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## EXPORT PROCESSING ZONE 1984

The following set of tables relate exclusively to the EPZ sector and contain data on employment, output, imports and exports for the years 1983 and 1984. A few graphs showing the performance of the EPZ sector since 1976 have also been included.

### Employment

During 1984, 51 additional enterprises started operation which brought the total number of enterprises to 197 and employment figures improved from 25,526 to 37,573. An analysis of the employment data (table 2) shows that the net increase of 12,047 was made up as follows: 12,728 jobs were created of which 5,318 by new enterprises and 7,410 by the expansion of existing ones. There was a loss of 681 jobs.

### Output

Value added generated increased from Rs 530 mn in 1983 to Rs 750 mn in 1984 which in real terms represented a substantial growth of around 21%. Around 50% of the net output generated has been distributed as compensation of employees which for the year 1984 amounted to Rs 370 mn.

### Exports and Imports

EPZ exports have increased from Rs 1,307 mn in 1983 to Rs 2,151 mn in 1984 which in value terms represent a rise of 65%. But, it has been possible to work out a unit value price index of these exports from the available trade statistics. A breakdown of the value index into its two components price and quantity shows that in 1984, export prices registered increases of the order of around 21%. Therefore, in volume terms, the quantity of goods exported by EPZ enterprises increased by 35% over the year 1983.

The share of EPZ exports in total exports reached 42% compared to 31% the previous year.

The main products exported were knitwear and garments which in 1984 amounted to Rs 1,585 mn and represented 74% of EPZ exports.

Table 6 on page 8 lists the markets of EPZ products. In 1984, the main markets were France (Rs 530 mn), the United States (Rs 514 mn), the United Kingdom (Rs 352 mn) and the Federal Republic of Germany (Rs 263 mn). It is worth mentioning the increasing importance of the United States market where the EPZ exports reached Rs 514 mn (24% of exports) in 1984 compared to Rs 184 mn (14% of exports) in 1983.

In 1984, EPZ imports have doubled compared to 1983. In fact, the value of goods imported increased from Rs 846 mn to Rs 1,645 mn.

The main inputs were textile yarn and fabrics amounting to Rs 872 mn.

There was also a notable increase in the import of machinery and equipment; Rs 191 mn worth of capital goods compared to Rs 77 mn in 1983.

The suppliers of EPZ inputs were France (Rs 242 mn), Hong Kong (Rs 211 mn) Japan (Rs 179 mn), China (Mainland) (Rs 173 mn), New Zealand (Rs 128 mn) and Italy (Rs 116 mn)

However net earnings, i.e. exports less imports have remained fairly constant and stood around Rs 500 mn.

