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# The Export Processing Zone - 1st quarter 1990

## 1. Introduction

This first issue of Economic Indicators for 1990 on the EPZ sector presents data on employment and trade relating to the first three months of 1990.

The sector-wise tables have been slightly modified to show electric/electronic product separately whilst the 'fishing tackles' group will henceforth be included in the residual 'other' group.

## 2. Employment evolution during 1st quarter 1990

During the first quarter 1990, 17 new enterprises were set up and 32 closed down bringing the total number of enterprises to 548 with a workforce of some 89,800.

During this quarter, 1,600 male workers left the EPZ sector, whilst 2,700 additional female employees were recruited resulting in a net addition of 1,100. This increase, however, compares with a net loss of around 1,000 during the previous quarter, i.e 4th quarter of 1989.

Also of the additional workers, some 400 were employed as outworkers, i.e. persons working at home on materials provided by enterprises, which brought total number of outworkers to 2,300.

A comparison of March 1990 with December 1989 data by firm shows that 5,500 additional jobs were created through expansion of existing firms and 700 by the 17 new firms. On the other hand, the 32 firms which closed down laid off about 1,700 workers and enterprises experiencing contraction in their activities reported a reduction of a further 3,400.

It is also worth pointing out that of the 1,700 workers who lost their jobs through closures, some 600 were transferred to a firm within the same group and 200 were taken over by a new firm.

The comparative table by sector (table 4 refers) shows that employment in wearing apparel registered an increase of around 1,200 whilst the 'woollen' sector continued to report losses (-200).

## 3. Employment as at March 1990

As at March 1990, there were 548 enterprises operating in the EPZ sector with a workforce of 89,800 comprising of 61,000 females and 28,800 males. This employment figure included some 650 expatriates and 2,300 outworkers.

As shown in table (2), the EPZ workforce increased by only around 500 during the 12 months' period between March 89 and March 90. Employment in 'large' enterprises in fact fell by some 300. The net addition results mainly from the increase of 800 workers employed as 'outworkers'.

A detailed analysis of employment evolution by sector, between March 1990 and March 1989 shows that the woollen and the residual sector reported reduction of 1,800 and 500 respectively. However there was an expansion of 2,800 in the other sectors with 'Other garments' sector taking the lead (+ 2,000) followed by 'Textile yarn & fabrics' (+ 400) and 'food' (+ 200). The electric/electronic sector contributed to the creation of 200 additional jobs.

#### 4. EPZ Imports & Exports

Definite trade figures of the EPZ enterprises are not yet available but provisional estimates show that during the first three months of the year, the EPZ sector has exported goods worth of around Rs 2,000 mn compared with Rs 1,800 mn in the corresponding quarter of 1989. Imports are estimated at Rs 1,800 mn. Net exports for first quarter of 1990 therefore works out to some Rs 200 mn.

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Table 1 - EPZ :- Employment as at December 1989 and March 1990 by category of enterprise and by sex

Category of enterprise*	Number of enterprises as at end of .....		Employment as at end of .....									
	December 1989	March 1990	Net change	December 1989			March 1990			Net change		
				Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
Large <u>1/</u>	483	473	-10	30,046	56,221	86,267	28,426	58,589	87,015	-1,620	+2,368	+ 748
Small	78	73	- 5	253	169	422	247	163	410	- 6	- 6	- 12
Outworkers <u>2/</u>	2	2	-	33	1,928	1,961	74	2,256	2,330	+ 41	+ 328	+ 369
TOTAL	563	548	-15	30,332	58,318	88,650	28,747	61,008	89,755	-1,585	+2,690	+1,105

\*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 650 expatriates as at March 1990

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 1989 and March 1990 by category of enterprise and by sex

Category of enterprise*	Number of enterprises as at end of .....		Employment as at end of .....									
	March 1989	March 1990	March 1989			March 1990			Net Change			
			Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	
Large 1/	499	473	29,959	57,346	87,305	28,426	58,589	87,015	-1,533	+1,243	-290	
Small	72	73	262	155	417	247	163	410	- 15	+ 8	- 7	
Outworkers 2/	2	2	30	1,534	1,564	74	2,256	2,330	+ 44	+ 722	+766	
TOTAL	573	548	30,251	59,035	89,286	28,747	61,008	89,755	-1,504	+1,973	+469	

