

The Export Processing Zone and Pioneer Status Enterprises

1st Quarter 2001

Introduction

This issue of the “Economic and Social Indicators” presents the findings of the Quarterly Survey of Employment carried out at the end of March 2001. 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 high technology.

Provisional figures on EPZ imports and exports for the first quarter 2001 as well as revised figures for the previous years are also given.

2. The Export Processing Zone (EPZ)

2.1 Number of enterprises

During the 1st quarter, 5 enterprises closed down and 14 new ones started operation, bringing the total number of EPZ enterprises at the end of the quarter to 527. The number of enterprises with fewer than 10 workers numbered 123 and represented nearly 23% of the total number of enterprises and less than 2% of the workforce.

The number of enterprises in “Wearing apparel”, the most important group in the EPZ, stood at 251 compared to 248 at the end of December 2000 and 254 at the end of March 2000. The “Flowers” group was operating with 39 enterprises at the end of March 2001. Other details by product group are given in Table 1.2.

2.2 Employment evolution, 1st quarter 2001

At the end of March 2001, employment in the EPZ stood at 93,218, a growth of 2,536 compared to the previous quarter. The number of female employees grew by 1,450, from 60,985 to 62,435 whilst male employment increased by 1,086, from 29,697 to 30,783. The ratio of male to female employment in the EPZ workforce remains at approximately 1 to 2.

During the 1st quarter of 2001, a total of 4,296 jobs were created, of which 3,805 through expansion in 30 existing enterprises. The number of jobs created by the 14 new enterprises was 491. On the other hand, 1,760 jobs were lost: 1,644 through reduction in 16 existing enterprises and 116 following the closure of 5 enterprises (Table 1.5).

Employment in the “Wearing apparel” product group increased by 2,039 during the first quarter, bringing the number of employees to 77,666. Within the group, employment in “Other garments” increased by 1,731 and in “Pullovers” by 308. Details of other changes in employment by product group are shown in Table 1.7.

Foreign workers, who numbered 15,052 at the beginning of the quarter, rose by 508 to reach 15,560 at the end of March 2001. Female employment rose by 82 while among males, there was an increase of 426. Table 1.8 shows expatriate employment by product group and sex. It will be noted that the majority of foreign workers in the EPZ are employed in the “Wearing apparel” sector.

2.3 Employment evolution, March 2000 - March 2001

Comparison of March 2000 and March 2001 figures shows a net gain of 10 in the number of EPZ enterprises and an increase of 2,357 in the workforce.

In the group “Wearing apparel”, employment increased by 1,486, from 76,180 to 77,666. Within this group, employment in "Other garments" rose by 1,646 while a decline of 160 was registered in "Pullovers".

2.4 Imports and exports

Provisional figures show that EPZ exports during the 1st quarter of 2001 amounted to Rs. 7,354 million, against Rs 8,799 million for the previous quarter.

Imports for the 1st quarter fell by 3% to reach Rs 3,844 million compared to Rs 3,943 million for the 4th quarter of 2000. This was mainly due to a fall of 43% in the bill of machinery and equipment while imports of raw materials remained more or less at the same level.

Net exports, i.e., exports minus imports, amounted to Rs. 3,510 million, which is 48% of total exports (Table 1.9).

Exports of manufactured articles of apparel and clothing went up from Rs. 5,205 million to Rs. 5,692 million, representing nearly 77% of EPZ exports .

The United Kingdom, France and the United States of America remained our principal EPZ markets with 69% of our total exports. An analysis by country of destination (Table 1.12) shows increases to the United States of America by 24% (from Rs. 1,943 million to Rs. 1,571 million) and France by 5% (from Rs. 1,516 million to Rs. 1,588 million).

3. The Pioneer Status Enterprises (PSE)

3.1 Number of enterprises

During the 1st quarter of 2001, 8 new enterprises started operation while 4 closed down, bringing the total number of PSE's to 240. Among these, 84 were operating with 10 or more workers. Further details are given in Table 2.1. The highest number of enterprises was in "Other support services" (49) followed by "Informatics" (42), and "Light engineering" (41).

