	3,245	1,802	1,780	3,582
Qantas Empire Airways	142	81	2	15	206	157	66	223
Total	2,341	1,464	10	344	3,451	1,959	1,846	3,805@
OUTWARDS								
Air France	2,166	1,379	10	354	3,181	1,819	1,726	3,545
Qantas Empire Airways	182	100	5	11	266	228	54	282
Total	2,348	1,479	15	365	3,447	2,047	1,780	3,827@

AIR LINE	PASSENGER TRAFFIC+ (Inwards and Outwards)							TOTAL
	British Isles	France	British E. Africa	South Africa	Australia	Madagascar & Reunion	Other Countries	
Air France	2.7	6.9	10.9	-	-	72.4	1.2	94.1
Qantas Empire Airways	-	-	-	4.3	1.6	-	-	5.9

@ This figure excludes 2,037 passengers in transit.

+ % of total passengers carried by air.

SUMMARY OF TRAFFIC HANDLED

Aerodrome: Plaisance Airport

TYPE OF TRAFFIC		TYPE OF AIR TRANSPORT MOVEMENT[2]							
		SCHEDULED		NON-SCHEDULED		MILITARY TRANSPORT		ALL AIR TRANSPORT	
		Set down	Picked up	Set down	Picked up	Set down	Picked up	Set down	Picked up
Loads Set down & Picked up	Passengers+	3,779	3,799	26	28	Nil	Nil	3,805	3,827
	Commercial Freight[1] (kilos)	39,102	90,560	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	39,102	90,560
	Post Office Mail (Kilos)	21,469	7,305	-	-	-	-	21,469	7,305
Loads in transit[3]	Passengers+	2,029		-		8		2,037	
	Commercial Freight (Kilos)	8,524		-		-		8,524	

NOTE: Commercial freight set down excludes baggage (58,927 kgs) and Diplomatic Mail (1,122 kgs).
Commercial freight picked up excludes baggage (81,443 kgs) and Diplomatic Mail (803 kgs).

1. Commercial freight excludes excess baggage, diplomatic freight, post office mail and diplomatic mail.
2. Including diverted movements.
3. The definition of "loads in transit" implies that, generally, the figures under "Set down" and "Picked up" are identical.

   An exception might be when an aeroplane remains at the aerodrome over the night of 31st December.

\+ Includes non-paying passengers, i.e. personnel connected with the operation of the Air Service.

INTERNAL COMMUNICATIONS

RAILWAYS

Mileage Table

	Main lines (miles)	Range of levels (feet)
MIDLAND: Port Louis to Mahebourg	$35\frac{1}{4}$ +	Sea level to 1,800
NORTH : Port Louis to Grand River South East	31	" " " 280
MOKA : Rose Hill to St Pierre	$4\frac{3}{4}$	950 - 1,450
SAVANNE: Souillac to Rose Belle	11	Sea level to 870
Total miles of main lines	82	

\+ 4 miles of the Midland line are double line sections:-

(a) Port Louis to Pailles; (b) Petite Rivière to Beau Bassin.

ROLLING STOCK

Year	Locomotives	Passenger vehicles@	Waggons
1932	55	187	765
1937	50	180	733
1947	49	171	720
1948	49	173	701
1949	49	178	701
1950	49	170	693
1951	49	169	675
1952	47	167	677
1953	47	167	675
1954	47	167	662
1955	47	167	662
1956	47	134	659

@ Including all passenger-carrying cars and railcars, baggage cars and railway-owned postal vans.

PASSENGER TRAFFIC

Year ended 30th June	Number of passengers carried	Number of parcels carried	Passengers gross ton miles	Passenger vehicle mile	Passenger train mileage
1948	3,435,385	173,136	17,479,500	1,747,950	217,461
1949	2,999,672	154,243	15,007,750	1,500,750	213,976
1950	2,844,841	150,505	15,331,130	1,533,113	209,925
1951	2,395,264	137,385	11,685,980	1,168,598	156,108
1952	2,088,085	127,537	9,927,622	888,358	117,594
1953	2,128,966	115,789	10,047,214	898,273	117,275
1954	1,809,864	102,343	9,292,662	838,773	108,342
1955	1,126,846	57,725	6,827,923	626,450	77,910
1956	614,396	18,613	3,189,268	288,207	35,593

