GIRMITIYA MIGRATION ARRIVAL HISTORY

Definition:

While it is generally known that a Girmitiya is a descendant of Indian Indentured labourers to Fiji, the Indian Diaspora Council International has defined a Girmitiya as a descendant of **all** Indian Indentured labourers who were taken from India to several British, Dutch and French colonies during the periods 1826-1920 under the system of indenture labour.

Arrival History by Country & Territory:

Country	Date of First Arrival & Ship Name	Number of Arrivals
Guyana (formerly British Guiana)	May 5, 1838 – *Hesperus & Whitby*	238,909
Trinidad & Tobago	May 30, 1845 - *Fatal Razak*	143,939
Guadeloupe	December 24, 1854 - *Aurélie*	42,326
Jamaica	May 8, 1845 - *Blundell Hunter*	36,412
Suriname (formerly Dutch Guiana)	June 5, 1873 - *Lalla Rookh*	34,000
Martinique	May 6, 1853 - *Aurelie*	25,509
French Guiana (South America)	1854	19,276
St. Lucia	May 6, 1859 - *Palmyra*	4,354
Grenada	January 27, 1857 - *Maidstone*	3,200
St. Vincent	June 1, 1861 - *Travancore*	2,472
Belize (formerly British Honduras) located in Central America	1858 – Sepoy Indians 1882	1,000 from 1857 revolt 3,000 from Jamaica
St. Kitts	June 3, 1861 - *Dartmouth*	361
Nevis	1874	315
St. Croix	1863	321
Reunion Island	June 3, 1828 – *La Turquoise*	120 000
Seychelles	1898	6,315
South Africa	November 16, 1860 - *Truro*	150,000
Fiji	May 15, 1879 - *Leonidas*	60,965
Mauritius	November 2, 1834 - *Atlas*	451,796

Note: The information above is compiled from various sources and its accuracy is based on information reviewed. Credit to the many historians, researchers and authors whose information have been used to compile the listing above.

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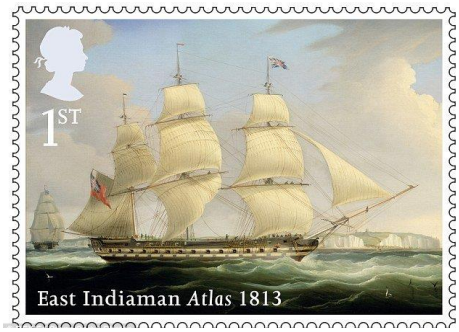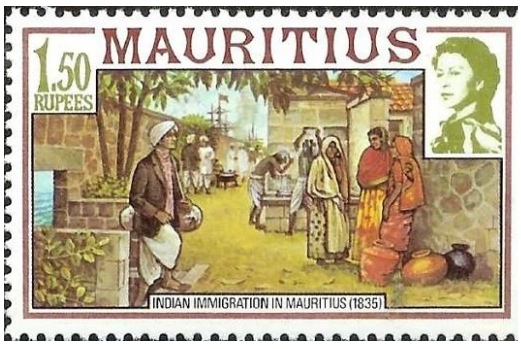
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