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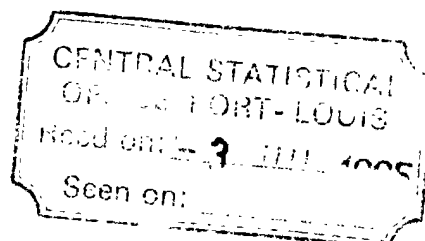
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The Export Processing Zone, 1st Quarter 1995

Introduction

The "Quarterly Survey of Employment" provides up to-date data on the evolution of the workforce in the EPZ sector. This report presents the results of the survey carried out at the end of March 1995.

2. Number of enterprises, March 1995

The number of enterprises at the end of March 1995 stood at 490, 4 fewer than at the end of December 1994. The decrease is the net result of 10 closures, of which 7 in "Wearing apparel", and the coming into operation of 6 new enterprises. Among the new enterprises, 2 fall in "Food", 2 in "Wearing apparel", 1 in "Textiles yarn and fabrics" and 1 in "Electric and electronic products".

3. Employment evolution, 1st Quarter 1995

During the 1st quarter of this year, employment in the EPZ increased by nearly 1,000 to reach 83,160 despite a decrease in the number of enterprises from 494 to 490. The increase is mainly attributable to expansion in existing enterprises. In fact, 40 enterprises reported a total expansion of around 4,050 whilst 6 new enterprises contributed to the creation of 100 additional jobs. On the other hand, during the same period, slightly over 3,150 jobs were lost - 2,250 through contraction in the workforce of 17 enterprises and 900 through closures of 10 enterprises.

The "Wearing apparel" group, for the first time in 3 years, showed an increase, though minimal (80), in its workforce. There have, however, been significant changes within the group with "Pullovers" gaining nearly 700 jobs against losses of around 600 in the "Other garments" subgroup. All the other groups witnessed increases ranging between 18 and 267 except for "Flowers" and enterprises falling in the "Other" category where slight decreases of 15 and 85 were reported respectively.

The number of foreign workers employed by the EPZ enterprises stood at 5,985 (1,666 males and 4,319 females), an increase of nearly 500 over the previous quarter.

4. Employment evolution, March 1994 - March 1995

Compared to March 1994, there were 30 fewer enterprises in the EPZ of which 29 from enterprises operating in the "Wearing apparel" group. During the one-year period, total employment decreased by around 700 - the net result of losses of 2,000 in "Wearing apparel" and an aggregate increase of around 1,300 in the other product groups, the significant ones being "Food" (526), "Leather products and footwear" (249) and "Textile yarn and fabrics" (195).

5. Exports and Imports, 1st Quarter 1995

EPZ exports reached nearly Rs 3,500 million compared to Rs 3,200 million during the same quarter last year, a nominal increase of around 10%. The same percentage increase is noted in imports which amounted to Rs 2,500 million as against Rs 2,300 million during the 1st quarter 1994.

Net exports, that is exports minus imports, worked out to Rs 1,000 million and represents 28 % of exports.

