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BI-ANNUAL SURVEY OF EMPLOYMENT AND EARNINGS

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(Preliminary Results)

Every year in March and September the Central Statistical Office carries a survey of employment and earnings in 'Large' establishments. The annexed tables give the preliminary results of the survey in March 1985. These are based on the returns of about 55% of establishments representing about 75% of total employment. The establishments covered are:

- (a) Agricultural establishments comprising
 - (i) Sugar cane plantations where 25 arpents or more were 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. It is to be noted that "outdoor" workers are excluded; these are piece-workers who although employed by an establishment are working in their own homes.

SUMMARY OF RESULTS

Total employment in 'Large' establishments was 202,186 in March 1985, indicating an increase of 11,461 as compared to March 1984.

Table I shows changes in employment by sex and by industrial group.

As expected, the biggest increase occurred in the manufacturing sector. Employment in this sector increased by 13,445 rising from 42,108 in March 1984 to 55,553 in March 1985. This increase is mainly the result of the creation of new enterprises in the Export Processing Zone. Slight increases were noted in the following sectors: 'Construction' (389) - 'Wholesale, retail trade, restaurants and hotels' (191) - 'Financing, insurance, real estate, and business services' (208) - 'Transport, storage and communication' (159) and - 'Community, social and personal services' (110) .

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On the other hand, significant decreases were noted in 'Agriculture and Fishing' (1694), Development Works Corporation (1,139) and 'Electricity and water' (208).

An analysis, sexwise, shows an increase of 2,648 among males. This, however, hides an increase of 4,557 in 'Manufacturing' and decreases of 1,624 in 'Agriculture and fishing' and 1,140 in 'Development Works Corporation'. On the other side, female employment grew by 8,813, almost exclusively in 'Manufacturing'.

Employment in the EPZ by sex and industrial group is shown in tables 5 and 6. Total employment rose by 13,505 (4,525 among males and 8,980 among females) between March 1984 and March 1985.

As regards average earnings, they have increased by only 1.6% between March 1984 and March 1985 because of the increasing number of employees in the low income grades of the EPZ sector.

It is recalled here, that earnings include all payments in cash made to all employees in connection with work done. They include overtime and regular cash payments before any deductions such as taxes, insurance and pension contributions paid by employees but exclude pension payments, family allowances and other similar special benefits paid by employers.

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Table 1 - Employment^{1/} in large establishments by major industrial group and sex - March 1984 - March 1985

Industrial group	March 1984 ^{2/}			March 1985			Difference : March 1985 March 1984		
	Males	Females	Both sexes	Males	Females	Both sexes	Males	Females	Both sexes
<u>Agriculture and fishing</u>	37,327	12,476	49,803	35,703	12,406	48,109	- 1,624	- 70	- 1,694
<u>Sugar</u> ^{2/}	33,190	11,438	44,628	31,721	11,184	42,905	- 1,469	- 254	- 1,723
<u>Tea</u> ^{3/}	3,001	642	3,643	2,658	581	3,239	- 343	- 61	- 404
Tobacco	99	164	263	129	218	347	30	54	84
Other	1,037	232	1,269	1,195	423	1,618	158	191	349
<u>Mining and quarrying</u>	79	85	164	78	86	164	- 1	1	-
<u>Manufacturing</u>	16,432	25,676	42,108	20,989	34,564	55,553	4,557	8,888	13,445
of which wearing apparel (except footwear)	3,234	19,939	23,173	7,208	28,495	35,703	3,974	8,556	12,530
<u>Electricity and water</u>	3,948	- 136	4,084	3,743	133	3,876	- 205	- 3	- 208
<u>Construction</u>	3,863	108	3,971	4,255	105	4,360	392	3	389
<u>Wholesale, retail trade, restaurants and hotels</u>	6,944	1,907	8,851	7,122	1,920	9,042	178	13	191
<u>Transport, storage and communication</u>	7,712	507	8,219	7,832	546	8,378	120	39	159
<u>Financing, insurance, real estate and business services</u>	3,451	1,333	4,784	3,604	1,388	4,992	153	55	208
<u>Community, social and personal services</u>	50,104	12,773	62,877	50,322	12,665	62,987	218	108	110
Government : (a) Central	40,247	9,291	49,538	40,670	9,230	49,900	423	61	362
(b) Local ^{4/}	4,730	487	5,217	4,655	475	5,130	- 75	- 12	- 87
Other	5,127	2,995	8,122	4,997	2,960	7,957	- 130	- 35	- 165
<u>Activities not elsewhere specified</u>	5,826	38	5,864	4,686	39	4,725	- 1,140	1	- 1,139
Grand Total	135,686	55,039	190,725	138,334	63,852	202,186	2,648	8,813	11,461