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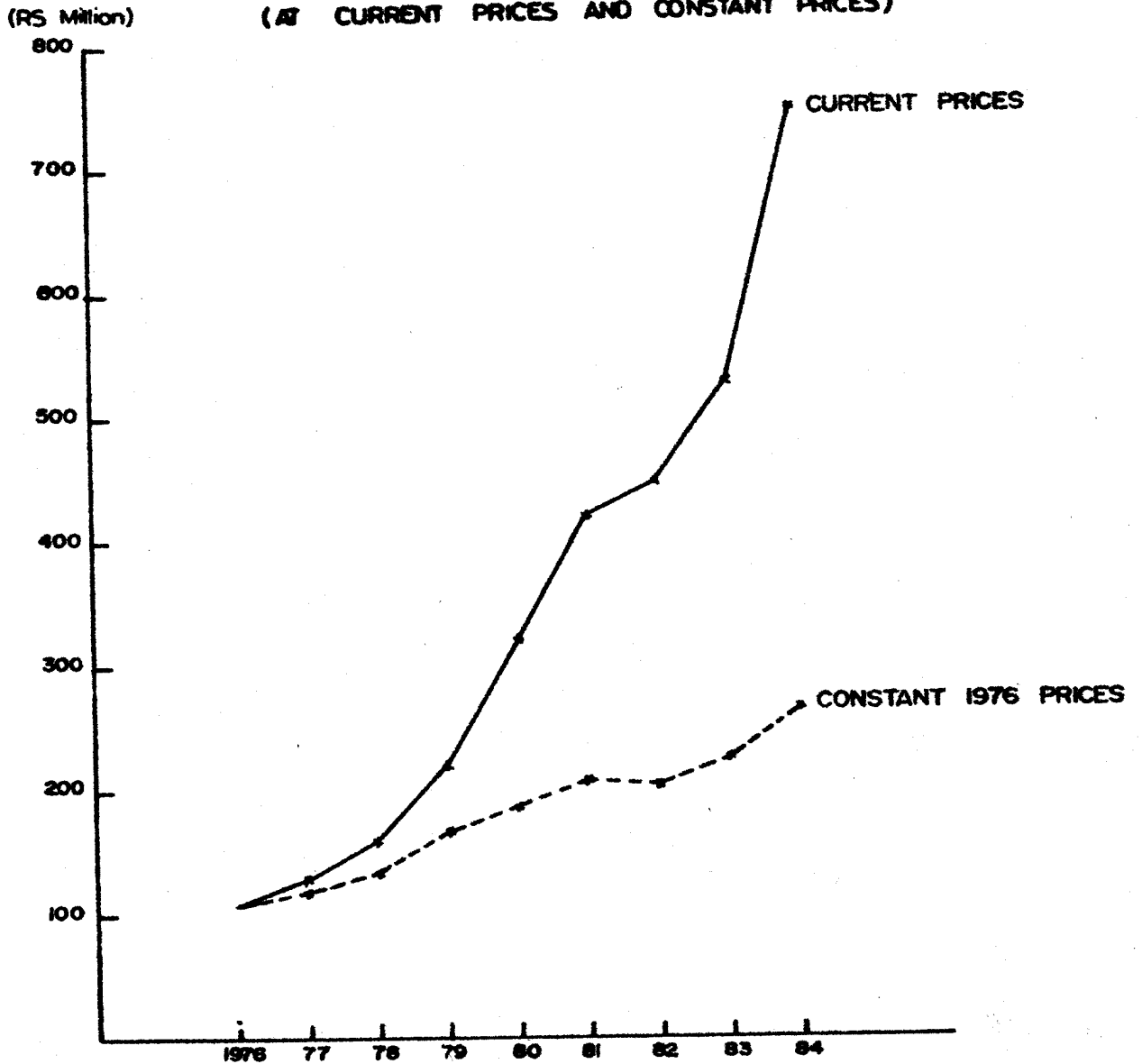
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Table 1 - EPZ enterprises: Main economic indicators, 1983 - 1984

Description	Unit	1983	1984 <sup>1/</sup>
<b>1. <u>Main Aggregates</u></b>			
Number of enterprises (as at December)	Number	146	197
Employment (as at December)	"	25,526	37,573
Value added (current prices)	Rs Mn	530	750
Compensation of employees	"	263	370
Exports	"	1,306.8	2,150.7
Imports	"	846.5	1,645.2
Net earnings	"	460.3	505.5
Imports of machinery and equipment	"(c.i.f. value)	77.2	190.6
<b>2. <u>Rates and ratios</u></b>			
Annual real growth of value added	%	+ 9.3	+ 20.9
Annual growth rate of volume o of exports	"	+ 2.0	+ 35.4
EPZ exports as a percentage of domestic exports	"	30.9	42.5
EPZ imports as percentage of total imports	"	16.4	25.4
<b>3. <u>Export indices</u></b>			
Price index of exports (unit value)	Previous year = 100	104.6	121.3
Volume index of exports (unit value)	"	102.0	134.4

<sup>1/</sup> preliminary estimates

VALUE ADDED OF EPZ INDUSTRIES AT FACTOR COST  
(AT CURRENT PRICES AND CONSTANT PRICES)



