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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 June 1999. Figures are given separately for the Export Processing Zone and Pioneer Status Enterprises. The latter are "small and medium" enterprises engaged mainly in activities involving the application of new technology. The report also includes provisional figures of EPZ imports and exports for the 2nd quarter 1999 as well as revised figures for previous years.

2. The Export Processing Zone (EPZ)

2.1 Number of enterprises

The number of EPZ enterprises at the end of the 2nd quarter of 1999 stood at 505 compared to 500 at the end of the previous quarter and 485 in June 1998 (Table 1.2)

During the 2nd quarter, 3 enterprises closed down and 8 new enterprises started operation, resulting in a net gain of 5 enterprises (Table 1.3). In "Wearing apparel", the most important group in the EPZ, 1 closure was reported and 4 new enterprises came into operation, bringing the total number of enterprises to 247 compared to 244 at the end of the previous quarter. The distribution of enterprises by product group is given in table 1.2.

2.2 Employment evolution, 2nd quarter 1999

At the end of June 1999, employment in the EPZ stood at 90,812, showing a decrease of 747 over the previous quarter. The number of female employees dropped by 690, from 61,906 to 61,216, whilst male employment fell by 57 from 29,653 to 29,596. The ratio of male to female employment in the EPZ workforce is approximately 1 to 2 (Table 1.4).

As shown in table 1.5, during the 2nd quarter of 1999, a total of 2,065 jobs were created, mainly through expansion in 20 existing enterprises. The number of jobs created by the 8 new enterprises was 194. On the other hand, 2,812 jobs were lost: 2,605 through reduction in 20 existing enterprises and 207 following the closure of 3 others.

The "Wearing apparel" group witnessed a fall in employment during the second quarter, from 77,357 to 76,488, a decrease of 869 mostly attributable to sub-group "Other garments" (630). Details of employment by product group are shown in tables 1.6 and 1.7.

Foreign workers, who numbered 12,110 at the beginning of the quarter, increased by 22 during the quarter compared to an average quarterly increase of over 900 for the 4 previous quarters. Among males employment went up by 121, whilst among females there was a drop of 99 (Table 1.4).

2.3 Employment evolution, June 1998 - June 1999

Comparison of June 1998 and June 1999 figures shows a net gain of 20 in the number of enterprises and 3,755 in the EPZ workforce.

The number of enterprises engaged in "Wearing apparel" went up from 234 to 247 with an increase in employment of about 5.4% or 3,946 (mainly the effect of an increase of 4,038 in sub-group "Other garments" though there was a fall of 92 in "Pullovers"). Moderate increases were also registered in the following other groups: "Electronic watches and clocks" (+317), "Wood and paper products" (+142) and "Food" (+59). Groups which witnessed important decreases were: "Textile yarn and fabrics" (-344), "Jewellery and related articles" (-325), "Leather products and footwear" (-187), "Toys and carnival articles" (-76) and "Electric and electronic products" (-60).

Compared to 9,728 in June 1998, there were 12,132 expatriates in June 1999 (Table 1.8).

2.4 Exports and Imports, 1st semester 1999

EPZ exports for the 2nd quarter of 1999 amounted to Rs. 7,778 million, bringing the total for the 1st semester to Rs. 13,666 million. Compared to the 1st semester of 1998 this represents a nominal increase of 16.6%.

Imports for the 1st semester 1999 totalled Rs. 8,072 million almost the same level as the corresponding semester of 1998. The bill for raw materials dropped by 3% whilst imports of machinery and equipment increased by Rs. 209 million to Rs. 1,083 million.

Net exports, i.e. exports minus imports, yielded Rs. 5,594 million and its ratio to exports works out to 41% (Table 1.9).

Exports of manufactured articles of apparel and clothing, which represent over 80% of EPZ exports, went up by Rs. 1,556 million to Rs. 10,843 million (Table 1.10).

The United States of America, the United Kingdom and France remained our principal EPZ markets, accounting for nearly two-third of the total exports. An analysis by country of destination (Table 1.12) shows a 24% increase (+ Rs. 643 million) in exports to the U.S.A. Exports towards France and the U.K rose by an amount of around Rs. 520 million each. Exports to the Malagasy Republic, the emerging market in the African region, increased by over 30% to Rs. 653 million (+ Rs. 153 million) for the 1st semester 1999.

