

The Export Processing Zone and Pioneer Status Enterprises, 3rd Quarter 1997

Introduction

The **Quarterly Survey of Employment** is a regular survey carried out among the EPZ and Pioneer Status enterprises and provides, among other details, up to date data on the evolution of the workforce in the different industry sub-groups. This issue of the "Economic Indicators" presents the results of the survey carried out at the end of September 1997. Figures are given separately for the Export Processing Zone and Pioneer Status Enterprises. The report also includes provisional figures of EPZ imports and exports for the 3rd 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 3rd quarter of 1997 stood at 480 compared to 478 at the end of the previous quarter and 477 a year ago.

During the 3rd quarter, 4 enterprises closed down and 6 new ones started operation resulting in a net gain of 2. In "Wearing apparel", the most important group in the EPZ, 3 new enterprises came into operation and 1 closure was reported bringing the number of enterprises to 233 compared to 231 at the end of the previous quarter. The distribution of enterprises by product group is given in Table 1.5.

(ii) Employment evolution, 3rd quarter 1997

At the end of September 1997, employment in the EPZ stood at 82,083 showing an increase of 168 over the previous quarter. The number of female employees fell by 238 from 56,475 to 56,237 whilst male employment went up by 406 to 25,846.

As shown in Table 1.4, during the 3rd quarter of 1997, a total of 2,191 jobs were created mainly through expansion in 19 existing enterprises. The number of jobs created by the 6 new enterprises was only 176. On the other hand, 2,023 jobs were lost: 1,788 through reduction in 17 existing enterprises and 235 following the 4 closures.

Foreign workers, who numbered 7,700 at the beginning of the quarter, rose by 620 to reach 8,320 at the end of September 1997. Among males, employment went up by 280 and among females, there was an increase of 340.

"Wearing apparel", the product group with the highest employment witnessed an increase of 181 bringing the number of employees to 67,881. Within the group, "Other garments" increased by 311 whilst employment in "Pullovers" fell by 130. Details of net change in employment by product group are shown in Table 1.6.

(iii) Employment evolution, 3rd quarter 1996 - 3rd quarter 1997

Comparison of September 1996 and September 1997 figures shows a net gain of 3 in the number of enterprises and 2,636 in the EPZ workforce.

Employment in "Wearing apparel", rose by 2,425 despite a fall in the number of enterprises from 237 to 233. Within the group "Pullovers" witnessed a decrease of 252 whilst the "Other garments" sub-group increased significantly by 2,677. Moderate increases were also registered in the following groups: "Jewellery and related articles" (+255) and "Textile yarn and fabrics" (+179). On the other hand, there was a decrease of 185 in "Electronic watches and clocks". Details of changes in employment by product group are given in Table 1.6.

(iv) Exports and Imports, 1st quarter 1997 - 3rd quarter 1997

EPZ exports, for the 3rd quarter of 1997, reached R 6,016 million compared to R 5,678 million for the corresponding quarter of 1996, i.e. a nominal increase of 6.0%. This is lower than the 11% and 9.7% registered for the 1st and 2nd quarter respectively. The total for the first 3 quarters of 1997 amounted to R 16,662 million, 8.7% higher than exports for the same period in 1996.

Exports of manufactured articles of apparel and clothing which represents slightly above 75% of EPZ exports went up by 11.8% to R 13,109 million. On the other hand, "Textiles yarn & fabrics and made up articles" for the period January to September fell from R 1,090 million in 1996 to R 979 million in 1997.

Imports from January to September 1997 totalled R 10,064 million compared to R 9,155 million (+9.9%) for the same period in 1996. The bill for raw materials was 10.4% higher (R 9,149 million) whilst imports of machinery and equipment increased by R 49 million to R 915 million

Net exports, i.e. exports minus imports, yielded R 6,598 million and its ratio to exports works out to 40% (Table 1.8).

On the basis of available figures for the 3 quarters of 1997 and taking into consideration past trends, total exports for the year 1997 is estimated at R 23,000 million.

II. The Pioneer Status Enterprises (PSE)

(i) Number of enterprises

During the 3rd quarter of 1997, 7 new enterprises started operation whilst one enterprise closed down bringing the total number of PSE enterprises to 153. Among these enterprises 53 were "large", that is, as having 10 or more employees. The activities in which the enterprises are engaged are given in Table 2.2. It will be noted that the number of enterprises in "Electric and Electronic products" and in "Informatics" totalled 60.

(ii) Employment

The total workforce in the PSE sector at the end of September 1997 was 2,199 (1,313 males and 886 females), an increase of 97 over the previous quarter (Table 2.1). The "large" enterprises employed 1,759 compared to 1,705 at the end of June 1997.