^{1/} as on last Thursday of the month

^{2/} including factories

^{3/} including factories and Tea Development Authority

^{4/} municipalities and district councils

^{5/} revised

Table 2 - Employment^{1/} by major industrial group (Bi-annual Survey of Employment and Earnings, September 1975 - September 1984)

Industrial group	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984
<u>Agriculture and fishing</u>	<u>64,469</u>	<u>64,182</u>	<u>65,297</u>	<u>60,767</u>	<u>59,368</u>	<u>58,042</u>	<u>56,955</u>	<u>56,711</u>	<u>55,826</u>	<u>53,420</u>
<u>Sugar</u> ^{2/}	<u>57,773</u>	<u>57,791</u>	<u>58,499</u>	<u>53,982</u>	<u>52,668</u>	<u>51,146</u>	<u>50,066</u>	<u>49,864</u>	<u>49,132</u>	<u>47,575</u>
<u>Tea</u> ^{3/}	<u>4,693</u>	<u>4,664</u>	<u>4,890</u>	<u>5,096</u>	<u>5,056</u>	<u>4,743</u>	<u>4,611</u>	<u>4,728</u>	<u>4,281</u>	<u>3,391</u>
<u>Tobacco</u>	<u>1,284</u>	<u>1,100</u>	<u>1,098</u>	<u>844</u>	<u>939</u>	<u>1,202</u>	<u>1,253</u>	<u>934</u>	<u>1,069</u>	<u>1,042</u>
<u>Other</u>	<u>719</u>	<u>627</u>	<u>810</u>	<u>845</u>	<u>705</u>	<u>951</u>	<u>1,025</u>	<u>1,185</u>	<u>1,344</u>	<u>1,412</u>
<u>Mining and quarrying</u>	<u>163</u>	<u>153</u>	<u>121</u>	<u>198</u>	<u>148</u>	<u>145</u>	<u>147</u>	<u>152</u>	<u>165</u>	<u>166</u>
<u>Manufacturing</u>	<u>22,517</u>	<u>29,348</u>	<u>33,241</u>	<u>33,077</u>	<u>35,589</u>	<u>36,360</u>	<u>37,178</u>	<u>36,884</u>	<u>38,310</u>	<u>48,518</u>
of which wearing apparel (except footwear)	<u>7,574</u>	<u>11,484</u>	<u>13,675</u>	<u>14,280</u>	<u>15,879</u>	<u>16,991</u>	<u>19,358</u>	<u>18,998</u>	<u>19,677</u>	<u>28,791</u>
<u>Electricity and water</u>	<u>2,989</u>	<u>3,093</u>	<u>3,152</u>	<u>3,601</u>	<u>4,713</u>	<u>4,487</u>	<u>4,363</u>	<u>4,403</u>	<u>4,133</u>	<u>3,899</u>
<u>Construction</u>	<u>6,034</u>	<u>7,253</u>	<u>7,749</u>	<u>9,765</u>	<u>9,202</u>	<u>7,391</u>	<u>6,300</u>	<u>5,619</u>	<u>4,448</u>	<u>4,141</u>
<u>Wholesale, retail trade, restaurants and hotels</u>	<u>6,455</u>	<u>7,817</u>	<u>8,480</u>	<u>9,280</u>	<u>9,506</u>	<u>9,221</u>	<u>8,999</u>	<u>8,996</u>	<u>8,923</u>	<u>8,913</u>
<u>Transport, storage and communication</u>	<u>9,412</u>	<u>9,932</u>	<u>11,151</u>	<u>10,792</u>	<u>8,657</u>	<u>8,134</u>	<u>8,207</u>	<u>7,929</u>	<u>7,980</u>	<u>8,454</u>
<u>Financing, insurance, real estate and business services</u>	<u>2,812</u>	<u>3,220</u>	<u>3,747</u>	<u>4,368</u>	<u>4,372</u>	<u>4,459</u>	<u>4,634</u>	<u>4,737</u>	<u>4,625</u>	<u>4,874</u>
<u>Community, social and personal services</u>	<u>51,083</u>	<u>52,888</u>	<u>54,689</u>	<u>58,821</u>	<u>61,216</u>	<u>62,845</u>	<u>63,176</u>	<u>63,408</u>	<u>63,193</u>	<u>63,169</u>
Government :										
(a) Central	<u>40,893</u>	<u>42,759</u>	<u>42,415</u>	<u>45,404</u>	<u>47,321</u>	<u>49,129</u>	<u>49,358</u>	<u>49,471</u>	<u>49,639</u>	<u>49,973</u>
(b) Local ^{4/}	<u>3,579</u>	<u>3,659</u>	<u>4,723</u>	<u>5,137</u>	<u>5,366</u>	<u>5,417</u>	<u>5,547</u>	<u>5,577</u>	<u>5,276</u>	<u>5,175</u>
Other	<u>6,611</u>	<u>6,470</u>	<u>7,551</u>	<u>8,280</u>	<u>8,529</u>	<u>8,299</u>	<u>8,271</u>	<u>8,360</u>	<u>8,278</u>	<u>8,021</u>
<u>Activities not elsewhere specified</u>	<u>6,880</u>	<u>6,653</u>	<u>7,135</u>	<u>8,071</u>	<u>6,667</u>	<u>6,477</u>	<u>6,355</u>	<u>6,239</u>	<u>6,224</u>	<u>4,888</u>
Grand total	<u>172,814</u>	<u>184,539</u>	<u>194,762</u>	<u>198,740</u>	<u>199,438</u>	<u>197,561</u>	<u>196,314</u>	<u>195,078</u>	<u>193,827</u>	<u>200,442</u>

