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The Central Statistical Office carries out a Survey of Employment and Earnings in "large" establishments every year in March and September. The establishments covered are:

- (a) Agricultural establishments comprising -
 - (i) sugar cane plantations where 25 arpents or more are harvested;
 - (ii) tea plantations of 5 arpents or more;
 - (iii) all "flue-cured" tobacco establishments, irrespective of acreage;
 - (iv) other agricultural establishments employing at least 10 persons on the day of the survey.
- (b) Non-agricultural establishments comprising -
 - (i) all central and local government departments;
 - (ii) those employing at least 10 persons on the day of the survey. Outdoor workers, i.e. piece-rate workers employed by the establishment but working in their own homes, are excluded.

The first survey for 1984 was in respect of employment on Thursday 29th March. The preliminary results shown in the following tables are based on the returns of 58% of establishments which had responded by the 7th of June. This response rate covers about 86% of total employment in large establishments.

The results show that employment in "large" establishments stood at around 189,600 in March 1984 as compared to 189,100 in March 1983. Thus there has been a slight increase of about 500 in total employment as compared to March 1983. However, this hides a decrease of 2,300 among males and an increase of 2,900 among females. The increase among females is due mainly to new job creation in the manufacturing sector, especially in wearing apparel.

Overall, manufacturing has shown an increase of over 4,000. This has however been offset to a large extent by decreases mainly in Sugar (1,100), Tea (1,000), Transport, Storage and Communication (400), Wholesale, Retail Trade, Restaurants and Hotels (400), and Construction (300). But it must be noted that the decrease in Tea is largely a result of TDA employees becoming small-holders and therefore falling out of the scope of the survey. Similar considerations apply to Wholesale and Retail Trade where a number of establishments have reduced their employment to below 10. As regards the decrease in Transport, Storage and Communication it needs to be specified that the number of persons on the payroll for Docks and Stevedoring was 2,600 although the number who actually worked on the reference date, and are therefore included in the survey, was only 1,600.

N.B. The March 1984 figures are provisional and therefore subject to change. They should be treated with caution. In any case, although the survey data are satisfactory for studying long-term trends they do not give a good indication of short-term fluctuations.

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Table I - Employment^{1/} in large establishments by major industrial group and sex - March 1983, March 1984

Industrial Group	March 1983			March 1984 ^{5/}			Difference : March 1984 - March 1983		
	Males	Females	Both sexes	Males	Females	Both sexes	Males	Females	Both sexes
<u>Agriculture and fishing</u>	39,491	12,885	52,376	37,772	12,501	50,273	- 1,719	- 384	- 2,103
<u>Sugar 2/</u>	34,300	11,863	46,163	33,420	11,602	45,022	- 880	- 261	- 1,141
<u>Tea 3/</u>	4,109	81	4,790	3,299	530	3,829	- 810	- 151	- 961
<u>Tobacco</u>	85	154	239	85	154	239	-	-	-
Other	997	187	1,184	968	215	1,183	- 29	28	1
<u>Mining and quarrying</u>	78	82	160	79	85	164	1	3	4
<u>Manufacturing</u>	15,563	21,304	36,867	16,438	24,553	40,991	875	3,249	4,124
<u>Electricity and water</u>	4,091	140	4,231	3,948	136	4,084	- 143	- 4	- 147
<u>Construction</u>	4,397	128	4,525	4,126	132	4,258	- 271	4	- 267
<u>Wholesale, retail trade, restaurants and hotels</u>	7,175	1,869	9,044	6,772	1,896	8,668	- 403	27	- 376
<u>Transport, storage and communication</u>	7,123	511	7,634	6,735	494	7,229	- 388	- 17	- 405
<u>Financing, insurance, real estate and business services</u>	3,408	1,281	4,689	3,422	1,318	4,740	14	37	51
<u>Community, social and personal services</u>	50,452	12,935	63,388	50,425	12,880	63,305	- 27	- 56	- 83
Government : (a) Central	40,421	9,390	49,811	40,560	9,409	49,969	139	19	158
(b) Local 4/	4,757	508	5,265	4,772	504	5,276	15	4	11
Other	5,274	3,038	8,312	5,093	2,967	8,060	- 181	- 71	- 252
<u>Activities not elsewhere specified</u>	6,114	37	6,151	5,826	38	5,864	- 288	1	- 287
Grand Total	137,892	51,173	189,065	135,543	54,033	189,576	- 2,349	2,860	511

1/ as on last Thursday of the month 2/ including factories 3/ including factories and Tea Development Authority 4/ municipalities and district councils 5/ provisional as at 7.6.84, response rate of about 58%

Table II - Employment in large establishments by major industrial group - (September 81 - March 84)