During the 3rd quarter 1997, a total of 161 jobs were created: 49 by the 7 new enterprises and 112 following expansion in 35 existing enterprises. On the other hand, job losses numbered 64 of which 63 following reduction in 22 enterprises (Table 2.3).

The number of expatriates employed as at the end of the 3rd quarter 1997 stood at 66 (54 males and 12 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 | 7,093 | 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 Index ³ (1982 = 100) | 85 | 87 | 91 | 98 | 105 | 110 | 117 | 129 | 140 | 149 | 160 |
| 10. Investment (Rs Million) | 560 | 655 | 870 | 900 | 690 | 648 | 560 | 900 | 900 | 815 | 930 |
| - Machinery | (450) | (530) | (730) | (840) | (640) | (610) | (540) | (875) | (880) | (805) | (915) |

¹ revised

² provisional

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

Table 1.2:- Employment by size and sex: September 1996 - September 1997, EPZ Sector

| Enterprise | | Employment ¹ | | | | | | | | | | | |
|-----------------------|------------|-------------------------|------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|-------|
| | | Number as at | | | September 96 | | | June 97 | | | September 97 | | |
| | | Sept. 96 | June 97 | Sept. 97 | Male | Female | Total | Male | Female | Total | Male | Female | Total |
| Large | 382 | 379 | 383 | 23,886 | 54,174 | 78,060 | 25,068 | 55,421 | 80,489 | 25,479 | 55,221 | 80,700 | |
| Small (<10) | 95 | 99 | 97 | 284 | 204 | 488 | 298 | 196 | 494 | 285 | 189 | 474 | |
| Outworkers | - | - | - | 86 | 813 | 899 | 74 | 858 | 932 | 82 | 827 | 909 | |
| TOTAL | 477 | 478 | 480 | 24,256 | 55,191 | 79,447 | 25,440 | 56,475 | 81,915 | 25,846 | 56,237 | 82,083 | |

¹ includes expatriates: No. as at Sept. 96: 6,267 (2,068 males ; 4,199 females)
 June 97: 7,700 (2,418 males ; 5,282 females)
 Sept. 97: 8,320 (2,698 males ; 5,622 females)

Table 1.3:- Employment by product group and sex: September 1996 - September 1997, EPZ Sector

| Product group | September 1996 | | | September 1997 | | | |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------|---------------|---------------|-------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| | No of Enterprises | Employment | | No of Enterprises | Employment | | |
| | | Male | Female | | Total | Male | Female |
| 1. Food | 11 | 625 | 972 | 1,597 | 674 | 964 | 1,638 |
| 2. Flowers | 48 | 293 | 303 | 596 | 252 | 295 | 547 |
| 3. Textile yarn and fabrics | 31 | 2,828 | 902 | 3,730 | 2,968 | 941 | 3,909 |
| 4. Wearing apparel : | 237 | 17,483 | 47,973 | 65,456 | 18,642 | 49,239 | 67,881 |
| Pullovers | (33) | (3,525) | (15,074) | (18,599) | (3,379) | (14,968) | (18,347) |
| Other garments | (204) | (13,958) | (32,899) | (46,857) | (15,263) | (34,271) | (49,534) |
| 5. Leather products and footwear | 9 | 270 | 1,078 | 1,348 | 274 | 1,041 | 1,315 |
| 6. Wood and paper products | 29 | 418 | 167 | 585 | 441 | 168 | 609 |
| 7. Optical goods | 5 | 254 | 216 | 470 | 261 | 205 | 466 |
| 8. Electronic watches and clocks | 3 | 158 | 417 | 575 | 146 | 244 | 390 |
| 9. Electric and electronic products | 9 | 220 | 323 | 543 | 244 | 354 | 598 |
| 10. Jewellery and related articles | 17 | 649 | 724 | 1,373 | 769 | 859 | 1,628 |
| 11. Toys and carnival articles | 8 | 120 | 1,021 | 1,141 | 130 | 939 | 1,069 |
| 12. Other | 70 | 938 | 1,095 | 2,033 | 1,045 | 988 | 2,033 |
| TOTAL | 477 | 24,256 | 55,191 | 79,447 | 25,846 | 56,237 | 82,083 |