^{1/} revised and classified according to the International Standard Industrial Classification, 1968 edition

^{2/} including factories

^{3/} including factories and Tea Development Authority

^{4/} municipalities and district councils

Table 3 - Employment^{1/} by major industrial group (Bi-annual Survey of Employment and Earnings, March 1976 - March 1985)

Industrial group	1976	1977	1978	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984	1985
<u>Agriculture and fishing</u>	<u>59,459</u>	<u>61,384</u>	<u>58,410</u>	<u>55,612</u>	<u>54,014</u>	<u>53,456</u>	<u>52,457</u>	<u>52,145</u>	<u>49,803</u>	<u>48,109</u>
<u>Sugar</u> ^{2/}	<u>52,620</u>	<u>54,391</u>	<u>51,332</u>	<u>48,714</u>	<u>47,493</u>	<u>47,271</u>	<u>46,457</u>	<u>46,082</u>	<u>44,628</u>	<u>42,905</u>
<u>Tea</u> ^{3/}	<u>4,741</u>	<u>4,917</u>	<u>5,457</u>	<u>5,159</u>	<u>4,963</u>	<u>4,582</u>	<u>4,747</u>	<u>4,613</u>	<u>3,643</u>	<u>3,239</u>
Tobacco	1,279	1,199	779	924	857	729	275	239	263	347
Other	819	877	832	815	701	874	978	1,211	1,269	1,618
Mining and quarrying	149	143	120	148	145	147	147	160	164	164
Manufacturing	<u>26,416</u>	<u>30,941</u>	<u>31,954</u>	<u>35,141</u>	<u>36,172</u>	<u>36,889</u>	<u>38,329</u>	<u>36,924</u>	<u>42,108</u>	<u>55,553</u>
Electricity and water	<u>3,062</u>	<u>3,304</u>	<u>3,518</u>	<u>3,930</u>	<u>4,639</u>	<u>4,430</u>	<u>4,451</u>	<u>4,231</u>	<u>4,084</u>	<u>3,876</u>
Construction	<u>7,606</u>	<u>7,309</u>	<u>6,045</u>	<u>5,154</u>	<u>8,144</u>	<u>7,257</u>	<u>5,559</u>	<u>4,525</u>	<u>3,971</u>	<u>4,360</u>
Wholesale, retail trade, restaurants and hotels	<u>7,599</u>	<u>8,182</u>	<u>9,058</u>	<u>9,402</u>	<u>9,297</u>	<u>9,122</u>	<u>9,129</u>	<u>9,070</u>	<u>8,851</u>	<u>9,042</u>
Transport, storage and communication	<u>9,027</u>	<u>10,217</u>	<u>9,820</u>	<u>10,312</u>	<u>8,987</u>	<u>7,842</u>	<u>8,147</u>	<u>7,963</u>	<u>8,219</u>	<u>8,378</u>
Financing, insurance, real estate and business services	<u>2,962</u>	<u>3,531</u>	<u>4,059</u>	<u>4,316</u>	<u>4,369</u>	<u>4,576</u>	<u>4,669</u>	<u>4,699</u>	<u>4,784</u>	<u>4,992</u>
Community, social and personal services	<u>52,443</u>	<u>54,583</u>	<u>57,634</u>	<u>61,642</u>	<u>62,712</u>	<u>62,822</u>	<u>64,008</u>	<u>63,388</u>	<u>62,877</u>	<u>62,987</u>
