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1. Introduction

This issue presents data on employment in the EPZ Sector as at end of March 1989. It also gives an estimate of imports and exports of the EPZ enterprises during the first three months of the year.

2. Employment evolution during 1st quarter 1989

During the 1st quarter 1989, 28 new firms started operation, 7 closed down and 39 ceased operation on a temporary basis bringing the total number of enterprises to 573 and 200 additional workers were recruited so that the EPZ workforce stood at 89,300, i.e. at almost the same level as that of December 1988.

A detailed analysis of the survey data shows that the 28 new firms recruited some 1,100 workers whilst existing firms expanded their workforce by some 6,000, bringing total employment creation to 7,100. During the same period, 39 firms which were encountering difficulties laid off some 1,200 workers whilst 7 others closed down accounting for the loss of around 2,000 jobs. Total employment loss therefore reached around 6,900. Consequently, net change in employment during the 1st quarter was positive, i.e. an increase of some 200 workers.

It is worth pointing out that net employment creation would have been around 800, had it not been for the reduction of some 600 in the category of 'outworkers', i.e. persons working at home on materials supplied by firms.

Also as from this year, data are being compiled in respect of enterprises classified as 'dormant' and are excluded from the total (Table 3 refers).

3. Employment as at March 1989

As at March 1989, there were 573 active EPZ enterprises operating in the EPZ Sector with a workforce of some 89,000 employees of whom two thirds were female, i.e. 59,000 and 30,000 male.

The wearing apparel sector which dominates the EPZ Sector comprised 378 enterprises and employed about 76,000 persons representing 83% of the EPZ workforce.

A comparison with data as at March 1988 shows that during the 12 months' period, employment in the EPZ Sector has decreased by around 1,300; male employment fell by some 1,900 partly offset by an increase of 600 in female employment.

A sectoral analysis shows that with the exception of the woollen sector which has contracted by some 4,500, the other sectors have recorded increases mainly as follows:- Textile yarn and fabrics: + 500, other garments: + 1,500, leather products and footwear: + 400 and jewellery and related articles: + 300.

4. Exports and Imports

Definite figures of EPZ trade are not yet available but a provisional estimate shows that during the first three months of the year 1989, the EPZ enterprises have exported goods worth around Rs 1,850 million and the import bill was around Rs 1,600 million. These figures compare with exports of Rs 1,600 million and imports Rs 1,200 million for the corresponding period of last year.

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Table 1 - EPZ :- Employment as at December 1988 and March 1989 by category of enterprise and by sex

Category of enterprise*	Number of enterprises as at end of		Employment as at end of						Net change		
	December 1988	March 1989	December 1988			March 1989			Male	Female	Total
			Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total			
Large ^{1/}	515	499	31,289	55,231	86,520	29,959	57,346	87,305	- 1,330	+ 2,115	+ 785
Small	74	72	224	146	370	262	155	417	+ 38	+ 9	+ 47
Outworkers ^{2/}	(2)	(2)	34	2,156	2,190	30	1,534	1,564	- 4	- 622	- 626
TOTAL	591	573	31,547	57,533	89,080	30,251	59,035	89,286	- 1,296	+ 1,502	+ 206

*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 600 expatriates

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

Table 2 - EPZ :- Employment as at March 1988 and March 1989 by category of enterprise and by sex

Category of enterprise*	Number of enterprises as at end of		Employment as at end of						Net change		
	March 1988	March 1989	March 1988			March 1989			Male	Female	Total
			Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total			
Large ^{1/}	479	499	31,862	56,135	87,997	29,959	57,346	87,305	- 1,903	+ 1,211	- 692
Small	73	72	252	191	443	262	155	417	+ 10	- 36	- 26
Outworkers ^{2/}	2	2	45	2,105	2,150	30	1,534	1,564	- 15	- 571	- 586
TOTAL	554	573	32,159	58,431	90,590	30,251	59,035	89,286	- 1,908	+ 604	- 1,304

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Table 3 - Employment evolution in the IPZ sector during the 1st quarter 1989

