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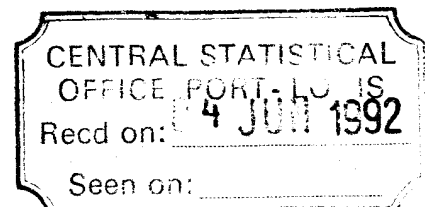
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The Export Processing Zone (EPZ) - 1st Quarter 1992

1. Employment evolution, 1st quarter 1992

During the first quarter of 1992, the total number of active enterprises in the EPZ sector was reduced by 10 but total employment increased slightly by 500.

Between January and March 1992, 18 closures were reported and 8 new ones started operation, bringing the total number of enterprises to 576 from 586 at December 1991. The EPZ workforce attained 91,400 with 63,600 (or 70%) female workers and 27,800 male workers.

It is to be noted that the EPZ employment had registered a peak level of 91,600 in June 1988, thereafter, dropping to around 88,600 at December 1989. A gradual increase has been noted from 1991 onwards to attain 91,400 at March 1992.

Although, at aggregate level, the net increase works out to 500 only, detailed data show a high mobility of workers among EPZ firms: some 7,000 workers, representing 8% of the workforce have in fact changed jobs. The 18 companies which closed down, laid off some 3,800 workers; a reduction of 3,000 were reported by existing firms, which brought the total loss to 6,800.

This decrease was however more than offset by a total employment creation of 7,300 jobs, the majority of which were reported by existing firms expanding their activities. The 8 new enterprises contributed to the creation of 400 jobs only.

A new table compiled on the closures shows that 13 out of the 18 closures occurred in the textile sector as follows:-

3 in the pullover sector,

9 in the garment sector and

1 in the textile yarn sector

It is also noted that at March 1992, there were 19 enterprises employing more than 1,000 workers compared to 16 at December 1991.

2. Employment evolution between March 1991 and March 1992

A comparison of March 1992 employment data with those of March 1991 shows that the EPZ sector has recruited some 1,500 additional workers during that 12 month period. This increase compares with a negligible growth in the corresponding previous period, i.e between March 1990 and March 1991.

A constant increase has been noted in female employment which increased by 2,000 or 3%, whilst that of male continued to fall registering a further drop of 500.

Detailed figures by product group (Table 6) shows an increase of around 2,000 in the wearing apparel group bringing its total workforce to nearly 77,000 accounting for nearly 85% of total employment in the EPZ Sector. However it should be noted that in this group, the subgroup pull-over lost about 1,200 jobs which was more than offset by its other various components (+3,200). Other groups which recorded small decreases were 'food' (-136), 'textile yarn & fabric' (-254), and 'watches, electronic watches & clocks' (-144)

EPZ Exports & Imports

Provisional trade figures available for the first quarter 1992 shows that EPZ exports amounted to Rs 2,700 million compared to Rs 2,300 million for the corresponding period of 1991. The import bill was valued at Rs 1,750 million yielding a net EPZ export figure of Rs 950 million. The ratio of net exports to exports works out to 35% compared to 29% for the corresponding period of 1991 and 42% for the year 1991.

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Main Indicators of EPZ sector 85 - 92 (1st Quarter)

Particulars	Y e a r								1992 1st Qr.
	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991		
1. No. of enterprises as at December	290	408	531	591	563	568	586	576	
2. Employment as at December	53,951	74,015	87,905	89,080	88,658	89,906	90,851	91,399	
3. Exports for calendar year (Rs mn)	3,285	4,951	6,567	8,176	9,057	11,474	12,156	2,710	
4. Imports for calendar year (Rs mn)	2,530	3,863	4,801	5,890	7,502	7,348	7,000	1,745	
5. Net exports for calendar year (Rs mn)	753	1,088	1,766	2,286	1,555	4,126	5,056	965	
6. Net exports % exports (%)	22.9	22.0	26.9	28.0	17.2	36.0	42.0		
7. Value added (Rs mn)	1,333	1,860	4,585	3,125	3,450	3,975	4,500	4,950 ^{1/}	
8. Growth rate (%)	+30.0	+34.9	+22.0	+12.0	+6.0	+7.0	+5.0	+6.0 ^{1/}	

^{1/} Forecast, September 1991

Table 1 - EPZ:- Employment as at December 1991 and March 1992 by category of enterprise and by sex

