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NOTES

Figures for 1987 and 1988 are provisional and subject to revision

1. COVERAGE

EXPORTS

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|---------|---|
| Cover | 1. Domestic exports (including exports from the Export Processing Zone) |
| | 2. Re-Exports |
| | 3. Export ex Warehouse |
| | 4. Returned goods |
| Include | 1. Government, Parcel Post and Air Freight |
| Exclude | 1. Trade with Outer Islands |
| | 2. Ships' stores and bunkers |

IMPORTS

- | | |
|---------|--|
| Cover | 1. Landed merchandise sent to warehouse for subsequent delivery |
| | 2. Landed merchandise issued for home consumption |
| Include | 1. Government, Parcel Post and Air Freight |
| | 2. Donations from other Government and International Organisations |
| Exclude | 1. Trade with Outer Islands |
| | 2. Bullion and specie |

2. VALUATION

Exports are valued F.O.B. and imports C.I.F.

F.O.B. Free on Board

C.I.F. Cost, Insurance and Freight

All figures quoted are in Mauritian Rupees

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3. COMMODITY CLASSIFICATION

The classification used for the compilation of trade statistics is since January 1988 based on the Standard International Trade Classification (Revised III) or S.I.T.C. (Rev. III). Prior to 1988 the classification was based on S.I.T.C. (Rev. II). However, imports and export bills of entry are now being worked upon according to the Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System Nomenclature, shortly known as the Harmonized System Nomenclature (H.S.N.). Prior to 1988, the goods items were coded according to the Customs Cooperation Council Nomenclature (C.C.C.N.).

4. ROUNDING OF FIGURES

Figures have been rounded off to the nearest final digit and in some cases to the nearest one decimal place and as a result in some tables there may be discrepancies between the sum of the constituent items and to the total as shown.

5. SYMBOLS

- NIL or negligible
- ... Not available
- Not applicable

6. ABBREVIATIONS

- Rs : Rupees
- 000 : Thousand
- Mn : Million
- m.ton : Metric ton : 1,000 kilos
- No. : Number
- M² : Square metres

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1. Balance of Visible Trade

The international trade of the country grew by nearly 30% in volume during the first quarter of 1988 relative to the corresponding period in 1987. Though the growth in the level of exports was higher, there was a big deficit of nearly Rs 500 million in the balance of trade, created by the still higher level of imports.

The total value of trade reached Rs 6,570 million as against Rs 4,962 million - an increase of about 32% in value terms. However, as is usually the case during the first quarter of each year, a volume contraction (of about 9%) is apparent when this is compared to the fourth quarter of 1987. The value of exports amounted to Rs 3,036 million and that of imports, to Rs 3,534 million.

2. Terms of Trade

The terms of trade of the country during the first quarter of 1988 have fallen by about 6% when compared with the previous quarter. In fact, the level of prices of exported goods declined by about 4% caused mainly by lower prices of sugar and manufactured articles. As for imported prices of commodities, their level has risen by about 2%. Price increases were observed in food, crude materials, chemicals and machinery and equipment, while price decreases were noted in mineral fuels and manufactured goods.

3. Exports

The volume of exports expanded by about 25% during the first quarter of 1988 compared with the corresponding quarter of the previous year. Total export earnings have increased by nearly Rs 575 million, that is, by a significant 23%, to reach Rs 3,036 million. In comparison with the previous quarter, however, a volume contraction of about 8% was noted.

The main exports were EPZ goods (Rs 1,547 million), sugar (195 thousand m.tons for Rs 1,200 million) and ships' stores and bunkers (Rs 105 million).

Substantially higher export earnings were noted in the EPZ (+ Rs 350 million) and the sugar (+ Rs 145 million) sectors.

Nearly four fifths of the country's exports were directed to the E.E.C. countries (Rs 2,325 million), with the United Kingdom and France absorbing 42% (Rs 1,222 million) and 21% (Rs 618 million) respectively. Shipments to the United States of America accounted for another 12% (Rs 360 million).

4. Imports

In real terms the growth in imports during the first quarter of 1988 over that of 1987 worked out to 32%. The value of total imports has reached Rs 3,534 million, showing an increase in nominal terms of Rs 1,035 million.

This steep rise stemmed mainly from increases in imports of textile yarn and fabrics (+ Rs 233 million), machinery and transport equipment (+ Rs 289 million). Other groups of items that have contributed to this rise comprise food products (+ Rs 52 million), inedible crude materials (+ Rs 76 million), chemicals (+ Rs 67 million), structures of iron, etc. (+ Rs 73 million) and miscellaneous manufactured articles (+ Rs 112 million).

