

The Export Processing Zone and Pioneer Status Enterprises, 1st Quarter 1997

Introduction

This issue of the "Economic Indicators" presents the results of the "Quarterly Survey of Employment" carried out at the end of March 1997. Figures are given separately for the Export Processing Zone and Pioneer Status Enterprises. The latter are "small and medium" enterprises engaged, mainly, in new technology as well as support and service industries. The report also includes provisional figures of EPZ imports and exports for the 1st quarter 1997 as well as revised figures for previous years.

I. The Export Processing Zone (EPZ)

(i) Number of enterprises

The number of EPZ enterprises at the end of the 1st quarter of 1997 stood at 483 of which 95 were small, that is, with fewer than 10 employees.

During the 1st quarter 4 enterprises closed down and 6 new enterprises started operation resulting in a net gain of 2 enterprises, one in "Textile yarn and fabrics" and the other in "Jewellery and related articles". The "Wearing apparel" sector remained with 234 enterprises after 3 closures and the coming into operation of 3 new enterprises. The number of enterprises by product group is given in Table 1.5.

(ii) Employment evolution, 1st quarter 1997

At the end of March 1997, employment in the EPZ stood at 81,572, an increase of 1,779 over the previous quarter. The number of male employees went up by 911 from 24,598 to 25,509 and that of female rose by 868 to reach 56,063.

"Wearing apparel", the most important group in the EPZ, witnessed the highest increase in employment (+1,593). Within the group, there were increases of 575 and 1,018 in "Pullovers and other knitted garments" and "Other garment" respectively. Moderate increases were noted in "Jewellery and related articles" (+124) and in "Food" (+104). On the other hand, employment in "Textile yarn and fabrics" and "Electronic watches and clocks" fell by 96 and 65 respectively. Details of net change in employment by product group, are shown in Table 1.6.

During the 1st quarter of 1997, a total of 4,075 jobs were created, of which 3,907 through expansion in 37 existing enterprises. The number of jobs created by the 6 new enterprises was 168. On the other hand, 2,296 jobs were lost: 1,815 through reduction in 21 existing enterprises and 481 following the closure of 4 enterprises (Table 1.4).

Foreign workers, who numbered 6,771 at the beginning of the quarter, rose by 181 to reach 6,952 at the end of March 1997. Male employment rose by 5 to reach 2,118 whilst female employment moved up by 176 from 4,658 to 4,834.

(iii) Employment evolution, March 1996 - March 1997

During the one-year period ending March 1997, there was a net gain of 3 in the number of enterprises and 524 in the workforce.

In the "Wearing apparel" group, employment went up by 592 despite a fall in the number of enterprises from 242 to 234 showing consolidation of the most important group in the EPZ. Other moderate increases were also registered in the following groups: "Jewellery and related articles" (+178), "Food" (+161) and "Wood and paper products" (+108). Groups which witnessed decreases were: "Wood and paper products" (-202), "Electronic watches and clocks" (-200), "Flowers" (-113), "Optical goods" (-109) and "Textile yarn and fabrics" (-72). Details of the changes by product group are given in Table 1.6.

(iv) Exports and Imports

EPZ Exports, for the 1st quarter of 1997, reached Rs 4,675 million and represent an absolute increase of Rs 465 million when compared to the corresponding quarter of 1996 (Table 1.8). In nominal terms, the increase works out to 11% and is explained mostly by price increases.

Exports of manufactured articles of apparel and clothing went up by Rs 488 million.

An analysis by country of destination (Table 1.11) shows a 48% increase (+ Rs 356 million) in exports to the United Kingdom. On the other hand, exports towards France decreased slightly from Rs 1,231 million to Rs 1,201 million. Movement in foreign exchange rate, namely the Pound Sterling and the French Franc, could be one of the factors influencing exports performance towards these countries. It will be noted that exports to the U.S.A, our most important market outside the European Union countries, fell down from Rs 799 million to Rs 694 million.

Imports, during the 1st quarter 1997, reached Rs 2,758 million compared to Rs 2,671 million for the same quarter of 1996. Raw materials amounted to Rs 2,548 million (+6.5%) whilst imports of machinery and equipment fell by Rs 68 million to Rs 210 million.

Net exports, i.e exports minus imports, totalled Rs 1,917 million and the ratio to exports works out to 41% (Table 1.8).

On the basis of available figures for the 1st quarter of 1997 and taking into consideration past trends, total exports for the year 1997 may attain Rs 23,000 million.