Table 1.4:- Analysis of net change in employment - 3rd quarter 1997, EPZ Sector

| | Net change from June 97 to September 97 | |
|--|---|----------------|
| | Enterprises | Employment |
| A. Total employment creation : | | |
| Expansion in existing enterprises ¹ | - | 2,191 |
| New enterprises | 19 | 2,015 |
| | 6 | 176 |
| B. Total employment lost : | | |
| Reduction in existing enterprises ¹ | - | - 2,023 |
| | 17 | - 1,788 |
| Closures | 4 | - 235 |
| C. Net change (A-B) | 2 | 168 |
| Male | ... | 406 |
| Female | ... | - 238 |

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 enterprises by product group: Sept.1996 - Sept.1997, EPZ Sector

| Product group | No. of enterprises | | | Net change from | |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------|------------|------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| | Sept. 96 | June 97 | Sept. 97 | June 97 to Sept. 97 | Sept.96 to Sept. 97 |
| 1. Food | 11 | 12 | 12 | 0 | 1 |
| 2. Flowers | 48 | 45 | 44 | -1 | -4 |
| 3. Textile yarn and fabrics | 31 | 34 | 33 | -1 | 2 |
| 4. Wearing apparel : | 237 | 231 | 233 | 2 | -4 |
| Pullovers | (33) | (28) | (28) | (0) | -(5) |
| Other garments | (204) | (203) | (205) | (2) | (1) |
| 5. Leather products and footwear | 9 | 10 | 10 | 0 | 1 |
| 6. Wood and paper products | 29 | 29 | 30 | 1 | 1 |
| 7. Optical goods | 5 | 5 | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| 8. Electronic watches and clocks | 3 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| 9. Electric and electronic products | 9 | 10 | 10 | 0 | 1 |
| 10. Jewellery and related articles | 17 | 20 | 22 | 2 | 5 |
| 11. Toys and carnival articles | 8 | 7 | 7 | 0 | -1 |
| 12. Other | 70 | 72 | 71 | -1 | 1 |
| TOTAL | 477 | 478 | 480 | 2 | 3 |

Table 1.6:- Net change in employment by product group: Sept.1996 - Sept.1997, EPZ Sector

| Product group | Employment | | | Net change from | |
|-------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| | Sept. 96 | June 97 | Sept. 97 | June 97 to Sept. 97 | Sept. 96 to Sept. 97 |
| 1. Food | 1,597 | 1,710 | 1,638 | -72 | 41 |
| 2. Flowers | 596 | 547 | 547 | 0 | -49 |
| 3. Textile yarn and fabrics | 3,730 | 3,820 | 3,909 | 89 | 179 |
| 4. Wearing apparel : | 65,456 | 67,700 | 67,881 | 181 | 2,425 |
| Pullovers | (18,599) | (18,477) | (18,347) | -(130) | -(252) |
| Other garments | (46,857) | (49,223) | (49,534) | (311) | (2,677) |
| 5. Leather products and footwear | 1,348 | 1,336 | 1,315 | -21 | -33 |
| 6. Wood and paper products | 585 | 602 | 609 | 7 | 24 |
| 7. Optical goods | 470 | 482 | 466 | -16 | -4 |
| 8. Electronic watches and clocks | 575 | 459 | 390 | -69 | -185 |
| 9. Electric and electronic products | 543 | 562 | 598 | 36 | 55 |
| 10. Jewellery and related articles | 1,373 | 1,585 | 1,628 | 43 | 255 |
| 11. Toys and carnival articles | 1,141 | 1,111 | 1,069 | -42 | -72 |
| 12. Other | 2,033 | 2,001 | 2,033 | 32 | 0 |
| TOTAL | 79,447 | 81,915 | 82,083 | 168 | 2,636 |

Table 1.7:- New and Closures - 2nd and 3rd Quarter 1997, EPZ Sector

| Product group | 2nd Quarter 1997 | | | | | | 3rd Quarter 1997 | | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|------------------|------------|---|------------|--------------|---|------------------|------------|----------|------------|------------|---|
| | New projects | | | Closures | | | New projects | | | Closures | | |
| | Enterprise | Employment | | Enterprise | Employment | | Enterprise | Employment | | Enterprise | Employment | |
| 1. Food | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 2. Flowers | - | - | - | 1 | 4 | - | - | - | 1 | 2 | - | - |
| 3. Textile yarn and fabrics | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | 16 | - | - |
| 4. Wearing apparel : | 3 | 127 | | 6 | 1161 | | 3 | 138 | 1 | 203 | | |
| Pullovers | (0) | (0) | | (2) | (883) | | (0) | (0) | (0) | (0) | | |
| Other garments | (3) | (127) | | (4) | (278) | | (3) | (138) | (1) | (203) | | |
| 5. Leather products and footwear | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 6. Wood and paper products | - | - | - | 1 | 28 | - | 1 | 11 | - | - | - | - |
| 7. Optical goods | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 8. Electronic watches and clocks | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 9. Electric and electronic products | - | - | - | 1 | 8 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 10. Jewellery and related articles | - | - | - | - | - | - | 2 | 27 | - | - | - | - |
| 11. Toys and carnival articles | - | - | - | 1 | 84 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 12. Other | 2 | 5 | | - | - | | - | - | 1 | 14 | | |
| TOTAL | 5 | 132 | | 10 | 1,285 | | 6 | 176 | 4 | 235 | | |