Nearly 60% of the country's total imports during the first quarter of 1988 were accounted for by: EPZ raw materials and equipment (Rs 1,384 million), food items (Rs 411 million) and mineral fuels, etc. (Rs 211 million).

The structure of imports by commodity classes showed some important changes over that of the corresponding quarter in 1987; with decreases of 3% each in the share of food items and mineral fuels, etc. accompanied by increases of about 2% in the share of machinery and transport equipment and manufactured goods.

The E.E.C. countries supplied about one third (Rs 1,142 million) of the country's imports; France topping the list with Rs 522 million followed by the United Kingdom with Rs 243 million. Two other important suppliers remained Japan (Rs 365 million) and the Republic of South Africa (Rs 286 million).

5. The performance of the EPZ sector

During the first quarter of 1988, the contribution of the EPZ industries to total exports was 53% (50% for the corresponding period in 1987). Total EPZ exports reached Rs 1,547 million, that is an increase of Rs 350 million, most of which represented higher exports of textile and clothing. The latter accounted for just over 80% of EPZ exports.

The main buyers of EPZ products were the following: France (Rs 583 million), the United States of America (Rs 318 million), the Federal Republic of Germany (Rs 227 million) and the United Kingdom (Rs 173 million).

Total EPZ imports during the first quarter of 1988 attained Rs 1,384 million compared to Rs 981 million for the corresponding period of last year with 85% content on raw materials. The most important sources were the following: France (Rs 252 million), Hong Kong (Rs 180 million), Taiwan (Rs 123 million) and Japan (Rs 122 million). The net EPZ exports for the

first quarter of 1988 were Rs 163 million (10%). The percentage for the corresponding period in 1987 was 18%.

6. Estimates of Exports and Imports, 1st semester 1988

The publication of detailed external trade figures for the first quarter of 1988 has been considerably delayed because of the introduction of the Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System, better known as the Harmonized System (H.S.) since January 1988. This situation is bound to have repercussions on the issue of external trade data for the second quarter which will be published in September.

However, preliminary estimates of total exports and imports for the second quarter of 1988 are available. These have been aggregated with the figures of the first quarter and are given herebelow as the first semester of 1988.

| | | <u>Actual</u> | <u>Estimates</u> |
|-------------------------------|---------------|------------------|------------------|
| | Year 1987 | 1st half 1987 | 1st half 1988 |
| <u>Total Exports (f.o.b.)</u> | <u>12,034</u> | <u>5,213</u> | <u>6,200</u> |
| of which | | | |
| Sugar | (4,310) | (1,942) | (1,850) |
| EPZ | (6,700) | (2,814) | (3,700) |
| <u>Total Imports (c.i.f.)</u> | <u>13,042</u> | <u>5,664</u> | <u>7,200</u> |
| <u>Trade Balance</u> | <u>-1,008</u> | <u>-451</u> | <u>-1,000</u> |

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Table 1 - Balance of Visible Trade, 1986 - 1988

Value Rs Mn

| | 1986 | 1987 | 1987 | | | | 1988 |
|--------------------------------|---------|----------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| | | | 1st Qr. | 2nd Qr. | 3rd Qr. | 4th Qr. | |
| Exports of goods | 9,063 | 11,604 | 2,378 | 2,636 | 3,283 | 3,306 | 2,931 |
| Domestic exports | (8,918) | (11,442) | (2,343) | (2,590) | (3,235) | (3,274) | (2,872) |
| Re-exports | (145) | (162) | (35) | (46) | (48) | (32) | (60) |
| Ships' Stores and Bunkers | 350 | 430 | 85 | 114 | 115 | 115 | 105 |
| A. Total Exports (f.o.b.) | 9,413 | 12,034 | 2,463 | 2,750 | 3,398 | 3,421 | 3,036 |
| B. Total Imports (c.i.f.) | 9,199 | 13,042 | 2,499 | 3,165 | 3,545 | 3,834 | 3,534 |
| Total Value of Trade (A + B) | 18,612 | 25,076 | 4,962 | 5,915 | 6,943 | 7,255 | 6,570 |
| BALANCE OF VISIBLE TRADE (A-B) | + 214 | - 1,008 | - 36 | - 415 | - 147 | - 413 | - 498 |

Table 2 - Price (unit value) indices of total exports and imports and terms of trade, 1986 - 1988