REAL GROWTH RATE OF EPZ INDUSTRIES

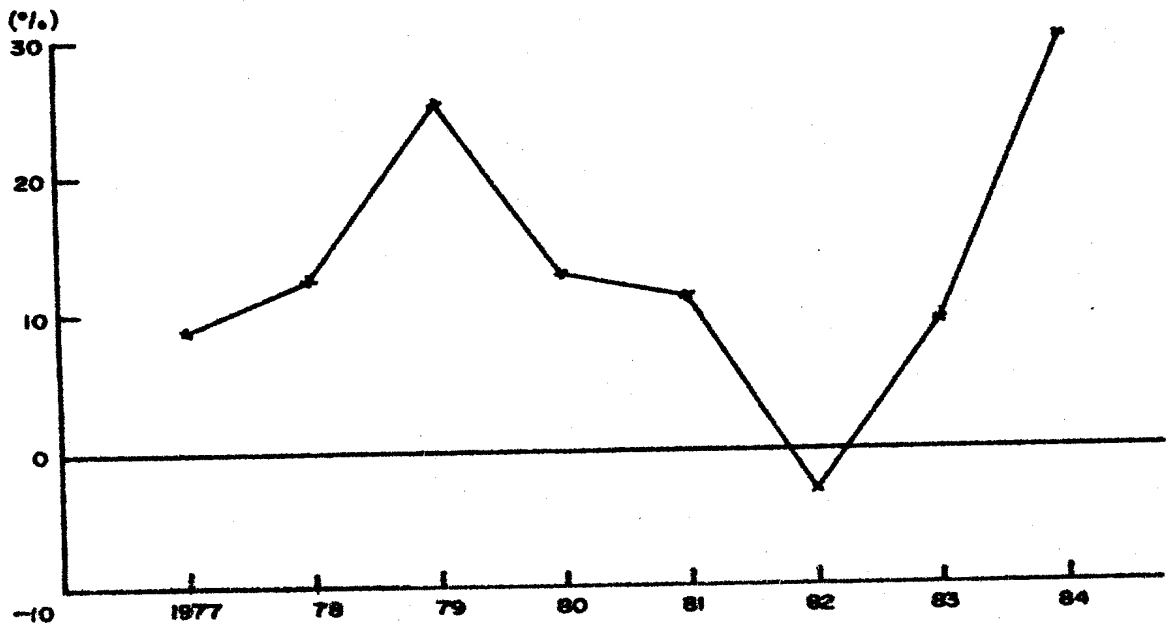


Table 2 - Analysis of employment, 1983 - 1984

Description	December 1983	December 1984
Employment creation through new enterprises	2,454	5,318
Employment creation through expansion of existing enterprises	2,258	7,410
A. Total employment creation	<u>4,712</u>	<u>12,728</u>
Employment lost through closing down of enterprises	1,733	63
Employment lost through contraction of existing enterprises	966	618
B. Total employment lost	<u>2,699</u>	<u>681</u>
C. Net change in employment (A - B)	<u>+ 2,013</u>	<u>+ 12,047</u>
TOTAL EMPLOYMENT	25,526	37,573

Table 3 - Net change in employment by category of enterprises, 1983 - 1984

Category of enterprise	December 1983		December 1984		Net change	
	No. of enterprises	Employment	No. of enterprises	Employment	No. of enterprises	Employment
Large enterprises (employing at least 10 persons)	124	24,303	170	35,693	+ 46	+ 11,390
Small enterprises (employing less than 10 persons)	21	110	26	151	+ 5	+ 41
Outworkers	*	1,113	*	1,729	-	+ 616
TOTAL	146	25,526	197	37,573	+ 51	+ 12,047