On the basis of available figures for the 1st semester of 1999 and taking into consideration past trends, total exports for the year 1999 is estimated at Rs. 29,300 million.

3. The Pioneer Status Enterprises (PSE)

3.1 *Number of enterprises*

During the 2nd quarter of 1999, 8 new enterprises started operation whilst 3 enterprises closed down, bringing the total number of PSE enterprises to 204. Among these enterprises 75 were "large", that is, having 10 or more employees. The highest number of enterprises was in "Informatics" (42). The distribution of Pioneer Status Enterprises by size is given in table 2.3 while table 2.1 shows the distribution by product group.

3.2 *Employment*

The total workforce in the PSE sector at the end of June 1999 was 2,489 (1,736 males and 753 females) compared to 2,428 at the end of June 1998, and 2,467 in March 1999 (Table 2.3). The "large" enterprises employed 1,938 compared to 1,906 at the end of March 1999.

From table 2.4 it can be seen that during the 2nd quarter 1999, a total of 141 jobs were created: 26 by the 8 new enterprises and 115 following expansion in 35 existing enterprises. On the other hand, 31 enterprises reported a total reduction of 113 while job losses due to the 3 closures numbered 6. Details by product group are given in tables 2.4 and 2.5.

The number of expatriates employed as at end of the 2nd quarter 1999 stood at 120 (108 males and 12 females), an increase of 16 over the previous quarter.

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Table 1.1:- Main economic indicators: 1988 - 1998, EPZ Sector

	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997 ¹	1998 ²
1. No of enterprises as at December											
- New	591	563	568	586	558	536	494	481	481	480	495
- Closures	95	79	62	52	33	38	27	25	43	26	48
	35	107	57	34	61	60	69	38	43	27	33
2. Employment as at December											
	89,080	88,658	89,906	90,861	86,937	85,621	82,176	80,466	79,793	83,391	90,116
- Net change	+1,175	-422	+1,248	+955	-3,924	-1,316	-3,445	-1,710	-673	+3,598	+6,725
- Growth rate (%)	+1.3	-0.5	+1.4	+1.1	-4.3	-1.5	-4.0	-2.1	-0.8	+4.5	+8.1
3. Exports (f.o.b, Rs Million)	8,176	9,057	11,474	12,136	13,081	15,821	16,533	18,267	21,001	23,049	26,075
4. Imports (c.i.f, Rs Million) :											
- Raw materials	5,890	7,502	7,348	7,067	7,133	9,326	10,125	10,856	12,077	13,880	16,179
- Machinery & spare parts	(5,056)	(6,539)	(6,554)	(6,348)	(6,456)	(8,221)	(9,016)	(9,869)	(10,960)	(12,442)	(14,693)
	(834)	(963)	(794)	(719)	(677)	(1105)	(1109)	(987)	(1,117)	(1,438)	(1,486)
5. Net Exports (Rs Million)	2,286	1,555	4,126	5,069	5,948	6,495	6,408	7,411	8,893	9,169	9,896
6. Net Exports to Exports (%)	28.0	17.2	36.0	41.8	45.5	41.1	38.8	40.6	42.3	39.8	40.0
7. Value added at current prices (Rs Million)	3,125	3,400	3,975	4,406	5,011	5,702	6,373	7,097	8,164	9,086	10,393
- Share in Manufacturing(%)	53.4	51.1	51.1	50.3	50.4	51.0	50.2	49.6	49.5	53.4	53.3
- Share in GDP(%)	13.5	12.7	12.5	12.2	11.8	11.9	11.7	11.7	12.0	12.2	12.4
8. Value added at constant '82 prices (Rs Million)	1,557	1,650	1,766	1,854	1,965	2,083	2,173	2,281	2,441	2,587	2,766
- Growth rate (%)	+12.0	+6.0	+7.0	+5.0	+6.0	+6.0	+4.3	+5.0	+7.0	+6.0	+6.9
9. Investment (Rs Million)	870	900	690	648	560	900	900	815	930	1,245	1,445
- Machinery	(730)	(840)	(640)	(610)	(540)	(875)	(880)	(805)	(915)	(1200)	(1355)

¹ revised² provisional

Table 1.2: - Net change in number of enterprises by product group: June 1998 - June 1999, EPZ Sector