II. The Pioneer Status Enterprises (PSE)

(i) Number of enterprises

During the 1st quarter of 1997, six enterprises closed down whilst twelve new enterprises started operation bringing the total number of PSE enterprises to 138 at the end of the quarter (Table 2.1). Among these enterprises 47 are considered as "large", i.e. as having 10 or more employees. The activities in which the enterprises are engaged are given in Table 2.2. The highest number of enterprises were in "Electric and Electronic products" (29) followed closely by "Informatics" (27). It will be noted that the latter was operating with only 17 enterprises a year ago.

(ii) Employment

The total workforce in the PSE sector at the end of March 1997 was 2,074 (1,225 males and 849 females), an increase of 93 over the previous quarter (Table 2.1). The "large" enterprises employed 1,283 compared to 1,254 at the end of December 1996.

During the 1st quarter 1997, a total of 199 jobs were created: 86 by the 12 new enterprises and 113 following expansion in 37 existing enterprises. On the other hand, 26 enterprises reported a reduction of 82 and job losses due to the 6 closures numbered 24 (Table 2.3).

The number of expatriates employed as at end of the 1st quarter 1997 stood at 68 (57 males and 11 females).

Table 1.1:-Main economic indicators: 1986 - 1996, EPZ Sector

	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995 ¹	1996 ²
1. No of enterprises as at December	408	531	591	563	568	586	558	536	494	481	481
- New	139	141	95	79	62	52	33	38	27	25	43
- Closures	21	18	35	107	57	34	61	60	69	38	43
2. Employment as at December	74,015	87,905	89,080	88,658	89,906	90,861	86,937	85,621	82,176	80,466	79,793
- Net change	+20,064	+13,890	+1,175	-422	+1,248	+955	-3,924	-1,316	-3,445	-1,710	-673
- Growth rate (%)	+37.2	+18.8	+1.3	-0.5	+1.4	+1.1	-4.3	-1.5	-4.0	-2.1	-0.8
3. Exports (f.o.b, Rs Million)	4,951	6,567	8,176	9,057	11,474	12,136	13,081	15,821	16,533	18,267	21,001
4. Imports (c.i.f, Rs Million) :	3,863	4,801	5,890	7,502	7,348	7,067	7,133	9,326	10,125	10,856	12,106
- Raw materials	(3,427)	(4,296)	(5,056)	(6,539)	(6,554)	(6,348)	(6,456)	(8,221)	(9,016)	(9,869)	(10,988)
- Machinery & spare parts	(436)	(505)	(834)	(963)	(794)	(719)	(677)	(1,105)	(1,109)	(987)	(1,118)
5. Net Exports (Rs Million)	1,088	1,766	2,286	1,555	4,126	5,069	5,948	6,495	6,408	7,411	8,895
6. Net Exports to Exports (%)	22.0	26.9	28.0	17.2	36.0	41.8	45.5	41.1	38.8	40.6	42.4
7. Value added at current prices (Rs Million)	1,860	2,585	3,125	3,400	3,975	4,406	5,011	5,702	6,373	7,096	8,197
- Share in Manufacturing(%)	48.6	51.9	53.4	51.1	51.1	50.3	50.4	51.0	50.2	49.6	50.1
- Share in GDP(%)	11.3	13.1	13.5	12.7	12.5	12.2	11.8	11.9	11.7	11.7	12.1
8. Value added at constant '82 prices (Rs Million)	1,139	1,390	1,557	1,650	1,766	1,854	1,965	2,083	2,173	2,281	2,441
- Growth rate (%)	+34.9	+22.0	+12.0	+6.0	+7.0	+5.0	+6.0	+6.0	+4.3	+5.0	+7.0
9. Partial labour productivity Index³ (1982 = 100)	85	87	91	98	105	110	117	130	139	149	160
10. Investment (Rs Million)	560	655	870	900	690	648	560	900	900	815	975
- Machinery	(450)	(530)	(730)	(840)	(640)	(610)	(540)	(875)	(880)	(805)	(960)

¹ revised

² provisional

³ Partial labour productivity index is the variation of value added per worker in constant 1982 prices

Table 1.2:- EPZ employment, March 1996 - March 1997

Category	No. of Enterprises			Employment ¹								
				March 96			December 96			March 97		
	Mar.96	Dec. 96	Mar.97	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
Large	391	386	388	24,175	55,838	80,013	24,226	54,056	78,282	25,143	55,026	80,169
Small (<10)	89	95	95	257	205	462	293	195	488	288	190	478
Outworkers	-	-	-	62	511	573	79	944	1,023	78	847	925
TOTAL	480	481	483	24,494	56,554	81,048	24,598	55,195	79,793	25,509	56,063	81,572

