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Introduction

The **Quarterly Survey of Employment** is a regular survey carried out among the EPZ and Pioneer Status enterprises and provides up to date data on the evolution of the workforce in the different industry sub-groups. This issue of the "Economic and Social Indicators" presents the results of the survey carried out at the end of December 1997. Provisional figures on EPZ imports and exports for 1997 as well as revised figures for previous years are also given.

I. The Export Processing Zone (EPZ)

(i) Number of enterprises

During the 4th quarter of 1997, 9 enterprises closed down whilst 9 new enterprises started operation. The number of EPZ enterprises at the end of the quarter, therefore, remained at 480 as at the end of the previous quarter. The number of enterprises with fewer than 10 workers stood at 93 and represented 19% of the total number of enterprises but employed less than 1% of the workforce. On the other hand, there were 17 enterprises with more than 1,000 employees employing around 40% of the total workforce (Table 1.8).

The number of enterprises in "Wearing apparel", the most important group in the EPZ, stood at 236 compared to 233 at the end of the previous quarter and 234 at the end of 1996. The "Flowers" group which is the only non-manufacturing group in the EPZ was operating with 43 enterprises at the end of 1997. The number of enterprises by product group is given in Table 1.5.

(ii) Employment evolution, 4th quarter 1997

Employment in the EPZ stood at 83,391 representing an increase of 1,308 when compared to the 3rd quarter of 1997. The number of male employees rose by 448 to 26,294 whilst female employment increased by 860 to 57,097. The significant increase in employment is mainly due to recruitment of expatriates. In fact foreign workers, who numbered 7,700 at the beginning of the quarter, increased by 1,042 to reach 8,742 at the end of 1997 (2,910 males and 5,832 females).

During the 4th quarter, 2,562 jobs were created in 24 existing enterprises and only 210 by the 9 new enterprises. On the other hand, a total of 1,464 jobs were lost, 80 of which following the closure of the 9 enterprises (Table 1.4).

An analysis by product group shows increases of 1,442 and 132 in "Wearing apparel" and "Textile yarn and fabrics", respectively. Within the "Wearing apparel" group, employment in "Pullovers" fell by 140 whilst the "Other garments" sub-group witnessed an increase of 1,582. Details of other changes in employment by product group are shown in Table 1.6.

(iii) Employment evolution, December 1996 - December 1997

During the one-year period ending December 1997 employment rose by 3,598 (+4.5%) after five consecutive years of decline. There was an increase of 1,902 (+3.4%) among females whilst the number of male workers rose by 1,696 (+6.9%). As shown at table (1.2), the number of foreign workers rose by 1,971 (1,174 females, 797 males) and accounted for 55% of the total increase.

In "Wearing apparel", employment went up by 3,514 from 65,809 to 69,323 confirming the consolidation of the most important group in the EPZ. Within this group, there was however, a decrease of 201 in "Pullovers" but a significant increase of 3,715 in "Other garments". Moderate increases were also registered in the following sectors: "Textile yarn and fabrics" (+140) and "Jewellery and related articles" (+94). On the other hand, employment in "Leather products and footwear" and "Electronic watches and clocks" fell by 108 and 102, respectively. The other sectors witnessed minor changes as shown in Table 1.6.

(iv) Exports and imports

Provisional figures show that EPZ exports, for the 4th quarter of 1997, reached Rs 6,387 million against Rs 6,016 million for the previous quarter. The total for the whole year is valued at Rs 23,049 million as compared to Rs 21,001 million in 1996. The nominal increase of nearly 10% is explained by a 3% increase in volume and another 7% in price.

Exports of manufactured articles of apparel and clothing which represent over 75% of EPZ exports went up by 12% from Rs 16,187 million in 1996 to Rs 18,142 million in 1997.

An analysis by country of destination (Table 1.14) shows increases of 26% (+ Rs 1,110 million) and 15% (+ Rs 566 million) in exports towards United Kingdom and U.S.A, respectively. On the other hand, exports to France, the most important market for the EPZ, fell slightly by Rs 92 million to Rs 5,670 million in 1997. Movement in foreign exchange rates could be one of the factors influencing exports performance towards these countries.

