

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, Special Funds and monies deposited with Government.

	Rs	Rs
Consolidated Fund		780,370,288
Special Funds -		
Bank Deposits	73,242,466	
Loans	<u>12,632,975</u>	85,875,441
Deposit-Sundries -		
Government Securities	45,982,020	
Bank Deposits	<u>87,064,353</u>	<u>133,046,373</u>
		<u>999,292,102</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	1,123,007,651
(b) Parastatal/Local Government/Corporate Bodies	72,764,057
(c) Ministries/Government Departments	<u>130,425,752</u>
	<u>1,326,197,460</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Act provides that all the recurrent revenue of the Government shall be paid into the Fund and that monies shall be withdrawn from the Fund on the authority of a warrant issued by the Minister of Finance to meet expenditure authorised by an Appropriation Act or any other law directly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 2006		52,539,493,714
Add (a) Appropriation to Contingencies Fund for 2006-2007	1,204,610,623	
(b) Deficit for the year	<u>6,169,344,133</u>	<u>7,373,954,756</u>
		59,913,448,470
Less (a) Reduction in Appropriation to Contingencies Fund	904,285,010	
(b) Appreciation in Foreign Currency	<u>139,410,794</u>	<u>1,043,695,804</u>
Balance at 30 June 2007		<u><u>58,869,752,666</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 2006	17,028,430,274
Less Surplus for the year	<u>1,942,405,908</u>
Balance at 30 June 2007	<u><u>15,086,024,366</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. **TREASURY NOTES**

The Loans (Amendment) Act 2004, makes provision for the issue of Treasury Notes and the conversion of a Bill into a Note. Treasury Notes for the amount of Rs 11,397,403,513 was issued during the year with 2-year, 3-year and 4-year maturities. The total nominal value of Treasury Notes amounted to Rs 35,296,200,000 as at year end.

11. **SPECIAL FUNDS**

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

12. **DEPOSITS**

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

	Rs
Tax Reserve Certificates	440,950
Grants and Donations	121,426,464
Other Deposits	599,159,404
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	<u>721,026,818</u>

13. **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.

14. **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 4,718.5 million as at 30 June 2007, as follows:-

		Rs
International Monetary Fund	-	4,542,950,000
International Development Association	-	8,221,607
International Bank for Reconstruction and Development	-	167,353,230
		<u>4,718,524,837</u>

At the year end, the quota for Mauritius in the International Monetary Fund was SDRs 101.6 million and the Reserve Tranche position stood at SDRs 7,036,473