

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

1. GENERAL

The statement of Assets and Liabilities constitutes the statement of Assets and Liabilities of the Government required under Section 19(1) of the Finance and Audit Act, 1973.

2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

(i) The accounts of the Government are prepared on a cash basis, i.e. transactions are recorded only when monies are received and paid within the given period, whether or not the receipts and payments are in respect of goods supplied or services rendered during that period and whether they relate to recurrent or capital expenditure or revenue. The Statement of Assets and Liabilities does not include fixed assets, loans, investments other than those made under Section 3(4)(a), 8(2)(b), 9(3)(a) and 10(4)(b) of the Finance and Audit Act.

(ii) All foreign currency balances are valued at the official rates ruling on the last working day of the financial year.

3. CASH AND BANK BALANCES

These balances refer to cash in hand and balances with banks and agents, both local and overseas.

4. REMITTANCES

These represent cash remitted to Ministries/Government Departments as at the year end.

5. INVESTMENTS

These represent investments with local banks and securities held under Section 3(4)(a), 8(2)(b), 9(3)(a) and 10(4)(b) of the Finance and Audit Act on account of the Consolidated Fund, the Capital Fund, Special Funds and monies deposited with Government.

	Rs	Rs
Consolidated Fund		421,160,454
Capital Fund		1,327,320,000
Special Funds -		
Government Securities	1,293,169,712	
Bank Deposits	468,367,717	
Loans	<u>132,847,535</u>	1,894,384,964
Deposit-Sundries -		
Government Securities	30,650,886	
Bank Deposits	<u>121,189,474</u>	<u>151,840,360</u>
		<u><u>3,794,705,778</u></u>

6. ADVANCES

These are advances made under the authority of warrants issued under Section 6(1) of the Finance and Audit Act and are recoverable within specified periods.

	Rs
(a) Government Officers, including Car Advances	851,715,221
(b) Parastatal/Local Government/Corporate Bodies	271,360,579
(c) Ministries/Government Departments	<u>396,101,556</u>
	<u><u>1,519,177,356</u></u>

7. CONSOLIDATED FUND

This balance is the accumulated deficit of the Consolidated Fund established by Section 103 of the Constitution of the Republic of Mauritius. Section 3 of the Finance and Audit Act provides that all the recurrent revenue of the Government shall be paid into the Fund and that monies shall be withdrawn from the Fund on the authority of a warrant issued by the Minister of Finance to meet expenditure authorised by an Appropriation Act or any other law directly charging it to the Fund.

	Rs	Rs
Balance at 1 July 2002		31,586,948,553
Add (a) Appropriation to Contingencies Fund for 2002-2003	1,126,199,020	
(b) Depreciation in foreign currency	30,091,623	
(c) Deficit for the year	<u>4,042,696,298</u>	<u>5,198,986,941</u>
		36,785,935,494
Less (a) Reduction in Appropriation to Contingencies Fund		<u>983,989,760</u>
Balance at 30 June 2003		<u><u>35,801,945,734</u></u>

8. CAPITAL FUND

This balance represents the accumulated deficit of the Capital Fund referred to under Section 10 of the Finance and Audit Act.

	Rs
Balance at 1 July 2002	9,885,602,374
Add deficit for the year	<u>5,253,721,238</u>
Balance at 30 June 2003	<u><u>15,139,323,612</u></u>

9. **SHORT TERM BORROWINGS**

These represent loans raised by the issue of Treasury Bills under Sections 19 and 20 of the Loans Act 1974.

10. **SPECIAL FUNDS**

These are the monies deposited with the Government by the various funds set up under the Finance and Audit Act.

11. **DEPOSITS**

These are monies deposited with the Government by individuals and organisations under Section 8 of the Finance and Audit Act.

	Rs
Grants and Donations	57,592,906
Tax Reserve Certificates	440,950
Other Deposits	<u>425,732,149</u>
	<u>483,766,005</u>

12. **CONTINGENCIES FUND**

This is the amount outstanding under advances made from the Contingencies Fund to meet urgent and unforeseen expenditure in accordance with Section 5(3) of the Finance and Audit Act.

13. **INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL ORGANISATIONS**

Pursuant to Section 4(3) of the International Financial Organisations Act, the Government has issued non-negotiable, non-interest bearing demand notes for a total amount of Rs 3,130.6 million as at 30 June 2003, as follows:-

	Rs
International Monetary Fund	- 2,956,200,000
International Development Association	- 167,353,230
International Bank for Reconstruction and Development	- 7,078,166
	<u>3,130,631,396</u>

At the year end, the Reserve Tranche position of Mauritius in the International Monetary Fund stood at SDRS 20,976,439.