Product group	No. of enterprises			Net change from	
	June 98	March 99	June 99	March 99 to June 99	June 98 to June 99
1. Food	13	11	11	0	-2
2. Flowers	43	42	40	-2	-3
3. Textile yarn and fabrics	33	35	35	0	2
4. Wearing apparel :	234	244	247	3	13
Pullovers	(30)	(30)	(31)	(1)	(1)
Other garments	(204)	(214)	(216)	(2)	(12)
5. Leather products and footwear	9	8	8	0	-1
6. Wood and paper products	31	33	33	0	2
7. Optical goods	6	6	6	0	0
8. Electronic watches and clocks	3	5	5	0	2
9. Electric and electronic products	11	10	10	0	-1
10. Jewellery and related articles	22	21	22	1	0
11. Toys and carnival articles	7	7	7	0	0
12. Other	73	78	81	3	8
TOTAL	485	500	505	5	20

Table 1.3:- New enterprises and closures - 1st and 2nd Quarter 1999, EPZ Sector

Product group	1st Quarter 1999			2nd Quarter 1999		
	New projects		Closures	New projects		Closures
	Enterprise	Employment	Enterprise	Employment	Enterprise	Employment
1. Food	2	1,290	3	1,202	-	-
2. Flowers	-	-	-	-	2	4
3. Textile yarn and fabrics	1	6	-	-	-	-
4. Wearing apparel :	5	117	2	323	4	203
Pullovers	(1)	(2)	(1)	(313)	(-)	(-)
Other garments	(4)	(115)	(1)	(10)	(1)	(203)
5. Leather products and footwear	-	-	-	-	-	-
6. Wood and paper products	-	-	-	-	-	-
7. Optical goods	-	-	-	-	-	-
8. Electronic watches and clocks	-	-	-	-	-	-
9. Electric and electronic products	-	-	-	-	-	-
10. Jewellery and related articles	1	4	1	25	1	13
11. Toys and carnival articles	-	-	-	-	-	-
12. Other	3	15	1	9	3	15
TOTAL	12	1,432	7	1,559	8	194
					3	207

Table 1.4:- Employment by size and sex: June 1998 - March 1999 - June 1999, EPZ Sector

Category	Enterprise			Employment ¹								
	Number as at			June 98			March 99			June 99		
	June 98	March 99	June 99	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
Enterprises with 10 or more employees	390	404	406	27,403	58,286	85,689	29,281	60,717	89,998	29,208	59,966	89,174
Enterprises with less than 10 employees	95	96	99	295	199	494	258	192	450	276	186	462
Outworkers	-	-	-	65	809	874	114	997	1,111	112	1,064	1,176
T O T A L	485	500	505	27,763	59,294	87,057	29,653	61,906	91,559	29,596	61,216	90,812

¹ includes expatriates: No. as at
 June 98 : 9,728 (3,070 males, 6,658 females)
 March 99 : 12,110 (3,704 males, 8,406 females)
 June 99 : 12,132 (3,825 males, 8,307 females)

Table 1.5:- Analysis of net change in employment - 2nd quarter 1999, EPZ Sector

	Net change from March 99 to June 99	
	Enterprises	Employment
A. Total employment creation :	...	2,065
Expansion in existing enterprises ¹	20	1,871
New enterprises	8	194
B. Total employment lost :	...	2,812
Reduction in existing enterprises ¹	20	2,605
Closures	3	207
C. Net change (A-B)	-	- 747
Male	-	- 57
Female	-	- 690

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

Table 1.6:- Employment by product group and sex: June 1998 - June 1999, EPZ Sector

Product group	June 1998			June 1999				
	No of Enterprises	Employment		No of Enterprises	Employment			
		Male	Female		Total	Male	Female	Total
1. Food	13	617	915	1,532	11	593	998	1,591
2. Flowers	43	244	281	525	40	250	294	544
3. Textile yarn and fabrics	33	3,324	1,007	4,331	35	3,135	852	3,987
4. Wearing apparel :	234	20,382	52,160	72,542	247	22,292	54,196	76,488
Pullovers	(30)	(3,563)	(15,073)	(18,636)	(31)	(3,864)	(14,680)	(18,544)
Other garments	(204)	(16,819)	(37,087)	(53,906)	(216)	(18,428)	(39,516)	(57,944)
5. Leather products and footwear	9	236	882	1,118	8	221	710	931
6. Wood and paper products	31	480	176	656	33	597	201	798
7. Optical goods	6	243	225	468	6	230	243	473
8. Electronic watches and clocks	3	154	300	454	5	241	530	771
9. Electric and electronic products	11	238	369	607	10	194	353	547
10. Jewellery and related articles	22	670	950	1,620	22	590	705	1,295
11. Toys and carnival articles	7	87	1,046	1,133	7	115	942	1,057
12. Other	73	1,088	983	2,071	81	1,138	1,192	2,330
TOTAL	485	27,763	59,294	87,057	505	29,596	61,216	90,812

