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Passenger traffic

The volume of traffic handled at the airport during the third quarter of 1990 is estimated to be about 226,600 as compared to 205,930 for the same period a year ago, thus showing an increase of about 10%. It is to be noted that a similar growth rate was observed for the corresponding period of 1989.

Passenger arrivals amounted to 113,600, that is, only an excess of 600 over the 113,000 departures for the period under review.

During the first nine months of 1990, the total number of arrivals and departures amounted to nearly 615,000, as against 554,430 for the same period last year. On this trend it is estimated that the volume of passenger traffic handled at the airport during 1990 would amount to about 850,000, an increase of about 10% over 1989.

Tourist arrivals

The number of tourist arrivals during the third quarter of 1990 was around 76,000, with France, Reunion Island and the Republic of South Africa remaining the main tourist generating countries for Mauritius with a total share of just over 60% of total tourist arrivals.

With a total of around 208,000 tourist arrivals, the first nine months of 1990 witnessed a 12% increase over the corresponding period of 1989. Of these, 26% (or 53,000) were from the Island of Reunion, - about 8% above the corresponding figures for last year. The Malagasy Republic accounted for another 5,100 tourists from the short-haul market.

From the long-haul tourist market, France, as usual, topped the list, accounting for some 20% of all tourists for the first nine months of 1990. Compared to the first nine months of 1989, the number of tourists from France grew by 12%. The other main tourist generating countries from Europe were the United Kingdom (13,310), the Federal Republic of Germany (13,860), Italy (11,070) and Switzerland (7,230).

Another important market for tourism was South Africa which accounts for nearly 15% of the total. The number of tourists from South Africa during the first nine months of 1990 registered an increase of 11% over the corresponding period of last year.

The present trend indicates that total tourist arrivals may well reach 285,000 for the year 1990.

Tourist nights

With a total of about 912,000 nights during the third quarter of 1990, it is estimated that the total number of tourist nights during the first nine months of 1990 amounted to 2.5 million. Overall, the average length of stay per tourist has been 12 nights, though in large hotels it has remained at last year's level of 7 nights.

Occupancy rates

The change in room occupancy rate for all hotels during the third quarter of 1990 was insignificant compared to the same period last year. A marginal increase in bed occupancy was also observed from 55% to 57%.

During the first nine months both room and bed occupancy rates have remained at last year's level, that is, 61% and 54% respectively, despite increases in room and bed capacities. In fact, by the end of the 3rd quarter of 1990, there were 72 registered hotels with a total room capacity of 4,385 and bed capacity of 9,130 as compared to a year ago when there were 67 registered hotels comprising 3,620 rooms and 7,400 beds.

Tourist receipts

Gross tourist receipts are estimated to amount to Rs 800 million for the third quarter, bringing the total for the first nine months of 1990 to over Rs 2,400 million. Compared to Rs 2,036 million for the corresponding period of last year, this represents a growth of the order of 18% and reflects an increase in average expenditure per tourist of the order of 6% along with that in the number of tourists. In fact, expenditure per tourist was about Rs 11,600 as compared to Rs 11,000 a year ago.

On this trend, it is expected that gross tourist expenditure for 1990 may well reach Rs 3,300 million.

Employment

Preliminary data for September 1990 indicates that there were about 9,500 persons employed directly in tourism establishments with 10 or more persons. This represents an increase of nearly 24% over that of September 1989 when it was about 7,700.

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Table 1 - Selected Tourism Statistics, 1985 - 1990