Imports for 1997 increased by around 14.8% to reach Rs 13,897 million from Rs 12,109 million in the previous year.

Raw materials accounted for Rs 12,460 million whilst imports of machinery and equipment increased by over 28% from Rs 1,117 million to Rs 1,437 million.

Net exports, i.e., exports minus imports, totalled Rs 9,152 million in 1997 and its ratio to exports dropped to 40% from 42% in the previous year (Table 1.11).

(v) Value added

On the basis of figures now available, value added generated by EPZ enterprises in 1997 is estimated at Rs 9,172 million at current prices. This represents a real growth of around 6%.

II. The Pioneer Status Enterprises (PSE)

(i) Number of enterprises

During the 4th quarter of 1997, 6 new enterprises started operation whilst 3 enterprises closed down bringing the total to 156 at the end of December. Compared to the same period a year ago this represents an increase of 24 enterprises of which 7 were in "Informatics". The activities in which the enterprises are engaged in are given in Table 2.2

(ii) Employment

The total workforce in the PSE sector at the end of the 1997 was 2,252 (1,339 males and 913 females), an increase of 53 over the previous quarter. During the 4th quarter 1997, a total of 133 jobs were created: 39 by 6 new enterprises and 94 following expansion in 24 existing enterprises. On the other hand, 80 jobs were lost of which 11 following the closures of the 3 enterprises (Table 2.3).

When compared to the 4th quarter of 1996, employment went up by 271. Details of changes in employment by product group is given in Table 2.5.

The number of expatriates employed as at December 1997 stood at 65 (54 males and 11 females).

Table 1.1:- Main economic indicators: 1987 - 1997, EPZ Sector

	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996 ¹	1997 ²
1. No of enterprises as at December	531	591	563	568	586	558	536	494	481	481	480
- New	141	95	79	62	52	33	38	27	25	43	26
- Closures	18	35	107	57	34	61	60	69	38	43	27
2. Employment as at December	87,905	89,080	88,658	89,906	90,861	86,937	85,621	82,176	80,466	79,793	83,391
- Net change	+13,890	+1,175	-422	+1,248	+955	-3,924	-1,316	-3,445	-1,710	-673	+3,598
- Growth rate (%)	+18.8	+1.3	-0.5	+1.4	+1.1	-4.3	-1.5	-4.0	-2.1	-0.8	+4.5
3. Exports (f.o.b, Rs Million)	6,567	8,176	9,057	11,474	12,136	13,081	15,821	16,533	18,267	21,001	23,049
4. Imports (c.i.f, Rs Million) :	4,801	5,890	7,502	7,348	7,067	7,133	9,326	10,125	10,856	12,109	13,897
- Raw materials	(4,296)	(5,056)	(6,539)	(6,554)	(6,348)	(6,456)	(8,221)	(9,016)	(9,869)	(10,992)	(12,460)
- Machinery & spare parts	(505)	(834)	(963)	(794)	(719)	(677)	(1105)	(1,109)	(987)	(1,117)	(1,437)
5. Net Exports (Rs Million)	1,766	2,286	1,555	4,126	5,069	5,948	6,495	6,408	7,411	8,892	9,152
6. Net Exports to Exports (%)	26.9	28.0	17.2	36.0	41.8	45.5	41.1	38.8	40.6	42.0	40.0
7. Value added at current prices (Rs Million)	2,585	3,125	3,400	3,975	4,406	5,011	5,702	6,373	7,097	8,163	9,172
- Share in Manufacturing(%)	51.9	53.4	51.1	51.1	50.3	50.4	51.0	50.2	49.6	49.5	50.1
- Share in GDP(%)	13.1	13.5	12.7	12.5	12.2	11.8	11.9	11.7	11.7	12.0	12.2
8. Value added at constant '82 prices (Rs Million)	1,390	1,557	1,650	1,766	1,854	1,965	2,083	2,173	2,281	2,441	2,587
- Growth rate (%)	+22.0	+12.0	+6.0	+7.0	+5.0	+6.0	+6.0	+4.3	+5.0	+7.0	+6.0
9. Partial labour productivity Index³ (1982 = 100)	87	91	98	105	110	117	129	140	149	160	...
10. Investment (Rs Million)	655	870	900	690	648	560	900	900	815	930	1,245
- Machinery	(530)	(730)	(840)	(640)	(610)	(540)	(875)	(880)	(805)	(915)	(1200)