Table 1.7:- Net change in employment by product group: June 1998 - June 1999, EPZ Sector

Product group	Employment			Net change from	
	June 98	March 99	June 99	March 99 to June 99	June 98 to June 99
1. Food	1,532	1,559	1,591	32	59
2. Flowers	525	542	544	2	19
3. Textile yarn and fabrics	4,331	3,834	3,987	153	-344
4. Wearing apparel :					
Pullovers	72,542	77,357	76,488	-869	3,946
Other garments	(18,636)	(18,783)	(18,544)	(-239)	(-92)
5. Leather products and footwear	(53,906)	(58,574)	(57,944)	(-630)	(4,038)
6. Wood and paper products	1,118	953	931	-22	-187
7. Optical goods	656	760	798	38	142
8. Electronic watches and clocks	468	477	473	-4	5
9. Electric and electronic products	454	769	771	2	317
10. Jewellery and related articles	607	591	547	-44	-60
11. Toys and carnival articles	1,620	1,291	1,295	4	-325
12. Other	1,133	1,057	1,057	0	-76
	2,071	2,369	2,330	-39	259
TOTAL	87,057	91,559	90,812	-747	3,755

Table 1.8 :- Expatriate employment by product group and sex: June 1998 - June 1999, EPZ Sector

Product group	June 98			June 99		
	Employment			Employment		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
1. Food	121	149	270	130	140	270
2. Flowers	0	0	0	0	0	0
3. Textile yarn and fabrics	286	216	502	295	212	507
4. Wearing apparel :	2,558	6,280	8,838	3,276	7,907	11,183
Pullovers	(119)	(954)	(1,073)	(166)	(1,031)	(1,197)
Other garments	(2,439)	(5,326)	(7,765)	(3,110)	(6,876)	(9,986)
5. Leather products and footwear	7	5	12	8	4	12
6. Wood and paper products	8	0	8	6	0	6
7. Optical goods	2	0	2	3	0	3
8. Electronic watches and clocks	3	1	4	7	1	8
9. Electric and electronic products	11	2	13	4	0	4
10. Jewellery and related articles	36	0	36	45	3	48
11. Toys and carnival articles	1	1	2	11	38	49
12. Other	37	4	41	40	2	42
TOTAL	3,070	6,658	9,728	3,825	8,307	12,132

Table 1.9 :- Net EPZ exports, 1997 - 1999

Value: Million rupees

	Year		1998 ¹				1999 ²	
	1997	1998 ¹	1st Qr	2nd Qr	3rd Qr	4th Qr	1st Qr	2nd Qr
	A. Total exports (f.o.b. value)	23,049	26,075	5,042	6,676	6,704	7,653	5,888
B. Total imports (c.i.f. value)	13,880	16,179	3,698	4,378	4,121	3,982	3,711	4,361
- Raw Materials	(12,442)	(14,693)	(3,306)	(3,896)	(3,765)	(3,726)	(3,283)	(3,706)
- Machinery	(1,438)	(1,486)	(392)	(482)	(356)	(256)	(428)	(655)
Net Exports (A - B)	9,169	9,896	1,344	2,298	2,583	3,671	2,177	3,417
Net Exports as % of Total Exports	40	38	27	34	39	48	37	44

¹ Revised

² Provisional

Table 1.10 - EPZ exports by section / commodity, 1997 - 1999 Value (f.o.b.): Million rupees