Y E A R	Number as at end of period			Tourist arrivals (Number)	Tourist nights (Million)	Tourist receipts (Rs Mn)
	Hotels	Rooms	Bedplaces			
1985	55	2,630	5,387	148,860	1.74	845
1986	56	2,888	5,955	165,310	1.88	1,190
1987	60	3,108	6,418	207,570	2.37	1,786
1988	64	3,399	7,005	239,300	3.00 ^{2/}	2,374
1989	67	3,605	7,374	262,790	3.20 ^{2/}	2,796
1989: <u>1st Qr.</u>	<u>63</u>	<u>3,420</u>	<u>7,045</u>	<u>62,610</u>	<u>0.760^{2/}</u>	<u>751.7</u>
<u>2nd Qr.</u>	<u>64</u>	<u>3,496</u>	<u>7,196</u>	<u>54,250</u>	<u>0.660^{2/}</u>	<u>629.0</u>
<u>1st Semester</u>	<u>64</u>	<u>3,496</u>	<u>7,196</u>	<u>116,860</u>	<u>1.420^{2/}</u>	<u>1,380.7</u>
<u>3rd Qr.</u>	<u>67</u>	<u>3,621</u>	<u>7,406</u>	<u>69,190</u>	<u>0.844^{2/}</u>	<u>655.0</u>
<u>4th Qr.</u>	<u>67</u>	<u>3,605</u>	<u>7,374</u>	<u>76,740</u>	<u>0.936^{2/}</u>	<u>760.0</u>
<u>2nd Semester</u>	<u>67</u>	<u>3,605</u>	<u>7,374</u>	<u>145,930</u>	<u>1.780^{2/}</u>	<u>1,415.0</u>
1990: <u>1st Qr.</u>	<u>70</u>	<u>3,878</u>	<u>7,908</u>	<u>67,100</u>	<u>0.805^{2/}</u>	<u>870.0^{1/}</u>
<u>2nd Qr.</u>	<u>72</u>	<u>4,291</u>	<u>8,801</u>	<u>64,980^{2/}</u>	<u>0.780^{2/}</u>	<u>735.0^{1/}</u>
<u>1st Semester</u>	<u>72</u>	<u>4,291</u>	<u>8,801</u>	<u>132,080^{2/}</u>	<u>1.585^{2/}</u>	<u>1,605.0^{1/}</u>
<u>3rd Qr.</u>	<u>72</u>	<u>4,384</u>	<u>9,132</u>	<u>76,000^{1/}</u>	<u>0.912^{1/}</u>	<u>800.0^{1/}</u>

^{1/} Provisional

^{2/} Revised estimates

Table II - Passenger traffic by month, 1988 - 1990

M O N T H	N U M B E R					
	1 9 8 8		1 9 8 9		1 9 9 0	
	Arrivals	Departures	Arrivals	Departures	Arrivals	Departures
January	32,590	36,460	37,450	43,490	38,640	43,540
February	22,460	26,940	23,270	27,310	26,880	31,400
March	24,140	23,110	26,630	27,750	27,150	29,170
<u>1st Quarter</u>	<u>79,190</u>	<u>86,510</u>	<u>87,350</u>	<u>98,550</u>	<u>92,670^{1/}</u>	<u>104,110</u>
April	24,360	26,690	27,930	27,600	34,770	31,840
May	26,560	26,980	28,020	30,900	32,210	36,140
June	21,190	20,850	22,940	25,210	27,100 ^{1/}	29,200 ^{1/}
<u>2nd Quarter</u>	<u>72,110</u>	<u>74,520</u>	<u>78,890</u>	<u>83,710</u>	<u>94,080^{1/}</u>	<u>97,180^{1/}</u>
<u>1st Semester</u>	<u>151,300</u>	<u>161,030</u>	<u>166,240</u>	<u>182,260</u>	<u>186,750^{1/}</u>	<u>201,290^{1/}</u>
July	29,650	27,520	33,100	27,830	34,900 ^{1/}	29,800 ^{1/}
August	37,830	34,960	39,970	39,430	44,700 ^{1/}	44,200 ^{1/}
September	26,700	30,280	30,250	35,350	34,000 ^{1/}	39,000 ^{1/}
<u>3rd Quarter</u>	<u>94,180</u>	<u>92,760</u>	<u>103,320</u>	<u>102,610</u>	<u>113,600^{1/}</u>	<u>113,000^{1/}</u>
October	31,930	28,100	35,140	31,630		
November	30,010	31,300	32,080	34,920		
December	36,520	28,140	42,300	33,630		
<u>4th Quarter</u>	<u>98,460</u>	<u>87,540</u>	<u>109,520</u>	<u>100,180</u>		
<u>2nd Semester</u>	<u>192,640</u>	<u>180,300</u>	<u>212,840</u>	<u>202,790</u>		
Whole Year	343,940	341,330	379,080	385,050		