Government : (a) Central	<u>42,552</u>	<u>42,841</u>	<u>44,526</u>	<u>47,820</u>	<u>48,728</u>	<u>49,029</u>	<u>50,163</u>	<u>49,811</u>	<u>49,538</u>	<u>49,900</u>
(b) Local ^{4/}	<u>3,617</u>	<u>4,557</u>	<u>4,988</u>	<u>5,251</u>	<u>5,389</u>	<u>5,522</u>	<u>5,536</u>	<u>5,265</u>	<u>5,217</u>	<u>5,130</u>
Other	<u>6,274</u>	<u>7,185</u>	<u>8,118</u>	<u>8,571</u>	<u>8,595</u>	<u>8,271</u>	<u>8,309</u>	<u>8,312</u>	<u>8,122</u>	<u>7,957</u>
Activities not elsewhere specified	<u>7,816</u>	<u>14,438</u>	<u>11,749</u>	<u>10,293</u>	<u>8,118</u>	<u>6,913</u>	<u>6,376</u>	<u>6,151</u>	<u>5,864</u>	<u>4,725</u>
Grand total	<u>176,739</u>	<u>194,032</u>	<u>195,168</u>	<u>199,960</u>	<u>196,597</u>	<u>193,454</u>	<u>193,372</u>	<u>189,256</u>	<u>190,725</u>	<u>202,186</u>

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^{2/} including factories

^{3/} including factories and Tea Development Authority

^{4/} municipalities and district councils

Table 4 - Average monthly earnings 1/ by industrial group (Bi-annual Survey of Employment and Earnings, March 1976 - March 1985)
(Rupees)

Industrial Group	1976	1977	1978	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984	1985
Agriculture and fishing	488		647	687	781	889	1,031	1,132	1,282	1,322
Sugar <u>2/</u>	463		664	692	765	890	1,030	1,122	1,274	1,323
Tea <u>3/</u>	321		483	608	705	847	971	1,157	1,343	1,278
Other	378		659	785	826	965	1,320	1,366	1,484	1,381
Mining and quarrying	300		498	441	521	579	668	702	771	901
Manufacturing	367		550	610	746	843	920	998	1,074	1,080
Electricity and water	741		1,303	1,501	1,802	1,754	1,959	2,296	2,392	2,769
Construction	495		715	868	1,064	1,293	1,440	1,535	1,703	1,738
Wholesale, retail trade, restaurants and hotels	678		1,013	1,085	1,289	1,513	1,712	1,788	1,926	2,001
Transport, storage and communication	632		986	1,203	1,691	1,916	2,108	2,345	2,425	2,461
Financing, insurance, real estate & business services	1,306		1,700	1,783	2,143	2,389	2,664	2,860	3,049	3,192
Community, social and personal services	697		983	1,094	1,301	1,507	1,745	1,923	2,029	2,114
Government: (a) Central	684		977	1,080	1,281	1,492	1,749	1,936	2,037	2,119
(b) Local <u>4/</u>	668		819	951	1,161	1,346	1,433	1,550	1,666	1,759
Other	809		1,117	1,264	1,498	1,703	1,935	2,078	2,214	2,316
Activities not elsewhere specified	323		456	497	598	736	904	1,162	1,231	1,374
All sectors	546		789	882	1,065	1,217	1,390	1,531	1,636	1,662

