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EXPORT PROCESSING ZONE

(2nd Quarter 1990)

1. Introduction

This issue presents employment evolution in the EPZ sector during the 2nd Quarter 1990 and also EPZ exports and imports during the first semester of this year.

2. Employment evolution during the 2nd Quarter 1990

During the 2nd quarter 1990, 3 enterprises ceased operation and 21 new ones were set up bringing the number of active companies in the EPZ sector to 566 with a labour force of some 90,200 workers.

The 21 new enterprises created about 550 jobs and the enterprises expanding their activities recruited an additional 3,250 workers. This addition of 3,800 was however offset by the loss of 3,350 jobs:- 450 through closures and 2,900 through contraction. Net employment creation, during the 2nd quarter of 1990 therefore was only 450 compared to 1,100 during the previous quarter.

3. Employment situation as at end of June 1990

The labour force of the EPZ sector as at end of June 1990 stood at 90,200 comprising of 62,000 female and 28,200 male workers. This figure, however, includes 600 expatriates and 2,600 persons who work at their home on materials provided by enterprises.

Employment in the EPZ sector seems to have stabilised at around 90,000 workers. In fact only some 900 additional jobs were created during the last 12 months period ending June 1990.

The textile sector remains the leading sector with 375 enterprises and employs some 80,000 workers representing 89% of the EPZ workforce.

During the period July 1989 to June 1990, all the remaining sectors with the exception of 'Optical goods' and 'Jewellery', have recorded expansion in their workforce. Sectors which are expanding and which have recruited additional workers are 'Electric & other electronic products' (+495), followed by 'Miscellaneous products' (+425) and 'Toys & carnival articles' (+204).

The agro industrial sector which comprises mainly of tuna and flower production and which employs some 1,500 workers has also recorded continuous growth, both in employment and exports.

4. Exports and Imports

During the 2nd quarter of 1990, EPZ exports attained Rs 3,350 million, 67% higher than the previous quarter bringing exports for the 1st semester to Rs 5,350 million. This figure represents a nominal increase of 22% over the Rs 4,400 million recorded in the corresponding period of 1989.

On this trend, EPZ exports for the year 1990 will most likely amount to around Rs 11,000 million.

Imports for the first semester amounted to Rs 3,800 million (Rs 320 million of machinery and Rs 3,500 million raw materials). Net EPZ Exports for period January - June 1990 therefore totalled around Rs 1,500 million which as a percentage of exports works out to 28% compared to 20% for the corresponding period of last year.

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Table 1 - EPZ :- Employment as at March 1990 and June 1990 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 1990	June 1990	March 1990			June 1990			Male	Female	Total
			Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total			
Large 1/	473	479	28,426	58,589	87,015	27,819	59,349	87,168	-607	+760	+153
Small	73	85	247	163	410	287	174	461	+40	+11	+51
Outworkers 2/	2	2	74	2,256	2,330	135	2,447	2,582	+61	+191	+252
TOTAL	548	566	28,747	61,008	89,755	28,241	61,970	90,211	-506	+962	+456

*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 as at June 1990

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 June 1989 and June 1990 by category of enterprise and by sex

Category of enterprise*	Number of enterprises as at end of		Employment as at end of									
	June 1989	June 1990	Net change	June 1989:			June 1990			Net change		
				Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
Large 1/	500	479	-21	29,488	57,215	86,703	27,819	59,349	87,168	-1,669	+2,134	+465
Small	72	85	+13	244	172	416	287	174	461	+43	2	+45
Outworkers 2/	3	2	-1	15	2,131	2,146	135	2,447	2,582	+120	+ 316	+436
TOTAL	575	566	-9	29,747	59,578	89,265	28,241	61,970	90,211	-1,506	+2,452	+946

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Table 3 - Evolution in the EPZ sector during the 2nd Quarter 1990

Description	Number of enterprises	Employment
1. SITUATION AS AT END OF MARCH 1990	548	89,755
2. Total employment creation of which through :	...	3,814
Expansion of existing enterprises 1/	(31)	(3,247)
New enterprises	(21)	(567)
3. Total loss of which through :	...	3,358
Contraction of existing enterprises 2/	(30)	(2,913)
Closing down of enterprises	(3)	(445)
4. Net change	+18	456
5. SITUATION AS AT END OF JUNE 1990	566	90,211