^{1/} Provisional

Table III - Tourist arrivals by country of residence, 1988 - 1990

Country of residence	NUMBER											
	1988		1989		1990							
	1988	1989	1st Qr.	2nd Qr.	1st Semester	3rd Qr.	4th Qr.	1st Qr.	2nd Qr.	2nd Semester ^{2/}	3rd Qr. ^{1/}	
France	50,240	53,660	13,680	10,380	24,060	12,260	17,340	14,750	12,400	27,150	13,500	
Germany Fed. Rep.	15,130	18,210	4,430	4,110	8,540	4,340	5,330	4,160	4,900	9,060	4,800	
Italy	14,960	14,470	3,990	2,670	6,660	3,820	3,990	3,670	3,200	6,870	4,200	
Switzerland	9,080	10,690	2,650	1,730	4,380	2,190	4,120	2,730	2,100	4,830	2,400	
United Kingdom	13,780	16,550	3,270	3,460	6,730	4,510	5,310	4,210	4,200	8,410	4,900	
Malagassy Rep.	6,770	6,530	1,400	1,600	3,000	1,690	1,840	1,510	1,800	3,310	1,800	
Reunion Island	56,930	65,550	17,600	11,180	28,780	20,680	16,090	17,490	13,400	30,890	22,700	
Seychelles	1,950	3,260	270	640	910	950	1,400	640	800	1,440	1,000	
Kenya	1,260	1,100	300	170	470	330	300	290	200	490	400	
South Africa Rep. of	35,860	36,860	8,180	9,290	17,470	9,460	9,930	8,280	11,100	19,380	10,600	
Zambia	2,590	1,810	410	390	800	450	560	350	400	750	500	
Zimbabwe	2,900	2,870	420	980	1,400	700	770	540	1,100	1,640	800	
Australia	2,310	2,510	470	610	1,080	610	820	680	800	1,480	700	
India	4,220	4,790	480	2,090	2,570	980	1,240	970	2,500	3,470	1,100	
U.S.A.	1,470	1,890	350	510	860	450	580	560	600	1,160	500	
Singapore	1,340	1,990	310	530	840	440	710	340	600	940	500	
Japan	2,190	2,900	690	680	1,370	730	800	830	900	1,730	800	
Other Countries	16,320	17,150	33,710	3,230	6,940	4,600	5,610	5,100	3,980	9,080	4,800	
All Countries	239,300	262,790	62,610	54,250	116,860	69,190	76,740	67,100	64,980	132,080	76,000	

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^{2/} Revised estimates

Table IV - Tourist arrivals by month, 1988 - 1990

M O N T H	N U M B E R		
	1 9 8 8	1 9 8 9	1 9 9 0
January	23,070	26,200	27,950
February	16,330	16,900	19,520
March	18,010	19,510	19,630
<u>1st Quarter</u>	<u>57,410</u>	<u>62,610</u>	<u>67,100</u>
April	17,320	19,430	25,570
May	19,770	20,190	23,210
June	13,430	14,630	16,200 ^{2/}
<u>2nd Quarter</u>	<u>50,520</u>	<u>54,250</u>	<u>64,980^{2/}</u>
<u>1st Semester</u>	<u>107,930</u>	<u>116,860</u>	<u>132,080^{2/}</u>
July	19,230	21,110	22,500 ^{1/}
August	25,020	27,310	30,000 ^{1/}
September	18,350	20,770	23,500 ^{1/}
<u>3rd Quarter</u>	<u>62,600</u>	<u>69,190</u>	<u>76,000^{1/}</u>
October	23,250	25,360	
November	20,970	22,470	
December	24,550	28,910	
<u>4th Quarter</u>	<u>68,770</u>	<u>76,740</u>	
<u>2nd Semester</u>	<u>131,370</u>	<u>145,930</u>	
Whole Year	239,300	262,790	

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^{2/} Revised estimates

Table V - Monthly room occupancy rate for all hotels, 1988 - 1990

M O N T H	P E R C E N T A G E		
	1 9 8 8	1 9 8 9	1 9 9 0
January	74.3	74.0	68.6
February	69.0	66.5	61.9
March	64.7	63.4	57.4
<u>1st Quarter</u>	<u>69.4</u>	<u>68.0</u>	<u>62.6</u>
April	66.3	54.1	58.6
May	63.5	58.5	61.0
June	54.4	46.9	49.5
<u>2nd Quarter</u>	<u>61.5</u>	<u>53.2</u>	<u>56.5</u>
<u>1st Semester</u>	<u>65.6</u>	<u>60.3</u>	<u>59.5</u>
July	60.1	55.5	58.4
August	69.0	64.1	64.4
September	65.2	66.6	68.0 ^{1/}
<u>3rd Quarter</u>	<u>64.8</u>	<u>62.1</u>	<u>63.0^{1/}</u>
October	74.0	70.0	
November	71.6	72.1	
December	60.1	61.9	
<u>4th Quarter</u>	<u>68.4</u>	<u>67.9</u>	
<u>2nd Semester</u>	<u>66.6</u>	<u>65.1</u>	
Whole Year	66.1	64.0	