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Table 3 - Evolution in the EPZ sector during the 1st Quarter 1990

Description	Number of enterprises	Employment
1. SITUATION AS AT END OF DECEMBER 1989	563	88,650
2. Total employment creation	...	6,193
of which through :		
Expansion of existing enterprises <sup>1/</sup>	(50)	(5,516)
New enterprises	(17)	(677)
3. Total loss	...	5,088
of which through :		
Contraction of existing enterprises <sup>2/</sup>	(36)	(3,443)
Closing down of enterprises	(32)	(1,645)
4. Net change	-15	+1,105
5. SITUATION AS AT END OF MARCH 1990	548	89,755

<sup>1/</sup> Expansion relates to only enterprises which have increased their work force by 25 or more employees

<sup>2/</sup> Contraction relates to enterprises which have reduced their workforce by 25 or more employees

Table 4 - EPZ :- Analysis of net change in employment during period December 1989 -  
March 1990 by product group

Product group <u>1/</u>	Employment at at end of .....		Net change in employment
	December <u>2/</u> 1989	March 1990	
1. Food	921	969	+48
2. Flowers	421	473	+52
3. Textile yarn and fabrics	4,251	4,387	+136
4. Wearing apparels	75,201	76,237	+1,036
of which (a) pullovers	(29,626)	(29,415)	(-211)
(b) gloves	(461)	(482)	(+21)
(c) other garments	(45,114)	(46,340)	(+1,226)
5. Leather products and footwear	1,242	1,295	+53
6. Wood and paper products	540	474	-66
7. Optical goods	587	465	-122
8. Watches, electronic watches and clocks	903	940	+37
9. Electric and other electronic products	231	254	+23
10. Jewellery and related articles	1,722	1,673	-49
11. Toys and carnival articles	896	896	-
12. Other	1,735	1,692	-43
<b>T O T A L</b>	<b>88,650</b>	<b>89,755</b>	<b>+1,105</b>

1/ Change in classification

2/ Revised

Table 5 - EPZ:- Analysis of net change in employment during period March 1989 -  
March 1990 by product group

Product group <sup>1/</sup>	Employment as at end of .....		Net change in employment
	March 1989	March 1990	
1. Food	744	969	+ 225
2. Flowers	400	473	+ 73
3. Textile yarn and fabrics	4,023	4,387	+ 364
4. Wearing apparels	76,038	76,237	+ 199
of which (a) pullovers	(31,125)	(29,415)	(-1,710)
(b) gloves	(554)	(482)	(-72)
(c) other garments	(44,359)	(46,340)	(-1,981)
5. Leather products and footwear	1,232	1,295	+63
6. Wood and paper products	525	474	-51
7. Optical goods	613	465	-148
8. Watches, electronic watches and clocks	881	940	+59
9. Electric and other electronic products	146	254	+108
10. Jewellery and related articles	1,633	1,673	+40
11. Toys and carnival articles	833	896	+63
12. Other	2,218	1,692	-526
<b>T O T A L</b>	<b>89,286</b>	<b>89,755</b>	<b>+469</b>

1/ change in classification



Table 6 - EPZ :- Employment evolution by product group and sex (March 1988 - March 1990)

Product group	March 1988			March 1989			March 1990		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
	1. Food	313	380	693	349	395	744	416	553
2. Flowers	159	181	340	199	201	400	227	246	473
3. Textile yarn and fabrics	2,371	1,155	3,526	2,624	1,399	4,023	2,722	1,665	4,387
4. Wearing apparels	26,023	53,087	79,110	23,310	52,728	76,038	21,936	54,301	76,237
of which (a) pullovers	(8,604)	(26,471)	(35,075)	(6,688)	(24,437)	(31,125)	(6,115)	(23,300)	(29,415)
(b) gloves	(267)	(929)	(1,196)	(131)	(423)	(554)	(117)	(365)	(482)
(c) other garments	(17,152)	(25,687)	(42,839)	(16,591)	(27,868)	(44,359)	(15,704)	(30,636)	(46,340)
5. Leather products and footwear	248	561	809	303	929	1,232	320	975	1,295
6. Wood and paper products	328	179	507	324	180	504	283	191	474
7. Optical goods	393	243	636	366	247	613	302	163	465
8. Watches and electronic watches and clocks	231	609	840	216	665	881	214	726	940
9. Electric & other electronic products	16	44	60	74	72	146	138	116	254
10. Jewellery & related articles	926	398	1,324	1,127	506	1,633	1,156	517	1,673
11. Toys and carnival articles	71	671	742	83	750	833	79	817	896
12. Other	1,080	923	2,003	1,276	963	2,239	954	738	1,692
<b>T O T A L</b>	<b>32,159</b>	<b>58,431</b>	<b>90,590</b>	<b>30,251</b>	<b>59,035</b>	<b>89,286</b>	<b>28,747</b>	<b>61,008</b>	<b>89,755</b>