3.2 Employment

The total workforce in the PSE sector at the end of March 2001 was 2,930 (2,179 males and 751 females), 91 more than the previous quarter (Table 2.3).

During the 1st quarter of 2001, 199 jobs were created: 38 by the 8 new enterprises and 161 following expansion in 47 existing enterprises. On the other hand, 108 jobs were lost due to reduction of 67 in existing enterprises and 41 following the closure of 4 enterprises (Table 2.4).

The number of expatriates employed as at the end of the 1st quarter 2001 stood at 137 (129 males and 8 females).

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Table 1.1:- Main economic indicators: 1990 - 2000, EPZ Sector

	<u>1990</u>	<u>1991</u>	<u>1992</u>	<u>1993</u>	<u>1994</u>	<u>1995</u>	<u>1996</u>	<u>1997</u>	<u>1998</u>	<u>1999</u> ¹	<u>2000</u> ²
1. No of enterprises as at December	568	586	558	536	494	481	481	480	495	512	518
- New	62	52	33	38	27	25	43	26	48	37	34
- Closures	57	34	61	60	69	38	43	27	33	20	28
2. Employment as at December	89,906	90,861	86,937	85,621	82,176	80,466	79,793	83,391	90,116	91,374	90,682
- Net change	+1,248	+955	-3,924	-1,316	-3,445	-1,710	-673	+3,598	+6,725	+1,258	-692
- Growth rate (%)	+1.4	+1.1	-4.5	-1.5	-4.2	-2.1	-0.8	+4.5	+8.1	+1.4	-0.8
3. Exports (f.o.b, Rs Million)	11,474	12,136	13,081	15,821	16,533	18,267	21,001	23,049	26,075	29,131	31,174
4. Imports (c.i.f, Rs Million) :	7,348	7,067	7,133	9,326	10,125	10,856	12,077	13,880	16,179	15,735	16,331
- Raw materials	(6,554)	(6,348)	(6,456)	(8,221)	(9,016)	(9,869)	(10,960)	(12,442)	(14,693)	(13,891)	(14,635)
- Machinery & spare parts	(794)	(719)	(677)	(1105)	(1109)	(987)	(1,117)	(1,438)	(1,486)	(1,844)	(1,696)
5. Net Exports (Rs Million)	4,126	5,069	5,948	6,495	6,408	7,411	8,924	9,169	9,896	13,396	14,843
6. Net Exports to Exports (%)	36.0	41.8	45.5	41.1	38.8	40.6	42.5	39.8	38.0	46.0	48.0
7. Value added at current prices (Rs Million)	3,975	4,406	5,000	5,705	6,373	7,096	8,163	9,086	10,512	11,700	12,526
- Share in Manufacturing(%)	51.1	50.3	50.4	51.0	50.2	49.6	49.6	49.8	50.4	51.9	50.5
- Share in GDP(%)	12.5	12.2	11.8	11.9	11.7	11.7	12.0	12.1	11.9	12.3	11.8
8. Value added at constant '82 prices (Rs Million)	1,766	1,854	1,965	2,083	2,173	2,281	2,441	2,587	2,766	2,932	3,108
- Growth rate (%)	+7.0	+5.0	+6.0	+6.0	+4.3	+5.0	+7.0	+6.0	+6.9	+6.0	+6.0
9. Investment (Rs Million)	690	648	560	900	900	815	930	1,245	1,445	1,710	1,861
- Machinery	(640)	(610)	(540)	(875)	(880)	(805)	(915)	(1200)	(1355)	(1590)	(1730)

¹ revised

² provisional

Table 1.2: - Net change in number of enterprises by product group: March 2000 - March 2001, EPZ Sector