1/ Provisional

Table VI - Monthly bed occupancy rate for all hotels, 1988 - 1990

M O N T H	P E R C E N T A G E		
	1 9 8 8	1 9 8 9	1 9 9 0
January	65.4	66.5	62.2
February	59.5	58.4	53.0
March	55.4	55.7	49.0
<u>1st Quarter</u>	<u>60.1</u>	<u>60.3</u>	<u>54.8</u>
April	58.2	47.8	51.1
May	53.8	51.2	53.7
June	46.5	39.6	41.3
<u>2nd Quarter</u>	<u>52.9</u>	<u>46.2</u>	<u>48.8</u>
<u>1st Semester</u>	<u>56.7</u>	<u>53.0</u>	<u>51.8</u>
July	52.5	49.2	50.9
August	63.5	57.4	59.6
September	58.5	59.1	61.0 ^{1/}
<u>3rd Quarter</u>	<u>58.4</u>	<u>55.3</u>	<u>57.0^{1/}</u>
October	66.3	62.0	
November	63.0	62.1	
December	53.7	55.0	
<u>4th Quarter</u>	<u>60.8</u>	<u>59.7</u>	
<u>2nd Semester</u>	<u>59.6</u>	<u>57.5</u>	
Whole Year	58.2	55.3	

^{1/} Provisional

Table VII - Monthly room occupancy for large hotels, 1988 - 1990

M O N T H	P E R C E N T A G E		
	1 9 8 8	1 9 8 9	1 9 9 0
January	91.4	88.5	82.1
February	90.6	84.4	80.5
March	84.6	76.6	73.6
<u>1st Quarter</u>	<u>88.8</u>	<u>83.2</u>	<u>78.7</u>
April	80.5	73.0	74.7
May	79.4	74.6	77.6
June	66.0	61.3	68.8
<u>2nd Quarter</u>	<u>75.4</u>	<u>69.7</u>	<u>73.9</u>
<u>1st Semester</u>	<u>82.2</u>	<u>76.6</u>	<u>76.4</u>
July	72.7	67.4	73.9
August	85.6	73.0	74.8
September	84.9	81.0	74.5
<u>3rd Quarter</u>	<u>81.0</u>	<u>73.7</u>	<u>74.4</u>
October	92.3	88.3	
November	92.6	89.6	
December	74.7	75.3	
<u>4th Quarter</u>	<u>86.3</u>	<u>84.4</u>	
<u>2nd Semester</u>	<u>83.7</u>	<u>79.1</u>	
Whole Year	82.9	77.8	

Table VIII - Monthly bed occupancy rate for large hotels, 1988 - 1990

M O N T H	P E R C E N T A G E		
	1 9 8 8	1 9 8 9	1 9 9 0
January	82.6	80.3	75.1
February	79.4	75.1	73.7
March	73.7	68.6	63.6
<u>1st Quarter</u>	<u>78.6</u>	<u>74.6</u>	<u>69.7</u>
April	71.9	63.8	66.6
May	68.4	66.3	68.9
June	57.3	53.1	59.6
<u>2nd Quarter</u>	<u>66.0</u>	<u>61.2</u>	<u>65.3</u>
<u><u>1st Semester</u></u>	<u><u>72.3</u></u>	<u><u>67.9</u></u>	<u><u>67.6</u></u>
July	64.9	59.9	64.8
August	79.0	66.3	67.2
September	75.9	73.4	67.1
<u>3rd Quarter</u>	<u>73.3</u>	<u>66.5</u>	<u>66.6</u>
October	84.0	79.8	
November	83.1	80.0	
December	68.7	68.5	
<u>4th Quarter</u>	<u>78.4</u>	<u>76.1</u>	
<u><u>2nd Semester</u></u>	<u><u>75.9</u></u>	<u><u>71.3</u></u>	
Whole Year	74.1	69.8	

Table IX - Employment^{1/} in the Tourist Industry, 1986 - 1990

Industrial Group	1986		1987		1988		1989		1990	
	March	September	March	September	March	September	March	September	March	September ^{2/}
Restaurants	692	672	674	725	855	867	949	1,019	935	900
Hotels	2,933	3,079	3,453	3,670	4,045	4,116	4,379	4,600	5,581	6,100
Travel and Tourism	1,237	1,329	1,428	1,732	1,893	1,991	1,877	2,065	2,386	2,500
TOTAL	4,862	5,080	5,555	6,127	6,793	6,974	7,205	7,684	8,902	9,500

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

^{2/} provisional