\*Include one enterprise which employs exclusively outworkers

**EMPLOYMENT EVOLUTION IN THE MANUFACTURING AND EPZ SECTORS**

**(Excluding Small Industries) 1976 - 1984**

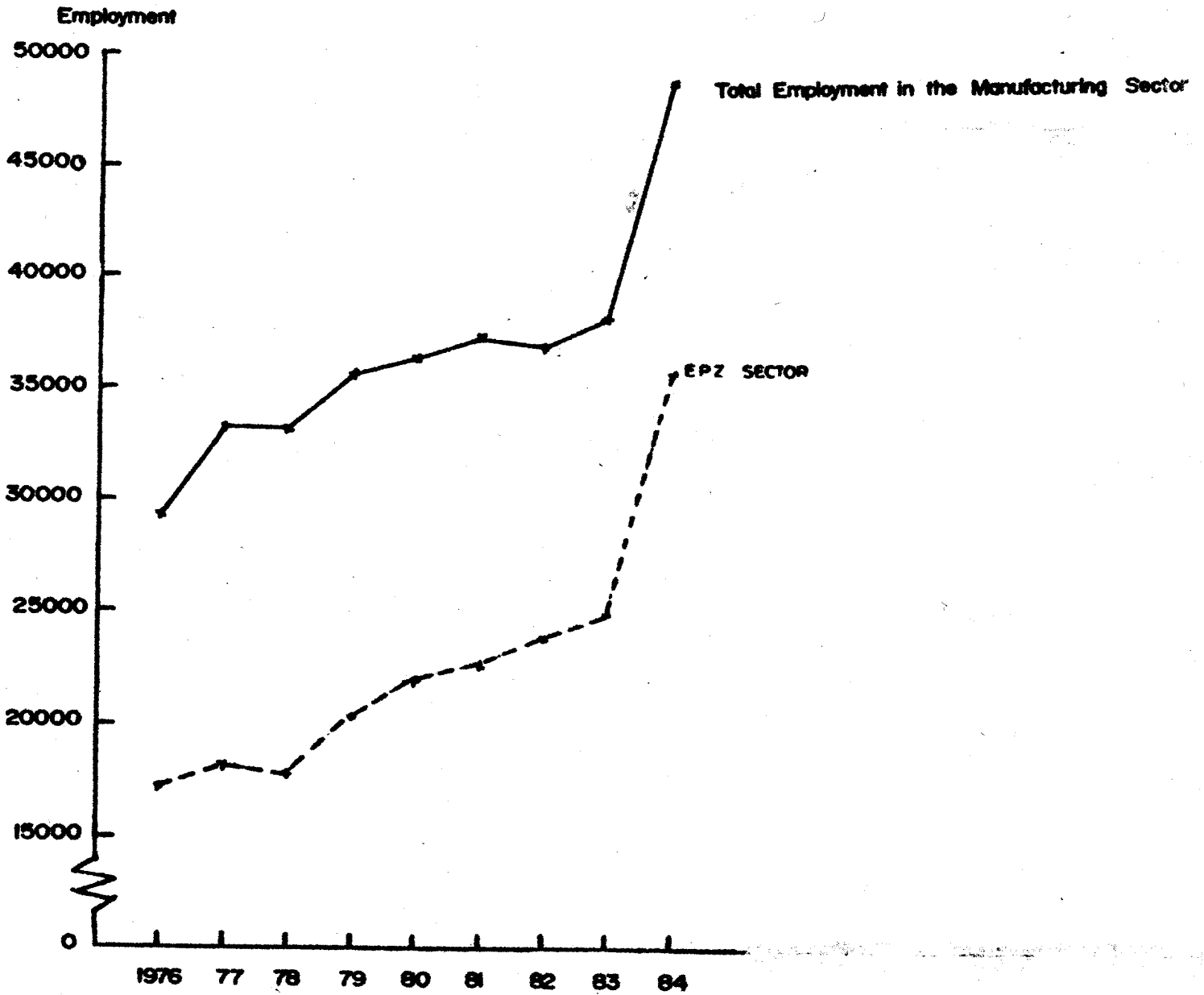


Table 4 - Employment evolution by product group - 1983 - 1984

Product Group	December 1983		September 1984		December 1984	
	No. of Enterprises	Employment	No. of Enterprises	Employment	No. of Enterprises	Employment
1. Flowers	15	157	16	172	16	172
2. Manufacture of Textiles	8	1,366	8	1,440	8	1,447
3. Wearing Apparels	64	20,453	89	29,287	102	31,065
of which : (a) pullovers	(27)	(14,454)	(36)	(19,002)	(37)	(19,022)
(b) gloves	(3)	(954)	(4)	(1,190)	(5)	(1,236)
(c) other garments	(34)	(5,045)	(49)	(9,095)	(60)	(10,807)
4. Leather Products & Footwear	5	284	6	439	7	412
5. Wood, Furniture & Paper Products	4	484	7	1,046	7	974
6. Optical goods	2	178	2	202	2	219
7. Watches and Clocks	6	393	7	440	6	454
8. Jewellery and Related Articles	9	683	11	783	11	778
9. Fishing Tackles and Flies	4	294	4	463	4	485
10. Toys and Carnival Articles	6	528	6	646	6	635
11. Other	23	706	27	830	28	932
<b>T O T A L</b>	<b>146</b>	<b>25,526</b>	<b>183</b>	<b>35,748</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>37,573</b>

EVOLUTION OF EXPORTS  
1981 - 1984

(Rs Million)