1/ including daily rate workers; daily earnings have been converted to a monthly basis assuming 26 working days in a month

2/ including factories

3/ including factories and Tea Development Authority

4/ municipalities and district councils

5/ a survey of employment by occupation was carried out

Table 5 - Employment in EPZ by industrial group and sex (September 1982 - 1984)

Industrial Group	September 1982			September 1983			September 1984		
	Males	Females	Both sexes	Males	Females	Both sexes	Males	Females	Both sexes
<u>Manufacturing</u>	<u>4,217</u>	<u>18,319</u>	<u>22,536</u>	<u>4,106</u>	<u>19,375</u>	<u>23,481</u>	<u>6,557</u>	<u>27,194</u>	<u>33,751</u>
of which:									
Textiles	905	1,046	1,951	854	781	1,635	1,161	887	2,048
Wearing apparel (except foot-wear)	2,115	15,343	17,458	2,019	16,414	18,433	3,836	23,473	27,309
Wood and furniture	83	72	155	221	277	498	295	744	1,039
Jewellery and related articles	526	190	716	470	211	681	545	222	767
Other	588	1,668	2,256	542	1,692	2,234	720	1,868	2,588
<u>Other non-manufacturing</u>	<u>35</u>	<u>48</u>	<u>83</u>	<u>61</u>	<u>50</u>	<u>111</u>	<u>55</u>	<u>67</u>	<u>122</u>
Total	4,252	18,367	22,619	4,167	19,425	23,592	6,612	27,261	33,873

Table 6 - Employment in EPZ by industrial group and sex (March 1983 - March 1985)

Industrial group	March 1983			March 1984			March 1985		
	Males	Females	Both sexes	Males	Females	Both sexes	Males	Females	Both sexes
<u>Manufacturing</u>	<u>4,312</u>	<u>18,422</u>	<u>22,734</u>	<u>5,041</u>	<u>22,271</u>	<u>27,312</u>	<u>9,513</u>	<u>31,231</u>	<u>40,744</u>
of which :									
Textiles	879	922	1,801	932	831	1,763	1,180	956	2,136
Wearing apparel (except footwear)	2,255	15,386	17,641	2,676	18,845	21,521	6,660	27,530	34,190
Wood and furniture	136	172	308	295	621	916	325	571	896
Jewellery and related articles	491	199	690	518	227	745	538	238	776
Other	551	1,743	2,294	620	1,747	2,367	810	1,936	2,746
<u>Other non-manufacturing</u>	<u>48</u>	<u>48</u>	<u>96</u>	<u>57</u>	<u>59</u>	<u>116</u>	<u>110</u>	<u>79</u>	<u>189</u>
Total	4,360	18,470	22,830	5,098	22,330	27,428	9,623	31,310	40,933

Table 7 - Average monthly earnings in EPZ by industrial group, (September 1982 - March 1985)

(Rupees)

Industrial Group	September			March		
	1982	1983	1984	1983	1984	1985
	Manufacturing	750	809	927	763	864
of which :						
Textiles	1,030	1,150	1,235	1,046	1,262	1,230
Wearing apparel (except footwear)	692	748	894	670	813	872
Wood and furniture	1,227	815	772	917	737	849
Jewellery and related articles	1,000	1,243	1,243	1,160	1,199	1,299
Other	1,034	1,033	1,007	894	974	1,037
Other non-manufacturing	844	936	1,114	995	942	1,038
All Sectors	751	810	928	764	864	910