Table 1.8: - Net EPZ exports, 1995 - 1997

| Description | Rupees Million | | | | | | | | | | | |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|---------|---------|--------------|-------------------|---------|---------|---------|-------------------|--|
| | Year | | 1996 ² | | | | 1997 ² | | | | 1997 ² | |
| | 1995 ¹ | 1996 ² | 1st Qr | 2nd Qr | 3rd Qr | Jan. - Sept. | 4th Qr | 1st Qr | 2nd Qr | 3rd Qr | Jan. - Sept. | |
| A. Total exports (f.o.b) | 18,267 | 21,001 | 4,210 | 5,445 | 5,678 | 15,333 | 5,668 | 4,675 | 5,971 | 6,016 | 16,662 | |
| B. Total imports (c.i.f) | 10,856 | 12,109 | 2,671 | 3,183 | 3,301 | 9,155 | 2,954 | 2,758 | 3,635 | 3,671 | 10,064 | |
| - Raw Materials | (9,869) | (10,992) | (2,393) | (2,890) | (3,006) | (8,289) | (2,703) | (2,548) | (3,282) | (3,319) | (9,149) | |
| - Machinery | (987) | (1,117) | (278) | (293) | (295) | (866) | (251) | (210) | (353) | (352) | (915) | |
| Net Exports (A-B) | 7,411 | 8,892 | 1,539 | 2,262 | 2,377 | 6,178 | 2,714 | 1,917 | 2,336 | 2,345 | 6,598 | |
| Net Exports as % of Total Exports | 41 | 42 | 37 | 42 | 42 | 40 | 48 | 41 | 39 | 39 | 40 | |

¹ Revised

² Provisional

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

| Description | Value (f.o.b.): Rupees Million | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|--------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|---------|---------|--------------|-------------------|---------|---------|---------|--------------|--|
| | Year | | 1996 ² | | | | 1997 ² | | | | | |
| | 1995 ¹ | 1996 ² | 1st Qr | 2nd Qr | 3rd Qr | Jan. - Sept. | 4th Qr | 1st Qr | 2nd Qr | 3rd Qr | Jan. - Sept. | |
| Total exports | 18,267 | 21,001 | 4,210 | 5,445 | 5,678 | 15,333 | 5,668 | 4,675 | 5,971 | 6,016 | 16,662 | |
| Food and live animals | 993 | 978 | 228 | 244 | 263 | 735 | 243 | 222 | 334 | 303 | 859 | |
| of which: | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Fish & fish preparations | (640) | (719) | (164) | (202) | (190) | (556) | (163) | (164) | (239) | (209) | (612) | |
| Crude materials, inedible, exc. fuels | 23 | 21 | 4 | 6 | 4 | 14 | 7 | 4 | 25 | 8 | 37 | |
| Chemicals and related products, n.e.s | 53 | 16 | 8 | 3 | 3 | 14 | 2 | 7 | 6 | 11 | 24 | |
| Manufactured goods classified chiefly by materials | 1,657 | 2,135 | 465 | 558 | 565 | 1,588 | 547 | 491 | 560 | 502 | 1,553 | |
| of which: | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Textile yarn & fabrics and made up articles | (1,035) | (1,447) | (338) | (380) | (372) | (1,090) | (357) | (316) | (354) | (309) | (979) | |
| Pearls and precious stones | (464) | (509) | (89) | (134) | (148) | (371) | (138) | (119) | (134) | (130) | (383) | |
| Machinery and transport equipment | 79 | 99 | 11 | 6 | 54 | 71 | 28 | 23 | 15 | 29 | 67 | |
| Miscellaneous manufactured articles | 15,460 | 17,748 | 3,494 | 4,627 | 4,789 | 12,910 | 4,838 | 3,926 | 5,031 | 5,163 | 14,120 | |
| of which: | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Articles of apparel and clothing | (13,780) | (16,187) | (3,131) | (4,192) | (4,400) | (11,723) | (4,464) | (3,619) | (4,650) | (4,840) | (13,109) | |
| Optical goods | (235) | (211) | (54) | (59) | (42) | (155) | (56) | (48) | (56) | (52) | (156) | |
| Watches and clocks | (452) | (405) | (101) | (105) | (86) | (292) | (113) | (95) | (103) | (87) | (285) | |
| Toys, games and sporting goods | (207) | (194) | (40) | (54) | (54) | (148) | (46) | (31) | (40) | (24) | (95) | |
| Jewellery, golds. & silversmiths wares | (229) | (286) | (56) | (77) | (80) | (213) | (73) | (59) | (82) | (63) | (204) | |