Product group	No. of enterprises			Net change from	
	March 2000	Dec. 2000	March 2001	Dec. 2000 to Mar. 01	Mar.2000 to Mar. 01
1. Food	11	11	11	0	0
2. Flowers	39	39	39	0	0
3. Textile yarn and fabrics	34	34	35	1	1
4. Wearing apparel :	254	248	251	3	-3
Pullovers	(32)	(33)	(33)	(0)	(1)
Other garments	(222)	(215)	(218)	(3)	(-4)
5. Leather products and footwear	8	8	8	0	0
6. Wood and paper products	32	34	32	-2	0
7. Optical goods	6	6	6	0	0
8. Electronic watches and clocks	5	6	6	0	1
9. Electric and electronic products	9	8	8	0	-1
10. Jewellery and related articles	24	26	29	3	5
11. Toys and carnival articles	7	7	7	0	0
12. Other	88	91	95	4	7
TOTAL	517	518	527	9	10

Table 1.3:- New enterprises and closures, EPZ Sector: 2000 - 2001

Product group	Year 2000				1st Quarter 2001			
	New projects		Closures		New projects		Closures	
	Enterprise	Employment	Enterprise	Employment	Enterprise	Employment	Enterprise	Employment
1. Food	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2. Flowers	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
3. Textile yarn and fabrics	-	-	-	-	1	92	-	-
4. Wearing apparel :	12	333	15	1,714	6	317	3	89
Pullover	(1)	(63)	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)
Other garments	(11)	(270)	(15)	(1,714)	(6)	(317)	(3)	(89)
5. Leather products and footwear	1	16	1	4	-	-	-	-
6. Wood and paper products	3	17	2	12	-	-	2	27
7. Optical goods	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
8. Electronic watches and clocks	1	100	-	-	-	-	-	-
9. Electric and electronic products	-	-	2	28	-	-	-	-
10. Jewellery and related articles	5	118	2	60	3	53	-	-
11. Toys and carnival articles	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
12. Other	12	120	6	106	4	29	-	-
TOTAL	34	704	28	1,924	14	491	5	116

Table 1.4:- Employment by size and sex: March 2000 - December 2000 - March 2001, EPZ Sector

Category	Enterprise			Employment								
	Number as at			March 2000			December 2000			March 2001		
	Mar. 2000	Dec. 2000	Mar. 2001	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
Enterprises with 10 or more employees	412	404	404	29,383	59,823	89,206	29,276	60,057	89,333	30,333	61,425	91,758
Enterprises with less than 10 employees	105	114	123	280	205	485	312	232	544	331	245	576
Outworkers	-	-	-	93	1,077	1,170	109	696	805	119	765	884
TOTAL	517	518	527	29,756	61,105	90,861	29,697	60,985	90,682	30,783	62,435	93,218
<i>of which, expatriates</i>	-	-	-	4,178	9,491	13,669	4,502	10,550	15,052	4,928	10,632	15,560

Table 1.5 :- Analysis of net change in EPZ employment, 1st quarter 2001

	Evolution 1st quarter 2001	
	Enterprises	Employment
A. Total employment creation:	-	4,296
Expansion in existing enterprises ¹	30	3,805
New enterprises	14	491
B. Total employment lost:	-	1,760
Reduction in existing enterprises ¹	16	1,644
Closures	5	116
C. Net change (A-B)	-	2,536
Male	-	1,086
Female	-	1,450

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:- EPZ Employment by product group and sex: March 2000 - March 2001