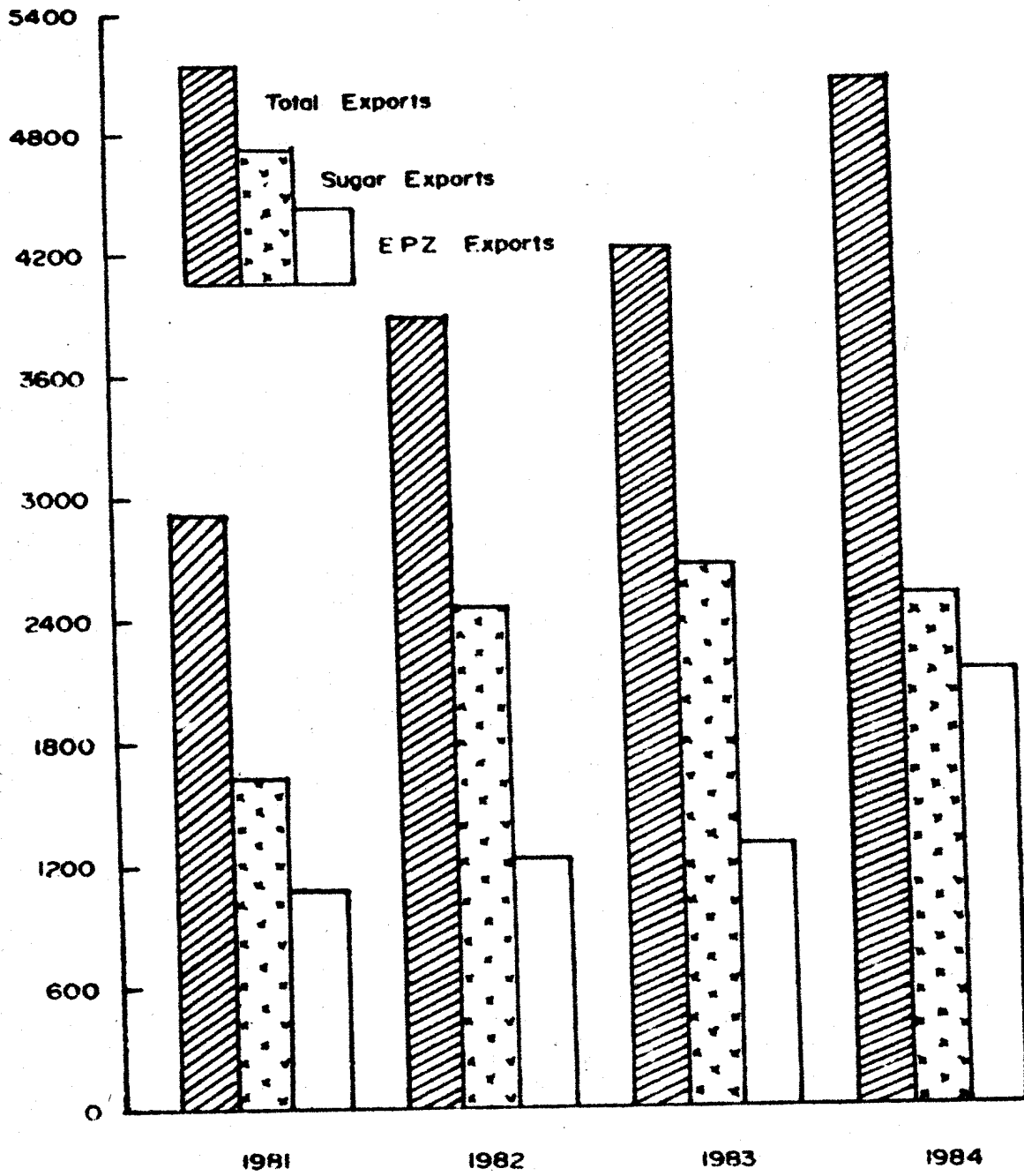




Table 5 - Exports of selected commodities of EPZ industries, 1981 - 1984

F.O.B. value: Rs million

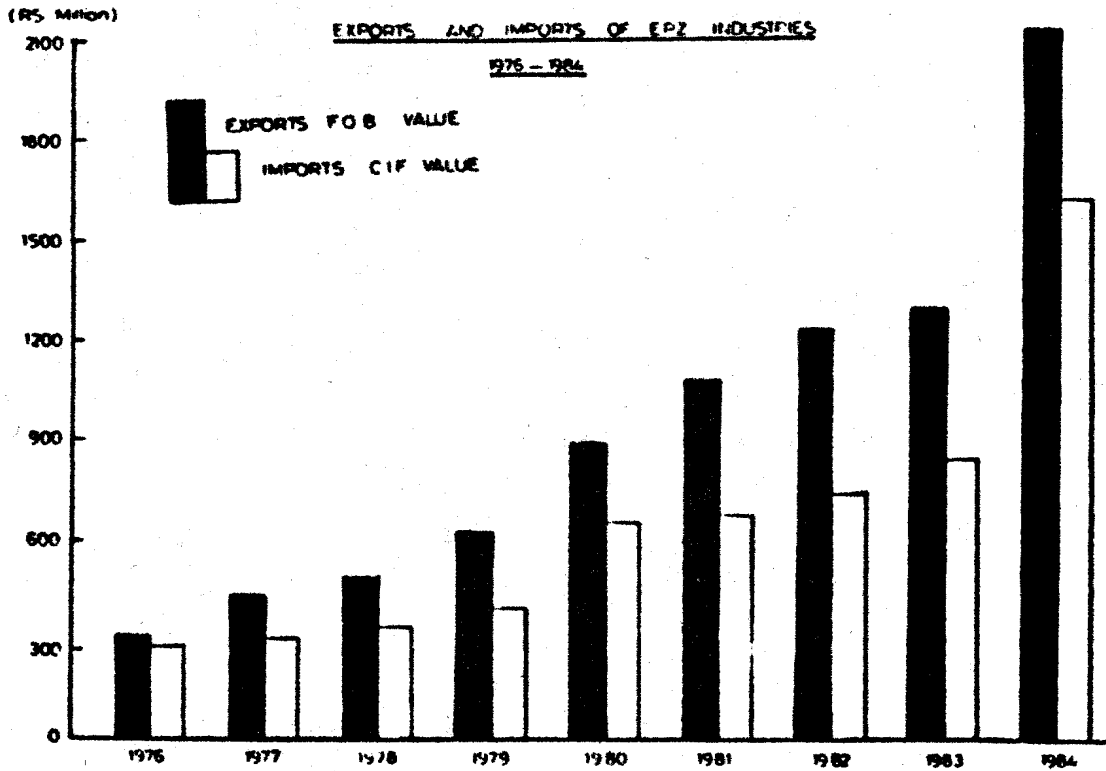
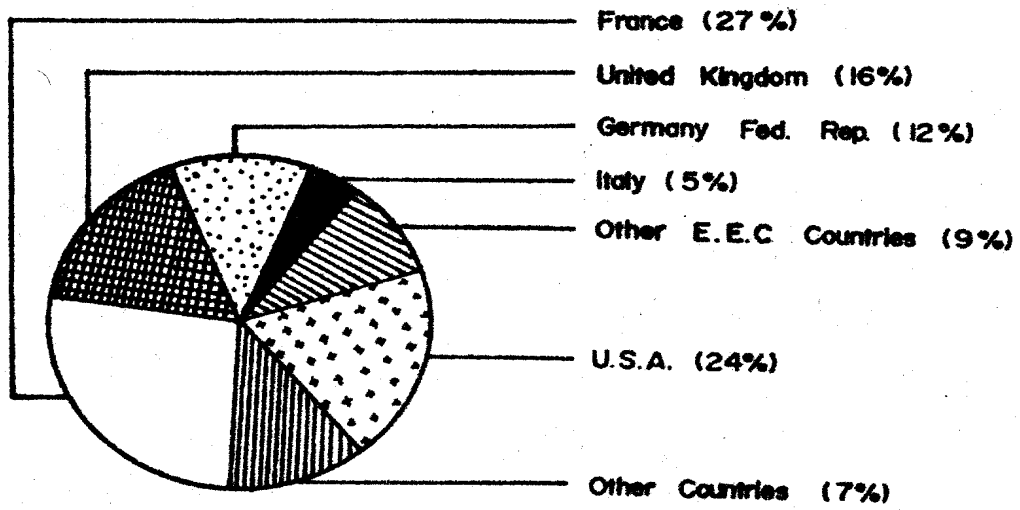
	1981	1982	1983	1984
Canned tuna	54.7	46.8	66.0	96.9
Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles	71.9	89.3	65.5	78.4
Articles of apparel and clothing	799.6	876.8	921.4	1,585.1
Optical goods, n.e.s.	27.1	29.4	33.3	61.5
Watches and clocks	21.3	38.1	64.8	84.4
Pearls, precious and semi-precious stones	28.2	51.9	48.6	87.3
Jewellery and other articles of precious or semi-precious materials	17.9	27.1	31.4	47.8
Toys, n.e.s.	5.4	13.8	15.2	22.5
Games and sporting goods	10.9	16.0	19.0	27.1
Other	50.1	46.3	41.6	59.7
TOTAL	1,087.1	1,235.5	1,306.8	2,150.7

