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1. Introduction

This issue presents data on employment in the EPZ Sector as at end of September 1987. It also gives an estimate of imports and exports of the EPZ enterprises during the first nine months of the years.

2. Employment as at 24th September 1987

As at 24th September 1987, there were 500 enterprises operating in the EPZ Sector with a workforce of some 85,700 employees of whom nearly two thirds (55,100) were female workers.

The manufacture of wearing apparel which comprises of 340 enterprises employing around 75,400 workers (25,100 male and 50,300 female workers) remained the major economic activity in the EPZ Sector.

Comparative figures on employment show that the high rate of employment creation of last year has not been maintained. Net employment creation during the last twelve months stood around 15,200 compared to 20,500 during the corresponding period a year ago. Also during the first nine months of the year, the EPZ enterprises have recruited a total of 11,700 additional workers compared to 16,500 during the corresponding period last year.

3. Employment during 3rd Quarter 1987

During the third quarter of 1987, EPZ enterprises recruited some 3,000 additional workers, as compared to the 4,700, the previous quarter and about 4,500 the corresponding quarter of last year.

Details of the evolution during the third quarter of 1987 indicate the setting up of 33 new enterprises, contributing to the creation of 1,150 jobs. Expansion of activities in 56 existing ones brought in a further 5,450, thus bringing total employment creation to 6,600. However, this was partly offset by contractions in a few other firms to the tune of 3,600, as workers continued to move from one to another, most probably after acquiring experience. In fact, an average of 2,750 workers have changed jobs each quarter this year compared to 1,830 last year.

The effective increase in recruitment was thus 3,000 for the quarter, most of which went, as in the past, to the manufacture of wearing apparel. It should be pointed out, however, that the trend towards more male employment continued with a preponderance of males - 83% of the new recruits this quarter.

4. Exports and Imports

Definite trade figures for the first nine months are not yet available but preliminary estimates of EPZ imports and exports indicate that slightly over Rs 3,500 million worth of inputs and raw materials and machinery were imported while export proceeds reached about Rs 4,800 million. On this trend it is expected that gross exports for the year may exceed Rs 6,500 Mn.

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Table 1 - EPZ :- Employment as at June 1987 and September 1987 by category of enterprise and by sex

Category of enterprise*	Number of enterprises as at end of		Employment as at end of						Net change										
	June 1987	September 1987	June 1987			September 1987			Male	Female	Total								
			Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total											
Large ^{1/}	422	443	+ 21	27,902	52,561	80,463	30,349	53,073	83,422	+ 2,447	+ 512	+ 2,959							
Small	46	53	+ 7	152	97	249	162	127	289	+ 10	+ 30	+ 40							
Outworkers ^{2/}	(4)	(4)	(-)	41	1,987	2,028	44	1,930	1,974	+ 3	- 57	- 54							
TOTAL	472	500	+ 28	28,095	54,645	82,740	30,555	55,130	85,685	+ 2,460	+ 485	+ 2,945							

*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/} Employment data include around 550 expatriates as at September 1987

^{2/} Number of enterprises relate to enterprises employing exclusively outworkers, whilst employment refers to total number of persons employed as outworkers

Table 1(c) - EPZ :- Employment as at December 1986 and September 1987 by category of enterprise and by sex

Category of enterprise*	Number of enterprises as at end of		Employment as at end of						Net change		
	as at end of		December 1986			September 1987			Net change		
	December 1986	September 1987	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
Large ^{1/}	359	443	24,033	47,828	71,861	30,349	53,073	83,422	+ 6,316	+ 5,245	+ 11,561
Small	45	53	138	113	251	162	127	289	+ 24	+ 14	+ 38
Outworkers ^{2/}	(4)	(4)	31	1,872	1,903	44	1,930	1,974	+ 13	+ 58	+ 71
TOTAL	408	500	24,202	49,813	74,015	30,555	55,130	85,685	+ 6,353	+ 5,317	+ 11,670

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Table 2 - Evolution in the EPZ sector during the 3rd Quarter 1987