Table 7 - BIZ :- No. of enterprises by product group, Quarterly Series, (Year 1989, 1st Quarter 1990)

Product group <sup>1/</sup>	1989				1990
	1st Qr.	2nd Qr.	3rd Qr.	4th Qr. <sup>2/</sup>	1st Qr.
1. Food	11	11	12	13	13
2. Flowers	29	29	30	33	36
3. Textile yarn and fabrics	27	27	31	30	31
4. Wearing apparels	378	388	370	359	341
of which (a) pullovers	(61)	(61)	(60)	(59)	(58)
(b) gloves	(5)	(5)	(5)	(5)	(5)
(c) other garments	(312)	(322)	(305)	(295)	(278)
5. Leather products and footwear	12	11	11	11	11
6. Wood and paper products	15	15	13	14	14
7. Optical goods	4	4	4	4	4
8. Watches, electronic watches and clocks	6	6	6	6	5
9. Electric & other electronic products	7	7	8	8	9
10. Jewellery and related articles	15	15	15	17	17
11. Toys and carnival articles	7	7	7	7	8
12. Other	62	55	57	61	59
T O T A L	573	575	564	563	548

<sup>1/</sup> Change in classification

<sup>2/</sup> Revised

Table 8 - EPZ :- Employment by product group, Quarterly Series (Year 1989, 1st Quarter 1990)

Product group <sup>1/</sup>	1 9 8 9				1 9 9 0 1st Qr.
	1st Qr.	2nd Qr.	3rd Qr.	4th Qr. <sup>2/</sup>	
1. Food	744	830	898	921	969
2. Flowers	400	428	405	421	473
3. Textile yarn and fabrics	4,023	4,192	4,337	4,251	4,387
4. Wearing apparels	76,038	76,410	76,506	75,201	76,237
of which (a) pullovers	(31,125)	(31,008)	(31,209)	(29,626)	(29,415)
(b) gloves	(554)	(541)	(454)	(461)	(482)
(c) other garments	(44,359)	(44,861)	(44,843)	(45,114)	(46,340)
5. Leather products and footwear	1,232	1,281	1,231	1,242	1,295
6. Wood and paper products	525	491	481	540	474
7. Optical goods	613	613	587	587	465
8. Watches, electronic watches & clocks	881	884	908	903	940
9. Electric & other electronic products	146	146	184	231	254
10. Jewellery & related articles	1,633	1,631	1,649	1,722	1,673
11. Toys and carnival articles	833	827	878	896	896
12. Other	2,218	1,532	1,605	1,735	1,692
T O T A L	89,286	89,265	89,669	88,650	89,755

<sup>1/</sup> Change in classification

<sup>2/</sup> Revised

Table 9 - Distribution of EPZ enterprises by employment size - as at March 1990

Employment size	No. of enterprises			No. of persons employed		
	Number	%	Cum. %	Number	%	Cum. %
Under 10	73	13.3	13.3	415	0.5	0.5
10 - 50	214	39.0	52.3	5,390	6.0	6.5
51 - 100	73	13.3	65.6	5,192	5.8	12.3
101 - 300	105	19.2	84.8	18,850	21.0	33.3
301 - 500	37	6.8	91.6	14,116	15.7	49.0
501 - 1,000	30	5.5	97.1	20,533	22.9	71.9
1,000 and above	16	2.9	100.0	25,259	28.1	100.0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>548</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>89,755</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

Table 10 - EPZ : - Number of enterprises and employment - quarterly series (1984 - 1990)

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	564	563	89,286	89,265	89,669	88,650
1990	548				89,755			