FAST FACTS ABOUT BHUTAN

Land area 38,394 sq. km.

Forest cover 72.5%

Population, 2003(estimate) 734,340

National Language Dzongkha

National Currency Ngultrum (Nu.)

Hospitals, 2002 29

Doctors, 2002 122

Civil servants, September 2003 15,050

Schools, Institutes & NFE centers. 2003 791

Students(including in the institutes), 2003 1,45,249

Teachers (Including in the institutes), 2003 4,746

Economic dependency ratio, 1999 122

Employment rate, 1999 98.6

Unemployment rate, 1999 1.4

Total industries, June 2003 14,310

Telephone trunk calls, 2002 11,893

Postal infrastructure, 2003 109

Total road length, June 2003 4,007.09 km.

Registered vehicles, 2003 25,003

Electricity generation, 2001/02 2,059.4 Million units

Electricity export, 2001/02 1,477.69 Million units

Tourist arrivals, 2002 5,599

Revenue earned from tourism, 2002 133.4 Million Nu.

Balance of trade 8,990.20 Million Nu.

Exchange rate, Nu. Per US $, 2002 48.21

Gross international money reserves, 2002/03 374 Million Nu.

Total Ninth Plan budgetary outlay, 70,000 Million Nu.

GDP real growth, 2003(estimate) 6.5%

Inflation rate, 2003 1.6%

Purchasing Power of Nu. 15 Chhetrum\*

\* 15 Nu. In 1979= 100 Nu. in 2003