Description	Number of enterprises	Employment
1. Situation as at end of June 1987	<u>472</u>	<u>82,740</u>
2. Total employment creation	...	6,582
of which through :		
Expansion of existing enterprises ^{1/}	(58)	(5,427)
New enterprises	(33)	(1,155)
3. Total loss	...	3,637
of which through :		
Contraction of existing enterprises ^{2/}	(28)	(3,289)
Closing down of enterprises	(5)	(348)
4. Net change	+ 26	+ 2,945
5. Situation as at end of September 1987	<u>500</u>	<u>85,685</u>

1/ No. of enterprises relates to those which have increased their workforce by 25 or more employees whilst employment relates to total expansion

2/ No. of enterprises relates to those which have reduced their workforce by 25 or more employees whilst employment relates to total contraction

Table 3 - EPZ:- Analysis of net change in employment during period June 1987-
September 1987 by product group

Product group	Employment as at end of		Net change in employment
	June 1987	September 1987	
1. Food	664	717	+ 53
2. Flowers	304	297	- 7
3. Textile yarn and fabrics	3,119	3,316	+ 197
4. Wearing apparels	72,872	75,360	+ 2,488
of which (a) pullovers	(34,553)	(34,755)	(+ 202)
(b) gloves	(1,404)	(1,310)	(- 94)
(c) other garments	(36,915)	(39,295)	(+2,380)
5. Leather products and footwear	774	817	+ 43
6. Wood and paper products	628	590	- 38
7. Optical goods	539	581	+ 42
8. Watches and clocks	710	750	+ 40
9. Jewellery and related articles	1,110	1,140	+ 30
10. Fishing tackles and flies	155	170	+ 15
11. Toys and carnival articles	714	706	- 8
12. Other	1,151	1,241	+ 90
T O T A L	82,740	85,685	+ 2,945

Table 4 - EPZ :- Employment as at September 1986 and September 1987 by category of enterprise and by sex

Category of enterprise*	Number of enterprises as at end of		Employment as at end of						Net change			
	September 1987		September 1986			September 1987			Total	Male	Female	Total
	September 1986	September 1987	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total				
Large ^{1/}	335	443	22,034	46,496	60,530	30,349	53,073	83,422	+8,315	+6,577	+14,892	
Small	38	53	124	88	212	162	127	289	+38	+39	+77	
Outworkers ^{2/}	(4)	(4)	24	1,753	1,777	44	1,930	1,974	+20	+177	+197	
TOTAL	377	500	22,182	48,337	70,519	30,555	55,130	85,685	+8,373	+6,793	+15,166	

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Table 5 - EPZ:- Analysis of net change in employment during period September 1986 - September 1987 by product group

Product group	Employment as at end of		Net change in employment
	September 1986	September 1987	
1. Food	520	717	+ 197
2. Flowers	231	297	+ 66
3. Textile yarn and fabrics	2,273	3,316	+ 1,043
4. Wearing apparels	62,041	75,360	+ 13,319
of which (a) Pullovers	(31,291)	(34,755)	(+ 3,464)
(b) gloves	(1,650)	(1,310)	(- 340)
(c) other garments	(29,100)	(39,295)	(+ 10,195)
5. Leather products and footwear	717	817	+ 100
6. Wood and paper products	680	590	- 90
7. Optical goods	405	581	+ 176
8. Watches and clocks	567	750	+ 183
9. Jewellery and related articles	1,080	1,140	+ 60
10. Fishing tackles and flies	556	170	- 386
11. Toys and carnival articles	662	706	+ 44
12. Other	787	1,241	+ 454
T O T A L	70,519	85,685	+ 15,166

Table 6 - EPZ:- Number of enterprises by product group, Quarterly Series (Year 1986, 1st Qr., 2nd Qr. & 3rd Qr. 1987)