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, December 1996 - December 1997

Enterprise		Employment ¹											
		Number as at			December 96			September 97			December 97		
		Dec. 96	Sep. 97	Dec. 97	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
Large	386	383	387	24,226	54,056	78,282	25,479	55,221	80,700	25,950	56,126	82,076	
Small (<10)	95	97	93	293	195	488	285	189	474	277	190	467	
Outworkers	-	-	-	79	944	1,023	82	827	909	67	781	848	
TOTAL	481	480	480	24,598	55,195	79,793	25,846	56,237	82,083	26,294	57,097	83,391	

¹ includes expatriates: No. as at
 - Dec. 96: 6,771 (2,113 males; 4,658 females)
 - Sep. 97: 7,700 (2,418 males; 5,282 females)
 - Dec. 97: 8,742 (2,910 males; 5,832 females)

Table 1.3:- EPZ employment by product group and sex: 1996, 1997

Product group	December 1996			December 1997				
	No of Enterprises	Employment		No of Enterprises	Employment			
		Male	Female		Total	Male	Female	Total
1. Food	12	656	905	1,561	12	667	942	1,609
2. Flowers	46	274	296	570	43	254	290	544
3. Textile yarn and fabrics	33	2,866	1,035	3,901	33	3,079	962	4,041
4. Wearing apparel :	234	17,673	48,136	65,809	236	19,108	50,215	69,323
Pullovers	(31)	(3,542)	(14,866)	(18,408)	(28)	(3,393)	(14,814)	(18,207)
Other garments	(203)	(14,131)	(33,270)	(47,401)	(208)	(15,715)	(35,401)	(51,116)
5. Leather products and footwear	10	276	1,028	1,304	10	232	964	1,196
6. Wood and paper products	30	454	172	626	30	469	166	635
7. Optical goods	5	230	219	449	5	246	195	441
8. Electronic watches and clocks	3	166	325	491	3	147	242	389
9. Electric and electronic products	11	232	318	550	10	246	347	593
10. Jewellery and related articles	19	684	759	1,443	21	667	870	1,537
11. Toys and carnival articles	8	121	1,039	1,160	7	138	950	1,088
12. Other	70	966	963	1,929	70	1,041	954	1,995
TOTAL	481	24,598	55,195	79,793	480	26,294	57,097	83,391

Table 1.4:- Analysis of net change in EPZ employment, 4th Quarter and Year 1997

	Evolution 4th quarter 1997		Evolution year 1997	
	Enterprises	Employment	Enterprises	Employment
A. Total employment creation :				
Expansion in existing enterprises*	24	2,562	63	7,675
New enterprises	9	210	26	856
B. Total employment lost :				
Reduction in existing enterprises*	15	1,384	27	2,842
Closures	9	80	27	2,091
C. Net change (A-B)				
Male	...	1,308	...	3,598
Female	...	448	...	1,696
	...	860	...	1,902

* 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, 1996 - 1997

Product group	No. of enterprises			Net change	
	Dec. 96	Sept. 97	Dec. 97	4th quarter	Year
1. Food	12	12	12	0	0
2. Flowers	46	44	43	-1	-3
3. Textile yarn and fabrics	33	33	33	0	0
4. Wearing apparel :	234	233	236	3	2
Pullovers	(31)	(28)	(28)	(0)	(-3)
Other garments	(203)	(205)	(208)	(3)	(5)
5. Leather products and footwear	10	10	10	0	0
6. Wood and paper products	30	30	30	0	0
7. Optical goods	5	5	5	0	0
8. Electronic watches and clocks	3	3	3	0	0
9. Electric and electronic products	11	10	10	0	-1
10. Jewellery and related articles	19	22	21	-1	2
11. Toys and carnival articles	8	7	7	0	-1
12. Other	70	71	70	-1	0
TOTAL	481	480	480	0	-1