(Base year 1982 = 100)

| P e r i o d | Unit Value Price Indices | | Terms of Trade |
|------------------|--------------------------|---------------|----------------|
| | Total exports | Total imports | |
| <u>Year 1986</u> | <u>144.3</u> | <u>98.1</u> | <u>147</u> |
| 1st quarter 1987 | 160.1 | 98.1 | 163 |
| 2nd quarter 1987 | 139.2 | 100.9 | 138 |
| 3rd quarter 1987 | 180.1 | 102.5 | 176 |
| 4th quarter 1987 | 164.4 | 102.5 | 160 |
| <u>Year 1987</u> | <u>160.1</u> | <u>101.5</u> | <u>158</u> |
| 1st quarter 1988 | 157.7 | 105.1 | 150 |

Table 3 - Domestic exports of main commodities - value, 1986 - 1988

F.O.B. Value Rs Mn

| Commodity/Sector | 1986 | 1987 | 1987 | | | | 1988 |
|------------------|-------|--------|---------|---------|---------|---------|-------|
| | | | 1st Qr. | 2nd Qr. | 3rd Qr. | 4th Qr. | |
| Sugar | 3,553 | 4,310 | 1,055 | 887 | 1,174 | 1,196 | 1,200 |
| Molasses | 90 | 73 | 10 | 2 | 27 | 33 | 18 |
| Tea | 104 | 90 | 32 | 23 | 15 | 20 | 34 |
| EPZ | 4,951 | 6,700 | 1,197 | 1,617 | 1,956 | 1,930 | 1,547 |
| Other | 220 | 269 | 49 | 61 | 64 | 95 | 173 |
| Total Exports | 8,918 | 11,442 | 2,343 | 2,590 | 3,235 | 3,274 | 2,872 |

Table 4 - Domestic exports of selected commodities, quantity, 1986 - 1988

| Commodity | Unit | 1986 | 1987 | 1987 | | | | 1988 |
|-----------|--------------|-------|-------|---------|---------|---------|---------|-------|
| | | | | 1st Qr. | 2nd Qr. | 3rd Qr. | 4th Qr. | |
| Sugar | (000) m. ton | 625 | 656 | 155 | 167 | 152 | 182 | 195 |
| Molasses | " | 129 | 131 | 14 | 2 | 50 | 65 | 34 |
| Tea | m. ton | 6,389 | 6,615 | 2,095 | 1,866 | 1,192 | 1,462 | 2,199 |

Table 5 - Domestic exports of main commodities, quantity and value, 1986 - 1988

(F.O.B. Value Rs Mn)

| Commodity | Unit | 1986 | | 1987 | | 1st Qr. 1987 | | 1st Qr. 1988 | |
|-----------|--------------|----------|-------|----------|-------|--------------|-------|--------------|-------|
| | | Quantity | Value | Quantity | Value | Quantity | Value | Quantity | Value |
| Sugar | (000) m. ton | 625 | 3,553 | 656 | 4,310 | 155 | 1,055 | 195 | 1,200 |
| Molasses | " | 129 | 90 | 131 | 73 | 14 | 10 | 34 | 18 |
| Tea | m. ton | 6,389 | 104 | 6,615 | 90 | 2,095 | 32 | 2,199 | 34 |
| E P Z | --- | --- | 4,951 | --- | 6,700 | --- | 1,197 | --- | 1,547 |

Table 6 - Total exports by main countries of destination, 1986 - 1988

F.O.B. Value Rs Mn

| Country of destination | 1987 | | | | 1988 | | | | |
|--|-------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| | 1986 | 1st Qr. | 2nd Qr. | 3rd Qr. | 4th Qr. | 1st Qr. | 2nd Qr. | 3rd Qr. | 4th Qr. |
| 1. <u>Preferential Tariff Countries</u> | 8,892 | 2,361 | 2,613 | 3,245 | 3,254 | 2,858 | 2,997 | 2,657 | 2,696 |
| (a) <u>E.E.C. Countries</u> | 7,010 | 1,854 | 1,997 | 2,657 | 2,696 | 2,325 | 2,657 | 2,657 | 2,696 |
| of which United Kingdom | 3,405 | 734 | 620 | 1,387 | 1,314 | 1,222 | 1,387 | 1,387 | 1,314 |
| France | 2,121 | 794 | 798 | 698 | 788 | 618 | 698 | 698 | 788 |
| Fed. Rep. of Germany | 660 | 135 | 184 | 301 | 287 | 235 | 301 | 301 | 287 |
| (b) <u>Other Preferential Tariff Countries</u> | 1,882 | 507 | 616 | 588 | 558 | 533 | 588 | 588 | 558 |
| of which U.S. of America | 1,457 | 420 | 394 | 510 | 373 | 360 | 510 | 510 | 373 |
| 2. <u>General Tariff Countries</u> | 171 | 17 | 23 | 38 | 52 | 73 | 38 | 38 | 52 |
| Total Exports | 9,063 | 2,378 | 2,636 | 3,283 | 3,306 | 2,931 | 3,283 | 3,283 | 3,306 |