Product group	March 2000				March 2001			
	No of Enterprises	Employment			No of Enterprises	Employment		
		Male	Female	Total		Male	Female	Total
1. Food	11	569	1,034	1,603	11	602	1,334	1,936
2. Flowers	39	253	293	546	39	245	294	539
3. Textile yarn and fabrics	34	3,269	887	4,156	35	3,319	973	4,292
4. Wearing apparel :	254	22,183	53,997	76,180	251	23,014	54,652	77,666
Pullovers	(32)	(3,673)	(14,252)	(17,925)	(33)	(3,719)	(14,046)	(17,765)
Other garments	(222)	(18,510)	(39,745)	(58,255)	(218)	(19,295)	(40,606)	(59,901)
5. Leather products and footwear	8	223	671	894	8	184	634	818
6. Wood and paper products	32	625	211	836	32	593	202	795
7. Optical goods	6	318	225	543	6	267	250	517
8. Electronic watches and clocks	5	262	562	824	6	287	599	886
9. Electric and electronic products	9	204	387	591	8	246	434	680
10. Jewellery and related articles	24	572	702	1,274	29	631	846	1,477
11. Toys and carnival articles	7	103	895	998	7	106	854	960
12. Other	88	1,175	1,241	2,416	95	1,289	1,363	2,652
TOTAL	517	29,756	61,105	90,861	527	30,783	62,435	93,218

Table 1.7:- Net change in employment by product group: March 2000 - March 2001, EPZ Sector

Product group	Employment			Net change from	
	Mar. 2000	Dec. 2000	Mar. 2001	Dec. 2000 to Mar. 2001	Mar. 2000 to Mar. 2001
1. Food	1,603	1,867	1,936	69	333
2. Flowers	546	536	539	3	-7
3. Textile yarn and fabrics	4,156	4,186	4,292	106	136
4. Wearing apparel :	76,180	75,627	77,666	2,039	1,486
Pullovers	(17,925)	(17,457)	(17,765)	(308)	(-160)
Other garments	(58,255)	(58,170)	(59,901)	(1,731)	(1,646)
5. Leather products and footwear	894	808	818	10	-76
6. Wood and paper products	836	831	795	-36	-41
7. Optical goods	543	467	517	50	-26
8. Electronic watches and clocks	824	887	886	-1	62
9. Electric and electronic products	591	565	680	115	89
10. Jewellery and related articles	1,274	1,384	1,477	93	203
11. Toys and carnival articles	998	978	960	-18	-38
12. Other	2,416	2,546	2,652	106	236
TOTAL	90,861	90,682	93,218	2,536	2,357

Table 1.8 :- Expatriate employment by product group and sex: March 2000 - March 2001, EPZ Sector

Product group	March 2000			March 2001		
	Employment			Employment		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
1. Food	93	152	245	84	262	346
2. Flowers	0	0	0	0	0	0
3. Textile yarn and fabrics	363	232	595	381	253	634
4. Wearing apparel :	3,592	9,053	12,645	4,296	10,067	14,363
Pullovers	(197)	(1,335)	(1,532)	(330)	(1,795)	(2,125)
Other garments	(3,395)	(7,718)	(11,113)	(3,966)	(8,272)	(12,238)
5. Leather products and footwear	6	1	7	3	2	5
6. Wood and paper products	6	1	7	8	0	8
7. Optical goods	5	0	5	1	0	1
8. Electronic watches and clocks	6	1	7	10	1	11
9. Electric and electronic products	4	0	4	9	1	10
10. Jewellery and related articles	37	2	39	39	3	42
11. Toys and carnival articles	19	43	62	19	38	57
12. Other	47	6	53	78	5	83
TOTAL	4,178	9,491	13,669	4,928	10,632	15,560

Table 1.9 :- Net EPZ exports, 1999 - 2001

Value: Million rupees

	Year		2000 ¹				2001 ²
	1999	2000 ¹	1st Qr	2nd Qr	3rd Qr	4th Qr	1st Qr
A. Total exports (f.o.b. value)	29,131	31,174	6,703	7,968	7,704	8,799	7,354
B. Total imports (c.i.f. value)	15,735	16,331	3,639	4,488	4,261	3,943	3,844
- <i>Raw Materials</i>	(13,891)	(14,635)	(3,239)	(4,012)	(3,869)	(3,515)	(3,545)
- <i>Machinery</i>	(1,844)	(1,696)	(400)	(476)	(392)	(428)	(299)
Net Exports (A - B)	13,396	14,843	3,064	3,480	3,443	4,856	3,510
Net Exports as % of Total Exports	46	48	46	44	45	55	48

