

Table 1: Selected Economic Indicators : 1996 - 2005

| | Period | Unit | 1996 | 1997 | 1998 | 1999 | 2000 | 2001 | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 |
|---|------------------------|--------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------------------|-----------|-----------|----------------------|----------------------|------------------------|
| 1. Population-Republic of Mauritius ^{1*} | Mid-year | | 1,133,996 | 1,148,284 | 1,160,421 | 1,175,267 | 1,186,873 ⁵ | 1,199,881 | 1,210,196 | 1,222,811 | 1,233,386 | 1,243,253 ³ |
| 2. Tourist Arrivals*** | Calendar Year | | 486,867 | 536,125 | 558,195 | 578,085 | 656,453 | 660,318 | 681,648 | 702,018 | 718,861 | 761,063 |
| 3. Tourist Earnings | Calendar Year | (Rs million) | 9,048 | 10,068 | 11,890 | 13,668 | 14,234 | 18,166 | 18,328 | 19,415 | 23,448 | 25,704 |
| 4. Real GDP Growth Rate ⁹ | Calendar Year | (Per cent) | 6.2 | 5.6 | 5.8 | 2.1 | 9.5 | 5.4 | 2.1 | 4.4 ² | 4.7 ² | 2.5 ² |
| 5. Gross Domestic Product (at market prices)* ⁹ | Calendar Year | (Rs million) | 79,365 | 88,175 | 100,042 | 108,077 | 120,065 | 132,152 | 142,838 | 157,387 ² | 175,722 ² | 186,408 ² |
| 6. Gross National Income (at market prices)* ⁹ | Calendar Year | (Rs million) | 78,576 | 87,803 | 99,405 | 107,483 | 119,282 | 132,545 | 143,234 | 156,554 ² | 175,332 ² | 186,179 ² |
| 7. GNI Per Capita (at market prices)* ⁹ | Calendar Year | (Rupees) | 69,281 | 76,480 | 85,650 | 91,441 | 100,477 | 110,439 | 118,328 | 127,998 ² | 142,122 ² | 149,717 ² |
| 8. Inflation Rate* | Fiscal Year ended June | (Per cent) | 5.8 | 7.9 | 5.4 | 7.9 | 5.3 | 4.4 | 6.3 | 5.1 | 3.9 | 5.6 |
| 9. Inflation Rate* | Calendar Year | (Per cent) | 6.6 | 6.6 | 6.8 | 6.9 | 4.2 | 5.4 | 6.4 | 3.9 | 4.7 | 4.9 |
| 10. Unemployment Rate* | Mid-year | (Per cent) | 5.8 | 6.6 | 6.9 | 7.7 | 6.7 ⁸ | 6.9 | 7.3 | 7.7 | 8.5 | 9.6 |
| 11. Current Account Balance | Fiscal Year ended June | (Rs million) | -591 | +346 | -2,615 | -1,622 | -1,451 | +4,257 | +7,458 | +3,554 | +1,383 ² | -6,245 ² |
| 12. Current Account Balance | Calendar Year | (Rs million) | +610 | -1,874 | +79 | -3,128 | -899 | +8,038 | +7,472 | +2,658 | -3,181 ² | -10,053 ² |
| 13. Overall Balance of Payments ⁶ | Fiscal Year ended June | (Rs million) | +3,841 | +1,600 | -2,293 | +690 | +2,141 | +5,107 | +5,908 | +9,099 | +3,225 | -3,133 |
| 14. Overall Balance of Payments | Calendar Year | (Rs million) | +859 | -646 | -1,476 | +4,803 | +6,415 | -1,314 | +10,198 | +6,205 | -857 | -4,888 |
| 15. Net International Reserves | End-December | (Rs million) | 19,848 | 21,995 | 19,896 | 26,051 | 33,554 | 35,764 | 44,042 | 48,901 | 52,824 | 56,397 ¹⁰ |
| 16. Total Imports (c.i.f.)* | Calendar Year | (Rs million) | 41,082 | 46,093 | 49,742 | 56,629 | 54,928 | 57,940 | 64,608 | 65,942 | 76,387 ² | 93,371 ³ |
| 17. Total Exports (f.o.b.)* | Calendar Year | (Rs million) | 32,312 | 33,694 | 40,051 | 40,025 | 40,882 | 47,511 | 53,893 | 53,022 | 54,905 ² | 63,370 ³ |
| 18. Government Recurrent Revenue** | Fiscal Year ended June | (Rs million) | 12,779 | 16,544 | 18,471 | 21,327 | 22,605 | 24,149 | 24,606 | 29,487 | 32,404 | 35,074 |