Table 7 - Imports by section, 1986 - 1988

C.I.F. Value: Rs Mn

| S.I.T.C. Section | Description | 1986 | 1987 | 1987 | | | | 1988 |
|---------------------|--|-------|--------|---------|---------|---------|---------|-------|
| | | | | 1st Qr. | 2nd Qr. | 3rd Qr. | 4th Qr. | |
| 0 | Food and live animals | 1,182 | 1,471 | 359 | 322 | 384 | 406 | 411 |
| 1 | Beverages and tobacco | 34 | 57 | 9 | 13 | 12 | 23 | 14 |
| 2 | Crude materials, inedible, except fuels | 365 | 408 | 79 | 123 | 104 | 101 | 155 |
| 3 | Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials | 706 | 978 | 216 | 190 | 279 | 292 | 211 |
| 4 | Animal and vegetable oils and fats | 159 | 147 | 18 | 48 | 19 | 62 | 19 |
| 5 | Chemicals | 598 | 830 | 149 | 229 | 220 | 231 | 216 |
| 6 | Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material | 3,830 | 5,211 | 963 | 1,236 | 1,520 | 1,492 | 1,402 |
| 7 | Machinery and transport equipment | 1,583 | 2,886 | 505 | 773 | 727 | 880 | 794 |
| 8 | Miscellaneous manufactured articles | 734 | 1,040 | 198 | 229 | 270 | 342 | 310 |
| 9 | Other commodities and transactions | 8 | 14 | 2 | 1 | 9 | 2 | 4 |
| | Total imports | 9,199 | 13,042 | 2,499 | 3,165 | 3,545 | 3,834 | 3,534 |

Table 8 - Imports of main commodities, value, 1986 - 1988

C.I.F. Value Rs Mn

| Commodity | 1986 | 1987 | 1988 | | | | 1988 1st Qr. |
|--|-------|--------|---------|---------|---------|---------|-----------------|
| | | | 1st Qr. | 2nd Qr. | 3rd Qr. | 4th Qr. | |
| Meat and meat preparations | 148 | 205 | 36 | 51 | 49 | 69 | 46 |
| Rice | 163 | 209 | 60 | 31 | 56 | 62 | 87 |
| Wheaten flour | 199 | 189 | 66 | 44 | 28 | 51 | 63 |
| Dairy products | 211 | 255 | 58 | 61 | 72 | 64 | 72 |
| Vegetables and fruits | 113 | 178 | 43 | 36 | 62 | 36 | 41 |
| Textile fibres, etc. | 255 | 276 | 54 | 86 | 67 | 69 | 107 |
| Refined petroleum products | 635 | 881 | 203 | 177 | 250 | 251 | 176 |
| Fixed vegetable oils & fats | 108 | 100 | 13 | 35 | 3 | 49 | 11 |
| Medicinal and pharmaceutical products | 104 | 152 | 32 | 44 | 37 | 39 | 47 |
| Textile yarn | 786 | 1,035 | 234 | 272 | 290 | 239 | 304 |
| Paper, paperboard & articles thereof | 140 | 189 | 45 | 44 | 43 | 56 | 60 |
| Textile fabrics | 1,561 | 2,298 | 395 | 505 | 713 | 685 | 269 |
| Cement | 185 | 158 | 24 | 36 | 52 | 46 | 41 |
| Pearls, precious and semi-precious stones | 154 | 159 | 29 | 44 | 44 | 42 | 38 |
| Iron and steel | 257 | 288 | 60 | 83 | 73 | 72 | 86 |
| Manufactures of metal, n.e.s. | 252 | 379 | 64 | 91 | 106 | 118 | 157 |
| Machinery other than electrical | 656 | 885 | 164 | 219 | 252 | 250 | 276 |
| General industrial machinery & equipment | 222 | 290 | 48 | 74 | 87 | 81 | 76 |
| Electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances | 353 | 808 | 194 | 157 | 170 | 287 | 204 |
| Road vehicles | 259 | 563 | 85 | 117 | 157 | 207 | 220 |
| Watches and clocks | 200 | 295 | 69 | 67 | 64 | 95 | 107 |
| Other | 2,238 | 3,250 | 523 | 891 | 870 | 966 | 1,046 |
| Total Imports | 9,199 | 13,042 | 2,499 | 3,165 | 3,545 | 3,834 | 3,534 |