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

| Description | Value (c.i.f.):Rupees Million | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|-------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|---------|---------|--------------|-------------------|---------|---------|---------|--------------|
| | Year | | 1996 ² | | | | 1997 ² | | | | |
| | 1995 ¹ | 1996 ² | 1st Qr | 2nd Qr | 3rd Qr | Jan. - Sept. | 4th Qr | 1st Qr | 2nd Qr | 3rd Qr | Jan. - Sept. |
| Total imports | 10,856 | 12,109 | 2,671 | 3,183 | 3,301 | 9,155 | 2,954 | 2,758 | 3,635 | 3,671 | 10,064 |
| Food and live animals | 368 | 424 | 93 | 102 | 88 | 283 | 141 | 102 | 151 | 200 | 453 |
| Crude materials, inedible except fuels | 750 | 1,089 | 263 | 234 | 397 | 894 | 195 | 225 | 298 | 250 | 773 |
| of which | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Cotton | (347) | (491) | (153) | (66) | (233) | (452) | (39) | (77) | (147) | (120) | (344) |
| Synthetic fibres suitable for spinning | (22) | (21) | (4) | (3) | (5) | (12) | (9) | (4) | (5) | (2) | (11) |
| Wool and other animal hair | (307) | (340) | (64) | (104) | (91) | (259) | (81) | (89) | (82) | (57) | (228) |
| Mineral fuels, lubricants and related products | 25 | 16 | 1 | 12 | 1 | 14 | 2 | 1 | 18 | 1 | 20 |
| Chemicals and related products, n.e.s | 426 | 483 | 95 | 122 | 135 | 352 | 131 | 116 | 146 | 164 | 426 |
| Man. goods classified chiefly by material | 7,071 | 7,681 | 1,640 | 2,067 | 2,045 | 5,752 | 1,929 | 1,711 | 2,343 | 2,333 | 6,387 |
| of which | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Leather | (160) | (138) | (39) | (32) | (34) | (105) | (33) | (30) | (29) | (31) | (90) |
| Textile yarn and fabrics | (5,984) | (6,643) | (1,365) | (1,829) | (1,777) | (4,971) | (1,672) | (1,491) | (1,153) | (1,096) | (3,740) |
| Pearls and precious stones | (470) | (366) | (96) | (82) | (86) | (264) | (102) | (109) | (102) | (124) | (335) |
| Machinery and transport equipment | 987 | 1,117 | 278 | 293 | 295 | 866 | 251 | 210 | 353 | 352 | 915 |
| Miscellaneous manufactured goods | 1,079 | 1,055 | 250 | 273 | 264 | 787 | 268 | 320 | 278 | 296 | 894 |
| of which | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Optical goods, watches & clocks | (398) | (321) | (93) | (86) | (62) | (241) | (80) | (65) | (78) | (72) | (215) |
| Other commodities and transactions | 150 | 243 | 50 | 80 | 76 | 206 | 37 | 73 | 48 | 75 | 196 |

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Table I.11: - EPZ exports by main countries of destination, 1995 - 1997