GOODS TRAFFIC

Year ended 30th June	RAIL					ROAD
	Sugar	Sugar Canes	General Merchandise	TOTAL	Goods train mileage	Sugar & general merchandise
	Tons	Tons	Tons	Tons	Miles	Tons
1947	282,762	72,647	107,344	462,753	126,163	40,527
1948	329,998	69,501	100,731	500,230	129,872	37,725
1949	373,982	21,164	91,474	486,620	126,849	38,373
1950	392,734	14,169	81,335	488,238	126,265	43,206
1951	405,745	5,150	71,314	482,209	123,904	60,931
1952	409,596	5,228	82,005	496,829	121,683	81,657
1953	399,370	4,423	66,328	470,111	121,102	79,163
1954	431,427	3,432	55,806	490,665	117,875	82,598
1955	418,444	2,394	50,674	471,512	120,513	77,744
1956	444,200	1,968	46,034	492,202	118,603	88,308

The total freight gross ton-miles for the year ended 30th June, 1956, was 19,530,501.

PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION OF THE TONNAGE OF GOODS TRAFFIC BY RAIL

Year ended 30th June	Sugar	Sugarcanes	General Merchandise
	%	%	%
1947	61.1	15.7	23.2
1948	66.0	13.9	20.1
1949	76.9	4.3	18.8
1950	80.4	2.9	16.7
1951	84.1	1.1	14.8
1952	82.4	1.1	16.5
1953	85.0	1.0	14.0
1954	87.9	0.7	11.4
1955	88.7	0.5	10.8
1956	90.2	0.4	9.4

Coal and Lubricating oil consumption+

Consumption of coal by railways	11,322 metric tons
" " " per train mile	73.4 kgs
" " " per engine mile	46.0 kgs
" " lubricating oil (engines, carriages & waggons)	42,000 litres

Railway accidents+

Injuries to:	Number of cases	
Accounts & Stores personnel	8	
Maintenance of ways and works Branch personnel	264	
Transport personnel	126	
Mechanical Branch personnel	287	
		685
Cases necessitating reference to Injuries Committee	58	

+ Period 1st July 1955 to 30th June, 1956.

REVENUE

In the following tables, the Railway operating revenue during the year 1955-1956 and in each of the preceding 7 years is classified according to the type of traffic from which it was derived.

Year ended 30th June	RAIL					ROAD		TOTAL RECEIPTS
	Passenger Fares	Parcel Receipts	Goods traffic Receipts			Road traffic receipts	Miscellaneous Receipts	
			Sugar	Sugarcanes	General Merchandise			
	Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs
1949	591,398	68,553	2,401,510	45,781	292,937	21,905	274,726	3,696,810
1950	503,711	66,070	2,555,009	23,333	257,378	23,051	402,129	3,830,681
1951	373,591	64,367	2,653,298	10,383	239,528	99,259	301,120	3,741,546
1952	305,262	64,792	2,892,670	10,802	350,396	397,037	726,235	4,747,194
1953	298,762	71,226	3,107,165	10,126	311,256	456,472	316,959	4,571,966
1954	234,508	66,516	3,324,651	8,483	279,119	510,349	303,937	4,727,563
1955	155,537	36,507	3,248,095	4,330	253,959	501,987	360,139	4,560,554
1956	76,276	9,785	3,418,283	3,448	226,731	554,068	307,547	4,596,138

	RAIL						ROAD
	Average Receipt per head	Average Receipt per parcel	Average Receipt per ton			Receipts per train/mile (goods and passengers)	Average Receipt per ton+
			Sugar	Sugarcanes	General Merchandise		
	Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs
1949	0.20	0.44	6.42	2.16	3.20	10.79	0.57
1950	0.18	0.44	6.51	1.65	3.16	11.33	0.53
1951	0.16	0.47	6.66	2.02	3.57	12.91	0.47
1952	0.15	0.51	7.06	2.07	4.27	18.09	4.44
1953	0.14	0.62	7.78	2.29	4.69	17.26	5.06
1954	0.13	0.65	7.71	2.47	5.00	18.64	5.17
1955	0.14	0.63	7.76	1.81	5.01	20.46	5.39
1956	0.12	0.53	7.70	1.75	4.93	26.21	5.38

Proportion of Net Rail Revenue for the year ended 30th June 1956:- Passenger 3.0% Goods 97.0%

+ The road traffic is partly farmed out to a contractor whose terms of office have been revised as from 1st July, 1951. As a result of this revision, the figures under this head for 1952 onwards represent gross receipt whereas the figures for previous years represent net receipts.

EXPENDITURE

The operating expenditure under various heads is now given for 1955 - 1956 and each of the previous 7 financial years.

