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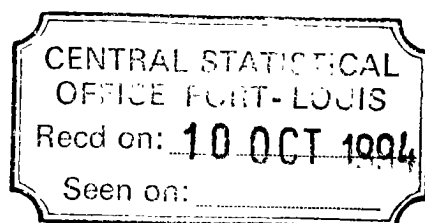
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The Exports Processing Zone (EPZ), 2nd Quarter 1994

Introduction

This issue of the "Economic Indicators" presents the results of the "Quarterly Survey of Employment" carried out at the end of June 1994. Provisional figures on EPZ Exports and Imports are also included.

Employment evolution, 2nd quarter 1994

At the end of June 1994, employment in the EPZ remained at the previous quarter's level of around 83,900 with practically no change in the sex composition as well, that is, 59,600 females (71%) and 24,250 males (29%). This occurred in a situation where the number of enterprises decreased by 11 from 520 in the 1st quarter as a result of 19 closures and the coming into operation of 8 new enterprises. Total employment lost, 4,800 of which 2,100 due to closures, was almost entirely absorbed by expansion in the workforce of around 30 existing enterprises.

At the end of the 2nd quarter 1994, the number of foreign workers stood at 5,076: an increase of nearly 600 over the 1st quarter.

Employment evolution, June 93 - June 94

Over the 12-month period ending June 1994, the EPZ sector registered a net decrease of 41 enterprises and employment dropped by around 2,200. The "Wearing apparel" group suffered a loss of 2,800 in its workforce whilst there was an aggregate increase of nearly 600 in the other groups. Within "Wearing apparel", a total loss of 3,600 in "Pullovers" was partly offset by an increase of around 800 in "Other garments".

EPZ exports and imports

Exports in the EPZ during the 2nd quarter amounted to nearly Rs 4,200 million, almost the same level as that reported during the corresponding period last year. For the first semester, the figure works out to Rs 7,360 million

compared to Rs 6,995 million, that is, an increase of 5% or Rs 365 million of which Rs 164 million towards the U.S.A.

EPZ enterprises imported for Rs 2,546 million worth of goods during the 2nd quarter yielding a total of Rs 4,840 million for the 1st semester against Rs 4,495 million in the corresponding period last year. Imports of raw materials went up by nearly 11% to reach Rs 4,384 million whilst machinery and other equipment dropped to Rs 456 million from Rs 543 million.

Net exports yielded a little over Rs 2,520 million during the 1st semester representing 34% of total exports as against 36% last year.

On this trend, total EPZ exports would probably reach Rs 18,000 million this year compared to Rs 15,821 million in 1993.

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Table 1:- EPZ Sector: Main economic indicators, 1984 - 1994

	1984	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992 ¹	1993 ²
1. No of enterprises as at December	195	290	408	531	591	563	568	586	558	536
- New	55	101	139	114	95	79	62	52	33	38
- Closures	6	6	21	18	35	107	57	34	61	60
2. Employment as at December	37,522	53,951	74,015	87,905	89,080	88,658	89,906	90,861	86,937	85,621
- Net change	+11,996	+16,429	+20,064	+13,890	+1,175	-422	+1,248	+955	-3,924	-1,316
- Growth rate (%)	+47.0	+43.8	+37.2	+18.8	+1.3	-1.0	+1.4	+1.1	-4.3	-1.5
3. Exports (f.o.b, Rs Mn)	2,151	3,283	4,951	6,567	8,176	9,057	11,474	12,136	13,081	15,821
4. Imports (c.i.f, Rs Mn) :	1,651	2,530	3,863	4,801	5,890	7,502	7,348	7,067	7,133	9,326
- Raw materials	(1,491)	(2,280)	(3,427)	(4,296)	(5,056)	(6,539)	(6,554)	(6,348)	(6,456)	(8,221)
- Machinery & spare parts	(160)	(250)	(436)	(505)	(834)	(963)	(794)	(719)	(677)	(1,105)
5. Net Exports (Rs Mn)	500	753	1,088	1,766	2,286	1,555	4,126	5,069	5,948	6,495
6. Net Exports to Exports (%)	23	23	22	27	28	17	36	42	45	41
7. Value added at current prices (Rs Mn)	865	1,333	1,860	2,585	3,125	3,450	3,975	4,400	5,000	5,800
- Share in Manufacturing(%)	39.6	46.5	48.6	53.4	55.5	54.2	53.3	53.2	53.3	52.4
- Share in GDP(%)	7.2	9.6	11.3	13.1	13.5	12.7	12.5	12.2	12.7	12.9
8. Value added at constant 1982 prices (Rs Mn)	650	844	1,139	1,390	1,556	1,650	1,765	1,854	1,965	2,103
- Growth rate (%)	+32.9	+30.0	+34.9	+22.0	+12.0	+6.0	+7.0	+5.0	+6.0	+7.0
9. Productivity Index (1982 = 100)	88	78	80	82	90	96	105	108	118	131
10. Investment (Rs Mn)	210	340	560	655	870	900	690	630	560	900
- Machinery	(165)	(260)	(450)	(530)	(730)	(840)	(640)	(610)	(540)	(875)