¹ Provisional

² Revised

Table 1.10 - EPZ exports by section / commodity, 1999 - 2001

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

Description	Year		2000 ¹				2001 ²
	1999	2000 ¹	1st Qr	2nd Qr	3rd Qr	4th Qr	1st Qr
Total EPZ exports	29,131	31,174	6,703	7,968	7,704	8,799	7,354
Food and live animals of which:	1,229	1,190	293	292	273	332	339
Fish & fish preparations	(952)	(944)	(216)	(237)	(233)	(258)	(298)
Crude materials, inedible except fuels	133	83	13	12	25	33	20
Chemicals and related products n.e.s	71	76	13	25	20	18	17
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by materials of which:	2,774	3,067	727	762	733	845	841
Textile yarn, fabrics, made up articles	(1,829)	(1,916)	(474)	(466)	(456)	(520)	(535)
Pearls & precious stones	(624)	(822)	(187)	(209)	(194)	(232)	(211)
Machinery and transport equipment	110	151	18	25	67	41	26
Miscellaneous manufactured articles of which:	24,790	26,606	5,639	6,852	6,586	7,529	6,108
Articles of apparel and clothing	(23,003)	(24,797)	(5,205)	(6,372)	(6,113)	(7,107)	(5,692)
Optical goods	(204)	(179)	(46)	(49)	(35)	(49)	(52)
Watches and clocks	(585)	(498)	(135)	(139)	(115)	(109)	(93)
Toys, games and sporting goods	(165)	(179)	(37)	(49)	(48)	(45)	(38)
Jewellery, golds. & silversmiths wares	(361)	(444)	(114)	(133)	(96)	(101)	(108)

¹ Provisional

² Revised

Table 1.11 - EPZ imports by section / commodity, 1999 - 2001

Value (c.i.f): Million rupees

Description	Year		2000 ¹				2001 ²
	1999	2000 ¹	1st Qr.	2nd Qr.	3rd Qr.	4th Qr.	1st Qr.
Total EPZ imports	15,735	16,331	3,639	4,488	4,261	3,943	3,844
Food and live animals	407	482	137	91	132	122	174
Crude materials, inedible except fuels	1,023	1,034	229	270	312	223	218
- cotton	(460)	(517)	(122)	(109)	(163)	(123)	(68)
- synthetic fibres suitable for spinning	(23)	(24)	(7)	(6)	(9)	(2)	(6)
- wool and other animal hair	(244)	(260)	(65)	(97)	(57)	(41)	(62)
Mineral fuel, lubricants and related products	9	9	3	3	-	3	3
Chemicals and related products, n.e.s	587	633	151	171	139	172	151
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	10,208	10,862	2,344	3,056	2,873	2,589	2,598
- leather	(77)	(115)	(28)	(26)	(31)	(30)	(38)
- textile yarn and fabrics	(8,931)	(9,290)	(1,979)	(2,659)	(2,501)	(2,151)	(2,144)
- pearls and precious stones	(578)	(776)	(174)	(195)	(168)	(239)	(173)
Machinery & transport equipment	1,844	1,696	400	476	392	428	299
Miscellaneous manufactured goods	1,584	1,565	368	403	402	392	378
- optical goods, watches & clocks	(446)	(325)	(93)	(79)	(84)	(69)	(61)
- jewellery, goldsmiths & silversmiths wares	(260)	(267)	(68)	(58)	(69)	(72)	(91)
Other commodities and transactions, n.e.s	71	48	7	17	10	14	23