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

	<u>1984</u>	<u>1985</u>	<u>1986</u>	<u>1987</u>	<u>1988</u>	<u>1989</u>	<u>1990</u>	<u>1991</u>	<u>1992¹</u>	<u>1993²</u>	<u>1994²</u>
1. No of enterprises as at December	195	290	408	531	591	563	568	586	558	536	494
- New	55	101	139	114	95	79	62	52	33	38	27
- Closures	6	6	21	18	35	107	57	34	61	60	69
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	82,176
- Net change	+11,996	+16,429	+20,064	+13,890	+1,175	-422	+1,248	+955	-3,924	-1,316	-3,445
- Growth rate (%)	+47.0	+43.8	+37.2	+18.8	+1.3	-1.0	+1.4	+1.1	-4.3	-1.5	-4.0
3. Exports (f.o.b, Rs Million)	2,151	3,283	4,951	6,567	8,176	9,057	11,474	12,136	13,081	15,821	16,545
4. Imports (c.i.f, Rs Million) :	1,651	2,530	3,863	4,801	5,890	7,502	7,348	7,067	7,133	9,326	10,134
- Raw materials	(1,491)	(2,280)	(3,427)	(4,296)	(5,056)	(6,539)	(6,554)	(6,348)	(6,456)	(8,221)	(9,024)
- Machinery & spare parts	(160)	(250)	(436)	(505)	(834)	(963)	(794)	(719)	(677)	(1,105)	(1,110)
5. Net Exports (Rs Million)	500	753	1,088	1,766	2,286	1,555	4,126	5,069	5,948	6,495	6,411
6. Net Exports to Exports (%)	23.2	22.9	22.0	26.9	28.0	17.2	36.0	41.8	45.5	41.1	39.0
7. Value added at current prices (Rs Million)	865	1,333	1,860	2,585	3,125	3,450	3,975	4,400	5,000	5,746	6,154
- Share in Manufacturing(%)	39.6	46.5	48.6	53.4	55.5	54.2	53.3	53.2	53.8	53.8	52.4
- Share in GDP(%)	7.2	9.6	11.3	13.1	13.5	12.7	12.5	12.2	12.3	12.4	11.7
8. Value added at constant '82 prices (Rs Million)	650	844	1,139	1,390	1,556	1,650	1,765	1,854	1,965	2,080	2,163
- Growth rate (%)	+32.9	+30.0	+34.9	+22.0	+12.0	+6.0	+7.0	+5.0	+6.0	+6.0	+4.0
9. Productivity Index (1982 = 100)	88	78	80	82	90	96	104	108	116	128	137
10. Investment (Rs Million)	210	340	560	655	870	900	690	630	560	900	820
- Machinery	(165)	(260)	(450)	(530)	(730)	(840)	(640)	(610)	(540)	(875)	(800)

Table 2:- EPZ employment, March 1994 - March 1995

Category	Employment ¹											
	No. of Enterprises			March 94			December 94			March 95		
	Mar.94	Dec.94	Mar.95	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
Large	423	401	398	23,914	58,002	81,916	23,381	56,864	80,245	23,597	57,579	81,176
Small (<10)	97	93	92	303	201	504	332	175	507	296	204	500
Outworkers	-	-	-	33	1,429	1,462	55	1,369	1,424	86	1,398	1,484
TOTAL	520	494	490	24,250	59,632	83,882	23,768	58,408	82,176	23,979	59,181	83,160

¹ includes expatriates : No. as at

- Mar.94 : 4,493 (1,388 males, 3,105 females)

- Dec.94 : 5,492 (1,600 males, 3,892 females)

- Mar.95 : 5,985 (1,666 males, 4,319 females)

Table 3 :- Employment by product group & sex : 1994, 1995

Product group	March 1994			March 1995				
	No of Enterprises	Employment		No of Enterprises	Employment			
		Male	Female		Total	Male	Female	Total
1. Food	9	453	726	1,179	12	638	1,067	1,705
2. Flowers	50	305	325	630	49	312	316	628
3. Textile yarn and fabrics	30	2,552	1,062	3,614	33	2,672	1,137	3,809
4. Wearing apparel :	281	18,129	52,960	71,089	252	17,476	51,641	69,117
Pullovers	(36)	(4,015)	(17,393)	(21,408)	(31)	(3,766)	(16,687)	(20,453)
Other garments	(245)	(14,114)	(35,567)	(49,681)	(221)	(13,710)	(34,954)	(48,664)
5. Leather products and footwear	10	295	1,014	1,309	8	295	1,263	1,558
6. Wood and paper products	25	315	150	465	26	407	175	582
7. Optical goods	7	285	258	543	6	285	275	560
8. Electronic watches and clocks	4	150	460	610	4	138	506	644
9. Electric and electronic products	11	164	270	434	9	185	277	462
10. Jewellery and related articles	20	673	524	1,197	20	661	658	1,319
11. Toys and carnival articles	7	79	839	918	7	104	882	986
12. Other	65	850	1,044	1,894	64	806	984	1,790
TOTAL	520	24,250	59,632	83,882	490	23,979	59,181	83,160

Table 4 :- Analysis of net change in employment, 1st quarter 1995

		Net change March 95 - December 94	
		Enterprises	Employment
A. Total employment creation:			
	Expansion in existing enterprises ¹	4,150
	New enterprises	40	4,054
		6	96
B. Total employment lost:			
	Reduction in existing enterprises ¹	3,166
	Closures	17	2,246
		10	920
C. Net change (A-B)			
	Male	- 4	984
		211
	Female	773