Description	Year		1998 ¹				1999 ²	
	1997	1998 ¹	1st Qr	2nd Qr	3rd Qr	4th Qr	1st Qr	2nd Qr
	Total exports	23,049	26,075	5,042	6,676	6,704	7,653	5,888
Food and live animals	1,249	1,315	295	319	362	339	277	330
of which:	(894)	(939)	(204)	(205)	(288)	(242)	(212)	(257)
Fish & fish preparations	90	145	13	33	38	61	51	51
Crude materials, inedible except fuels	35	56	18	7	12	19	11	16
Chemicals and related products n.e.s	2,043	1,783	537	507	226	513	534	668
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by materials of which:	(1,310)	(1,062)	(391)	(284)	(72)	(315)	(370)	(432)
Textile yarn, fabrics, made up articles	(476)	(446)	(97)	(144)	(92)	(113)	(108)	(150)
Pearls & precious stones	96	99	22	38	22	17	23	35
Machinery and transport equipment	19,536	22,674	4,157	5,772	6,043	6,702	4,989	6,665
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	(18,142)	(21,121)	(3,845)	(5,442)	(5,605)	(6,229)	(4,637)	(6,206)
of which:	(213)	(206)	(46)	(28)	(62)	(70)	(51)	(61)
Articles of apparel and clothing	(409)	(508)	(91)	(105)	(158)	(154)	(123)	(129)
Optical goods	(104)	(78)	(4)	(22)	(35)	(17)	(18)	(53)
Watches and clocks	(291)	(327)	(62)	(72)	(88)	(105)	(70)	(96)
Toys, games and sporting goods								
Jewellery, golds. & silversmiths wares								

¹ Revised

² Provisional

Table 1.11 - EPZ imports by section / commodity, 1997 - 1999

Value (c.i.f): Million rupees

Description	1997	1998 ¹	1998 ¹				1999 ²	
			1st Qr.	2nd Qr.	3rd Qr.	4th Qr.	1st Qr.	2nd Qr.
Total imports	13,880	16,179	3,698	4,378	4,121	3,982	3,711	4,361
Food and live animals	545	721	113	210	224	174	81	187
Crude materials, inedible except fuels	1,060	1,363	318	292	379	374	279	271
- cotton	(487)	(679)	(164)	(124)	(202)	(189)	(117)	(109)
- synthetic fibres suitable for spinning	(12)	(15)	(4)	(3)	(3)	(5)	(5)	(6)
- wool and other animal hair	(311)	(380)	(79)	(101)	(93)	(107)	(78)	(61)
Mineral fuel, lubricants and related products	21	21	16	3	2	-	-	3
Chemicals and related products, n.e.s	597	742	153	199	211	179	134	157
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	8,660	10,186	2,341	2,763	2,542	2,540	2,430	2,687
- leather	(124)	(144)	(35)	(38)	(33)	(38)	(19)	(18)
- textile yarn and fabrics	(7,520)	(8,888)	(2,032)	(2,424)	(2,237)	(2,195)	(2,145)	(2,386)
- pearls and precious stones	(446)	(433)	(87)	(104)	(107)	(135)	(144)	(127)
Machinery & transport equipment	1,438	1,486	392	482	356	256	428	655
Miscellaneous manufactured goods	1,319	1,619	357	414	394	454	343	377
- optical goods, watches & clocks	(321)	(511)	(134)	(148)	(105)	(124)	(108)	(100)
- jewellery, goldsmiths & silversmiths wares	(310)	(313)	(60)	(67)	(85)	(101)	(68)	(52)
Other commodities and transactions, n.e.s	234	40	8	15	12	5	16	24