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Table 2:- EPZ employment, June 1993 - June 1994

Category of enterprise	No. of Enterprises			Employment*											
				June 93			March 94			June 94					
	Jun. 93	Mar. 94	Jun. 94	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total			
Large	447	423	408	24,546	58,899	83,445	23,914	58,002	81,916	23,862	57,917	81,779			
Small(<10)	103	97	101	324	214	538	303	201	504	326	195	521			
Outworkers	-	-	-	46	1,999	2,045	33	1,429	1,462	64	1,498	1,562			
TOTAL	550	520	509	24,916	61,112	86,028	24,250	59,632	83,882	24,252	59,610	83,862			

* includes expatriates: No. -Jun. 93 2,953 (903 males, 2,050 females)
 -Mar. 94 4,493 (1,388 males, 3,105 females)
 -Jun. 94 5,076 (1,475 males,3,601 females)

Table 3:- Analysis of net change in employment, 2nd quarter 1994

	Net change 2nd Quarter 94	
	Enterprises	Employment
A. Total employment creation:	...	4,825
Expansion in existing enterprises*	30	(4,767)
New enterprises	8	(58)
B. Total employment lost:	...	4,845
Reduction in existing enterprises*	32	(2,704)
Closures	19	(2,141)
C. Net change (A-B)	-11	-20
Male	...	(+2)
Female	...	(-22)

* No. of enterprises relates to those reporting expansion/reduction in their workforce by more than 25 while employment is total expansion/reduction

Table 4: - Net change in number of enterprises by product group, 1993 - 1994

Product group	No. of enterprises			Net change	
	Jun. 93	Mar. 94	Jun. 94	Jun94-Mar94	Jun94-Jun93
1. Food	11	9	9	0	-2
2. Flowers	51	50	50	0	-1
3. Textile yarn and fabrics	32	30	32	2	0
4. Wearing apparel :	301	281	269	-12	-32
Pullovers	(43)	(36)	(34)	(-2)	(-9)
Other garments	(258)	(245)	(235)	(-10)	(-23)
5. Leather products and footwear	10	10	9	-1	-1
6. Wood and paper products	25	26	26	0	1
7. Optical goods	7	7	6	-1	-1
8. Electronic watches and clocks	5	4	4	0	-1
9. Electric and electronic products	13	11	10	-1	-3
10. Jewellery and related articles	19	20	20	0	1
11. Toys and carnival articles	7	7	7	0	0
12. Other	69	65	67	2	-2
TOTAL	550	520	509	-11	-41

Table 5:- Net change in employment by product group, 1993 - 1994

Product group	Employment			Net change	
	Jun. 93	Mar. 94	Jun. 94	Jun94-Mar94	Jun94-Jun93
1. Food	949	1,179	1,456	277	507
2. Flowers	593	630	605	-25	12
3. Textile yarn and fabrics	3,246	3,614	3,614	0	368
4. Wearing apparel :	73,669	71,089	70,854	-235	-2,815
Pullovers	(25,014)	(21,408)	(21,407)	(-1)	(-3,607)
Other garments	(48,655)	(49,681)	(49,447)	(-234)	(792)
5. Leather products and footwear	1,398	1,309	1,292	-17	-106
6. Wood and paper products	545	465	496	31	-49
7. Optical goods	493	543	443	-100	-50
8. Electronic watches and clocks	618	610	593	-17	-25
9. Electric and electronic products	382	434	420	-14	38
10. Jewellery and related articles	1,320	1,197	1,228	31	-92
11. Toys and carnival articles	958	918	950	32	-8
12. Other	1,857	1,894	1,911	17	54
TOTAL	86,028	83,882	83,862	-20	-2,166