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

Product group	Employment			Net change	
	Dec. 96	Sept. 97	Dec. 97	4th quarter	Year
1. Food	1,561	1,638	1,609	-29	48
2. Flowers	570	547	544	-3	-26
3. Textile yarn and fabrics	3,901	3,909	4,041	132	140
4. Wearing apparel :	65,809	67,881	69,323	1,442	3,514
Pullovers	(18,408)	(18,347)	(18,207)	(-140)	(-201)
Other garments	(47,401)	(49,534)	(51,116)	(1,582)	(3,715)
5. Leather products and footwear	1,304	1,315	1,196	-119	-108
6. Wood and paper products	626	609	635	26	9
7. Optical goods	449	466	441	-25	-8
8. Electronic watches and clocks	491	390	389	-1	-102
9. Electric and electronic products	550	598	593	-5	43
10. Jewellery and related articles	1,443	1,628	1,537	-91	94
11. Toys and carnival articles	1,160	1,069	1,088	19	-72
12. Other	1,929	2,033	1,995	-38	66
TOTAL	79,793	82,083	83,391	1,308	3,598

Table 1.7:- New and Closures in EPZ sector: 1996, 1997

Product group	Year 1996				Year 1997			
	New projects		Closures		New projects		Closures	
	Enterprise	Employment	Enterprise	Employment	Enterprise	Employment	Enterprise	Employment
1. Food	2	179	2	247	-	-	-	-
2. Flowers	-	-	2	14	-	-	3	8
3. Textile yarn and fabrics	3	92	3	246	2	23	2	272
4. Wearing apparel :	17	651	25	2,940	15	766	13	1,677
Pullovers	(2)	(166)	(3)	(366)	-	-	(3)	(879)
Other garments	(15)	(485)	(22)	(2,574)	(15)	(766)	(10)	(798)
5. Leather products and footwear	2	128	1	17	-	-	-	-
6. Wood and paper products	4	49	-	-	2	13	2	11
7. Optical goods	-	-	1	16	-	-	-	-
8. Electronic watches and clocks	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
9. Electric and electronic products	3	28	1	15	-	-	1	8
10. Jewellery and related articles	3	155	3	86	3	37	1	2
11. Toys and carnival articles	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	86
12. Other	9	262	5	299	4	17	4	27
TOTAL	43	1,544	43	3,880	26	856	27	2,091

Table 1.8:- Distribution of EPZ enterprises by employment size as at December 1997

Employment size (including outworkers)	Enterprise			Employment		
	Number	Percentage	Cum. %	Number	Percentage	Cum. %
Under 10	93	19	19	484	1	1
10 - 50	176	37	56	4,088	5	5
51 - 100	67	14	70	4,617	6	11
101 - 300	79	16	86	13,513	16	27
301 - 500	23	5	91	9,030	11	38
501 - 1000	25	5	96	17,890	21	60
More than 1000	17	4	100	33,769	40	100
TOTAL	480	100		83,391	100	

Table 1.9:- Geographical distribution of EPZ establishments* and employment - Dec. 1997

