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EXPORT PROCESSING ZONE - 2ND QUARTER 1989

1. Introduction

This issue of the Economic Indicators presents data on employment and trade in the enterprises engaged in the Export Processing Zone as at the end of June 1989, together with a forecast of its imports and exports for the year 1989.

2. Employment evolution during 2nd quarter 1989

The second quarter of 1989 witnessed the coming into operation of 11 new EPZ enterprises, while at the same time, 7 enterprises ceased operation, of which 4 temporarily. Further 2 other firms demanded revocation of their EPZ status. The total number of enterprises in the EPZ therefore stood at 575 as at the end of June 1989, almost the same as at the end of March 1989 when it was 573. The level of employment also remained at about the same level as the previous quarter, at 89,300.

A detailed analysis shows that about 350 jobs were created by the new firms. With a contribution of some 3,400 additional jobs from 34 existing firms, the total employment creation during the 2nd quarter reached 3,750. This was however offset by an employment loss of the same order, resulting from the laying-off of some 3,100 workers by 29 enterprises contracting their activities and 650 by the 7 companies which have ceased operating.

3. Employment as at end of June 1989

After reaching as high a level as 91,600 in June 1988, employment in the EPZ sector seems to be settling down at slightly above the 89,000 line. In June 1989, with males numbering around 29,800 and females, 59,500, total employment amounted to nearly 89,300, most of which (over 85%) was in the wearing apparel sector.

One feature being observed lately in the EPZ sector is the decline in male employment while females are still in good demand. Thus while a net decrease of 500 males was almost offset by some 485 additional female recruits during the second quarter, comparison with the situation in June 1988 shows a total loss of 2,500 male employment, only slightly mitigated by some 200 new female recruits.

Most of this decrease in employment was in the woollens subsector, which over the period June 1988 - June 1989, laid off 4,900 employees as well as nearly 500 outworkers. Over 2,100 of these were, however, made up for by the other textile subsectors (Textile yarn and fabrics: + 650 and other garments: + 1,500). The jewellery and leather products sectors together recruited an additional 600.

4. Exports & Imports

For the first half of 1989, the enterprises operating in the EPZ sector have exported goods for a value of over 4,400 Rs million as against an import of raw materials valued around 3,700 Rs million. The figures of 1988 for the same period were of the order of 3,616 Rs million for exports and 2,927 Rs million for imports.

From data available, it is estimated that the exports of the EPZ may well approach the 10,000 Rs million mark, while its imports could exceed 7,000 Rs million.

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Table 1 - EPZ :- Employment as at March 1989 and June 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 1989	June 1989	March 1989			June 1989			Male	Female	Total
			Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total			
Large ^{1/}	499	500	29,959	57,346	87,305	29,488	57,215	86,703	- 471	- 131	- 602
Small	72	72	262	155	417	244	172	416	- 18	+ 17	- 1
Outworkers ^{2/}	2	3	30	1,534	1,564	15	2,131	2,146	- 15	+ 597	+ 582
T O T A L	573	575	30,251	59,035	89,286	29,747	59,518	89,265	- 504	+ 483	- 21

*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 June 1988 and June 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		
	June 1988	June 1989	June 1988			June 1989			Male	Female	Total
			Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total			
Large ^{1/}	500	500	31,944	56,913	88,857	29,488	57,215	86,703	-2,456	+ 302	-2,154
Small	77	72	278	187	465	244	172	416	- 34	- 15	- 49
Outworkers ^{2/}	2	3	69	2,226	2,295	15	2,131	2,146	- 54	- 95	- 149
T O T A L	579	575	32,291	59,326	91,617	29,747	59,518	89,265	-2,544	+ 192	-2,352

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Table 3 - Employment evolution in the EPZ sector during the 2nd quarter 1989

Description	Number of enterprises	Employment
1. SITUATION AS AT END OF MARCH 1989	<u>572</u>	<u>89,286</u>
2. Total employment creation of which through :	...	3,755
Expansion <u>1/</u> of existing enterprises	(34)	3,420
New enterprises	11	335
3. Total loss of which through :	...	3,776
Contraction <u>2/</u> of existing enterprises	(29)	3,107
Closing down of enterprises	5	603
Dormant enterprises <u>3/</u>	4	66
4. Net change	+ 2	- 21
5. SITUATION AS AT END OF JUNE 1989	<u>572</u>	<u>89,265</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

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

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

Product group	Employment as at end of		Net change in employment
	March 1989	June 1989	
1. Food	744	830	+ 86
2. Flowers	400	428	+ 28
3. Textile yarn and fabrics	4,023	4,192	+ 169
4. Wearing apparels	76,038	76,410	+ 372
of which (a) pullovers	(31,125)	(30,045)	(-1,080)
(b) gloves	(554)	(541)	- (- 13)
(c) other garments	(44,359)	(45,824)	(+1,465)
5. Leather products and footwear	1,232	1,228	- 4
6. Wood and paper products	525	491	- 34
7. Optical goods	613	613	-
8. Watches and clocks	881	884	+ 3
9. Jewellery and related articles	1,633	1,631	- 2
10. Fishing tackles and flies	148	132	- 16
11. Toys and carnival articles	833	827	- 6
12. Other	2,216	1,599	- 617
T O T A L	89,286	89,265	- 21