¹ includes expatriates : No. as at
 - Mar.96 : 6,045 (1,829 males; 4,216 females)
 - Dec.96 : 6,771 (2,113 males, 4,658 females)
 - Mar.97 : 6,952 (2,118 males, 4,834 females)

Table 1.3 :- EPZ Employment by product group and sex: March 1996 - March 1997

Product group	March 96			March 97				
	No of Enterprises	Employment		No of Enterprises	Employment			
		Male	Female		Total	Male	Female	Total
1. Food	12	603	901	1,504	12	662	1,003	1,665
2. Flowers	48	365	314	679	46	266	300	566
3. Textile yarn and fabrics	32	2,678	1,199	3,877	34	2,853	952	3,805
4. Wearing apparel :	242	17,859	48,951	66,810	234	18,496	48,906	67,402
Pullovers	(32)	(3,447)	(15,003)	(18,450)	(30)	(3,634)	(15,349)	(18,983)
Other garments	(210)	(14,412)	(33,948)	(48,360)	(204)	(14,862)	(33,557)	(48,419)
5. Leather products and footwear	9	287	1,230	1,517	10	269	1,046	1,315
6. Wood and paper products	26	356	160	516	30	452	172	624
7. Optical goods	5	293	285	578	5	252	217	469
8. Electronic watches and clocks	3	162	464	626	3	155	271	426
9. Electric and electronic products	10	203	310	513	11	234	339	573
10. Jewellery and related articles	20	690	699	1,389	20	751	816	1,567
11. Toys and carnival articles	8	111	1,017	1,128	8	150	1,028	1,178
12. Other	65	887	1,024	1,911	70	969	1,013	1,982
TOTAL	480	24,494	56,554	81,048	483	25,509	56,063	81,572

Table 1.4 :- Analysis of net change in EPZ employment, 1st quarter 1997

	Evolution 1st qr 1997	
	Enterprises	Employment
A. Total employment creation:	...	4,075
Expansion in existing enterprises ¹	37	3,907
New enterprises	6	168
B. Total employment lost:	...	2,296
Reduction in existing enterprises ¹	21	1,815
Closures	4	481
C. Net change (A-B)	...	1,779
Male	...	911
Female	...	868

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

Table 1.5: - Net change in number of EPZ enterprises by product group, March 1996 - March 1997

Product group	No. of enterprises			Net change	
	Mar. 96	Dec. 96	Mar. 97	1st quarter	Mar.96 - Mar.97
1. Food	12	12	12	0	0
2. Flowers	48	46	46	0	-2
3. Textile yarn and fabrics	32	33	34	1	2
4. Wearing apparel :	242	234	234	0	-8
Pullovers	(32)	(31)	(30)	(-1)	(-2)
Other garments	(210)	(203)	(204)	(1)	(-6)
5. Leather products and footwear	9	10	10	0	1
6. Wood and paper products	26	30	30	0	4
7. Optical goods	5	5	5	0	0
8. Electronic watches and clocks	3	3	3	0	0
9. Electric and electronic products	10	11	11	0	1
10. Jewellery and related articles	20	19	20	1	0
11. Toys and carnival articles	8	8	8	0	0
12. Other	65	70	70	0	5
TOTAL	480	481	483	2	3

Table 1.6:- Net change in EPZ employment by product group, March 1996 - March 1997

Product group	Employment			Net change	
	Mar. 96	Dec. 96	Mar. 97	1st quarter	Mar.96 - Mar.97
1. Food	1,504	1,561	1,665	104	161
2. Flowers	679	570	566	-4	-113
3. Textile yarn and fabrics	3,877	3,901	3,805	-96	-72
4. Wearing apparel :	66,810	65,809	67,402	1,593	592
Pullovers	(18,450)	(18,408)	(18,983)	(575)	(533)
Other garments	(48,360)	(47,401)	(48,419)	(1,018)	(59)
5. Leather products and footwear	1,517	1,304	1,315	11	-202
6. Wood and paper products	516	626	624	-2	108
7. Optical goods	578	449	469	20	-109
8. Electronic watches and clocks	626	491	426	-65	-200
9. Electric and electronic products	513	550	573	23	60
10. Jewellery and related articles	1,389	1,443	1,567	124	178
11. Toys and carnival articles	1,128	1,160	1,178	18	50
12. Other	1,911	1,929	1,982	53	71
TOTAL	81,048	79,793	81,572	1,779	524