Category of enterprise*	Number of enterprises as at end of		Employment as at end of									
	December 1991	March 1992	Net change	December 1991			March 1992			Net change		
				Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
Large ^{1/}	496	475	-21	27,468	60,877	88,345	27,425	61,422	88,847	-43	+545	+502
Small	87	98	+11	256	195	451	304	217	521	+48	+22	+70
Outworkers ^{2/}	3	3	-	74	1,991	2,065	79	1,952	2,031	+5	-39	-34
TOTAL	586	576	-10	27,798	63,063	90,861	27,808	63,591	91,399	+10	+528	+538

* 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 1,150 expatriates at December 1991 and 1,200 at March 1992

^{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 1991 and March 1992 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 1991	March 1992	March 1991			March 1992			Male	Female	Total
			Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total			
Large ^{1/}	462	475	27,916	59,120	87,036	27,425	61,422	88,847	-491	+2,302	+1,811
Small	93	98	278	209	487	304	217	521	+26	+8	+34
Outworkers ^{2/}	3	3	88	2,297	2,385	79	1,952	2,031	-9	-345	-354
TOTAL	578	576	28,282	61,626	89,908	27,808	63,591	91,399	-474	+1,965	+1,491

* 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 950 expatriates at March 1991 and 1,200 at March 1992

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

Table 3 - Employment evolution in the EPZ sector during the 1st quarter 1992

Description	Number of enterprises	Employment
1. SITUATION AS AT END OF DECEMBER 1991	<u>586</u>	<u>90,861</u>
2. Total employment creation of which through: Expansion <u>1/</u> of existing enterprises New enterprises	... (53) 8	+7,300 6,934 366
3. Total loss of which through: Reduction in activities of existing enterprises Closing down of enterprises	... (24) 18	-6,762 2,943 3,819
4. Net change	-10	+536
5. SITUATION AS AT END OF MARCH 1992	<u>576</u>	<u>91,392</u>

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

Table 4 - EPZ: Net change in employment between December 1991 - March 1992

by product group

Product group	Employment as at end of		Net change in employment
	December 1991	March 1992	
1. Food	1,276	916	-360
2. Flowers	615	605	-10
3. Textile yarn and fabrics	5,056	5,282	+226
4. Wearing apparels	76,409	76,890	+481
5. of which (a) pullovers	(27,393)	(27,176)	(-217)
(b) gloves & other garments	(49,016)	(49,714)	(+698)
5. Leather products and footwear	1,250	1,346	+96
6. Wood and paper products	622	592	-30
7. Optical goods	518	457	-61
8. Watches, electronic watches & clocks	684	695	+11
9. Electric & other electronic products	371	423	+52
10. Jewellery & related articles	1,418	1,414	-4
11. Toys and carnival articles	1,037	1,068	+31
12. Other	1,605	1,711	+106
TOTAL	90,861	91,399	+538

Table 5 - Number of closures and employment lost by product group - 1st quarter 1992

Product Group	1st Quarter 1992	
	No. of Enterprises	Employment
1. Food	-	-
2. Flowers	-	-
3. Textile yarn & fabrics	1	30
4. Wearing apparels	12	3,561
of which (a) pullovers	(3)	(1,768)
(b) gloves and other garments	(9)	(1,793)
5. Leather products & footwear	2	125
6. Wood and paper products	1	20
7. Optical goods	-	-
8. Watches, electronic watches and clocks	-	-
9. Electric and other electronic products	-	-
10. Jewellery and related articles	1	22
11. Toys & carnival articles	1	53
12. Other	-	-
TOTAL	18	3,819

Table 6 - EPZ:- Net change in employment between March 1991 - March 1992
by product group

Product group	Employment as at end of		Net change in employment
	March 1991	March 1992	
1. Food	1,052	916	-136
2. Flowers	561	605	+44
3. Textile yarn and fabrics	5,536	5,282	-254
4. Wearing apparels	74,913	76,890	+1,977
of which (a) pullovers	(28,367)	(27,176)	(-1,191)
(b) gloves & other garments	(46,546)	(49,714)	(+3,168)
5. Leather products and footwear	1,438	1,346	-92
6. Wood and paper products	481	592	+111*
7. Optical goods	540	457	-83
8. Watches, electronic watches and clocks	839	695	-144
9. Electric and other electronic products	441	423	-18
10. Jewellery and related articles	1,482	1,414	-68
11. Toys and carnival articles	1,030	1,068	+38
12. Other	1,595	1,711	+116
T O T A L	89,908	91,399	+1,491