Table 6 :- Employment by product group & sex : June 1993 - June 1994

Product group	June 1993			June 1994				
	No of Enterprises	Employment		No of Enterprises	Employment			
		Male	Female		Total	Male	Female	Total
1. Food	11	327	622	949	9	513	943	1,456
2. Flowers	51	293	300	593	50	299	306	605
3. Textile yarn and fabrics	32	2,337	909	3,246	32	2,546	1,068	3,614
4. Wearing apparel :	301	18,875	54,794	73,669	269	18,107	52,747	70,854
Pullovers	(43)	(4,626)	(20,388)	(25,014)	(34)	(4,121)	(17,286)	(21,407)
Other garments	(258)	(14,249)	(34,406)	(48,655)	(235)	(13,986)	(35,461)	(49,447)
5. Leather products and footwear	10	315	1,083	1,398	9	283	1,009	1,292
6. Wood and paper products	25	370	175	545	26	347	149	496
7. Optical goods	7	274	219	493	6	227	216	443
8. Electronic watches and clocks	5	177	441	618	4	149	444	593
9. Electric and electronic products	13	178	204	382	10	158	262	420
10. Jewellery and related articles	19	850	470	1,320	20	649	579	1,228
11. Toys and carnival articles	7	90	868	958	7	91	859	950
12. Other	69	830	1,027	1,857	67	883	1,028	1,911
TOTAL	550	24,916	61,112	86,028	509	24,252	59,610	83,862

Table 7:- New and Closures: 1st & 2nd Quarter 1994

Product group	1st Quarter 1994				2nd Quarter 1994			
	New projects		Closures		New projects		Closures	
	Enterprise	Employment	Enterprise	Employment	Enterprise	Employment	Enterprise	Employment
1. Food	-	-	1	4	-	-	-	-
2. Flowers	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
3. Textile yarn and fabrics	1	59	1	20	2	7	-	-
4. Wearing apparel :	5	150	18	2,532	1	20	13	2,051
Pullovers	-	-	(6)	(1,458)	-	-	(2)	(84)
Other garments	(5)	(150)	(12)	(1,074)	(1)	(20)	(11)	(1,967)
5. Leather products and footwear	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	12
6. Wood and paper products	-	-	-	-	1	5	1	4
7. Optical goods	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	13
8. Electronic watches and clocks	-	-	1	7	-	-	-	-
9. Electric and electronic products	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	12
10. Jewellery and related articles	2	5	1	95	-	-	-	-
11. Toys and carnival articles	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
12. Other	-	-	2	29	4	26	2	49
TOTAL	8	214	24	2,687	8	58	19	2,141

Table 8:- Net EPZ exports, 1992 - 1994

	Rs. Million									
	Year		1993 ¹				1994			
	1992	1993 ¹	1st Quarter	2nd Quarter	3rd Quarter	4th Quarter	1st Quarter	2nd Quarter	3rd Quarter	4th Quarter
A. Total exports (f.o.b. value)	13,081	15,821	2,815	4,180	4,566	4,260	3,162	4,198		
B. Total imports (c.i.f. value)	7,133	9,326	2,109	2,386	2,423	2,408	2,294	2,546		
- Raw Materials	(6,456)	(8,221)	(1,818)	(2,134)	(2,098)	(2,171)	(2,081)	(2,303)		
- Machinery	(677)	(1,105)	(291)	(252)	(325)	(237)	(213)	(243)		
Net Exports (A - B)	5,948	6,495	706	1,794	2,143	1,852	868	1,652		
Net Exports as % of Total Exports	45	41	25	43	47	43	27	39		

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Table 9 - EPZ exports by section / commodity, 1992-1994

Value (f.o.b.) Rs Mn

SITC Sect.	Description	1992 ¹	1993 ²	1993 ²					1994 ²			
				1st Qr	2nd Qr	Jan-Jun	3rd Qr	4th Qr	Jul-Dec	1st Qr	2nd Qr	Jan-Jun
0	Total exports	13,081	15,821	2,815	4,180	6,995	4,566	4,260	8,826	3,162	4,198	7,360
	Food and live animals of which:	341	542	83	135	218	155	169	324	205	204	409
	Fish & fish preparations	(295)	(384)	(68)	(94)	(162)	(111)	(111)	(222)	(120)	(123)	(243)
2	Crude mats, inedible exc., fuels	14	14	3	4	7	2	5	7	4	5	9
5	Chemicals	57	58	13	21	34	15	9	24	11	11	22
6	Manufactured goods classified chiefly by materials of which:	879	1,089	230	288	518	283	288	571	282	313	595
	Text. yarn, fabrics, made up articles	(469)	(574)	(135)	(161)	(296)	(128)	(150)	(278)	(145)	(167)	(312)
	Pearls & precious stones	(320)	(409)	(73)	(99)	(172)	(130)	(107)	(237)	(109)	(116)	(225)
7	Machinery and transport equipment	34	70	1	3	4	59	7	66	7	5	12
8	Miscellaneous manufactured articles of which:	11,756	14,047	2,485	3,730	6,215	4,051	3,781	7,832	2,653	3,660	6,313
	Articles of apparel and clothing	(10,476)	(12,719)	(2,179)	(3,365)	(5,544)	(3,734)	(3,441)	(7,175)	(2,389)	(3,299)	(5,688)
	Optical goods	(164)	(176)	(40)	(47)	(87)	(41)	(48)	(89)	(40)	(44)	(84)
	Watches and clocks	(630)	(612)	(155)	(172)	(327)	(135)	(150)	(285)	(125)	(146)	(271)
	Toys, games and sporting goods	(167)	(166)	(37)	(50)	(87)	(42)	(37)	(79)	(23)	(46)	(69)
	Jewellery, golds. & silversmiths wares	(154)	(171)	(32)	(46)	(78)	(49)	(44)	(93)	(29)	(54)	(83)