Table 9 - Imports of selected commodities, quantity, 1986 - 1988

| Commodity | Unit | 1986 | 1987 | 1987 | | | | 1988 |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------|------|------|---------|---------|---------|---------|------|
| | | | | 1st Qr. | 2nd Qr. | 3rd Qr. | 4th Qr. | |
| Rice | 000 m.ton | 65 | 84 | 26 | 13 | 26 | 19 | 20 |
| Wheaten flour | " | 58 | 58 | 19 | 14 | 9 | 15 | 17 |
| Dairy products | " | 11 | 12 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 |
| Vegetable edible oils and fats | " | 17 | 16 | 2 | 5 | 0.3 | 9 | 4 |
| Fertilizers manufactured | " | 48 | 52 | 6 | 24 | 6 | 16 | 9 |
| Cotton fabrics | Mn M ² | 38 | 66 | 11 | 14 | 21 | 20 | 15 |
| Cement | 000 m.ton | 297 | 303 | 48 | 71 | 91 | 93 | 77 |
| Iron and steel | " | 54 | 44 | 8 | 15 | 12 | 9 | 15 |

Table 10 - Imports of selected commodities, quantity and value, 1986 - 1988

C.I.F. Value Rs Mn

| Commodity | Unit | 1986 | | 1987 | | 1988 | | | |
|--------------------------|-------------------|----------|-------|----------|-------|---------------|-------|----|-----|
| | | Quantity | | Quantity | | First Quarter | | | |
| | | Quantity | Value | Quantity | Value | Quantity | Value | | |
| Rice | 000 m. ton | 65 | 163 | 84 | 209 | 26 | 60 | 20 | 87 |
| Wheaten flour | " | 58 | 199 | 58 | 189 | 19 | 66 | 17 | 63 |
| Dairy products | " | 11 | 211 | 12 | 255 | 3 | 58 | 3 | 72 |
| Vegetable edible oils | " | 17 | 108 | 16 | 100 | 2 | 13 | 4 | 11 |
| Fertilizers manufactured | " | 48 | 74 | 52 | 76 | 6 | 9 | 9 | 14 |
| Cotton fabrics | Mn M ² | 38 | 605 | 66 | 1,047 | 11 | 187 | 15 | 284 |
| Cement | 000 m. ton | 297 | 185 | 303 | 158 | 48 | 24 | 77 | 41 |
| Iron and steel | " | 54 | 257 | 44 | 288 | 8 | 60 | 15 | 86 |

Table 11 - Imports by main countries of origin, 1986 - 1988

C.I.F. Value : Rs Mn

| Country of origin | 1987 | | | | 1988 | | | | |
|--|-------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| | 1986 | 1st Qr. | 2nd Qr. | 3rd Qr. | 4th Qr. | 1st Qr. | 2nd Qr. | 3rd Qr. | 4th Qr. |
| 1. <u>Preferential Tariff Countries</u> | 6,319 | 1,660 | 2,070 | 2,217 | 2,405 | 2,408 | | | |
| (a) <u>E.E.C. Countries</u> | 3,275 | 866 | 1,086 | 1,101 | 1,228 | 1,142 | | | |
| of which France | 1,242 | 395 | 404 | 413 | 487 | 522 | | | |
| Fed. Rep. of Germany | 531 | 125 | 232 | 161 | 215 | 174 | | | |
| Italy | 342 | 80 | 106 | 134 | 116 | 99 | | | |
| United Kingdom | 706 | 206 | 268 | 297 | 287 | 243 | | | |
| (b) <u>Other Preferential Tariff Countries</u> | 3,044 | 794 | 984 | 1,116 | 1,177 | 1,266 | | | |
| of which Australia | 254 | 78 | 96 | 97 | 76 | 130 | | | |
| Rep. of South Africa | 913 | 215 | 293 | 315 | 287 | 286 | | | |
| U.S. of America | 172 | 60 | 57 | 34 | 76 | 132 | | | |
| 2. <u>General Tariff Countries</u> | 2,881 | 840 | 1,095 | 1,327 | 1,428 | 1,125 | | | |
| of which Bahrain | 307 | 73 | 53 | 105 | 97 | 87 | | | |
| China | 460 | 113 | 162 | 231 | 185 | 130 | | | |
| Kuwait | 282 | 117 | 110 | 130 | 140 | 75 | | | |
| Japan | 672 | 172 | 336 | 328 | 443 | 365 | | | |
| Total Imports | 9,199 | 2,499 | 3,165 | 3,545 | 3,834 | 3,534 | | | |