District / Locality	Establishments			Total Employment
	Textile	Non-Textile	Total	
Port Louis	53	44	97	9,845
Plaine Lauzun	23	8	31	3,735
Port louis city	20	26	46	3,054
Pamplemousses	49	27	76	11,339
Terre Rouge & Riche Terre	14	11	25	2,756
Tombeau Bay	9	0	9	1,515
Triolet	13	4	17	3,826
Rivière du Rempart	35	19	54	9,046
St. Antoine & Goodlands	15	13	28	4,314
Rivière du Rempart & Ile d'Ambre	12	1	13	3,904
Flacq	42	11	53	7,226
Central Flacq	18	4	22	3,551
Bel Air	6	0	6	808
Grand Port	36	5	41	5,718
Rose Belle & New Grove	13	1	14	1,564
Mahebourg	6	1	7	1,293
Savanne	26	8	34	4,686
Surinam	4	0	4	210
Rivière des Anguilles	5	7	12	678
Plaine Wilhems	119	65	184	29,105
Coromandel	18	12	30	2,182
Beau Bassin & Rose Hill	26	9	35	6,560
Vacoas & Phoenix	34	14	48	9,620
Quatre Bornes	17	8	25	2,224
Curepipe ,Floreal & Forest Side	24	19	43	8,463
Moka	33	26	59	5,078
Pailles	10	10	20	1,392
St. Pierre & Moka	13	13	26	2,889
Black River	6	10	16	1,348
Medine & Bambous	2	2	4	243
T O T A L	399	215	614	83,391

* The number of establishments is greater than number of enterprises as it includes branches.

Table 1.10: - EPZ enterprises and employment, quarterly series (1987 - 1997)

Y E A R	Enterprise				Employment			
	1st Qr	2nd Qr	3rd Qr	4th Qr	1st Qr	2nd Qr	3rd Qr	4th Qr
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	89,669	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	568	564	558	91,399	89,949	87,313	86,937
1993	554	550	543	536	87,804	86,028	85,254	85,621
1994	520	509	502	494	83,882	83,862	83,382	82,176
1995	490	477	477	481	83,160	81,823	80,698	80,466
1996	480	475	477	481	81,048	79,269	79,447	79,793
1997	483	478	480	480	81,572	81,915	82,083	83,391

Table 1.11:- Net EPZ exports, 1996 - 1997

	Value: Million rupees									
	Year		1996				1997 ¹			
	1996	1997 ¹	1st Qr	2nd Qr	3rd Qr	4th Qr	1st Qr	2nd Qr	3rd Qr	4th Qr
A. Total exports (f.o.b. value)	21,001	23,049	4,210	5,445	5,678	5,668	4,675	5,971	6,016	6,387
B. Total imports (c.i.f. value)	12,109	13,897	2,671	3,183	3,301	2,954	2,758	3,635	3,671	3,833
- Raw Materials	(10,992)	(12,460)	(2,393)	(2,890)	(3,006)	(2,703)	(2,548)	(3,282)	(3,319)	(3,311)
- Machinery	(1,117)	(1,437)	(278)	(293)	(295)	(251)	(210)	(353)	(352)	(522)
Net Exports (A - B)	8,892	9,152	1,539	2,262	2,377	2,714	1,917	2,336	2,345	2,554
Net Exports as % of Total Exports	42	40	37	42	42	48	41	39	39	40

¹ Provisional

Table 1.12: - EPZ exports by section/commodity, 1996 - 1997

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

Description	Year		1996				1997 ¹			
	1996	1997 ¹	1st Qr	2nd Qr	3rd Qr	4th Qr	1st Qr	2nd Qr	3rd Qr	4th Qr
	Total exports	21,001	23,049	4,210	5,445	5,678	5,668	4,675	5,971	6,016
Food and live animals	978	1,249	228	244	263	243	222	334	303	390
of which:										
Fish & fish preparations	(719)	(895)	(164)	(202)	(190)	(163)	(164)	(239)	(209)	(283)
Crude mats, inedible exc., fuels	21	90	4	6	4	7	4	25	8	53
Chemicals	16	34	8	3	3	2	7	6	11	10
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by materials	2,135	2,044	465	558	565	547	491	560	502	491
of which:										
Text. yarn, fabrics and made up articles	(1,447)	(1,309)	338	380	372	357	316	354	309	330
Pearls & precious stones	(509)	(476)	(89)	(134)	(148)	(138)	(119)	(134)	(130)	(93)
Machinery and transport equipment	99	95	11	6	54	28	23	15	29	28
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	17,748	19,536	3,494	4,627	4,789	4,838	3,926	5,031	5,163	5,416
of which:										
Articles of apparel and clothing	(16,187)	(18,142)	(3,131)	(4,192)	(4,400)	(4,464)	(3,619)	(4,650)	(4,840)	(5,033)
Optical goods	(211)	(213)	(54)	(59)	(42)	(56)	(48)	(56)	(52)	(57)
Watches and clocks	(405)	(409)	(101)	(105)	(86)	(113)	(95)	(103)	(87)	(124)
Toys, games and sporting goods	(194)	(105)	(40)	(54)	(54)	(46)	(31)	(40)	(24)	(10)
Jewellery, golds & silversmiths wares	(286)	(290)	(56)	(77)	(80)	(73)	(59)	(82)	(63)	(86)