1/ Expansion relates to only enterprises which have increased their work force by 25 or more employees

2/ Contraction relates to enterprises which have reduced their work force by 25 or more employees

Table 4 - EPZ:- Analysis of net change in employment during period March 1990
June 1990 by product group

Product group ^{1/}	Employment as at end of		Net change in employment
	March 1990	March June 1990	
1. Food	969	971	+2
2. Flowers	473	477	+4
3. Textile yarn and fabrics	4,387	4,360	-27
4. Wearing apparels	76,237	76,097	-140
of which (a) pullovers	(29,415)	(29,591)	+176
(b) gloves	(482)	(458)	-24
(c) other garments	(46,340)	(46,048)	-292
5. Leather products and footwear	1,295	1,424	+129
6. Wood and paper products	474	511	+37
7. Optical goods	465	479	+14
8. Watches, electronic watches and clocks	940	966	+26
9. Electric and other electronic products	254	349	+95
10. Jewellery and related articles	1,673	1,589	-84
11. Toys and carnival articles	896	1,031	+135
12. Other	1,692	1,957	+265
T O T A L	89,755	90,211	+456

^{1/} Change in classification

Table 5 - EPZ :- Analysis of net change in employment during period June 1989 - June 1990 by product group

Product group ^{1/}	Employment as at end of		Net change in employment
	June 1989	June 1990	
1. Food	830	971	+141
2. Flowers	428	477	+49
3. Textile yarn and fabrics	4,192	4,360	+168
4. Wearing apparels	76,410	76,097	-313
of which (a) pullovers	(31,008)	(29,591)	-1,417
(b) gloves	(541)	(458)	-83
(c) other garments	(44,861)	(46,048)	+1,187
5. Leather products and footwear	1,281	1,424	+143
6. Wood and paper products	491	511	+20
7. Optical goods	613	479	-134
8. Watches, electronic watches and clocks	884	966	+82
9. Electric and other electronic products	146	349	+203
10. Jewellery and related articles	1,631	1,589	-42
11. Toys and carnival articles	827	1,031	+204
12. Other	1,532	1,957	+425
T O T A L	89,265	90,211	+946

^{1/} change in classification

Table 6 - EPZ :- Employment evolution by product group and sex (June 1988 - June 1990)

Product group	June 1988			June 1989			June 1990		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
	1. Food	325	372	697	392	438	830	419	552
2. Flowers	162	171	333	202	226	428	229	248	477
3. Textile yarn and fabrics	2,296	1,243	3,539	2,767	1,425	4,192	2,682	1,678	4,360
4. Wearing apparels	26,138	54,157	80,295	23,032	53,378	76,410	21,374	54,723	76,097
of which (a) pullovers (b) gloves (c) other garments	(8,158) (237)	(26,751) (782)	(34,909) (1,019)	(6,763) (130)	(24,245) (411)	(31,008) (541)	(6,164) (96)	(23,427) (362)	(29,591) (458)
5. Leather products and footwear	267	587	854	295	986	1,281	350	1,074	1,424
6. Wood and paper products	341	167	508	290	201	491	307	204	511
7. Optical goods	374	247	621	365	248	613	304	175	479
8. Watches and electronic watches and clocks	253	650	903	218	666	884	225	741	966
9. Electric & other electronic products	38	21	59	74	72	146	184	165	349
10. Jewellery & related articles	974	421	1,395	1,115	516	1,631	1,077	512	1,589
11. Toys and carnival articles	55	691	746	61	766	827	88	943	1,031
12. Other	1,068	599	1,667	936	596	1,532	1,002	955	1,957
T O T A L	32,291	59,326	91,617	29,747	59,518	89,265	28,241	61,970	90,211

1/ Change in classification

Table 7 - EPZ :- No. of enterprises by product group, Quarterly Series, (Year 1989, 1st & 2nd Quarters 1990)