* increase is partly due to change in classification

Table 7 - Distribution of EPZ enterprises by employment size - as at March 1992

Employment size	No. of enterprises			No. of persons employed		
	Number	%	Cum. %	Number	%	Cum. %
Under 10	100	17.4	17.4	525	0.6	0.6
10 - 50	224	38.9	56.3	5,683	6.2	6.8
51 - 100	72	12.5	68.8	5,181	5.7	12.5
101 - 300	103	17.9	86.7	19,189	21.0	33.5
301 - 500	31	5.4	92.1	12,100	13.3	46.8
501 - 1000	27	4.7	96.8	19,147	21.0	67.8
1000 and above	19	3.2	100.0	29,304	32.2	100.0
TOTAL	576	100.0	100.0	91,129	100.0	100.0

Table 8 - EPZ:- Employment evolution by product group and sex, (March 1990 - March 1992)

Product group	March 1990			March 1991			March 1992		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
	1. Food	416	553	969	353	699	1,052	351	565
2. Flowers	227	246	473	271	290	561	293	312	605
3. Textile yarn & fabrics	2,722	1,665	4,387	3,601	1,935	5,536	3,428	1,854	5,282
4. Wearing apparels	21,936	54,301	76,237	20,703	54,210	74,913	20,602	56,288	76,890
of which (a) Pullovers	(6,115)	(23,300)	(29,415)	(5,619)	(22,748)	(28,367)	(5,423)	(21,753)	(27,176)
(b) Gloves & other garments	(15,821)	(31,001)	(46,822)	(15,084)	(31,462)	(46,546)	(15,179)	(34,535)	(49,714)
5. Leather products and footwear	320	975	1,295	369	1,069	1,438	271	1,075	1,346
6. Wood and paper products	283	191	474	282	199	481	397	195	592*
7. Optical goods	302	163	465	318	222	540	256	201	457
8. Watches, electronic watches and clocks	214	726	940	218	621	839	184	511	695
9. Electric and other electronic products	130	116	254	208	233	441	207	216	423
10. Jewellery & related articles	1,156	517	1,673	1,014	468	1,482	888	526	1,414
11. Toys and carnival articles	79	817	896	113	917	1,030	108	960	1,068
12. Other	954	738	1,692	832	763	1,595	823	888	1,711
T O T A L	28,747	61,008	89,755	28,282	61,626	89,908	27,808	63,591	91,399

* increase is due to change in classification

Table 9 - EPZ - Number of enterprises by product group, quarterly series

Product group	1991				1992
	1st Qr.	2nd Qr.	3rd Qr.	4th Qr.	1st Qr.
1. Food	14	14	15	15	15
2. Flowers	44	46	49	49	49
3. Textile yarn and fabrics	37	37	36	36	36
4. Wearing apparels	337	336	333	332	326
of which (a) Pullovers	(54)	(54)	(54)	(51)	(49)
(b) Gloves & other garments	(283)	(282)	(279)	(281)	(277)
5. Leather products and footwaer	13	12	12	11	10
6. Wood and paper products	16	17	19	20	19
7. Optical goods	7	7	7	6	6
8. Watches, electronic watches & clocks	6	6	7	8	8
9. Electric and other electronic products	14	14	14	15	15
10. Jewellery	19	19	20	19	18
11. Toys and carnival articles	8	8	8	8	7
12. Other	63	62	65	67	67
T o t a l	578	578	585	586	576

Table 10 - EPZ :- Employment by product group, quarterly series

Product group	1991				1992
	1st Qr.	2nd Qr.	3rd Qr.	4th Qr.	1st Qr.
1. Food	1,052	1,155	1,155	1,276	916
2. Flowers	561	567	593	615	605
3. Textile yarn and fabrics	5,536	5,541	5,156	5,056	5,282
4. Wearing apparels	74,913	74,426	75,801	76,409	76,890
of which (a) pullovers	(28,367)	(27,918)	(27,679)	(27,393)	(27,176)
(b) gloves & other garments	(46,546)	(46,508)	(48,122)	(49,016)	(49,714)
5. Leather products and footwear	1,438	1,360	1,290	1,250	1,346
6. Wood and paper products	481	600*	660	622	592
7. Optical goods	540	510	492	518	457
8. Watches, electronic watches and clocks	839	703	658	684	695
9. Electric and other electronic products	441	441	344	371	423
10. Jewellery and related articles	1,482	1,443	1,453	1,418	1,414
11. Toys and carnival articles	1,030	1,034	1,043	1,037	1,068
12. Other	1,595	1,526	1,685	1,605	1,711
T O T A L	89,908	89,306	90,330	90,861	91,399

*Increase in figure is due to a change in classification

Table 11 - EPZ :- Number of enterprises and employment - quarterly series (1984 - 1992)

Year	Number of enterprises				Employment			
	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	88,669	88,650
1990	548	566	574	568	89,755	90,211	88,258	89,906
1991	578	578	585	586	89,908	89,306	90,330	90,861
1992	576				91,399			