¹ Provisional

² Revised

Table 1.12 - EPZ exports by main countries of destination, 1999 - 2001

Value (f.o.b): Million Rupees

Country of Destination	Year		2000 ¹				2001 ²
	1999	2000 ¹	1st Qr	2nd Qr	3rd Qr	4th Qr	1st Qr
Total EPZ Exports	29,131	31,174	6,703	7,968	7,704	8,799	7,354
1 Preferential Tariff Countries	28,267	30,321	6,491	7,767	7,494	8,569	7,110
(a) European Union Countries	(19,214)	(19,912)	(4,342)	(5,153)	(4,728)	(5,689)	(4,498)
Belgium	833	808	207	206	226	169	176
France	6,911	7,544	1,516	2,111	1,576	2,341	1,588
Germany	1,567	1,341	271	323	379	368	381
Italy	1,158	1,437	303	273	314	547	408
Netherlands	886	604	144	105	155	200	131
Reunion	328	301	61	81	77	82	51
Spain	912	816	159	202	291	164	120
Sweden	108	155	44	42	40	29	45
United Kingdom	6,289	6,648	1,567	1,772	1,587	1,722	1,519
Other countries	222	258	70	38	83	67	79
(b) Other Preferential Tariff Countries	(9,053)	(10,409)	(2,149)	(2,614)	(2,766)	(2,880)	(2,612)
Australia	72	90	16	24	22	28	41
Canada	247	275	54	64	94	63	44
Hong kong (S.A.R) ³	98	125	38	33	26	28	20
Malagasy, Republic of	1,439	1,472	365	373	373	361	408
Singapore	15	12	2	2	2	6	2
South Africa, Republic of	97	151	22	27	40	62	21
U.S.A.	6,824	7,857	1,571	1,996	2,090	2,200	1,943
Zimbabwe	84	126	24	29	37	36	45
Other countries	177	301	57	66	82	96	88
2 General Tariff Countries	864	853	212	201	210	230	244
Japan	160	122	29	23	31	39	38
Switzerland	413	407	94	111	106	96	110
Other countries	291	324	89	67	73	95	96

¹ Revised ² Provisional

³ Special Administrative Region of China

Table 1.13 - EPZ imports by main countries of origin, 1999 - 2001

Value (c.i.f) : Million Rupees

Country of origin	Year		2000 ¹				2001 ²
	1999	2000 ¹	1st Qr	2nd Qr	3rd Qr	4th Qr	1st Qr
Total EPZ Imports	15,735	16,331	3,639	4,488	4,261	3,943	3,844
1. Preferential Tariff Countries	11,177	11,126	2,377	2,938	2,940	2,871	2,720
(a) European Union Countries	(5,005)	(4,712)	(1,030)	(1,282)	(1,135)	(1,265)	(1,186)
Belgium	714	587	113	153	159	162	108
France	1,482	1,352	333	346	330	343	442
Germany	674	685	143	181	154	207	106
Italy	1,071	1,008	169	350	238	251	236
Netherlands	27	25	5	9	4	7	5
Sweden	72	47	9	14	10	14	17
Spain	402	451	118	86	114	133	106
United Kingdom	452	433	105	93	108	127	118
Other	111	124	35	50	18	21	48
(b) Other Preferential Tariff Countries	(6,172)	(6,414)	(1,347)	(1,656)	(1,805)	(1,606)	(1,534)
Australia	175	203	40	57	57	49	38
Bahamas	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hong kong (S.A.R) ²	1,737	1,528	393	400	386	349	276
India	2,579	2,683	538	658	834	653	594
Malagasy, Republic of	136	115	19	17	34	45	40
Malaysia	188	214	34	74	53	53	52
New Zealand	31	26	6	12	8	-	9
Pakistan	357	342	73	68	101	100	99
Singapore	179	152	32	53	27	40	27
South Africa, Republic of	458	682	122	178	194	188	198
U.S.A	282	330	63	91	81	95	106
Other	50	139	27	48	30	34	95
2. General Tariff Countries	4,558	5,205	1,262	1,550	1,321	1,072	1,124
Burkina Faso	155	115	21	47	18	29	16
Cameroon	66	-	-	-	-	-	-
China	2,000	2,608	601	829	607	571	655
Indonesia	184	290	59	92	82	57	64
Japan	452	314	109	72	71	62	34
Korea, Republic of	149	318	48	120	106	44	53
Macau	15	5	1	1	2	1	-
Mali	173	242	80	41	102	19	-
Mexico	7	-	-	-	-	-	-
Switzerland	470	480	115	123	120	122	137
Taiwan	641	548	138	160	145	105	83
Thailand	128	160	57	40	29	34	42
Other	118	125	33	25	39	28	40