Table 6 - Exports of EPZ industries by country of destination, 1981 - 1984

F.O.B. value: Rs million

Country of destination	1981	1982	1983	1984
United Kingdom	171.5	199.2	226.2	352.4
Belgium	64.1	64.4	67.6	70.8
Denmark	15.1	25.5	29.1	35.4
France	309.5	404.6	413.7	580.1
Germany Fed.	159.0	157.8	162.3	262.8
Italy	127.7	75.9	72.6	102.6
Netherlands	39.2	40.0	44.9	52.0
Reunion	14.5	18.5	22.0	30.2
Australia	4.4	12.3	10.6	16.7
Canada	0.5	5.2	-	61.0
Hong Kong	3.7	12.6	13.5	22.0
South Africa	8.5	10.2	5.4	5.3
United States	141.2	161.4	183.8	514.1
Switzerland	15.6	27.0	19.3	24.4
Other	12.6	20.9	35.8	20.9
TOTAL	1,087.1	1,235.5	1,306.8	2,150.7

**E.P.Z. EXPORTS YEAR 1984**  
**MAIN COUNTRIES OF DESTINATION**



**Net earnings from EPZ industries, 1976 - 1984**

	1976	1977	1978	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984
Exports (f.o.b.)	308.6	433.4	484.5	620.0	894.5	1,087.1	1,235.5	1,306.8	2,150.7
Imports (c.i.f.)	280.4	301.7	340.4	395.3	658.3	681.8	742.4	846.5	1,645.2
Net earnings	28.2	131.7	144.1	224.7	236.2	405.3	493.1	460.3	505.5

Table 7 - Imports of main commodities of EPZ industries 1981 - 1984

C.I.F. value: Rs million

Description of items	1981	1982	1983	1984
Synthetic fibres suitable for spinning	35.3	52.9	26.5	44.3
Wool and other animal hair	110.9	102.6	93.5	149.5
Leather	12.4	17.3	17.8	24.5
Textile yarn and fabrics	295.4	326.1	396.8	871.7
Chemicals	21.2	28.6	23.6	40.0
Machinery	59.9	48.1	77.2	190.6
Optical goods, watches and clocks etc	28.0	49.8	66.8	100.9
Pearls, precious and semi-precious stones unworked and worked	40.0	30.2	31.3	65.4
Jewellery	12.0	20.8	24.1	34.0
Miscellaneous manufactured articles n.e.s.	66.7	66.0	88.9	124.3
TOTAL	681.8	742.4	846.5	1,645.2

Table 8 - Imports of EPZ industries by country of origin, 1981 - 1984

C.I.F. value: Rs million

Country of origin	1981	1982	1983	1984
United Kingdom	45.0	38.6	35.4	83.2
Belgium	24.1	12.5	24.5	47.3
France	88.9	139.5	150.0	242.2
Germany, Fed. Rep.	38.7	53.8	71.9	92.2
Italy	48.8	76.3	66.7	115.8
Australia	11.7	6.5	9.8	22.9
Hong Kong	31.4	30.4	44.5	211.3
India	7.4	10.0	12.3	20.9
Malaysia	18.4	13.6	10.0	22.4
New Zealand	82.2	102.8	82.4	127.9
Pakistan	13.6	12.0	15.0	26.7
Singapore	24.3	27.7	31.6	26.1
Republic of South Africa	54.4	23.5	20.9	29.9
United States of America	8.0	9.5	6.0	15.5
China (Mainland)	12.3	18.0	50.3	172.9
China (Taiwan)	19.6	37.8	36.0	78.9
Japan	83.4	73.5	102.7	179.3
Korea	29.2	19.2	25.8	56.0
Macao	13.6	9.5	14.3	26.6
Switzerland	9.4	14.1	13.7	20.9
Other	17.4	13.6	22.7	26.3
TOTAL	681.8	742.4	846.5	1,645.2