¹ Revised² Provisional

Table 1.12 - EPZ exports by main countries of destination, 1997 - 1999

Value (f.o.b): Million Rupees

Country of Destination	Year		1998 ¹				1999 ²	
	1997	1998 ¹	1st Qr	2nd Qr	3rd Qr	4th Qr	1st Qr	2nd Qr
	Total EPZ Exports	23,049	26,075	5,042	6,676	6,704	7,653	5,888
1 Preferential Tariff Countries	22,355	25,322	4,890	6,538	6,485	7,409	5,698	7,583
(a) European Union Countries	(16,304)	(17,690)	(3,398)	(4,445)	(4,496)	(5,351)	(3,860)	(5,148)
Belgium	599	647	127	191	152	177	217	201
France	5,669	6,259	1,023	1,673	1,393	2,170	1,276	1,938
Germany	1,630	1,922	339	445	657	481	277	404
Italy	1,153	1,163	259	264	244	396	289	243
Netherlands	644	784	129	213	203	239	196	238
Reunion	237	277	38	81	75	83	54	85
Spain	693	796	120	196	274	206	125	222
Sweden	146	134	34	35	33	32	23	26
United Kingdom	5,341	5,488	1,254	1,318	1,406	1,510	1,342	1,747
Other countries	192	220	75	29	59	57	61	44
(b) Other Preferential Tariff Countries	(6,051)	(7,632)	(1,492)	(2,093)	(1,989)	(2,058)	(1,838)	(2,435)
Australia	116	67	12	19	20	16	15	17
Canada	185	253	46	90	77	40	46	87
Hong kong	98	87	44	19	8	16	24	29
Malagasy, Republic of	757	835	262	238	77	258	324	329
Singapore	38	20	5	4	3	8	2	5
South Africa, Republic of	76	99	24	28	14	33	4	16
U.S.A.	4,354	6,053	1,010	1,635	1,766	1,642	1,383	1,905
Zimbabwe	208	88	31	35	12	10	12	13
Other countries	219	130	58	25	12	35	28	34
2 General Tariff Countries	694	753	152	138	219	244	190	195
Japan	138	146	31	38	40	37	28	36
Switzerland	355	367	62	71	109	125	96	91
Other countries	201	240	59	29	70	82	66	68

¹ Revised

² Provisional

Table 1.13 - EPZ imports by main countries of origin, 1997 - 1999

Country of origin	Value (c.i.f.) : Million Rupees											
	1997			1998 ¹			1998 ¹			1999 ²		
	1997	1998 ¹	1998 ¹	1st Qr	2nd Qr	3rd Qr	4th Qr	1st Qr	2nd Qr	1st Qr	2nd Qr	
Total EPZ Imports	13,880	16,179	16,179	3,698	4,378	4,120	3,983	3,711	4,361	3,711	4,361	
1. Preferential Tariff Countries	10,516	11,862	11,862	2,658	3,228	3,020	2,956	2,640	3,017	2,640	3,017	
(a) European Union Countries	(4,552)	(5,218)	(5,218)	(1,157)	(1,500)	(1,256)	(1,305)	(1,114)	(1,528)	(1,114)	(1,528)	
Belgium	418	437	437	89	115	97	136	120	276	120	276	
France	1,486	2,040	2,040	478	591	456	515	357	397	357	397	
Germany	1,020	755	755	175	228	199	153	173	183	173	183	
Italy	740	1,029	1,029	226	293	258	252	241	329	241	329	
Netherlands	31	32	32	5	8	11	8	7	4	7	4	
Sweden	38	48	48	23	7	12	6	11	24	11	24	
Spain	334	352	352	48	104	98	102	95	182	95	182	
United Kingdom	400	416	416	84	130	99	103	88	106	88	106	
Other	85	109	109	29	24	26	30	22	27	22	27	
(b) Other Preferential Tariff Countries	(5,964)	(6,644)	(6,644)	(1,501)	(1,728)	(1,764)	(1,651)	(1,526)	(1,489)	(1,526)	(1,489)	
Australia	210	219	219	32	72	61	54	67	43	67	43	
Bahamas	66	13	13	13	-	-	-	-	396	-	396	
Hong kong	1,711	2,173	2,173	447	602	562	562	481	589	481	589	
India	2,191	2,441	2,441	571	606	662	602	601	43	601	43	
Malagasy, Republic of	133	201	201	43	61	58	39	31	71	31	71	
Malaysia	281	272	272	72	78	48	74	39	2	39	2	
New Zealand	115	161	161	30	18	59	54	22	94	22	94	
Pakistan	215	216	216	51	50	61	54	69	40	69	40	
Singapore	222	204	204	57	69	47	31	44	128	44	128	
South Africa, Republic of	475	423	423	117	90	90	126	89	68	89	68	
U.S.A	188	199	199	44	50	56	49	74	15	74	15	
Other	157	122	122	24	32	60	6	9	1,344	9	1,344	
2. General Tariff Countries	3,364	4,317	4,317	1,040	1,150	1,100	1,027	1,071	82	1,071	82	
Burkina Faso	159	179	179	22	28	88	41	20	9	20	9	
Cameroon	80	47	47	27	-	-	20	29	563	29	563	
China	1,120	1,677	1,677	421	442	468	346	455	40	455	40	
Indonesia	150	217	217	46	52	70	49	39	147	39	147	
Japan	251	314	314	80	115	55	64	140	45	140	45	
Korea, Republic of	54	95	95	19	31	28	17	49	1	49	1	
Macau	69	30	30	10	15	5	-	6	22	6	22	
Mali	46	200	200	97	80	23	-	64	6	64	6	
Mexico	47	25	25	10	15	-	-	6	147	6	147	
Switzerland	401	472	472	98	130	120	124	107	216	107	216	
Taiwan	742	658	658	161	196	148	153	114	37	114	37	
Thailand	99	104	104	22	21	22	39	22	20	22	20	
Other	146	299	299	27	25	73	174	20	35	20	35	