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

Product group	Employment as at end of		Net change in employment
	June 1988	June 1989	
1. Food	697	830	+ 133
2. Flowers	333	428	+ 95
3. Textile yarn and fabrics	3,539	4,192	+ 653
4. Wearing apparels	80,295	76,410	- 3,885
of which (a) pullovers	(34,909)	(30,045)	(-4,864)
(b) gloves	(1,019)	(541)	(-478)
(c) other garments	(44,367)	(45,824)	(+1,457)
5. Leather products and footwear	854	1,228	+ 374
6. Wood and paper products	508	491	- 17
7. Optical goods	621	613	- 8
8. Watches and clocks	903	884	- 19
9. Jewellery and related articles	1,395	1,631	+ 236
10. Fishing tackles and flies	149	132	- 17
11. Toys and carnival articles	746	827	+ 81
12. Other	1,577	1,599	+ 22
T O T A L	91,617	89,265	-2,352

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

Product group	June 1987			June 1988			June 1989		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
	1. Food	303	361	664	325	372	697	392	438
2. Flowers	164	140	304	162	171	333	202	226	428
3. Textile yarn and fabrics	1,886	1,233	3,119	2,296	1,243	3,539	2,767	1,425	4,192
4. Wearing apparels	23,047	49,825	72,872	26,138	54,157	80,295	23,032	53,378	76,410
of which (a) pullovers	(8,075)	(26,478)	(34,553)	(8,158)	(26,751)	(34,909)	(6,580)	(23,465)	(30,045)
(b) gloves	(240)	(1,164)	(1,404)	(237)	(782)	(1,019)	((130)	(411)	(541)
(c) other garments	(14,732)	(22,183)	(36,915)	(17,743)	(26,624)	(44,367)	(16,322)	(29,502)	(45,824)
5. Leather products and footwear	259	515	774	267	587	854	278	950	1,228
6. Wood and paper products	349	279	628	341	167	508	290	201	491
7. Optical goods	312	227	539	374	247	621	365	248	613
8. Watches and clocks	211	499	710	253	650	903	218	666	884
9. Jewellery and related articles	718	392	1,110	974	421	1,395	1,115	516	1,631
10. Fishing tackles and flies	8	147	155	20	129	149	12	120	132
11. Toys and carnival articles	60	654	714	55	691	746	61	766	827
12. Other	778	373	1,151	1,086	491	1,577	1,015	584	1,599
T O T A L	28,095	54,645	82,740	32,291	59,326	91,617	29,747	59,518	89,265

Table 7 - EPZ:- Number of enterprises by product group, Quarterly Series, (year 1988, 1st & 2nd Quarters 1989)

Product group	1988				1989	
	1st Qr.	2nd Qr.	3rd Qr.	4th Qr.	1st Qr.	2nd Qr.
1. Food	11	10	10	11	11	11
2. Flowers	28	28	28	28	29	29
3. Textile yarn and fabrics	23	23	26	27	27	27
4. Wearing apparels	382	404	407	408	378	389
of which (a) Pullovers	(62)	(62)	(66)	(64)	(61)	(62)
(b) Gloves	(5)	(5)	(5)	(5)	(5)	(5)
(c) Other garments	(315)	(337)	(336)	(339)	(312)	(322)
5. Leather products and footwear	12	12	11	12	12	10
6. Wood and paper products	15	15	15	15	15	15
7. Optical goods	4	4	4	4	4	4
8. Watches and clocks	6	6	6	6	6	6
9. Jewellery and related articles	13	13	13	14	15	15
10. Fishing tackles and flies	3	3	3	3	3	3
11. Toys and carnival articles	6	6	7	7	7	7
12. Other	51	55	56	56	66	59
T O T A L	554	579	586	591	573	575

Table 8 - EPZ:- Employment by product group, Quarterly Series, (year 1988, 1st and 2nd Quarters 1989)

Product group	1988				1989	
	1st Qr.	2nd Qr.	3rd Qr.	4th Qr.	1st Qr.	2nd Qr.
1. Food	693	697	766	749	744	830
2. Flowers	340	333	344	358	400	428
3. Textile yarn and fabrics	3,526	3,539	3,670	3,810	4,023	4,192
4. Wearing apparels	79,110	80,295	79,317	77,233	76,038	76,410
of which (a) pullovers	(35,075)	(34,909)	(34,152)	(31,632)	(31,125)	(30,045)
(b) gloves	(1,196)	(1,019)	(641)	(600)	(554)	(541)
(c) other garments	(42,839)	(44,367)	(44,524)	(45,001)	(44,359)	(45,824)
5. Leather products and footwear	809	854	885	1,105	1,232	1,228
6. Wood and paper products	507	508	517	520	525	491
7. Optical goods	636	621	549	577	613	613
8. Watches and clocks	840	903	858	872	881	884
9. Jewellery and related articles	1,324	1,395	1,448	1,504	1,633	1,631
10. Fishing tackles and flies	149	149	158	169	148	132
11. Toys and carnival articles	742	746	785	774	833	827
12. Other	1,914	1,577	1,441	1,409	2,216	1,599
TOTAL	90,590	91,617	90,738	89,080	89,286	89,265

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

Employment size	No. of enterprises			No. of persons employed		
	Number	%	Cum. %	Number	%	Cum. %
Under 10	73	12.7	12.7	420	0.5	0.5
10 - 50	240	41.8	54.5	5,196	6.9	7.4
51 - 100	79	13.7	68.2	5,566	6.2	13.6
101 - 300	104	18.1	86.3	18,182	20.4	34.0
301 - 500	37	6.4	92.7	14,272	16.0	50.0
501 - 1,000	28	4.9	97.6	19,963	22.4	72.4
1,000 and above	14	2.4	100.0	24,666	27.6	100.0
TOTAL	575	100.0	100.0	89,265	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	85,685	87,905
1988	554	579	586	591	90,590	91,617	90,738	89,080
1989	573	575			89,286	89,265		