

EXPORT PROCESSING ZONE (EPZ) - 1st QUARTER 1986

1. Introduction

This issue contains data on employment in the EPZ Sector as at 31st March 1986 and also gives an estimate of EPZ exports and imports during the first three months of the year.

2. Employment

The EPZ industries have registered a remarkable growth in employment during the first three months of this year. There were 28 additional enterprises operating; 136 enterprises recruited additional workers resulting in the creation of 7,740 jobs of which 3,550 were held by male workers.

As at 31st March 1986, there were 318 enterprises operating in the EPZ sector and the workforce reached 61,700 of which 70% (around 43,250) were female workers and 30% (18,450), male workers.

An analysis of the table on employment evolution (table 2) shows that 9,600 jobs have been created during the period January - March 1986 of which 6,600 were through the expansion of existing enterprises and 3,000 through the opening of new enterprises. However, as there were 1,860 jobs lost: 1,700 through contraction and 160 through closing down of enterprises, the net employment created stood at 7,740.

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Virtually all/additional jobs were created in the wearing apparel sector: 2,700 in manufacture of pullovers and about 5,000 in the manufacture of made-up garments.

It is worth noting that the EPZ industries have contributed towards the creation of around 18,500 jobs during the last twelve months (see table 4). Employment creation during the first quarter of 1986 has almost doubled last year's performance, when it was on average around 4,600 each quarter.

3. Exports and Imports

Definite figures on exports and imports of the EPZ industries during the period January to March 1986 have not yet been obtained. However, preliminary estimates indicate that goods worth of Rs 925 million have been exported and imports of raw materials and equipment were around Rs 1,000 million. Detailed data on imports and exports in the EPZ sector will become available next month.

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Table 1 - EPZ :- Employment as at December 1985 and March 1986, by category of enterprise and by sex

Category of enterprise*	Number of enterprises as at end of		Employment as at end of								
	December 1985		December 1985			March 1986			Net change		
	December 1985	March 1986	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
Large	248	286	14,695	37,458	52,153	18,296	42,052	60,348	+ 3,601	+ 4,594	+ 8,195
Small	38	30	142	78	220	100	51	151	- 42	- 27	- 69
Outworkers ^{1/}	(4)	(2)	46	1,532	1,578	40	1,151	1,191	- 6	- 381	- 387
TOTAL	290	318	14,883	39,068	53,951	18,436	43,254	61,690	+ 3,553	+ 4,186	+ 7,739

*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/} Number of enterprises relate to enterprises employing exclusively outworkers, whilst employment refers to total number of persons employed as outworkers.

Table 2 - Evolution in the EPZ sector during the 1st Qr. 1986

Description	Number of enterprises	Employment
1. SITUATION AS AT END OF DECEMBER 1985	<u>290</u>	<u>53,951</u>
2. Total employment creation	...	9,601
of which through:		
Expansion ^{1/}	(136)	(6,624)
of existing enterprises		
New enterprises	(35)	(2,977)
3. Total loss	...	1,862
of which through:		
Contraction ^{2/}	(77)	(1,694)
of existing enterprises		
Closing down of enterprises	(7)*	(168)
4. Net change	+ 28	+ 7,739
5. SITUATION AS AT END OF MARCH 1986	<u>318</u>	<u>61,690</u>

^{1/} Expansion relates to only enterprises which have increased their workforce by 25 or more employees

^{2/} Contraction relates to enterprises which have reduced their workforce by 25 or more employees

* Includes one company whose certificate has been cancelled

Table 3 - EPZ : Analysis of net change in employment during period December 1985 - March 1986 by product group

Product group	Employment as at end of		Net change in employment
	December 1985	March 1986	
1. Flowers	217	239	+ 22
2. Textile yarn and fabrics	1,771	1,956	+ 185
3. Wearing apparels	46,580	53,998	+ 7,418
of which (a) pullovers	(25,186)	(27,890)	(+ 2,704)
(b) gloves	(1,750)	(1,471)	(- 279)
(c) other garments	(19,644)	(24,637)	(+ 4,993)
4. Leather products and footwear	454	624	+ 170
5. Wood, furniture and paper products	969	769	- 200
6. Optical goods	280	365	+ 85
7. Watches and clocks	631	682	+ 51
8. Jewellery and related articles	888	892	+ 4
9. Fishing tackles and flies	461	459	- 2
10. Toys and carnival articles	695	685	- 10
11. Other	1,005	1,021	+ 16
T O T A L	53,951	61,690	+ 7,739

Table 4 - Employment in the EPZ sector as at March 1985 and March 1986, by category of enterprise and by sex

Category of enterprise	No. of enterprises as at end of period			Employment as at end of period														
	March 1985		March 1986	March 1985			March 1986			March 1985			March 1986			Net change		
	March 1985	March 1986	Net change	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
Large	183	286	+ 103	9,558	31,653	41,211	18,296	42,052	60,348	8,738	10,399	19,137						
Small	31	30	- 1	118	64	182	100	51	151	- 18	- 13	- 31						
Outworkers	(1)	(2)	(+ 1)	32	1,709	1,741	40	1,151	1,191	+ 8	- 558	- 550						
TOTAL	215	318	+ 103	9,708	33,426	43,134	18,436	43,254	61,690	8,728	9,828	18,556						