Industrial Group	E m p l o y m e n t					
	September 81	March 82	September 82	March 83	September 83	March 84/
<u>Agriculture and fishing</u>	<u>55,955</u>	<u>52,457</u>	<u>56,711</u>	<u>52,376</u>	<u>55,038</u>	<u>50,273</u>
<u>Sugar 1/</u>	<u>50,066</u>	<u>46,457</u>	<u>49,864</u>	<u>46,163</u>	<u>49,132</u>	<u>45,022</u>
<u>Tea 2/</u>	<u>4,611</u>	<u>4,747</u>	<u>4,728</u>	<u>4,790</u>	<u>4,396</u>	<u>3,829</u>
<u>Tobacco</u>	<u>1,253</u>	<u>275</u>	<u>934</u>	<u>239</u>	<u>1,069</u>	<u>239</u>
<u>Other</u>	<u>1,025</u>	<u>978</u>	<u>1,185</u>	<u>1,184</u>	<u>1,291</u>	<u>1,183</u>
<u>Mining and quarrying</u>	<u>147</u>	<u>147</u>	<u>152</u>	<u>160</u>	<u>165</u>	<u>164</u>
<u>Manufacturing</u>	<u>37,173</u>	<u>38,329</u>	<u>36,884</u>	<u>36,867</u>	<u>36,054</u>	<u>40,991</u>
<u>Electricity and water</u>	<u>4,363</u>	<u>4,451</u>	<u>4,403</u>	<u>4,231</u>	<u>4,133</u>	<u>4,084</u>
<u>Construction</u>	<u>6,300</u>	<u>5,659</u>	<u>5,619</u>	<u>4,525</u>	<u>4,436</u>	<u>4,258</u>
<u>Wholesale, retail trade, restaurants and hotels</u>	<u>8,999</u>	<u>9,129</u>	<u>8,996</u>	<u>9,044</u>	<u>8,506</u>	<u>8,668</u>
<u>Transport, storage and communication</u>	<u>7,937</u>	<u>7,842</u>	<u>7,598</u>	<u>7,634</u>	<u>7,724</u>	<u>7,229</u>
<u>Financing, insurance, real estate and business services</u>	<u>4,34</u>	<u>4,669</u>	<u>4,737</u>	<u>4,689</u>	<u>4,715</u>	<u>4,740</u>
<u>Community, social and personal services</u>	<u>53,176</u>	<u>64,008</u>	<u>63,408</u>	<u>63,388</u>	<u>63,129</u>	<u>63,305</u>
<u>Government : (a) Central</u>	<u>49,358</u>	<u>50,163</u>	<u>49,471</u>	<u>49,811</u>	<u>49,639</u>	<u>49,969</u>
<u>(b) Local 3/</u>	<u>5,547</u>	<u>5,536</u>	<u>5,577</u>	<u>5,265</u>	<u>5,270</u>	<u>5,276</u>
<u>Other</u>	<u>8,271</u>	<u>8,309</u>	<u>8,360</u>	<u>8,312</u>	<u>8,214</u>	<u>8,060</u>
<u>Activities not elsewhere specified</u>	<u>6,355</u>	<u>6,376</u>	<u>6,239</u>	<u>6,151</u>	<u>6,224</u>	<u>5,864</u>
<u>Grand Total</u>	<u>196,044</u>	<u>193,067</u>	<u>194,747</u>	<u>189,065</u>	<u>193,174</u>	<u>189,576</u>

1/ including factories

2/ including factories and Tea Development Authority

3/ municipalities and district councils

4/ provisional as at 7.6.84, response rate of about 58%

Table III - Average earnings in large establishments by major industrial group - (September 81 - March 84)

Industrial group	Average earnings					
	September 81	March 82	September 82	March 83	September 83	March 84 4/
<u>Agriculture and fishing</u>	<u>1,197</u>	<u>1,031</u>	<u>1,348</u>	<u>1,132</u>	<u>1,447</u>	<u>1,276</u>
Sugar <u>2/</u>	1,231	1,030	1,387	1,122	1,483	1,265
Tea <u>3/</u>	942	971	1,054	1,157	1,197	1,368
Tobacco	587	621	658	642	705	690
Other	1,485	1,552	1,500	1,521	1,523	1,510
<u>Lining and quarrying</u>	<u>658</u>	<u>668</u>	<u>692</u>	<u>702</u>	<u>780</u>	<u>771</u>
<u>Manufacturing</u>	<u>924</u>	<u>920</u>	<u>977</u>	<u>998</u>	<u>1,069</u>	<u>1,081</u>
<u>Electricity and water</u>	<u>2,136</u>	<u>1,959</u>	<u>2,277</u>	<u>2,296</u>	<u>2,551</u>	<u>2,392</u>
<u>Construction</u>	<u>1,436</u>	<u>1,440</u>	<u>1,485</u>	<u>1,535</u>	<u>1,629</u>	<u>1,676</u>
<u>Wholesale, retail trade, restaurants and hotels</u>	<u>1,639</u>	<u>1,712</u>	<u>1,849</u>	<u>1,788</u>	<u>1,893</u>	<u>1,920</u>
<u>Transport, storage and communication</u>	<u>2,382</u>	<u>2,319</u>	<u>2,486</u>	<u>2,580</u>	<u>2,746</u>	<u>3,033</u>
<u>Financing, insurance, real estate and business services</u>	<u>2,598</u>	<u>2,664</u>	<u>2,806</u>	<u>2,860</u>	<u>2,981</u>	<u>3,058</u>
<u>Community, social and personal services</u>	<u>1,706</u>	<u>1,745</u>	<u>1,875</u>	<u>1,923</u>	<u>2,004</u>	<u>2,006</u>
Government: (a) Central	1,705	1,749	1,895	1,936	2,017	2,012
(b) Local <u>4/</u>	1,428	1,433	1,522	1,550	1,640	1,540
Other	1,900	1,935	2,043	2,078	2,153	2,208
<u>Activities not elsewhere specified</u>	<u>938</u>	<u>904</u>	<u>1,084</u>	<u>1,162</u>	<u>1,229</u>	<u>1,231</u>
Grand Total	1,430	1,400	1,574	1,541	1,684	1,656

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