Table 12 - Net EPZ exports, 1986 - 1988

Value Rs Mn

| | 1986 | 1987 | 1987 | | | | 1988 |
|-----------------------------------|-------|-------|---------|---------|---------|---------|-------|
| | | | 1st Qr. | 2nd Qr. | 3rd Qr. | 4th Qr. | |
| A. Total exports (f.o.b. value) | 4,951 | 6,700 | 1,197 | 1,617 | 1,956 | 1,930 | 1,547 |
| B. Total imports (c.i.f. value) | 3,863 | 4,801 | 981 | 1,191 | 1,326 | 1,303 | 1,384 |
| Net exports (A - B) | 1,088 | 1,899 | 216 | 426 | 630 | 627 | 163 |
| Net exports as % of total exports | 22% | 28% | 18% | 26% | 32% | 32% | 10% |

Table 13 - EPZ exports by main commodities, 1986 - 1988

F.O.B. Value Rs Mn

| Description of Item | 1986 | 1987 | 1987 | | | | 1988 | |
|---|-------|-------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|--|
| | | | 1st Qr. | 2nd Qr. | 3rd Qr. | 4th Qr. | 1st Qr. | |
| Fish and fish preparations | 97 | 100 | 15 | 34 | 29 | 23 | 37 | |
| Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles | 101 | 138 | 17 | 27 | 47 | 46 | 29 | |
| Pearls, precious and semi-precious stones | 172 | 185 | 37 | 41 | 47 | 60 | 22 | |
| Articles of apparel and clothing accessories | 4,012 | 5,541 | 988 | 1,319 | 1,655 | 1,579 | 1,219 | |
| Optical goods, n.e.s. | 90 | 90 | 23 | 22 | 17 | 28 | 24 | |
| Watches and clocks | 246 | 337 | 62 | 90 | 77 | 108 | 113 | |
| Toys, games and sporting goods | 57 | 78 | 17 | 24 | 21 | 16 | 19 | |
| Jewellery goldsmiths' and silversmiths' wares | 82 | 65 | 14 | 17 | 16 | 16 | 8 | |
| Other | 94 | 166 | 24 | 43 | 47 | 54 | 76 | |
| Total EPZ Exports | 4,951 | 6,700 | 1,197 | 1,617 | 1,956 | 1,930 | 1,547 | |

Table 14 - EPZ imports of main commodities, 1986 - 1988

C.I.F. value Rs Mn

| Description of item | 1986 | 1987 | 1987 | | | | 1988 |
|---|-------|-------|---------|---------|---------|---------|-------|
| | | | 1st Qr. | 2nd Qr. | 3rd Qr. | 4th Qr. | |
| Synthetic fibres suitable for spinning | 61 | 50 | 13 | 11 | 9 | 17 | 7 |
| Wool and other animal hair | 169 | 192 | 33 | 65 | 53 | 41 | 93 |
| Chemicals | 99 | 121 | 22 | 30 | 34 | 35 | 32 |
| Leather | 59 | 56 | 7 | 22 | 12 | 15 | 16 |
| Textile yarn and fabrics | 2,250 | 2,861 | 611 | 688 | 817 | 745 | 766 |
| Pearls, precious and semi-precious stones | 154 | 158 | 29 | 44 | 44 | 41 | 36 |
| Machinery | 500 | 595 | 115 | 156 | 163 | 161 | 205 |
| Optical goods, watches and clocks, etc. | 231 | 314 | 74 | 71 | 69 | 100 | 111 |
| Jewellery | 70 | 46 | 13 | 9 | 7 | 17 | 10 |
| Other | 271 | 408 | 64 | 95 | 118 | 131 | 108 |
| Total Imports | 3,863 | 4,801 | 981 | 1,191 | 1,326 | 1,303 | 1,384 |