Table 1.7 :- New and Closures in EPZ sector: Year 1996 and 1st quarter 1997

Product group	Year 1996						1st Quarter 1997				
	New projects			Closures			New projects			Closures	
	Enterprises	Employment		Enterprises	Employment		Enterprises	Employment	Enterprises	Employment	
1. Food	2	179		2	247		0	0	0	0	
2. Flowers	0	0		2	14		0	0	0	0	
3. Textile yarn and fabrics	3	92		3	246		2	19	1	250	
4. Wearing apparel :	17	651		25	2,940		3	144	3	231	
Pullovers	(2)	(166)		(3)	(366)		(0)	(0)	(1)	(24)	
Other garments	(15)	(485)		(22)	(2,574)		(3)	(144)	(2)	(207)	
5. Leather products and footwear	2	128		1	17		0	0	0	0	
6. Wood and paper products	4	49		0	0		0	0	0	0	
7. Optical goods	0	0		1	16		0	0	0	0	
8. Electronic watches and clocks	0	0		0	0		0	0	0	0	
9. Electric and electronic products	3	28		1	15		0	0	0	0	
10. Jewellery and related articles	3	155		3	86		1	5	0	0	
11. Toys and carnival articles	0	0		0	0		0	0	0	0	
12. Other	9	262		5	299		0	0	0	0	
TOTAL	43	1544		43	3,880		6	168	4	481	

Table 1.8 - Net EPZ exports, 1995 - 1997

Description	Rupees Million										
	Year		1996 ¹				1997 ²				
	1995	1996 ¹	1st Qr	2nd Qr	3rd Qr	4th Qr	1st Qr	2nd Qr	3rd Qr	4th Qr	
A. Total exports (f.o.b)	18,267	21,001	4,210	5,445	5,678	5,668	4,675				
B. Total imports (c.i.f)	10,856	12,106	2,671	3,183	3,301	2,951	2,758				
- Raw Materials	(9,869)	(10,988)	(2,393)	(2,890)	(3,006)	(2,699)	(2,548)				
- Machinery	(987)	(1,118)	(278)	(293)	(295)	(252)	(210)				
Net exports (A-B)	7,411	8,895	1,539	2,262	2,377	2,717	1,917				
Net exports as % of total exports	41	42	37	42	42	48	41				

¹ Revised

² Provisional

Table 1.9 - EPZ exports by section/commodity, 1995 - 1997

Value (f.o.b.): Rupees Million

Description	Year		1996 ¹				1997 ²
	1995	1996 ¹	1st Qr	2nd Qr	3rd Qr	4th Qr	
	Total exports	18,267	21,001	4,210	5,445	5,678	5,668
Food and live animals	993	979	228	244	263	244	222
of which:							
Fish & fish preparations	(640)	(719)	(164)	(202)	(190)	(163)	(164)
Crude mats, inedible exc., fuels	23	20	4	6	4	6	4
Chemicals	53	16	8	3	3	2	7
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by materials	1,657	2,135	465	558	565	547	491
of which:							
Text. yarn, fabrics, made up articles	(1,035)	(1,447)	(338)	(380)	(372)	(357)	(316)
Pearls & precious stones	(464)	(509)	(89)	(134)	(148)	(138)	(119)
Machinery and transport equipment	79	99	11	6	54	28	23
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	15,460	17,748	3,494	4,627	4,789	4,838	3,926
of which:							
Articles of apparel and clothing	(13,780)	(16,187)	(3,131)	(4,192)	(4,400)	(4,464)	(3,619)
Optical goods	(235)	(211)	(54)	(59)	(42)	(56)	(48)
Watches and clocks	(452)	(406)	(101)	(105)	(86)	(114)	(95)
Toys, games and sporting goods	(207)	(193)	(40)	(54)	(54)	(45)	(31)
Jewellery, golds. & silversmiths wares	(229)	(286)	(56)	(77)	(80)	(73)	(59)

