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1. Employment evolution during 1st Quarter 1988

During the first quarter of 1988, 26 new enterprises started operation and 2,700 additional workers were recruited in the EPZ Sector. This compares with the 35 new enterprises and 2,200 additional workers the previous quarter, 38 and 4,000 during the first quarter of 1987 and 35 and 9,000 during the first quarter of 1986.

The increase in employment was mainly due to the recruitment of over 5,600 additional workers by 62 existing firms and 700 other ones in the 26 new enterprises mentioned above, bringing total employment creation during the first quarter to over 6,300. On the other hand, over 3,600 jobs were lost, mainly through staff movement within the sector, after acquiring experience, thus resulting in a net employment creation of almost 2,700 of whom 1,900 were female workers and 800 male workers.

Most of the additional workers were recruited by enterprises engaged in the manufacture of pullovers and other garments. It will be recalled that the average number of additional workers recruited during each quarter, in 1987, was 3,500, in 1986, 5,000 and in 1985, 4,600.

2. Employment situation as at 31st March 1988

As at end of March 1988, there were 554 enterprises operating in the EPZ Sector with a workforce of some 90,600 employees of whom 58,400 (65%) were female workers and 32,200 (35%), male workers. During the 12 months period ending March 1988, 12,600 additional jobs were created compared to 15,000 in 1987 and 20,000 in 1986.

The textile and wearing apparel sector which comprised 405 enterprises employed around 82,600 employees representing more than 90% of the EPZ workforce.

3. Imports and Exports during 1st quarter 1988

Definite EPZ trade figures relating to the period January - March 1988 are not yet available. However preliminary estimates point out to an import bill amounting to around Rs 1,200 million and exports reaching around Rs 1,600 million.

Last year, the EPZ enterprises exported Rs 6,700 million worth of goods and the import of raw materials and capital goods amounted to Rs 4,800 million.

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Table 1 - EPZ :- Employment as at December 1987 and March 1988 by category of enterprise and by sex

Category of enterprise*	Number of enterprises as at end of			Employment as at end of								
	December 1987	March 1988	Net change	December 1987			March 1988			Net change		
				Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
Large ^{1/}	454	479	+ 25	31,081	53,889	84,970	31,862	56,135	87,997	781	2,246	3,027
Small	73	73	-	246	183	429	252	191	443	6	8	14
Outworkers ^{2/}	(4)	(2)	(-2)	45	2,461	2,506	45	2,105	2,150	-	- 356	- 356
TOTAL	531	554	+ 23	31,372	56,533	87,905	32,159	58,431	90,590	787	1,898	2,685

*Category of enterprise:

Large : Enterprise employing 10 or more persons

small : Enterprise employing less than 10 persons

Outworkers : Persons working at their home, on materials provided by enterprise

^{1/} Employment data include around 600 expatriates

^{2/} Number of enterprises relate to enterprises employing exclusively outworkers, whilst employment refers to total number of persons employed as outworkers

Table 2 - EPZ :- Employment as at March 1987 and March 1988 by category of enterprise and by sex

Category of enterprise*	Number of enterprises as at end of			Employment as at end of						Net change			
	March 1987	March 1988	Net change	March 1987			March 1988			Total	Male	Female	Total
				Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total				
Large 1/	381	479	+ 98	25,634	50,141	75,775	31,862	56,135	87,997	+6,228	+ 5,994	+12,222	
Small	52	73	+ 21	180	99	279	252	191	443	+ 72	+ 92	+ 164	
Outworkers ^{2/}	(4)	(2)	(-2)	54	1,899	1,953	45	2,105	2,150	- 9	+ 206	+ 197	
TOTAL	437	554	+ 117	25,868	52,139	78,007	32,159	58,431	90,590	+6,291	+ 6,292	+12,583	

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Table 3 - Employment evolution in the EPZ sector during the 1st quarter 1988

Description	Number of enterprises	Employment
1. SITUATION AS AT END OF DECEMBER 1987	<u>531</u>	<u>87,905</u>
2. Total employment creation	...	6,346
of which through :		
Expansion 1/	(62)	(5,639)
of existing enterprises	(26)	(707)
New enterprises	...	3,661
3. Total loss		
of which through :		
Contraction 2/	(34)	(3,434)
of existing enterprises	(3)	(227)
Closing down of enterprises	+ 23	+ 2,685
4. Net change		
5. SITUATION AS AT END OF MARCH 1988	<u>554</u>	<u>90,590</u>

1/ No. of enterprises relates to those which have increased their workforce by 25 or more employees whilst employment relates to total expansion

2/ No. of enterprises relates to those which have reduced their workforce by 25 or more employees whilst employment relates to total contraction

Table 4 - EPZ:- Analysis of net change in employment during period December 1987 -
March 1988 by product group

Product group	Employment as at end of		Net change in employment
	December 1987	March 1988	
1. Food	703	693	- 10
2. Flowers	327	340	+ 13
3. Textile yarn and fabrics	3,341	3,526	+ 185
4. Wearing apparels	77,375	79,110	+ 1,735
of which (a) pullovers	(34,603)	(35,075)	(+ 472)
(b) gloves	(1,296)	(1,196)	(- 100)
(c) other garments	(41,476)	(42,839)	(+ 1,363)
5. Leather products and footwear	865	809	- 56
6. Wood and paper products	481	507	+ 26
7. Optical goods	612	636	+ 24
8. Watches and clocks	747	840	+ 93
9. Jewellery and related articles	1,192	1,324	+ 122
10. Fishing tackles and flies	163	149	- 14
11. Toys and carnival articles	705	742	+ 37
12. Other	1,394	1,914	+ 520
T O T A L	87,905	90,590	+ 2,685