Product group	1989				1990*	
	1st Qr.	2nd Qr.	3rd Qr.	4th Qr.	1st Qr.	2nd Qr.
1. Food	11	11	12	13	13	13
2. Flowers	29	29	30	33	36	42
3. Textile yarn and fabrics	27	27	31	30	31	31
4. Wearing apparels	378	388	370	359	340	344
of which (a) pullovers	(61)	(61)	(60)	(59)	(58)	(58)
(b) gloves	(5)	(5)	(5)	(5)	(5)	(5)
(c) other garments	(312)	(322)	(305)	(295)	(277)	(281)
5. Leather products and footwear	12	11	11	11	12	13
6. Wood and paper products	15	15	13	14	14	15
7. Optical goods	4	4	4	4	4	5
8. Watches, electronic watches and clocks	6	6	6	6	5	5
9. Electric & other electronic products	7	7	8	8	9	12
10. Jewellery and related articles	15	15	15	17	17	18
11. Toys and carnival articles	7	7	7	7	8	8
12. Other	62	55	57	61	59	60
T O T A L	573	575	564	563	548	566

1/ Change in classification

* Revised

Table 8 - EPZ :- Employment by product group, Quarterly Series (Year 1989, 1st & 2nd Quarter 1990)

Product group ^{1/}	1989				1990	
	1st Qr.	2nd Qr.	3rd Qr.	4th Qr.	1st Qr.	2nd Qr.
1. Food	744	830	898	921	969	971
2. Flowers	400	428	405	421	473	477
3. Textile yarn and fabrics	4,023	4,192	4,337	4,251	4,387	4,360
4. Wearing apparels	76,038	76,410	76,506	75,201	76,237	76,097
of which (a) Pullovers	(31,125)	(31,008)	(31,209)	(29,626)	(29,415)	(29,591)
(b) gloves	(554)	(541)	(454)	(461)	(482)	(458)
(c) other garments	(44,359)	(44,861)	(44,843)	(45,114)	(46,340)	(46,048)
5. Leather products and footwear	1,232	1,281	1,231	1,242	1,295	1,424
6. Wood and paper products	525	491	481	540	474	511
7. Optical goods	613	613	587	587	465	479
8. Watches, electronic watches & clocks	881	884	908	903	940	966
9. Electric & other electronic products	146	146	184	231	254	349
10. Jewellery & related articles	1,633	1,631	1,649	1,722	1,673	1,589
11. Toys and carnival articles	833	827	878	896	896	1,031
12. Other	2,218	1,532	1,605	1,735	1,692	1,957
T O T A L	89,286	89,265	89,669	88,650	89,755	90,211

^{1/} Change in classification

Table 9 - Distribution of EPZ enterprises by employment size - as at June 1990

Employment size	No. of enterprises			No. of persons employed		
	Number	%	Cum. %	Number	%	Cum. %
Under 10	85	15.0	15.0	461	0.5	0.5
10 - 50	214	37.8	52.8	5,328	5.9	6.4
51 - 100	77	13.6	66.4	5,332	5.9	12.3
101 - 300	105	18.6	85.0	18,584	20.6	32.9
301 - 500	37	6.5	91.5	13,712	15.2	48.1
501 - 1,000	33	5.8	97.3	22,570	25.0	73.1
1,000 and above	15	2.7	100.0	24,224	26.9	100.0
T O T A L	566	100.0	100.0	90,211	100.0	100.0

Table 10 - EPZ Trade Statistics (1989 - 1990)

	1989			1990
	Jan - June	July - Dec	Total	Jan - June
A. Total Exports (FOB)	4,380	4,677	9,057	5,337
B. Total Imports (CIF)	3,483	4,017	7,500	3,833
of which machinery	(361)	(602)	(963)	(218)
Net exports (A - B)	897	660	1,557	1,504
Net exports as % of total exports	20%	14%	17%	28%

Table 11 - EPZ : - Number of enterprises and employment - quarterly series (1984 - 1990)

YEAR	Number of enterprises as at end of				Employment as at end of			
	March	June	September	December	March	June	September	December
1984	153	161	184	197	28,954	32,686	35,748	37,532
1985	215	237	257	290	43,134	46,669	50,218	53,951
1986	321	343	377	408	63,010	66,000	70,519	74,015
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			89,755	90,211		