Product group	1986				1987		
	1st Qr.	2nd Qr.	3rd Qr.	4th Qr.	1st Qr.	2nd Qr.	3rd Qr.
1. Food	9	10	11	12	11	11	11
2. Flowers	19	21	21	21	25	25	26
3. Textile yarn and fabrics	14	15	17	18	20	22	24
4. Wearing apparels	203	218	249	276	294	320	340
of which (a) pullovers	(48)	(53)	(52)	(53)	(55)	(56)	(59)
(b) gloves	(5)	(5)	(5)	(5)	(5)	(5)	(5)
(c) other garments	(150)	(160)	(192)	(218)	(234)	(259)	(276)
5. Leather products and footwear.	9	9	8	9	10	11	12
6. Wood and paper products	11	11	10	10	11	12	12
7. Optical goods	3	3	3	3	3	3	4
8. Watches and clocks	6	5	5	5	5	6	6
9. Jewellery and related articles	13	13	11	9	9	11	11
10. Fishing tackles and flies	4	4	4	4	4	3	3
11. Toys and carnival articles	6	6	6	6	6	6	7
12. Other	24	28	32	35	39	42	44
T O T A L	321	343	377	408	437	472	500

Table 7 - EPZ:- Employment by product group, Quarterly Series, (Year 1986, 1st, 2nd & 3rd Qr. 1987)

Product group	1986				1987		
	1st Qr.	2nd Qr.	3rd Qr.	4th Qr.	1st Qr.	2nd Qr.	3rd Qr.
1. Food	515	541	563	527	555	664	717
2. Flowers	219	242	231	243	270	304	297
3. Textile yarn and fabrics	1,973	1,998	2,273	2,354	2,530	3,119	3,316
4. Wearing apparels	55,246	57,938	62,041	65,367	68,822	72,872	75,360
of which (a) pullovers	(28,908)	(30,260)	(31,291)	(31,524)	(32,767)	(34,553)	(34,755)
(b) gloves	(1,488)	(1,525)	(1,650)	(1,650)	(1,580)	(1,404)	(1,310)
(c) other garments	(24,850)	(26,153)	(29,100)	(32,193)	(34,475)	(36,915)	(39,295)
5. Leather products and footwear	618	702	717	720	757	774	817
6. Wood and paper products	768	677	680	684	637	628	590
7. Optical goods	365	388	405	392	458	539	581
8. Watches and clocks	693	669	567	588	621	710	750
9. Jewellery and related articles	914	942	1,080	973	1,007	1,110	1,140
10. Fishing tackles and flies	459	558	556	560	584	155	170
11. Toys and carnival articles	701	719	662	670	672	714	706
12. Other	539	626	744	937	1,094	1,151	1,241
TOTAL	63,010	66,000	70,519	74,015	78,007	82,740	85,685

Table 8 - EPZ :- Employment evolution by product group and sex (September 1985 - September 1987)

Product group	September 1985			September 1986			September 1987		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
1. Food	173	328	501	220	343	563	336	381	717
2. Flowers	115	104	219	107	124	231	152	145	297
3. Textile yarn and fabrics	933	787	1,720	1,400	873	2,273	2,142	1,174	3,316
4. Wearing apparels	9,586	33,333	42,919	18,126	43,915	62,041	25,111	50,249	75,360
of which (a) pullovers	(3,909)	(21,504)	(25,413)	(6,390)	(24,901)	(31,291)	(8,784)	(25,971)	(34,755)
(b) gloves	(178)	(1,587)	(1,765)	(204)	(1,446)	(1,650)	(242)	(1,068)	(1,310)
(c) other garments	(5,499)	(10,242)	(15,741)	(11,532)	(17,568)	(29,100)	(16,085)	(23,210)	(39,295)
5. Leather products and footwear	125	298	423	269	460	729	259	558	817
6. Wood and paper products	327	544	871	342	338	680	329	261	590
7. Optical goods	157	120	277	244	161	405	359	222	581
8. Watches and clocks	183	421	604	169	398	567	218	532	750
9. Jewellery and related articles	584	276	860	733	347	1,080	752	388	1,140
10. Fishing tackles and flies	19	527	546	32	524	556	8	162	170
11. Toys and carnival articles	51	650	701	59	603	662	74	632	706
12. Other	247	159	406	481	251	732	815	426	1,241
T O T A L	12,500	37,547	50,047	22,182	48,337	70,519	30,555	55,130	85,685