¹ provisional

Table 1.13:- EPZ imports by section/commodity, 1996 - 1997

Value (c.i.f): Million rupees

Description	1996 ¹		1996 ¹				1997 ²			
			1st Qr	2nd Qr	3rd Qr	4th Qr	1st Qr	2nd Qr	3rd Qr	4th Qr
Total imports	12,109	13,897	2,671	3,183	3,301	2,954	2,758	3,635	3,671	3,833
Food and live animals	424	558	93	102	88	141	102	151	200	105
Crude mats, inedible exc fuels	1,089	1,060	263	234	397	195	225	298	250	287
- cotton	(491)	(487)	(153)	(66)	(233)	(39)	(77)	(147)	(120)	(143)
- synt. fibres suit. for spinning	(21)	(13)	(4)	(3)	(5)	(9)	(4)	(5)	(2)	(2)
- wool and other animal hair	(340)	(312)	(64)	(104)	(91)	(81)	(89)	(82)	(57)	(84)
Mineral fuel, lubricants and related products	16	21	1	12	1	2	1	18	1	1
Chemicals	483	595	95	122	135	131	116	146	164	169
Man. goods classified chiefly by material	7,681	8,655	1,640	2,067	2,045	1,929	1,711	2,343	2,333	2,268
- leather	(138)	(124)	(39)	(32)	(34)	(33)	(30)	(29)	(31)	(34)
- textile yarn and fabrics	(6,643)	(5,693)	(1,365)	(1,829)	(1,777)	(1,672)	(1,491)	(1,153)	(1,096)	(1,953)
- pearls and precious stones	(366)	(445)	(96)	(82)	(86)	(102)	(109)	(102)	(124)	(110)
Machinery & transport equip.	1,117	1,437	278	293	295	251	210	353	352	522
Misc. manufactured goods	1,055	1,319	250	273	264	268	320	278	296	425
- optical goods, watches etc.	(321)	(321)	(93)	(86)	(62)	(80)	(65)	(78)	(72)	(106)
Other comm. and transactions	243	252	50	80	76	37	73	48	75	56