In Rupees

Year ended 30th June	Maintenance of ways and works	Mechanical	Transportation	Head Office and General Charges	Miscellaneous	Total Expenditure	Expenditure per train mile
1949	641,005	429,324	2,098,506	1,387,652	607,780	5,164,267	15.08
1950	656,977	447,419	2,188,329	1,544,322	946,793	5,784,140	17.15
1951	616,888	433,101	2,408,504	1,596,207	574,039	5,628,739	19.90
1952	489,100	463,896	2,565,073	2,110,741	968,869	6,597,679	26.65
1953	776,492	750,000	3,536,451	2,007,588	516,221	7,586,752	30.99
1954	1,116,671	753,034	3,792,791	891,618	395,794	6,949,908	29.61
1955	1,283,122	846,851	3,409,459	365,153	546,997	6,451,582	31.15
1956	1,383,933	798,492	3,107,632	361,930	402,973	6,054,960	37.57

Proportion of Net Rail Expenditure for the year ended 30th June, 1956:-

Passenger 16.5%; Goods 83.5%.

SUGAR INDUSTRY - TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT

METAL TRACK				LOCOMOTIVES				WAGGONS		HAULAGE TRACTORS	TRAILERS		LORRIES OR TRUCKS+		ANIMAL DRAWN CARTS+	
Gauge				Total No.		Total H.P.										
Maximum	Minimum	Normally used	Total length	Steam	Internal Combustion	Steam	Internal Combustion	Total Number	Total Capacity	Total Number	Total Number	Total Capacity	Total Number	Total Capacity	Total Number	Total Capacity
cms.	cms.	cms.	Kms.						Tons			Tons		Tons		Tons
143.5	60	75 & 80	1,920	106	95	5,200	7,300	8,800	39,200	100	430	2,300	310	1,500	120	90

+ The small number of lorries and carts owned by larger estates and plantations is not representative of the actual number of these vehicles used in the Sugar Industry, a great number being in addition hired for the harvest or for specific purposes.

ROAD TRANSPORT

Mauritius is provided with a well-developed road system, consisting of some 500 miles of main and 230 miles of branch roads, most of which are suitable for motor traffic. All the roads are metalled and about 390 miles are bitumen coated.

The road network, however, requires constant improvement in relation to the rapidly expanding traffic and plans for future requirements are at present under examination.

At the end of 1956 the number of road vehicles registered in the Colony were:-

Private cars	5,934
Private vans	119
Jeeps	70
Motor cycles	726
Commercial vehicles:	
Taxis	974
Buses	356
Lorries	1,881
Van carriers	300
Haulage tractors	152
Colonial Government vehicles	370
Total	10,882

Passenger Traffic

The number of public service vehicles carrying passengers continues to increase as is shown in the following table:-

	1945	1950	1955	1956
Buses	135	166	309	356
Taxis	323	608	953	974

Improvement in the design and construction of buses has continued and is revealed in the following figures of seats provided:-

1952	...	6,325
1953	...	7,048
1954	...	8,966
1955	..	9,913
1956	...	11,337

The bus industry has now settled down in corporate organisation. At the end of 1956, there were 12 Passenger Bus Transport Companies operating, 11 of which providing regular daily services and 1 distinct company catering for the requirements of tourists and transient air and sea passengers. The total of the 80 licensed route services now operate to a specified time table. A new tariff of fares was introduced under official authority as from 1st April, 1956. For the first time in the history of the public bus service in Mauritius, a standard charge of 4 cents per mile covering the first 10 miles of travel and 2.5 cents per mile thereafter was claimed, a minimum fare of 15 cents being fixed however.

The average number of passengers utilising the bus service has risen from 94,000 in 1955 to 100,000 in 1956.

Besides, 1,886 licences were granted for Special Route Services in 1956 as compared with 1,961 in the previous year. This class of enterprise however being more remunerative than the ordinary service, special route licences are strictly controlled and licences in this respect are issued only when it is clear that the applicant Company has the means whereby to meet all its obligations.