| Country of Destination | Year | | 1996 ² | | | | 1997 ² | | | | |
|--|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|--------|--------|--------|-------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------------|
| | 1995 ¹ | 1996 ² | 1st Qr | 2nd Qr | 3rd Qr | 4th Qr | Jan. - Sept. | 1st Qr | 2nd Qr | 3rd Qr | Jan. - Sept. |
| | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Total EPZ Exports | 18,267 | 21,001 | 4,210 | 5,445 | 5,678 | 5,668 | 15,333 | 4,675 | 5,971 | 6,016 | 16,662 |
| 1. Preferential Tariff Countries | 17,760 | 20,343 | 4,071 | 5,292 | 5,488 | 5,492 | 14,851 | 4,510 | 5,798 | 5,853 | 16,161 |
| (a) European Union Countries | 12,759 | 15,113 | 2,942 | 3,960 | 4,025 | 4,186 | 10,927 | 3,451 | 4,208 | 4,052 | 11,711 |
| Belgium | 435 | 651 | 98 | 193 | 186 | 174 | 477 | 117 | 173 | 138 | 428 |
| France | 5,208 | 5,762 | 1,231 | 1,620 | 1,360 | 1,551 | 4,211 | 1,203 | 1,541 | 1,245 | 3,989 |
| Germany | 1,445 | 1,607 | 272 | 440 | 467 | 428 | 1,179 | 326 | 384 | 445 | 1,155 |
| Italy | 1,015 | 1,141 | 303 | 249 | 265 | 324 | 817 | 305 | 235 | 248 | 788 |
| Netherlands | 491 | 685 | 143 | 168 | 233 | 141 | 544 | 172 | 141 | 155 | 468 |
| Reunion | 246 | 221 | 33 | 59 | 61 | 68 | 153 | 42 | 63 | 69 | 174 |
| Spain | 308 | 552 | 83 | 201 | 106 | 162 | 390 | 100 | 182 | 212 | 494 |
| United Kingdom | 3,412 | 4,234 | 737 | 979 | 1,265 | 1,253 | 2,981 | 1,093 | 1,418 | 1,451 | 3,962 |
| Other countries | 199 | 260 | 42 | 51 | 82 | 85 | 175 | 93 | 71 | 89 | 253 |
| (b) Other Preferential Tariff Countries | 5,001 | 5,230 | 1,129 | 1,332 | 1,463 | 1,306 | 3,924 | 1,059 | 1,590 | 1,801 | 4,450 |
| Canada | 246 | 204 | 53 | 57 | 46 | 48 | 156 | 43 | 48 | 55 | 146 |
| Hong kong | 152 | 160 | 44 | 50 | 42 | 24 | 136 | 18 | 29 | 12 | 59 |
| Malagasy, Republic of | 410 | 526 | 127 | 140 | 127 | 132 | 394 | 177 | 191 | 187 | 555 |
| Singapore | 31 | 29 | 8 | 6 | 6 | 9 | 20 | 8 | 12 | 6 | 26 |
| South Africa, Republic of | 59 | 179 | 33 | 48 | 49 | 49 | 130 | 31 | 10 | 17 | 58 |
| U.S.A. | 3,860 | 3,787 | 799 | 959 | 1,088 | 941 | 2,846 | 694 | 1,133 | 1,369 | 3,196 |
| Zimbabwe | 106 | 139 | 28 | 29 | 36 | 46 | 93 | 36 | 71 | 48 | 155 |
| Other countries | 137 | 206 | 37 | 43 | 69 | 57 | 149 | 52 | 96 | 107 | 255 |
| 2. General Tariff Countries | 507 | 658 | 139 | 153 | 190 | 176 | 482 | 165 | 173 | 163 | 501 |
| Japan | 98 | 131 | 30 | 32 | 30 | 39 | 92 | 38 | 25 | 41 | 104 |
| Switzerland | 322 | 344 | 73 | 93 | 87 | 91 | 253 | 83 | 98 | 85 | 266 |
| Other countries | 87 | 183 | 36 | 28 | 73 | 46 | 137 | 44 | 50 | 37 | 131 |