¹ No. of enterprises relates to those reporting expansion/reduction in their workforce by more than 25 while employment is total expansion / reduction

Table 5: - Net change in number of enterprises by product group, 1994 - 1995

Product group	No. of enterprises			Net change	
	Mar. 94	Dec. 94	Mar. 95	Mar.95-Dec.94	Mar. 95-Mar.94
1. Food	9	10	12	2	3
2. Flowers	50	50	49	-1	-1
3. Textile yarn and fabrics	30	32	33	1	3
4. Wearing apparel :	281	257	252	-5	-29
Pullovers	(36)	(33)	(31)	(-2)	(-5)
Other garments	(245)	(224)	(221)	(-3)	(-24)
5. Leather products and footwear	10	8	8	0	-2
6. Wood and paper products	26	26	26	0	0
7. Optical goods	7	6	6	0	-1
8. Electronic watches and clocks	4	4	4	0	0
9. Electric and electronic products	11	8	9	1	-2
10. Jewellery and related articles	20	20	20	0	0
11. Toys and carnival articles	7	7	7	0	0
12. Other	65	66	64	-2	-1
TOTAL	520	494	490	-4	-30

Table 6:- Net change in employment by product group, 1994 - 1995

Product group	Employment			Net change	
	Mar. 94	Dec. 94	Mar. 95	Mar.95-Dec.94	Mar.95-Mar.94
1. Food	1,179	1,478	1,705	227	526
2. Flowers	630	643	628	-15	-2
3. Textile yarn and fabrics	3,614	3,542	3,809	267	195
4. Wearing apparel :	71,089	69,037	69,117	80	-1,972
Pullovers	(21,408)	(19,766)	(20,453)	(687)	(-955)
Other garments	(49,681)	(49,271)	(48,664)	(-607)	(-1,017)
5. Leather products and footwear	1,309	1,405	1,558	153	249
6. Wood and paper products	465	526	582	56	117
7. Optical goods	543	498	560	62	17
8. Electronic watches and clocks	610	573	644	71	34
9. Electric and electronic products	434	410	462	52	28
10. Jewellery and related articles	1,197	1,221	1,319	98	122
11. Toys and carnival articles	918	968	986	18	68
12. Other	1,894	1,875	1,790	-85	-104
TOTAL	83,882	82,176	83,160	984	-722

Table 7 :- New and Closures : 1994,1995

Product group	Year 1994						1st Quarter 1995		
	New projects			Closures			New projects		Closures
	Enterprise	Employment	Enterprise	Employment	Enterprise	Employment	Enterprise	Employment	
1. Food	1	11	1	4	2	59	-	-	
2. Flowers	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	10	
3. Textile yarn and fabrics	6	618	4	631	1	14	-	-	
4. Wearing apparel :	10	510	47	5,810	2	18	7	877	
Pullovers	(-)	(-)	(9)	(1,979)	-	-	(2)	(220)	
Other garments	(10)	(510)	(38)	(3,831)	(2)	(18)	(5)	(657)	
5. Leather products and footwear	-	-	2	96	-	-	-	-	
6. Wood and paper products	3	34	3	16	-	-	-	-	
7. Optical goods	-	-	1	13	-	-	-	-	
8. Electronic watches and clocks	-	-	1	7	-	-	-	-	
9. Electric and electronic products	-	-	3	14	1	5	-	-	
10. Jewellery and related articles	2	9	1	95	-	-	-	-	
11. Toys and carnival articles	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
12. Other	5	40	6	116	-	-	2	33	
TOTAL	27	1,222	69	6,802	6	96	10	920	

Table 8 - Net EPZ exports, 1993 - 1995

		Rupees Million						
		Year		1994 ²			1995 ²	
		1993 ¹	1994 ²	1st Qr	2nd Qr	3rd Qr	4th Qr	1st Qr
A.	Total exports (f.o.b)	15,821	16,545	3,162	4,196	4,607	4,580	3,474
B.	Total imports (c.i.f)	9,326	10,134	2,294	2,536	2,552	2,752	2,507
Net Exports (A-B)		6,495	6,411	868	1,660	2,055	1,828	967
Net Exports as % of Total Exports		41%	39%	27%	40%	45%	40%	28%

¹ Revised

² Provisional