OPERATIONAL STATISTICS

	No. of Passengers carried	Number of Vehicle Journeys	Number of Vehicle Miles	Receipts Rs.
1956	36,342,308	1,109,856	12,601,072	9,069,753
1955	34,378,937	1,000,528	11,107,917	7,918,804
1954	30,859,712	965,812	9,811,090	7,195,454
Increase from 1955 to 1956:	1,963,371	109,328	1,493,155	1,150,949
% Increase :	5.7	10.9	13.4	14.5
Daily Averages:-				
1956	99,296	3,032	34,429	24,781
1955	94,188	2,741	30,432	21,695
1954	84,547	2,646	26,879	19,713
Increase from 1955 to 1956:	5,108	291	3,997	3,086

Average Revenue for	Passenger Journey cents	Vehicle Journey Rs.Cs	Vehicle Mile Cents
1956	25	8.17	72
1955	23	7.91	71
1954	23	7.45	73

GOODS TRAFFIC

The number of lorries+ continues also to increase as follows:-

	1945	1950	1955	1956
Lorries	446	1,039	1,989	2,181

+ Including van carriers.

These vehicles are used for the transport of goods from Port Louis and internally in the island. They are also required for the conveyance of sugar cane to the factories and of other goods produced in the Colony. The main bulk of manufactured sugar and heavy goods are transported by the Government Railways under a protective ordinance.

LICENCES TO DRIVE MOTOR VEHICLES

Number of applicants for a driving licence ...		2,769
Number of new licences issued		632
Number of licences issued to learners		2,374
Number of licences renewed:-		
Professional drivers ...	7,157	
Owner drivers ..	4,654*	
		11,811@
Number of International Driving permits issued		327

* Including 482 women @Including 45 to women.

ROAD ACCIDENTS

	1951	1952	1953	1954	1955	1956
Fatal	46	44	53	55	52	69
Serious	111	161	79	100	95	128
Not serious (but minor injuries to persons)	967	1,167	1,238	1,296	1,387	1,295
Trifling	1,928	2,442	3,028	3,019	2,854	2,526
Total	3,052	3,814	4,398	4,470	4,388	4,018

POSTAL SERVICES

Weight of mail traffic — In Kilograms

YEAR	SEA In	SEA Out	AIR In	AIR Out
1953	168,140	15,545	17,414	6,505
1954	184,076	15,763	19,348	6,634
1955	188,736	17,461	19,693	6,660
1956	192,720	15,326	21,796	7,305

Estimated number of letters etc. dealt with

ARTICLES	Inland	FOREIGN SERVICE Inwards	FOREIGN SERVICE Outwards	Transit	TOTAL
Prepaid letters	1,019,610	209,460	64,260	2,300	1,295,720
Unpaid letters	5,670	1,040	830	-	7,540
Post cards	7,900	13,480	1,200	-	22,580
Commercial papers	-	2,730	370	500	3,600
Printed papers	758,150	517,010	45,790	6,200	1,327,150
Literature for the blind	-	200	50	-	250
Samples	5,250	4,680	220	100	10,250
Small packets	-	2,240	140	50	2,430
Postal packets admitted post free	1,053,760	5,370	1,930	80	1,061,140
Air mail correspondence	-	1,526,270	869,300	-	2,395,570
TOTAL	2,850,340	2,282,480	984,090	9,320	6,126,230

Postal Agencies: 75. Telegraph Offices: 47. Money Order Offices: 72. Savings Bank Offices: 31.

TELEPHONE

Number of main exchanges :	14
Number of subscribers:	5,321
Individual installations:	7,282
Number of calls made:	6,701,594
Number of miles of telephone wires:	10,812

BROADCASTING

Number of broadcasting stations:		1
Number of transmitters:		2
Aerial output:	Shortwave transmitter	1½ kw
	Medium wave Transmitter	5 kw
Weekly transmission time:		57½ hrs
Number of wireless receiving licences		23,354

MONTHLY AND YEARLY MEANS AND EXTREMES OF THE METEOROLOGICAL ELEMENTS 1956

(Royal Alfred Observatory, Pamplemousses, 55 metres above mean sea level).