¹ Revised² Provisional

**Table 2.1:- Net change in number of enterprises by product group: June 1998 - June 1999,
Pioneer Status Enterprises**

Product group	No. of enterprises			Net change from	
	June 98	March 99	June 99	March 99 to June 99	June 98 to June 99
1. Watches and clocks	2	1	1	0	- 1
2. Informatics	35	40	42	2	7
3. Electric and electronic products	30	31	31	0	1
4. Light engineering	27	31	33	2	6
5. Support to jewellery	4	4	4	0	0
6. Support to printing and publishing	12	16	17	1	5
7. Other support services	27	33	33	0	6
8. Plastic and rubber product	19	22	23	1	4
9. Other	20	21	20	- 1	0
TOTAL	176	199	204	5	28

**Table 2.2:- Net change in employment by product group: June 1998 - June 1999,
Pioneer Status Enterprises**

Product group	Employment			Net change from	
	June 98	March 99	June 99	March 99 to June 99	June 98 to June 99
1. Watches and clocks	242	183	199	16	-43
2. Informatics	736	476	489	13	-247
3. Electric and electronic products	276	351	362	11	86
4. Light engineering	281	341	312	-29	31
5. Support to jewellery	40	46	48	2	8
6. Support to printing and publishing	213	243	249	6	36
7. Other support services	193	260	254	-6	61
8. Plastic and rubber products	260	343	351	8	91
9. Other	187	224	225	1	38
TOTAL	2,428	2,467	2,489	22	61

Table 2.3:- Employment by size and sex: June 98 - March 99 - June 99, Pioneer Status Enterprises

Employment size	No. of enterprises			Employment ¹								
	June 98	March 99	June 99	June 98			March 99			June 99		
				Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
25 and above	20	22	22	698	684	1,382	777	399	1,176	743	403	1,146
10 to < 25	40	50	53	415	146	561	517	213	730	578	214	792
less than 10	116	127	129	366	119	485	423	138	561	415	136	551
TOTAL	176	199	204	1,479	949	2,428	1,717	750	2,467	1,736	753	2,489

¹ includes expatriates: No. as at

- June 98: 83 (71 males, 12 females)

- Mar. 99: 104 (92 males, 12 females)

- June 99: 120 (108 males, 12 females)

Table 2.4:- Analysis of net change in employment - 2nd quarter 1999, Pioneer Status Enterprises

	Net change from March 99 to June 99	
	Enterprises	Employment
A. Total employment creation :		
Expansion in existing enterprises	...	141
New enterprises	35	115
B. Total employment lost :		
Reduction in existing enterprises	8	26
Closures	...	119
C. Net change (A-B)		
Male	31	113
Female	3	6
	...	22
	...	19
	...	3

Table 2.5:- Employment by product group and sex: June 1998 - June 1999, Pioneer Status Enterprises

Product group	June 1998			June 1999				
	No. of enterprises	Employment		No. of enterprises	Employment			
		Male	Female		Total	Male	Female	Total
1. Watches and clocks	2	33	209	242	1	41	158	199
2. Informatics	35	309	427	736	42	315	174	489
3. Electric and Electronic products	30	196	80	276	31	249	113	362
4. Light engineering	27	253	28	281	33	278	34	312
5. Support to jewellery	4	15	25	40	4	17	31	48
6. Support to printing and publishing	12	145	68	213	17	162	87	249
7. Other support services	27	145	48	193	33	179	75	254
8. Plastic and rubber products	19	235	25	260	23	317	34	351
9. Other	20	148	39	187	20	178	47	225
TOTAL	176	1,479	949	2,428	204	1,736	753	2,489