Description	Number of enterprises	Employment
1. SITUATION AS AT END OF DECEMBER 1988	<u>591</u>	89,080
2. Total employment creation of which through : Expansion <u>1/</u> of existing enterprises New enterprises	... (53) 28	7,152 6,020 1,132
3. Total loss of which through : Contraction <u>2/</u> of existing enterprises Closing down of enterprises Dormant enterprises <u>3/</u>	... (31) 7 39	6,946 3,704 2,006 1,236
4. Net change	-18	+206
5. SITUATION AS AT END OF MARCH 1989	<u>573</u>	89,286

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

3/ Temporarily closed, but may start production at any time

Table 4 - EPZ:- Analysis of net change in employment during period December 1988 -
March 1989 by product group

Product group	Employment as at end of		Net change in employment
	December 1988	March 1989	
1. Food	749	744	- 5
2. Flowers	358	400	+ 42
3. Textile yarn and fabrics	3,810	4,023	+ 213
4. Wearing apparels	77,233	76,038	-1,195
of which (a) pullovers	(31,632)	(31,125)	(- 507)
(b) gloves	(600)	(554)	(- 46)
(c) other garments	(45,001)	(44,359)	(- 642)
5. Leather products and footwear	1,105	1,232	+ 127
6. Wood and paper products	520	525	+ 5
7. Optical goods	577	613	+ 36
8. Watches and clocks	872	881	+ 9
9. Jewellery and related articles	1,504	1,633	+ 129
10. Fishing tackles and flies	169	148	- 21
11. Toys and carnival articles	774	833	+ 59
12. Other	1,409	2,216	+ 807
TOTAL	89,080	89,286	+ 206

Table 5 - EPZ:- Analysis of net change in employment during period March 1988 -
March 1989 by product group

Product group	Employment as at end of		Net change in employment
	March 1988	March 1989	
1. Food	693	744	+ 51
2. Flowers	340	400	+ 60
3. Textile yarn and fabrics	3,526	4,023	+ 497
4. Wearing apparels	79,110	76,038	-3,072
of which (a) pullovers	(35,075)	(31,125)	(-3,950)
(b) gloves	(1,196)	(554)	(-642)
(c) other garments	(42,839)	(44,359)	(+1,520)
5. Leather products and footwear	809	1,232	+ 423
6. Wood and paper products	507	525	+ 18
7. Optical goods	636	613	- 23
8. Watches and clocks	840	881	+ 41
9. Jewellery and related articles	1,324	1,633	+ 309
10. Fishing tackles and flies	149	148	- 1
11. Toys and carnival articles	742	833	+ 91
12. Other	1,914	2,216	+ 302
T O T A L	90,590	89,286	-1,304

Table 6 - EPZ:- Employment evolution by product group and sex, (March 1987 - March 1989)

Product group	March 1987			March 1988			March 1989		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
1. Food	216	339	555	313	380	693	349	395	744
2. Flowers	133	137	270	159	181	340	199	201	400
3. Textile yarn and fabrics	1,689	841	2,530	2,371	1,155	3,526	2,624	1,399	4,023
4. Wearing apparels	21,320	47,502	68,822	26,023	53,087	79,110	23,310	52,728	76,038
of which (a) pullovers	(6,654)	(26,113)	(32,767)	(8,604)	(26,471)	(35,075)	(6,688)	(24,437)	(31,125)
(b) gloves	(324)	(1,256)	(1,580)	(267)	(929)	(1,196)	(131)	(423)	(554)
(c) other garments	(14,342)	(20,133)	(34,475)	(17,152)	(25,687)	(42,839)	(16,591)	(27,868)	(44,359)
5. Leather products and footwear	274	483	757	248	561	809	303	929	1,232
6. Wood and paper products	343	294	637	328	179	507	324	180	504
7. Optical goods	252	206	458	393	243	636	366	247	613
8. Watches and clocks	184	437	621	231	609	840	216	665	881
9. Jewellery and related articles	628	379	1,007	926	398	1,324	1,127	506	1,633
10. Fishing tackles and flies	34	550	584	7	142	149	12	136	148
11. Toys and carnival articles	59	613	672	71	671	742	83	750	833
12. Other	736	358	1,094	1,089	825	1,914	1,323	893	2,216
T O T A L	25,868	52,139	78,007	32,159	58,431	90,590	30,251	59,035	89,286