Category of enterprise:

Large: Enterprises employing 10 or more persons

Small: Enterprises employing less than 10 persons

Outworkers: Persons working at their home, on materials provided by enterprise

Only number of enterprises employing outworkers are given

Table 5 - EPZ : Analysis of net change in employment during period March 1985 -
March 1986 by product group

Product group	Employment as at end of		Net change in employment
	March 1985	March 1986	
1. Flowers	185	239	+ 54
2. Textile yarn and fabrics	1,592	1,956	+ 364
3. Wearing apparels	36,565	53,998	+ 17,433
of which (a) pullovers	(22,099)	(27,890)	(+ 5,791)
(b) gloves	(1,342)	(1,471)	(+ 129)
(c) other garments	(13,124)	(24,637)	(+ 11,513)
4. Leather products and footwear	414	624	+ 210
5. Wood, furniture and paper products	934	769	- 165
6. Optical goods	218	365	+ 147
7. Watches and clocks	474	682	+ 208
8. Jewellery and related articles	769	892	+ 123
9. Fishing tackles and flies	445	459	+ 14
10. Toys and carnival articles	683	685	+ 2
11. Other	855	1,021	+ 166
T O T A L	43,134	61,690	+ 18,556

Table 6 - EPZ:- Number of enterprises by product group, Quarterly Series (Year 1985, 1st Qr. 1986)

Product group	1985				1986
	1st Qr.	2nd Qr.	3rd Qr.	4th Qr.	1st Qr.
1. Flowers	17	17	17	19	19
2. Textile yarn and fabrics	12	13	13	13	14
3. Wearing apparels	114	133	150	174	201
of which (a) pullovers	(38)	(41)	(42)	(44)	(48)
(b) gloves	(5)	(5)	(5)	(5)	(5)
(c) other garments	(71)	(87)	(103)	(125)	(148)
4. Leather products and footwear	6	6	7	7	9
5. Wood, furniture and paper products	8	7	7	9	11
6. Optical goods	2	2	3	3	3
7. Watches and clocks	7	7	6	6	6
8. Jewellery and related articles	11	12	13	13	13
9. Fishing tackles and flies	4	4	4	4	4
10. Toys and carnival articles	6	7	7	7	7
11. Other	28	29	30	35	31
TOTAL	215	237	257	290	318

Table 7 - EPZ :- Employment by product group, Quarterly Series (Year 1985, 1st Qr. 1986)

Product group	1 9 8 5				1 9 8 6
	1st Qr.	2nd Qr.	3rd Qr.	4th Qr.	1st Qr.
1. Flowers	185	187	219	217	239
2. Textile yarn and fabrics	1,592	1,732	1,736	1,771	1,956
3. Wearing apparels	36,565	39,555	43,009	46,580	53,998
of which (a) pullovers	(22,099)	(23,339)	(25,159)	(25,186)	(27,890)
(b) gloves	(1,342)	(1,676)	(1,747)	(1,750)	(1,471)
(c) other garments	(13,124)	(14,540)	(16,123)	(19,644)	(24,637)
4. Leather products and footwear	414	420	442	454	624
5. Wood, furniture and paper products	934	897	876	969	769
6. Optical goods	218	218	274	280	365
7. Watches and clocks	474	574	603	631	682
8. Jewellery and related articles	769	856	906	888	892
9. Fishing tackles and flies	445	470	548	461	459
10. Toys and carnival articles	683	724	700	695	685
11. Other	855	1,036	905	1,005	1,021
T O T A L	43,134	46,669	50,218	53,951	61,690

Table 8 - EPZ:- Employment evolution by product group and sex (March 1984 - March 1986)

Product group	March 1984			March 1985			March 1986		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
	1. Flowers	74	76	150	93	92	185	120	119
2. Textile yarn and fabrics	695	728	1,423	816	776	1,592	1,134	822	1,956
3. Wearing apparels	2,941	20,137	23,078	7,062	29,503	36,565	15,011	38,987	53,998
of which (a) pullovers	(1,692)	(14,628)	(16,320)	(2,704)	(19,395)	(22,099)	(5,275)	(22,615)	(27,890)
(b) gloves	(72)	(825)	(897)	(142)	(1,201)	(1,342)	(187)	(1,284)	(1,471)
(c) other garments	(1,177)	(4,684)	(5,861)	(4,217)	(8,907)	(13,124)	(9,549)	(15,088)	(24,637)
4. Leather products and footwear	88	245	333	131	283	414	235	389	624
5. Wood, furniture and paper products	257	613	870	361	573	934	356	413	769
6. Optical goods	104	100	204	122	96	218	221	144	365
7. Watches and clocks	133	315	448	141	333	474	180	502	682
8. Jewellery and related articles	536	227	763	521	248	769	612	280	892
9. Fishing tackles and flies	21	459	480	20	425	445	26	433	459
10. Toys and carnival articles	21	391	412	58	625	683	51	634	685
11. Other	274	519	793	383	472	855	490	531	1,021
T O T A L	5,144	23,810	28,954	9,708	33,426	43,134	18,436	43,254	61,690