¹ Revised

² Provisional

Table 1.14:- EPZ exports by main countries of destination, 1996 - 1997

Value (f.o.b): Million Rupees

Country of Destination	Year		1996 ¹				1997 ²			
	1996 ¹	1997 ²	1st Qr	2nd Qr	3rd Qr	4th Qr	1st Qr	2nd Qr	3rd Qr	4th Qr
	Total EPZ Exports	21,001	23,049	4,210	5,445	5,678	5,668	4,675	5,971	6,016
1 Preferential Tariff Countries	20,343	22,354	4,071	5,292	5,488	5,492	4,510	5,798	5,853	6,193
(a) European Union Countries	15,113	16,303	2,942	3,960	4,025	4,186	3,451	4,208	4,052	4,592
Belgium	651	599	98	193	186	174	117	173	138	171
France	5,762	5,670	1,231	1,620	1,360	1,551	1,203	1,541	1,245	1,681
Germany	1,607	1,631	272	440	467	428	326	384	445	476
Italy	1,141	1,153	303	249	265	324	305	235	248	365
Netherlands	685	643	143	168	233	141	172	141	155	175
Reunion	221	238	33	59	61	68	42	63	69	64
Spain	552	694	83	201	106	162	100	182	212	200
Sweden	117	146	15	24	39	39	30	38	36	42
United Kingdom	4,234	5,344	737	979	1,265	1,253	1,093	1,418	1,451	1,382
Other countries	143	185	27	27	43	46	63	33	53	36
(b) Other Preferential Tariff Countries	5,230	6,051	1,129	1,332	1,463	1,306	1,059	1,590	1,801	1,601
Australia	67	115	5	14	25	23	18	33	41	23
Canada	204	185	53	57	46	48	43	48	55	39
Hong kong	160	98	44	50	42	24	18	29	12	39
Malagasy, Republic of	526	758	127	140	127	132	177	191	187	203
Singapore	29	38	8	6	6	9	8	12	6	12
South Africa, Republic of	179	77	33	48	49	49	31	10	17	19
U.S.A.	3,787	4,353	799	959	1,088	941	694	1,133	1,369	1,157
Zimbabwe	139	209	28	29	36	46	36	71	48	54
Other countries	139	218	32	29	44	34	34	63	66	55
2 General Tariff Countries	658	695	139	153	190	176	165	173	163	194
Japan	131	138	30	32	30	39	38	25	41	34
Switzerland	344	355	73	93	87	91	83	98	85	89
Other countries	183	202	36	28	73	46	44	50	37	71

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Table 1.15:- EPZ imports by main countries of origin, 1996 - 1997

Value (c.i.f): Million Rupees

Country of Origin	Year		1996 ¹				1997 ²			
	1996 ¹	1997 ²	1st Qr	2nd Qr	3rd Qr	4th Qr	1st Qr	2nd Qr	3rd Qr	4th Qr
	Total EPZ Imports									
1 Preferential Tariff Countries										
(a) European Union Countries	12,109	13,897	2,671	3,183	3,301	2,954	2,758	3,635	3,671	3,833
Belgium	9,067	10,519	1,985	2,319	2,390	2,373	2,075	2,756	2,748	2,940
France	4,071	4,552	930	1,084	1,000	1,057	964	1,131	1,159	1,298
Germany	310	417	66	73	85	86	81	105	123	108
Italy	1,554	1,486	391	436	338	389	328	420	355	383
Netherlands	776	1,020	209	179	232	156	262	208	194	356
Spain	664	742	133	165	178	188	135	184	211	212
United Kingdom	32	31	7	8	11	6	8	6	9	8
Other countries	258	333	31	69	39	119	54	84	104	91
(b) Other Preferential Tariff Countries	368	400	76	121	87	84	81	101	120	98
Australia	109	123	17	33	30	29	15	23	43	42
Bahamas	4,996	5,967	1,055	1,235	1,390	1,316	1,111	1,625	1,589	1,642
Hong kong	254	209	68	60	71	55	51	53	54	51
India	13	66	3	3	3	4	24	40	2	-
Malaysia	1,225	1,711	269	321	323	312	304	483	488	436
New Zealand	1,875	2,191	331	432	582	530	392	562	599	638
Pakistan	98	101	20	24	26	28	29	-	38	34
Singapore	195	282	58	51	27	59	31	100	69	82
South Africa, Republic of	126	114	24	34	42	26	21	31	22	40
U.S.A.	292	214	97	60	70	65	35	51	54	74
Zambia	288	221	53	96	82	57	35	60	50	76
Zimbabwe	353	474	56	108	85	104	76	136	127	135
Other countries	202	152	47	43	50	62	50	-	51	51
2 General Tariff Countries										
Burkina Faso	-	30	-	-	-	-	30	-	-	-
China	-	50	-	-	-	-	29	21	-	-
Indonesia	75	152	29	3	29	14	4	88	35	25
Japan	3,042	3,378	686	864	911	581	683	879	923	893
Korea, Republic of	226	158	40	55	106	25	-	58	57	43
Macau	874	1,120	154	307	242	171	222	282	315	301
Mali	111	149	28	23	24	36	32	32	37	48
Mexico	380	250	129	108	87	56	38	57	72	83
Switzerland	76	53	22	10	34	10	20	16	9	8
Taiwan	91	70	20	41	23	7	24	36	7	3
Thailand	69	46	37	-	26	6	17	-	-	29
Other countries	21	47	-	15	6	-	20	18	9	-
	378	400	73	110	111	84	80	96	101	123
	650	742	155	167	180	148	195	181	205	161
	48	98	13	9	7	19	16	27	38	17
	118	245	15	19	65	19	19	76	73	77

