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Year 1991

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1. **Introduction**

This issue presents the results of the Quarterly (4th quarter) Employment Survey in the EPZ enterprises. Data available on the trade performance of the EPZ sector are also given.

2. **Employment evolution, 4th quarter 1991**

During the 4th quarter, total employment in the EPZ sector recorded a slight increase of around 500 only, of whom the majority were male workers. Male employment rose by 600 while that of female dropped by 100. The number of enterprises operating however, stayed at 586 as 9 enterprises started operation whilst 8 others closed down.

As at December 1991, the EPZ Sector had a workforce of 90,900 of whom more than two thirds or 63,000 were female workers and 27,900 male workers. The total included 2,065 outworkers and 1,150 expatriates.

3. **Employment evolution, year 1991**

During the year 1991, 52 new enterprises were set up and 34 closed down which brought the total number of active companies to 586. Total employment increased by only 1% or 1,000, to attain 90,900. The breakdown by sex shows a reduction of about 1,400 in male employment and an increase of 2,400 in that of female workers.

Employment creation in the EPZ Sector has slowed down considerably during the last four years increasing by some 3,000 only, from 87,900 in 1987 to 90,900 last year. During the same period a constant reduction in male employment is noted: on average a loss of some 1,000 has been reported every year, whilst female employment has maintained a steady growth of around 2,000 each year.

Analysis at firm level shows the continued high mobility of workers among EPZ firms. Firms which were expanding enrolled 8,800 additional workers while the new ones recruited 3,100, resulting in the creation of 11,900 additional jobs. This addition was however almost totally offset by reductions of some 10,900 reported by other firms: 2,100, by companies which stopped activities and 8,800 by others which were working with a reduced staff.

Employment by product groups shows reduction in the pullover sector which reported a further loss of 1,400 workers in 1991. Other sectors which registered fall in employment were "Watches and clocks", -166, "Leather and leather products", -86 and "Optical and electrical goods", -89.

These reductions were however offset by an increase of 2,100 in the other garments sector, and additional recruits in a few other sectors as follows: "Textile yarn and fabrics", +267; "Food", +115 and "Wood and paper products", +105.
4. Analysis of new enterprises and closures

Table 11 on new enterprises by product groups shows that, of the 52 that started operating in 1991, 30 were in the non-textile sector - an indication of diversification away from textile.

Also, most of the closures, 24 out of 34, were operating in the pullover and made-up garment sector.

5. Distribution of enterprises by size of employment

The table on the distribution of EPZ firms by employment size indicates that over half of the enterprises had each a workforce of 50 workers or fewer but accounted for only 7% of total employment.

On the other hand, there were 16 large companies each employing more than 1,000 workers which constituted 30% of the workforce.

6. Exports and imports

EPZ exports in 1991 increased in nominal terms by 6% to attain Rs 12,136 million compared to Rs 11,474 million the previous year. In volume terms, exports grew by only 1% compared to 6% in 1990.

The import bill however, was lower than expected amounting to Rs 7,100 million in 1991. Imports of machinery fell by Rs 75 million and were valued at Rs 719 million; raw materials also dropped by Rs 200 million to about Rs 6,350 million.

Consequently, a substantial increase was recorded in net EPZ exports which went up by Rs 1,100 million or 23% to reach Rs 5,100 million. The ratio of net exports to exports correspondingly rose to 42% from 36% in 1990 and only 17% in 1989.
EPZ ENTERPRISES & EMPLOYMENT
1986–1991

![Graph showing the number of enterprises and employment from 1986 to 1991.](image)

FIG 1

EPZ EMPLOYMENT BY SECTOR
DECEMBER 1991

![Pie chart showing the distribution of employment by sector.](image)

- **PULLOVER 27393**
  - 30%
- **NON-TEXTILE 9396**
  - 10%
- **YARN & FABRIC 5066**
  - 6%
- **GLOVES & GARMENTS 49016**
  - 54%

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<td>290</td>
<td>408</td>
<td>551</td>
<td>591</td>
<td>563</td>
<td>568</td>
<td>586</td>
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<td>2. Employment as at December</td>
<td>37,522</td>
<td>53,951</td>
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<td>89,080</td>
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<td>3. Exports for calendar year (Rs mn)</td>
<td>2,151</td>
<td>3,283</td>
<td>4,951</td>
<td>6,567</td>
<td>8,176</td>
<td>9,057</td>
<td>11,474</td>
<td>12,136</td>
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<td>4. Imports for calendar year (Rs mn)</td>
<td>1,650</td>
<td>2,530</td>
<td>3,863</td>
<td>4,801</td>
<td>5,890</td>
<td>7,502</td>
<td>7,348</td>
<td>7,068</td>
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<td>5. Net exports for calendar year (Rs mn)</td>
<td>501</td>
<td>753</td>
<td>1,088</td>
<td>1,766</td>
<td>2,286</td>
<td>1,555</td>
<td>4,126</td>
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<td>6. Net exports % exports (%)</td>
<td>23.3</td>
<td>22.9</td>
<td>22.0</td>
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<td>28.0</td>
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<td>7. Value added (Rs mn)</td>
<td>865</td>
<td>1,333</td>
<td>1,860</td>
<td>2,585</td>
<td>3,125</td>
<td>3,450</td>
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<td>8. Growth rate (%)</td>
<td>+32.9</td>
<td>+30.0</td>
<td>+34.9</td>
<td>+22.0</td>
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1/ Provisional
2/ September 1991 estimates
Table 1 - EPZ 1: Employment as at September 1991 and December 1991 by category of enterprise and by sex