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Table 10 - EPZ imports by section / commodity, 1992-1994

Value (c.i.f.) Rs Mn

SITC Sect.	Description	1992 ¹	1993 ²	1993 ²				1994 ²				
				1st Qr.	2nd Qr.	Jan-Jun	3rd Qr	4th Qr	Jul-Dec	1st Qr.	2nd Qr.	Jan-Jun
	Total imports	7,132	9,326	2,109	2,386	4,495	2,423	2,408	4,831	2,294	2,546	4,840
0	Food and live animals	20	171	13	48	61	34	76	110	74	60	134
2	Crude mats, inedible exc fuels	398	485	108	132	240	115	130	245	137	129	266
	- synt. fibres suit. for spinning	(27)	(12)	(2)	(2)	(4)	(4)	(4)	(8)	(3)	(4)	(7)
	- wool and other animal hair	(215)	(282)	(70)	(88)	(158)	(66)	(58)	(124)	(74)	(83)	(157)
5	Chemicals	291	318	68	80	148	89	81	170	70	71	141
6	Man. goods classified chiefly by material	4,856	6,102	1,397	1,596	2,993	1,588	1,521	3,109	1,543	1,762	3,305
	- leather	(124)	(148)	(32)	(39)	(71)	(40)	(37)	(77)	(22)	(26)	(48)
	- textile yarn and fabrics	(4,204)	(5,214)	(1,206)	(1,393)	(2,599)	(1,345)	(1,270)	(2,615)	(1,345)	(1,531)	(2,876)
	- pearls and precious stones	(314)	(434)	(95)	(87)	(182)	(126)	(126)	(252)	(105)	(124)	(229)
7	Machinery & transport equip.	677	1,105	291	252	543	325	237	562	213	243	456
8	Misc. manufactured goods	820	1,025	209	240	449	238	338	576	226	247	473
	- optical goods, watches etc.	(348)	(423)	(89)	(89)	(178)	(66)	(179)	(245)	(80)	(94)	(174)
9	Other comm. and transactions	70	120	22	33	55	33	32	65	29	34	63

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Table 11 - EPZ exports by main countries of destination, 1992-1994

Country of Destination	1992 ¹	1993 ²	Value (f.o.b.) Rs Mn											
			1993 ²				1994 ²				1994 ²			
			1st Qr	2nd Qr	Jan-Jun	3rd Qr	4th Qr	Jul-Dec	1st Qr	2nd Qr	Jan-Jun	1st Qr	2nd Qr	Jan-Jun
Total EPZ Exports	13,081	15,821	2,815	4,180	6,995	4,566	4,260	8,826	3,162	4,198	7,360	104	114	218
Belgium	294	430	75	112	187	133	110	243	882	1,274	2,156	276	391	667
France	4,006	4,390	834	1,286	2,120	967	1,303	2,270	169	214	383	81	109	190
Germany	1,694	1,564	218	424	642	507	415	922	40	70	110	32	131	163
Italy	769	831	166	169	335	192	304	496	491	591	1,082	25	39	64
Netherlands	310	401	75	116	191	134	76	210	21	109	190	21	109	190
Reunion	200	254	38	63	101	81	72	153	40	70	110	40	70	110
Spain	410	509	49	184	233	188	88	276	32	131	163	32	131	163
United Kingdom	2,170	2,268	450	563	1,013	657	598	1,255	491	591	1,082	491	591	1,082
Canada	105	117	22	34	56	34	27	61	25	39	64	25	39	64
Hong kong	42	89	17	19	36	26	27	53	21	35	56	21	35	56
Madagascar	97	224	48	73	121	44	59	103	59	92	151	59	92	151
Singapore	67	69	18	17	35	21	13	34	6	6	12	6	6	12
South Africa	40	38	9	13	22	9	7	16	8	10	18	8	10	18
U.S.A.	2,329	3,972	670	964	1,634	1,343	995	2,338	823	975	1,798	823	975	1,798
Zimbabwe	47	77	13	16	29	19	29	48	21	18	39	21	18	39
Switzerland	200	261	59	66	125	71	65	136	54	62	116	54	62	116
Other countries	301	327	54	61	115	140	72	212	70	67	137	70	67	137

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