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² Provisional

Table 1.10 - EPZ imports by section/commodity, 1995 -1997

Description	Value (c.i.f.):Rupees Million										
	Year		1996 ¹				1997 ²				
	1995	1996 ¹	1st Qr.	2nd Qr.	3rd Qr.	4th Qr.	1st Qr.	2nd Qr.	3rd Qr.	4th Qr.	
Total imports	10,856	12,106	2,671	3,183	3,301	2,951	2,758				
Food and live animals	368	423	93	102	88	140	102				
Crude materials, inedible except fuels	750	1,088	263	234	397	194	225				
of which											
Cotton	(347)	(491)	(153)	(66)	(233)	(39)	(77)				
Synt. fibres suit. for spinning	(22)	(21)	(4)	(3)	(5)	(9)	(4)				
Wool and other animal hair	(307)	(340)	(64)	(104)	(91)	(81)	(89)				
Mineral fuels, lubricants and related products	25	16	1	12	1	2	1				
Chemicals and related products, n.e.s	426	484	95	122	135	132	116				
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	7,071	7,578	1,640	2,067	2,045	1,926	1,711				
of which											
Leather	(160)	(138)	(39)	(32)	(34)	(33)	(30)				
Textile yarn and fabrics	(5,984)	(6,640)	(1,365)	(1,829)	(1,777)	(1,669)	(1,491)				
Pearls and precious stones	(470)	(367)	(96)	(82)	(86)	(103)	(109)				
Machinery & transport equip.	987	1,118	278	293	295	252	210				
Misc. manufactured goods	1,079	1,055	250	273	264	268	320				
of which											
Optical goods, watches etc.	(398)	(321)	(93)	(86)	(62)	(80)	(65)				
Other comm. and transactions	150	243	50	80	76	37	73				

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² Provisional

Table 1.11 - EPZ exports by main countries of destination, 1995 - 1997

Country of Destination	Year		1996 ¹				1997 ²
	1995	1996 ¹	1st Qr	2nd Qr	3rd Qr	4th Qr	
	Value(f.o.b.): Rupees Million						
Total EPZ Exports							
1. Preferential Tariff Countries							
(a) European Union Countries							
Belgium	435	651	98	193	186	174	
France	5,208	5,762	1,231	1,620	1,360	1,551	
Germany	1,445	1,606	272	440	467	427	
Italy	1,015	1,140	303	249	265	323	
Netherlands	491	685	143	168	233	141	
Reunion	246	222	33	59	61	69	
Spain	308	553	83	201	106	163	
United Kingdom	3,412	4,234	737	979	1,265	1,253	
Other countries	103	111	21	21	31	38	
(b) Other Preferential Tariff Countries							
Australia	5,067	5,346	1,144	1,356	1,502	1,344	
Canada	41	67	5	14	25	23	
Hong kong	246	204	53	57	46	48	
Malagasy, Republic of	152	159	44	50	42	23	
Singapore	410	526	127	140	127	132	
South Africa, Republic of	31	29	8	6	6	9	
Sweden	59	179	33	48	49	49	
U.S.A.	66	116	15	24	39	38	
Zimbabwe	3,860	3,787	799	959	1,088	941	
Other countries	106	139	28	29	36	46	
2. General Tariff Countries							
Japan	96	140	32	29	44	35	
Switzerland	537	691	145	159	202	185	
Other countries	98	131	30	32	30	38	
	322	344	73	93	87	91	
	117	216	42	34	85	59	

¹ Revised² Provisional

Table 1.12 - EPZ imports by main countries of origin, 1995 - 1997

Value (c.i.f) : Million Rupees

Country of origin	1995	1996 ¹	1996				1997 ¹
			1st Qr	2nd Qr	3rd Qr	4th Qr	
			1st Qr	1st Qr	1st Qr	1st Qr	
Total EPZ Imports	10,856	12,106	3,183	3,301	2,951	2,758	
1. Preferential Tariff Countries	8,287	9,030	2,310	2,382	2,357	2,069	
(a) European Union Countries	(3,725)	(4,013)	(1,073)	(980)	(1,036)	(956)	
Belgium	245	310	73	85	86	81	
France	1,718	1,551	436	338	386	328	
Germany	695	775	179	232	155	262	
Italy	540	664	165	178	188	135	
Netherlands	29	32	8	11	6	8	
Spain	119	259	69	39	120	54	
United Kingdom	340	368	121	87	84	81	
Other	39	54	22	10	11	7	
(b) Other Preferential Tariff Countries	(4,562)	(5,017)	(1,237)	(1,402)	(1,321)	(1,113)	
Australia	237	255	60	71	56	51	
Bahamas	31	12	3	3	3	24	
Hong kong	1,438	1,225	321	323	312	304	
India	1,429	1,874	432	582	529	392	
Malagasy, Republic of	91	97	24	26	27	29	
Malaysia	104	196	51	27	60	31	
New Zealand	149	126	34	42	26	21	
Pakistan	169	292	60	70	65	35	
Singapore	413	289	96	82	58	35	
South Africa, Republic of	275	352	108	85	103	76	
U.S.A.	144	202	43	50	62	50	
Zambia	-	-	-	-	-	30	
Zimbabwe	-	-	-	-	-	29	
Other	82	97	5	41	20	6	
2. General Tariff Countries	2,569	3,076	873	919	594	689	
Burkina Faso	74	226	55	106	25	-	
China	464	874	307	242	171	222	
Indonesia	77	111	23	24	36	32	
Japan	367	381	108	87	57	38	
Korea, Republic of	103	75	10	34	9	20	
Macau	86	91	41	23	7	24	
Mali	38	69	-	26	6	17	
Mexico	4	21	15	6	-	20	
Switzerland	300	379	110	111	85	80	
Taiwan	681	650	167	180	148	195	
Thailand	70	49	9	7	20	16	
Other	305	150	28	73	30	25	