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

Employment size	No. of enterprises			Employment ¹								
				Dec. 96			Sept. 97			Dec. 97		
	Dec. 96	Sep. 97	Dec. 97	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
25 and above	20	20	20	657	597	1,254	643	653	1,296	670	673	1,343
10 to < 25	28	33	33	298	93	391	354	109	463	347	123	470
less than 10	84	100	103	238	98	336	316	124	440	322	117	439
TOTAL	132	153	156	1,193	788	1,981	1,313	886	2,199	1,339	913	2,252

¹ includes expatriates: No. as at - Dec. 96 : 65 (55 males, 10 females)

- Sep. 97 : 66 (54 males, 12 females)

- Dec. 97 : 65 (54 males, 11 females)

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

Product group	December 1996			December 1997				
	No of enterprises	Employment		No of enterprises	Employment			
		Male	Female		Total	Male	Female	Total
1. Watches and clocks	2	37	146	183	2	49	210	259
2. Informatics	23	234	373	607	30	265	400	665
3. Electric and Electronic products	30	182	76	258	30	177	80	257
4. Light engineering	17	222	21	243	25	225	29	254
5. Support to jewellery	4	18	26	44	3	16	26	42
6. Support to printing and publishing	11	131	70	201	10	156	63	199
7. Services	18	120	35	155	21	151	43	194
8. Plastic and rubber products	16	162	21	183	18	207	24	231
9. Other	11	87	20	107	17	113	38	151
TOTAL	132	1,193	788	1,981	156	1,339	913	2,252

Table 2.3:- Analysis of net change in employment, 4th quarter 1997, Pioneer Status Enterprises

	Evolution 4th qr 1997		Evolution year 1997	
	Enterprises	Employment	Enterprises	Employment
A. Total employment creation :				
Expansion in existing enterprises	24	94	49	248
New enterprises	6	39	35	231
B. Total employment lost :				
Reduction in existing enterprises	29	69	40	163
Closures	3	11	11	45
C. Net change (A-B)	3	53	24	271
Male	...	26	...	146
Female	...	27	...	125

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

Product group	No of enterprises			Net change	
	Dec. 96	Sep. 97	Dec. 97	Dec.97 - Sept. 97	Year
1. Watches and clocks	2	2	2	0	0
2. Informatics	23	30	30	0	7
3. Electric and electronic products	30	30	30	0	0
4. Light engineering	17	25	25	0	8
5. Support to jewellery	4	3	3	0	-1
6. Support to printing and publishing	11	10	10	0	-1
7. Services	18	19	21	2	3
8. Plastic and rubber product	16	18	18	0	2
9. Other	11	16	17	1	6
TOTAL	132	153	156	3	24

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

Product group	Employment			Net change	
	Dec. 96	Sept. 97	Dec. 97	Dec.97 - Sept. 97	Year
1. Watches and clocks	183	232	259	27	76
2. Informatics	607	673	665	- 8	58
3. Electronic and electronic products	258	249	257	8	- 1
4. Light engineering	243	283	254	- 29	11
5. Support to jewellery	44	42	42	0	- 2
6. Support to printing and publishing	201	196	199	3	- 2
7. Services	155	182	194	12	39
8. Plastic and rubber products	183	215	231	16	48
9. Other	107	127	151	24	44
TOTAL	1,981	2,199	2,252	53	271