Table 7 - EPZ:- Number of enterprises by product group, Quarterly Series, (year 1988, 1st Quarter 1989)

Product group	1988				1989
	1st Qr.	2nd Qr.	3rd Qr.	4th Qr.	1st Qr.
1. Food	11	10	10	11	11
2. Flowers	28	28	28	28	29
3. Textile yarn and fabrics	23	23	26	27	27
4. Wearing apparels	382	404	407	408	378
of which (a) Pullovers	(62)	(62)	(66)	(64)	(61)
(b) Gloves	(5)	(5)	(5)	(5)	(5)
(c) Other garments	(315)	(337)	(336)	(339)	(312)
5. Leather products and footwear	12	12	11	12	12
6. Wood and paper products	15	15	15	15	15
7. Optical goods	4	4	4	4	4
8. Watches and clocks	6	6	6	6	6
9. Jewellery and related articles	13	13	13	14	15
10. Fishing tackles and flies	3	3	3	3	3
11. Toys and carnival articles	6	6	7	7	7
12. Other	51	55	56	56	86
TOTAL	554	579	586	591	573

Table 8 - EPZ:- Employment by product group, Quarterly Series, (year 1988, 1st Quarter 1989)

Product group	1988				1989
	1st Qr.	2nd Qr.	3rd Qr.	4th Qr.	1st Qr.
1. Food	693	697	766	749	744
2. Flowers	340	333	344	358	400
3. Textile yarn and fabrics	3,526	3,539	3,670	3,810	4,023
4. Wearing apparels	79,110	80,295	79,317	77,233	76,038
5. of which (a) pullovers	(35,075)	(34,909)	(34,152)	(31,632)	(31,125)
(b) gloves	(1,196)	(1,019)	(641)	(600)	(554)
(c) other garments	(42,839)	(44,367)	(44,524)	(45,001)	(44,359)
5. Leather products and footwear	809	854	885	1,105	1,232
6. Wood and paper products	507	508	517	520	525
7. Optical goods	636	621	549	577	613
8. Watches and clocks	840	903	858	872	881
9. Jewellery and related articles	1,324	1,395	1,448	1,504	1,633
10. Fishing tackles and flies	149	149	158	169	148
11. Toys and carnival articles	742	746	785	774	833
12. Other	1,914	1,577	1,441	1,409	2,216
T O T A L	90,590	91,617	90,738	89,080	89,286

Table 9 - Distribution of EPZ enterprises by employment size - as at March 1989

Employment size	No. of enterprises			No. of persons employed		
	Number	%	Cum. %	Number	%	Cum. %
Under 10	72	13.0	13.0	417	-	-
10 - 50	243	42.0	55.0	6,195	7.0	7.0
51 - 100	76	13.0	68.0	5,577	6.0	13.0
101 - 300	103	18.0	86.0	17,672	20.0	33.0
301 - 500	37	7.0	93.0	14,284	16.0	49.0
501 - 1000	29	5.0	98.0	20,941	23.0	72.0
1000 and above	13	2.0	100.0	24,200	28.0	100.0
TOTAL	573	100.0	100.0	89,286	100.0	100.0

Table 10 -- EPZ :- number of enterprises and employment - quarterly series (1984 - 1989)

YEAR	Number of enterprises as at end of				Employment as at end of			
	March	June	September	December	March	June	September	December
1984	153	161	184	197	28,954	32,686	35,748	37,532
1985	215	237	257	290	43,134	46,669	50,218	53,951
1986	321	343	377	408	63,010	66,000	70,519	74,015
1987	437	472	500	531	78,007	82,740	85,665	87,905
1988	554	579	586	591	90,590	91,617	90,738	89,080
1989	573				89,286			