¹ Provisional

Table 2.1:- Employment by size and sex: March 96 - Dec. 96 - March 97, Pioneer Status Enterprises

Employment size	No. of enterprises			Employment ¹								
	March 96	December 96	March 97	March 96			December 96			March 97		
				Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
25 and above	15	20	19	514	282	796	657	597	1,254	643	640	1,283
10 to < 25	23	28	28	250	71	321	298	93	391	308	100	408
less than 10	74	84	91	242	89	331	238	98	336	274	109	383
TOTAL	112	132	138	1,006	442	1,448	1,193	788	1,981	1,225	849	2,074

¹ includes expatriates: No. as at

- Mar.96: 56 (50 males, 6 females)

- Dec.96: 65 (55 males, 10 females)

- Mar.97: 68 (57 males, 11 females)

Table 2.2 :- Employment by product group and sex: March 1996 - March 1997, Pioneer Status Enterprises

Product group	March 1996			March 1997			
	No. of enterprises	Employment		No. of enterprises	Employment		
		Male	Female		Total	Male	Female
1. Watches and clocks	2	46	165	211	41	170	211
2. Informatics	17	145	65	210	251	408	659
3. Electric and Electronic products	28	141	64	205	161	71	232
4. Light engineering	17	202	19	221	229	24	253
5. Support to jewellery	4	19	22	41	16	26	42
6. Support to printing and publishing	9	119	58	177	140	65	205
7. Other support services	15	137	28	165	134	42	176
8. Plastic and rubber products	14	148	13	161	167	22	189
9. Other	6	49	8	57	86	21	107
TOTAL	112	1,006	442	1,448	1,225	849	2,074

Table 2.3 :- Analysis of net change in employment: 1st quarter 1997, Pioneer Status Enterprises

	Evolution 1st quarter 1997	
	Enterprises	Employment
A. Total employment creation :	-	199
Expansion in existing enterprises	37	113
New enterprises	12	86
B. Total employment lost :	-	106
Reduction in existing enterprises	26	82
Closures	6	24
C. Net change (A-B)	6	93
Male	-	32
Female	-	61

**Table 2.4: - Net change in number of enterprises by product group: March 96 - March 97,
Pioneer Status Enterprises**

Product group	No. of enterprises			Net change	
	March 96	December 96	March 97	1st quarter	Year
1. Watches and clocks	2	2	2	0	0
2. Informatics	17	23	27	4	10
3. Electric and electronic products	28	30	29	- 1	1
4. Light engineering	17	17	21	4	4
5. Support to jewellery	4	4	3	- 1	- 1
6. Support to printing and publishing	9	11	10	- 1	1
7. Other support services	15	18	19	1	4
8. Plastic and rubber products	14	16	16	0	2
9. Other	6	11	11	0	5
TOTAL	112	132	138	6	26

**Table 2.5:- Net change in employment by product group: March 96 - March 97,
Pioneer Status Enterprises**

Product group	Employment			Net change	
	March 96	December 96	March 97	1st quarter	Year
1. Watches and clocks	211	183	211	28	0
2. Informatics	210	607	659	52	449
3. Electric and electronic products	205	258	232	-26	27
4. Light engineering	221	243	253	10	32
5. Support to jewellery	41	44	42	-2	1
6. Support to printing and publishing	177	201	205	4	28
7. Other support services	165	155	176	21	11
8. Plastic and rubber products	161	183	189	6	28
9. Other	57	107	107	0	50
TOTAL	1,448	1,981	2,074	93	626