Table 5 - EPZ:- Analysis of net change in employment during period March 1987 -
March 1988 by product group

Product group	Employment as at end of		Net change in employment
	March 1987	March 1988	
1. Food	555	693	+ 138
2. Flowers	270	340	+ 70
3. Textile yarn and fabrics	2,530	3,526	+ 996
4. Wearing apparels	68,822	79,110	+ 10,288
of which (a) pullovers	(32,767)	(35,075)	(+ 2,308)
(b) gloves	(1,580)	(1,196)	(- 384)
(c) other garments	(34,475)	(42,839)	(+ 8,364)
5. Leather products and footwear	757	809	+ 52
6. Wood and paper products	637	507	- 130
7. Optical goods	458	636	+ 178
8. Watches and clocks	621	840	+ 219
9. Jewellery and related articles	1,007	1,324	+ 317
10. Fishing tackles and flies	584	149	- 435*
11. Toys and carnival articles	672	742	+ 70
12. Other	1,094	1,914	+ 820
T O T A L	78,007	90,590	+ 12,583

*Decrease in employment figure due to change in economic classification of
enterprise

Table 6 - EPZ:- Employment evolution by product group and sex, (March 1986 - March 1988)

Product group	March 1986			March 1987			March 1988		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
1. Food	135	330	515	216	339	555	313	380	693
2. Flowers	110	109	219	133	137	270	159	181	340
3. Textile yarn and fabrics	1,155	818	1,973	1,689	841	2,530	2,371	1,155	3,526
4. Wearing apparels	15,531	39,715	55,246	21,320	47,502	68,822	26,023	53,087	79,110
of which (a) pullovers	(5,839)	(23,069)	(28,908)	(6,654)	(26,113)	(32,767)	(8,604)	(26,471)	(35,075)
(b) gloves	(188)	(1,300)	(1,488)	(324)	(1,256)	(1,580)	(267)	(929)	(1,196)
(c) other garments	(9,504)	(15,346)	(24,850)	(14,342)	(20,133)	(34,475)	(17,152)	(25,687)	(42,839)
5. Leather products and footwear	232	386	618	274	483	757	248	561	809
6. Wood and paper products	356	412	768	343	294	637	328	179	507
7. Optical goods	221	144	365	252	206	458	393	243	636
8. Watches and clocks	184	509	693	184	437	621	231	609	840
9. Jewellery and related articles	622	292	914	628	379	1,007	926	398	1,324
10. Fishing tackles and flies	26	433	459	34	550	584	7	142	149
11. Toys and carnival articles	52	649	701	59	613	672	71	671	742
12. Other	313	226	539	736	358	1,094	1,089	825	1,914
T O T A L	18,987	44,023	63,010	25,868	52,139	78,007	32,159	58,431	90,590

Table 7 - EPZ:- Number of enterprises by product group, Quarterly Series, (year 1987, 1st Quarter 1988)

Product group	1987			1988
	1st Qr.	2nd Qr.	3rd Qr.	4th Qr.
1. Food	11	11	11	11
2. Flowers	25	25	26	18
3. Textile yarn and fabrics	20	22	24	23
4. Wearing apparels	294	320	340	382
of which (a) Pullovers	(55)	(56)	(59)	(62)
(b) Gloves	(5)	(5)	(5)	(5)
(c) Other garments	(234)	(259)	(276)	(315)
5. Leather products and footwear	10	11	12	12
6. Wood and paper products	11	12	12	15
7. Optical goods	3	3	4	4
8. Watches and clocks	5	6	6	6
9. Jewellery and related articles	9	11	11	13
10. Fishing tackles and flies	4	3	3	3
11. Toys and carnival articles	6	6	7	6
12. Other	39	42	44	51
T O T A L	437	472	500	554

Table 8 - EPZ:- Employment by product group, Quarterly Series, (year 1987, 1st Quarter 1988)

Product group	1 9 8 7				1988
	1st Qr.	2nd Qr.	3rd Qr.	4th Qr.	1st Qr.
1. Food	555	664	717	703	695
2. Flowers	270	304	297	327	340
3. Textile yarn and fabrics	2,530	3,119	3,316	3,341	3,526
4. Wearing apparels	68,822	72,872	75,360	77,375	79,110
of which (a) pullovers	(32,767)	(34,553)	(34,755)	(34,603)	(35,075)
(b) gloves	(1,580)	(1,404)	(1,310)	(1,296)	(1,196)
(c) other garments	(34,475)	(36,915)	(39,295)	(41,476)	(42,839)
5. Leather products and footwear	757	774	817	865	809
6. Wood and paper products	637	628	590	481	507
7. Optical goods	458	539	581	612	636
8. Watches and clocks	621	710	750	747	840
9. Jewellery and related articles	1,007	1,110	1,140	1,192	1,324
10. Fishing tackles and flies	584	155	170	163	149
11. Toys and carnival articles	672	714	706	705	742
12. Other	1,094	1,151	1,241	1,394	1,914
T O T A L	78,007	82,740	85,685	87,905	90,590