| 19. Government Recurrent Expenditure** | Fiscal Year ended June | (Rs million) | 15,939 | 18,853 | 21,010 | 24,743 | 25,435 | 31,398 | 29,577 | 33,529 | 36,879 | 40,564 |
| 20. Ratio of Budget Deficit to GDP at market prices** | Fiscal Year ended June | (Per cent) | 5.6 | 4.5 | 3.7 | 3.6 | 3.8 | 6.7 | 6.0 | 6.2 | 5.4 | 5.0 |
| 21. External Debt: Central Government** ⁷ | End-June | (Rs million) | 9,159 | 9,619 | 10,752 | 10,193 | 10,190 | 7,168 | 8,785 | 9,074 | 8,445 | 9,232 |
| 22. Internal Debt: Central Government | End-June | (Rs million) | 24,706 | 30,241 | 34,619 | 40,819 | 46,641 | 53,394 | 67,095 | 86,413 | 85,002 | 96,584 |
| 23. Banking System Net Claims on Central Government ¹¹ | End-December | (Rs million) | 14,480 | 18,273 | 17,983 | 17,697 | 13,633 | 19,509 | 19,986 | 26,072 | 38,047 | 41,076 |
| 24. Banks' Claims on Private Sector (CPS) ¹¹ | End-December | (Rs million) | 35,002 | 43,918 | 56,653 | 62,521 | 70,570 | 77,892 | 83,977 | 88,424 | 98,358 | 116,014 |
| 25. Growth Rate of CPS ¹¹ | Calendar Year | (Per cent) | 4.7 | 25.5 | 29.0 | 10.4 | 12.9 | 10.4 | 7.8 | 5.3 | 11.2 | 18.0 |
| 26. Currency with Public ¹¹ | End-December | (Rs million) | 5,051 | 5,410 | 5,833 | 6,127 | 6,648 | 7,329 | 8,286 | 9,347 | 10,731 | 11,744 |
| 27. Money Supply (M1) ¹¹ | End-December | (Rs million) | 9,831 | 10,613 | 11,592 | 12,004 | 13,301 | 15,454 | 18,159 | 20,403 | 23,617 | 25,958 |
| 28. Aggregate Monetary Resources (M2) ¹¹ | End-December | (Rs million) | 58,263 | 67,831 | 75,429 | 86,899 | 94,990 | 105,269 | 118,385 | 131,299 | 148,632 | 169,718 |
| 29. Growth Rate of M2 ¹¹ | Calendar Year | (Per cent) | 7.5 | 16.4 | 11.2 | 15.2 | 9.3 | 10.8 | 12.5 | 10.9 | 13.2 | 14.2 |
| 30. Total Private Sector Rupee Deposits with Banks ¹¹ | End-December | (Rs million) | 51,419 | 57,427 | 62,910 | 73,464 | 79,252 | 85,533 | 96,868 | 108,206 | 118,109 | 128,856 |

¹ Excluding Agalega and Saint Brandon.

⁵ Population Census figure adjusted for under-enumeration of young children.

⁷ As from end-June 1999, external debt includes Treasury Bills held by foreign investors.

⁸ As from 2000, data on unemployment rate are not strictly comparable with the mid-year estimates published up to 1999. Data as from 2000 are derived from the Continuous Multi-Purpose Household Survey.

⁹ The National Accounts data are based on the 2002 Census of Economic Activities.

¹⁰ Prior to June 2005, include the Net Foreign Assets of 11 former Category 1 banks. With effect from June 2005, include the Net Foreign Assets of banks, adjusted for transactions of Global Business Licence Holders.

¹¹ Figures for 2005 refer to 19 banks and are not strictly comparable with prior data.

Note: As from 2002, data on imports and exports include transactions through the Mauritius Freeport.

* Source: Central Statistics Office, Government of Mauritius.

** Source: Ministry of Finance and Economic Development.

*** Source: Ministry of Tourism, Leisure and External Communications.

² Revised estimates.

³ Provisional.

⁴ Forecast.

⁶ As from 2001-02, valuation changes are excluded from reserve assets transactions.