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<th>Category of enterprise*</th>
<th>Number of enterprises as at end of ..........</th>
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<th>September 1991</th>
<th>December 1991</th>
<th>Net change</th>
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<td>September 1991</td>
<td>December 1991</td>
<td>Net change</td>
<td>Male</td>
<td>Female</td>
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<tr>
<td>Large</td>
<td>484</td>
<td>492</td>
<td>+12</td>
<td>26,891</td>
<td>60,662</td>
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<td>Small</td>
<td>98</td>
<td>87</td>
<td>-11</td>
<td>289</td>
<td>223</td>
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<td>Outworkers</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>72</td>
<td>2,193</td>
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<td>Total</td>
<td>585</td>
<td>596</td>
<td>+1</td>
<td>27,252</td>
<td>63,078</td>
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* Category of enterprise

- Large: Enterprise employing 10 or more persons
- Small: Enterprise employing less than 10 persons
- Outworkers: Persons working at their home, on materials provided by enterprise

1/ Revised
2/ Provisional
3/ Employment data include around 1,100 expatriates at September 1991 and 1,150 at December 1991
4/ Number of enterprises relate to enterprises employing exclusively outworkers, whilst employment refers to total number of persons employed as outworkers
Table 2 - EPZ: Employment as at December 1990 and December 1991 by category of enterprise and by sex

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<tr>
<th>Category of enterprise</th>
<th>Number of enterprises</th>
<th>Employment as at end of December 1990</th>
<th>Employment as at end of December 1991</th>
<th>Net change</th>
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<td>Male</td>
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<tr>
<td>Large</td>
<td>476</td>
<td>496</td>
<td>28,763</td>
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<td>Small</td>
<td>89</td>
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<td>Outworkers</td>
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<td>TOTAL</td>
<td>568</td>
<td>586</td>
<td>29,276</td>
<td>60,630</td>
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3/ Number of enterprises relate to enterprises employing exclusively outworkers, whilst employment to total number of persons as outworkers
Table 3 - Employment evolution in the EPZ sector during the 4th quarter 1991

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<td>2. Total employment creation</td>
<td>...</td>
<td>+3,597</td>
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<td>of which through:</td>
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<tr>
<td>Expansion 2/ of existing enterprises</td>
<td>(30)</td>
<td>3,383</td>
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<td>New enterprises</td>
<td>9</td>
<td>214</td>
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<td>3. Total loss</td>
<td>...</td>
<td>-3,066</td>
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<td>of which through:</td>
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<tr>
<td>Reduction in activities of existing enterprises</td>
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<td>Closing down of enterprises</td>
<td>8</td>
<td>478</td>
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<td>4. Net change</td>
<td>+1</td>
<td>+531</td>
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<td>5. SITUATION AS AT END OF DECEMBER 1991</td>
<td>586</td>
<td>90,861</td>
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1/ Provisional

2/ No. of enterprises relates to those which have increased their workforce by 25 or more employees whilst employment relates to total expansion
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<td>89,906</td>
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<td>2. Total employment creation</td>
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<td>of which through:</td>
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<td>Expansion 1/</td>
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<td>of existing enterprises</td>
<td>(61)</td>
<td>8,817</td>
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<td>of existing enterprises</td>
<td>(72)</td>
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Table 5 - EP2: Analysis of net change in employment during period September 1991 - December 1991 by product group

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<td>September 1</td>
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<td>1. Food</td>
<td>1,155</td>
<td>1,276</td>
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<td>2. Flowers</td>
<td>593</td>
<td>615</td>
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<td>3. Textile yarn and fabrics</td>
<td>5,156</td>
<td>5,056</td>
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<td>4. Wearing apparels</td>
<td>75,031</td>
<td>76,409</td>
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<td>of which (a) pullovers</td>
<td>(27,679)</td>
<td>(27,393)</td>
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<td>(b) gloves &amp; other garments</td>
<td>(48,122)</td>
<td>(49,016)</td>
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<td>5. Leather products and footwear</td>
<td>1,290</td>
<td>1,250</td>
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<td>6. Wood and paper products</td>
<td>660</td>
<td>622</td>
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<td>7. Optical goods</td>
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<td>518</td>
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<td>8. Watches, electronic watches and clocks</td>
<td>658</td>
<td>684</td>
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<td>9. Electric and other electronic products</td>
<td>344</td>
<td>371</td>
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<td>10. Jewellery and related articles</td>
<td>1,453</td>
<td>1,418</td>
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<td>11. Toys and carnival articles</td>
<td>1,043</td>
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<td>12. Other</td>
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Table 6 - EPZ: Analysis of net change in employment during period December 1990 - December 1991 by product group

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<td>3. Textile yarn and fabrics</td>
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### Exhibit 9  - Employment by product group, Quarterly Series, (years 1990 and 1991)

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