¹ Revised ² Provisional

³ Special Administrative Region of China

**Table 2.1: -Net change in number of enterprises by product group, 2000 - 2001
Pioneer Status Enterprises**

Product group	No of enterprises			Net change	
	Mar. 2000	Dec. 2000	Mar. 2001	1st quarter	Year
1. Watches and clocks	1	0	0	0	- 1
2. Informatics	43	42	41	- 1	- 2
3. Electric and electronic products	33	33	33	0	0
4. Light engineering	38	41	42	1	4
5. Support to jewellery	4	4	4	0	0
6. Support to printing and publishing	16	15	14	- 1	-2
7. Other support services	34	47	49	2	15
8. Plastic and rubber product	25	27	27	0	2
9. Other	22	27	30	3	8
TOTAL	216	236	240	4	24

**Table 2.2:- Net change in employment by product group, 2000 - 2001
Pioneer Status Enterprises**

Product group	Employment			Net change	
	Mar. 2000	Dec. 2000	Mar. 2001	1st quarter	Year
1. Watches and clocks	151	0	0	0	- 151
2. Informatics	478	434	440	6	- 38
3. Electronic and electronic products	392	387	383	- 4	- 9
4. Light engineering	365	465	515	50	150
5. Support to jewellery	40	64	62	-2	22
6. Support to printing and publishing	191	194	167	-27	-24
7. Other support services	274	474	504	30	230
8. Plastic and rubber products	400	447	458	11	58
9. Other	255	374	401	27	146
TOTAL	2,546	2,839	2,930	91	384

Table 2.3:- Employment by size and sex: March 2000 - December 2000 - March 2001, Pioneer Status Enterprises

Employment size	No. of enterprises			Employment								
				March 2000			December 2000			March 2001		
	Mar. 2000	Dec. 2000	Mar. 2001	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
25 and above	21	27	29	768	341	1,109	946	359	1,305	984	385	1,369
10 to < 25	52	53	55	620	206	826	654	202	856	671	202	873
less than 10	143	156	156	458	153	611	517	161	678	524	164	688
TOTAL	216	236	240	1,846	700	2,546	2,117	722	2,839	2,179	751	2,930
<i>Of which, expatriates</i>	-	-	-	108	13	121	118	9	127	129	8	137

Table 2.4 :- Analysis of net change in employment: 1st quarter 2001, Pioneer Status Enterprises

	Evolution 1st quarter 2001	
	Enterprises	Employment
A. Total employment creation :	...	199
Expansion in existing enterprises	47	161
New enterprises	8	38
B. Total employment lost :	...	108
Reduction in existing enterprises	22	67
Closures	4	41
C. Net change (A-B)	...	91
Male	...	62
Female	...	29

Table 2.5:- Employment by product group and sex: March 2000 - March 2001, Pioneer Status Enterprises

Product group	March 2000				March 2001			
	No. of enterprises	Employment			No. of enterprises	Employment		
		Male	Female	Total		Male	Female	Total
1. Watches and clocks	1	35	116	151	0	0	0	0
2. Informatics	43	306	172	478	41	292	148	440
3. Electric and Electronic products	33	262	130	392	33	242	141	383
4. Light engineering	38	321	44	365	42	438	77	515
5. Support to jewellery	4	14	26	40	4	29	33	62
6. Support to printing and publishing	16	146	45	191	14	121	46	167
7. Other support services	34	192	82	274	49	318	186	504
8. Plastic and rubber products	25	364	36	400	27	413	45	458
9. Other	22	206	49	255	30	326	75	401
TOTAL	216	1,846	700	2,546	240	2,179	751	2,930