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

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

| Country of Origin | Year | | 1996 ² | | | | | 1997 ² | | | | |
|--|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|--------|--------|--------------|--------|-------------------|--------|--------|--------------|--|
| | 1995 ¹ | 1996 ² | 1st Qr | 2nd Qr | 3rd Qr | Jan. - Sept. | 4th Qr | 1st Qr | 2nd Qr | 3rd Qr | Jan. - Sept. | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Total EPZ Imports | 10,856 | 12,109 | 2,671 | 3,183 | 3,301 | 9,155 | 2,954 | 2,758 | 3,635 | 3,671 | 10,064 | |
| 1. Preferential Tariff Countries | 8,319 | 9,067 | 1,985 | 2,319 | 2,390 | 6,694 | 2,373 | 2,075 | 2,756 | 2,748 | 7,579 | |
| (a) European Union Countries | 3,773 | 4,071 | 930 | 1,084 | 1,000 | 3,014 | 1,057 | 964 | 1,131 | 1,159 | 3,254 | |
| Belgium | 245 | 310 | 66 | 73 | 85 | 224 | 86 | 81 | 105 | 123 | 309 | |
| France | 1,718 | 1,554 | 391 | 436 | 338 | 1,165 | 389 | 328 | 420 | 355 | 1,103 | |
| Germany | 695 | 776 | 209 | 179 | 232 | 620 | 156 | 262 | 208 | 194 | 664 | |
| Italy | 540 | 664 | 133 | 165 | 178 | 476 | 188 | 135 | 184 | 211 | 530 | |
| Netherlands | 29 | 32 | 7 | 8 | 11 | 26 | 6 | 8 | 6 | 9 | 23 | |
| Spain | 119 | 258 | 31 | 69 | 39 | 139 | 119 | 54 | 84 | 104 | 242 | |
| United Kingdom | 340 | 368 | 76 | 121 | 87 | 284 | 84 | 81 | 101 | 120 | 302 | |
| Other | 87 | 109 | 17 | 33 | 30 | 80 | 29 | 15 | 23 | 43 | 81 | |
| (b) Other Preferential Tariff Countries | 4,546 | 4,996 | 1,055 | 1,235 | 1,390 | 3,680 | 1,316 | 1,111 | 1,625 | 1,589 | 4,325 | |
| Australia | 237 | 254 | 68 | 60 | 71 | 199 | 55 | 51 | 53 | 54 | 158 | |
| Hong kong | 1,438 | 1,225 | 269 | 321 | 323 | 913 | 312 | 304 | 483 | 488 | 1,275 | |
| India | 1,429 | 1,875 | 331 | 432 | 582 | 1,345 | 530 | 392 | 562 | 599 | 1,553 | |
| Malagasy, Republic of | 91 | 97 | 20 | 24 | 26 | 70 | 27 | 29 | 0 | 38 | 67 | |
| Malaysia | 104 | 195 | 58 | 51 | 27 | 136 | 59 | 31 | 100 | 69 | 200 | |
| New Zealand | 149 | 126 | 24 | 34 | 42 | 100 | 26 | 21 | 31 | 22 | 74 | |
| Pakistan | 169 | 292 | 97 | 60 | 70 | 227 | 65 | 35 | 51 | 54 | 140 | |
| Singapore | 413 | 288 | 53 | 96 | 82 | 231 | 57 | 35 | 60 | 50 | 145 | |
| South Africa, Republic of | 275 | 353 | 56 | 108 | 85 | 249 | 104 | 76 | 136 | 127 | 339 | |
| U.S.A. | 144 | 202 | 47 | 43 | 50 | 140 | 62 | 50 | 0 | 51 | 101 | |
| Other | 97 | 89 | 32 | 6 | 32 | 70 | 19 | 87 | 149 | 37 | 273 | |
| 2. General Tariff Countries | 2,537 | 3,042 | 686 | 864 | 911 | 2,461 | 581 | 683 | 879 | 923 | 2,485 | |
| China | 464 | 874 | 154 | 307 | 242 | 703 | 171 | 222 | 282 | 315 | 819 | |
| Indonesia | 77 | 111 | 28 | 23 | 24 | 75 | 36 | 32 | 32 | 37 | 101 | |
| Japan | 367 | 380 | 129 | 108 | 87 | 324 | 56 | 38 | 57 | 72 | 167 | |
| Korea, Republic of | 103 | 76 | 22 | 10 | 34 | 66 | 10 | 20 | 16 | 9 | 45 | |
| Switzerland | 300 | 378 | 73 | 110 | 111 | 294 | 84 | 80 | 96 | 101 | 277 | |
| Taiwan | 681 | 650 | 155 | 167 | 180 | 502 | 148 | 195 | 181 | 205 | 581 | |
| Thailand | 70 | 48 | 13 | 9 | 7 | 29 | 19 | 16 | 27 | 38 | 81 | |
| Other | 475 | 525 | 112 | 130 | 226 | 468 | 57 | 80 | 188 | 146 | 414 | |

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Table 2.1:- Employment by size and sex: September 1996 - September 1997, Pioneer Status Enterprises

| Employment size | No. of enterprises | | | Employment ¹ | | | | | | | | |
|-----------------|--------------------|------------|------------|-------------------------|------------|--------------|--------------|------------|--------------|--------------|------------|--------------|
| | Sept. 96 | June 97 | Sept. 97 | September 96 | | | June 97 | | | September 97 | | |
| | | | | Male | Female | Total | Male | Female | Total | Male | Female | Total |
| 25 and above | 17 | 21 | 20 | 576 | 579 | 1,155 | 650 | 640 | 1,290 | 643 | 653 | 1,296 |
| 10 to < 25 | 31 | 30 | 33 | 319 | 107 | 426 | 310 | 105 | 415 | 354 | 109 | 463 |
| less than 10 | 76 | 96 | 100 | 216 | 95 | 311 | 287 | 110 | 397 | 316 | 124 | 440 |
| TOTAL | 124 | 147 | 153 | 1,111 | 781 | 1,892 | 1,247 | 855 | 2,102 | 1,313 | 886 | 2,199 |