MONTH	TEMPERATURES OF THE AIR						RAINFALL	
	Absolute maximum °C	Absolute minimum °C	Daily Range Highest °C	Daily Range Lowest °C	Mean of the daily Maxima °C	Mean of the daily Minima °C	Amount recorded by the Dines' Pluviograph mms	Duration hours
January	33.5	21.9	10.5	3.1	29.3	23.3	211.6	35.5
February	30.7	21.3	9.1	3.9	27.8	22.7	350.6	54.9
March	32.9	19.6	11.9	2.4	29.9	22.6	144.9	40.0
April	31.4	16.0	13.4	4.3	28.9	20.0	33.0	10.0
May	28.3	16.3	10.6	4.8	26.8	19.4	104.9	25.1
June	25.8	13.6	11.4	5.1	25.0	16.8	88.3	22.7
July	25.9	11.4	12.4	5.7	24.7	15.4	41.8	10.8
August	25.9	11.5	14.4	5.2	25.5	16.0	66.8	20.6
September	27.3	13.5	12.2	5.9	26.5	17.2	29.3	9.7
October	29.4	13.5	14.3	5.8	28.0	18.3	16.7	6.1
November	32.9	15.8	15.0	6.8	31.0	19.1	39.9	5.3
December	33.7	16.5	13.0	4.7	31.9	21.6	204.5	21.1
YEAR	29.8	15.9	-	-	27.9	19.4	1,332.3	261.8
Maximum	33.7 15th December	-	15.0 23rd November	-	31.9 December	23.3 January	85.0 mms in hours on 3rd February.	7.3
Minimum	-	11.4 6th July	-	2.4 19th March	24.7 July	15.4 July	-	-

MONTHLY AND YEARLY MEANS AND EXTREMES OF THE METEOROLOGICAL ELEMENTS (Continued) - YEAR 1956

MONTH	Daily Duration of Bright Sunshine	% of Possible Sunshine	Rain over 0.1 mm	Lightning and/or thunder.	Wind Speed in Knots		
	Hours	%	No. of days	No. of days	Mean	Highest over a whole hour	Highest gust.
January	8.59	65.4	24	6	5.3	15	33
February	8.05	63.3	24	1	6.6	12	25
March	8.18	67.2	26	1	5.1	12	24
April	8.06	69.5	16	-	4.1	14	27
May	8.03	72.1	26	-	7.1	13	28
June	8.30	76.1	21	-	4.5	12	22
July	7.73	70.2	18	-	4.6	10	22
August	7.56	66.4	11	-	5.6	10	21
September	8.41	70.5	17	-	7.4	15	26
October	9.68	77.7	14	-	8.2	16	25
November	8.71	66.9	.	-	4.4	8	20
December	8.60	64.6	16	5	3.2	6	16
YEAR	8.33	69.2	222	13	5.5	-	-
Maximum	12.7 11th December	96 29th January	-	-	8.2 October	16 October	33 23rd January
Minimum	0.0 often	0.0 often	-	-	3.2 December	-	-

TOTAL ANNUAL RAINFALL AT SELECTED STATIONS (YEAR 1956)

Region		STATION	Inches	No.of days
West	Port Louis	Abercrombie Nursery	42.45	194
	Black River	Pierre Fonds	50.79	125
		Palmyre	33.91	49
		La Ferme	25.49	68
		Medine	29.28	87
North & North West	Pamplemousses	Botanical Gardens	56.90	173
		La Nicoliere	78.91	228
		The Observatory	52.45	222
		California	90.94	135
North & North East	Riviere du Rempart	Antoinette	68.57	160
		Labourdonnais	49.13	161
		Mon Loisir	48.70	129
		Ravensworth	75.57	148
		Beau Sejour	61.63	156
Centre	Moka	Alma	115.56	239
		Bonne Veine	118.28	233
		Minissy	75.06	200
		Hermitage	76.11	182
		Mon Desert	86.10	221
		Le Reduit	52.05	228
		Piton du Milieu (Reservoir)	135.37	252
	Plaines Wilhems	Aerological Station	74.31	260
		Mare-aux-Vacoas (Arnaud)	141.22	262
		Reunion	73.56	204
		Midlands Dam	146.89	228
		Bagatelle	83.84	186
		La Marie	86.65	220
		Curepipe Gardens	121.22	242
		Petrin	131.42	274
		Highlands	95.69	225
East	Flacq	Constance La Gaiete	53.63	162
		Sans Souci	146.17	247
		Beau Champ	47.68	161
		Belle Rive	88.96	212
		Trois Ilots	56.75	154
		Rich Fund	166.64	200
South East	Grand Port	Rose Belle	106.82	238
		New Grove	81.80	200
		Deux Bras	96.65	211
		Union Vale	61.98	194
		Mon Tresor	78.56	156
		Mon Desert Carie	46.74	156
		Ferney	65.46	189
		Sauveterre	44.21	149
		St. Hubert (Cluny)	63.98	191
South	Savanne	Beau Climat	100.95	215
		La Flora	115.45	225
		Britannia	82.35	221
		Savannah	54.41	238
		Combo	72.76	200
		Fontenelle	70.41	212
		Colmar	94.94	219
		Tivoli	133.33	231
		Terracine	63.04	202
		Riche Bois	77.58	227
		Frederica	50.77	117