¹ includes expatriates : No. as at Sept. 96 : 58 (50 males, 8 females)

June 97 : 67 (56 males, 11 females)

Sept. 97 : 66 (54 males, 12 females)

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

| Product group | September 1996 | | | September 1997 | | | | |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------|--------------|------------|-------------------|------------|--------------|------------|--------------|
| | No of enterprises | Employment | | No of enterprises | Employment | | | |
| | | Male | Female | | Total | Male | Female | Total |
| 1. Watches and clocks | 2 | 40 | 148 | 188 | 2 | 40 | 192 | 232 |
| 2. Informatics | 22 | 214 | 391 | 605 | 30 | 273 | 400 | 673 |
| 3. Electric and Electronic products | 29 | 158 | 66 | 224 | 30 | 172 | 77 | 249 |
| 4. Light engineering | 17 | 209 | 21 | 230 | 25 | 251 | 32 | 283 |
| 5. Support to jewellery | 4 | 17 | 22 | 39 | 3 | 16 | 26 | 42 |
| 6. Support to printing and publishing | 10 | 128 | 66 | 194 | 10 | 131 | 65 | 196 |
| 7. Other support services | 17 | 114 | 36 | 150 | 19 | 138 | 44 | 182 |
| 8. Plastic and rubber products | 15 | 166 | 19 | 185 | 18 | 192 | 23 | 215 |
| 9. Other | 8 | 65 | 12 | 77 | 16 | 100 | 27 | 127 |
| TOTAL | 124 | 1,111 | 781 | 1,892 | 153 | 1,313 | 886 | 2,199 |

Table 2.3:- Analysis of net change in employment - 3rd quarter 1997 , Pioneer Status Enterprises

| | Net change from June 97 to September 97 | |
|---------------------------------------|--|------------|
| | Enterprises | Employment |
| A. Total employment creation : | | |
| Expansion in existing enterprises | ... | 161 |
| New enterprises | 35 | 112 |
| B. Total employment lost : | | |
| Reduction in existing enterprises | 7 | 49 |
| Closures | ... | 64 |
| C. Net change (A-B) | | |
| Male | 22 | 63 |
| Female | 1 | 1 |
| | 6 | 97 |
| | ... | 66 |
| | ... | 31 |

Table 2.4:- Net change in number of enterprises by product group: Sept. 1996 - Sept. 1997, Pioneer Status Enterprises

| Product group | No. of enterprises | | | Net change from | |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------|------------|------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| | Sept. 96 | June 97 | Sept. 97 | Sept. 96 to Sept.97 | June 97 to Sept. 97 |
| 1. Watches and clocks | 2 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| 2. Informatics | 22 | 29 | 30 | 8 | 1 |
| 3. Electric and electronic products | 29 | 30 | 30 | 1 | 0 |
| 4. Light engineering | 17 | 24 | 25 | 8 | 1 |
| 5. Support to jewellery | 4 | 3 | 3 | - 1 | 0 |
| 6. Support to printing and publishing | 10 | 10 | 10 | 0 | 0 |
| 7. Other support services | 17 | 20 | 19 | 2 | - 1 |
| 8. Plastic and rubber product | 15 | 17 | 18 | 3 | 1 |
| 9. Other | 8 | 12 | 16 | 8 | 4 |
| TOTAL | 124 | 147 | 153 | 29 | 6 |

Table 2.5:- Net change in employment by product group: Sept. 1996 - Sept. 1997, Pioneer Status Enterprises

| Product group | Employment | | | Net change from | |
|---------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| | Sept. 96 | June 97 | Sept. 97 | Sept. 96 to Sept. 97 | June 97 to Sept. 97 |
| 1. Watches and clocks | 188 | 203 | 232 | 44 | 29 |
| 2. Informatics | 605 | 675 | 673 | 68 | -2 |
| 3. Electronic and electronic products | 224 | 245 | 249 | 25 | 4 |
| 4. Light engineering | 230 | 271 | 283 | 53 | 12 |
| 5. Support to jewellery | 39 | 42 | 42 | 3 | 0 |
| 6. Support to printing and publishing | 194 | 199 | 196 | 2 | -3 |
| 7. Other support services | 150 | 175 | 182 | 32 | 7 |
| 8. Plastic and rubber products | 185 | 220 | 215 | 30 | -5 |
| 9. Other | 77 | 72 | 127 | 50 | 55 |
| TOTAL | 1,892 | 2,102 | 2,199 | 307 | 97 |