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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 1998. Provisional figures on EPZ imports and exports for 1998 as well as revised figures for previous years are also given.

## **2. The Export Processing Zone (EPZ)**

### **2.1 Number of enterprises**

During the 4th quarter of 1998, 14 new enterprises started operation and 5 enterprises closed down bringing the total number of EPZ enterprises at the end of the quarter to 495. The number of enterprises with fewer than 10 workers stood at 103 and represented 21% of the total number of enterprises but employed less than 1% of the workforce. On the other hand, there were 19 enterprises with more than 1,000 employees employing around 45% of the total workforce (Table 1.9).

The number of enterprises in "Wearing apparel", the most important group in the EPZ, stood at 241 compared to 238 at the end of the previous quarter and 236 at the end of 1997. The "Flowers" group which is the only non-manufacturing group in the EPZ was operating with 42 enterprises at the end of 1998. Other details on the number of enterprises by product group are given in Table 1.6.

### **2.2 Employment evolution, 4th quarter 1998**

As at December 1998, employment in the EPZ stood at 90,116 (60,983 males and 29,133 females) representing an increase of 2,214 when compared to the 3rd quarter of 1998. The number of male employees rose by 589 whilst female employment went up by 1,625. Foreign workers increased by 969 to reach 11,959 (3,545 males and 8,414 females) at the end of 1998.

As shown in Table 1.5, a total of 3,684 jobs were created during the 4th quarter 1998 of which 3,081 through expansion in 24 existing enterprises. The 14 new enterprises started operation with a workforce of 603 employees. On the other hand, a total of 1,404 jobs were lost, of which 66 following the closure of the 5 enterprises.

An analysis by product group shows that most of the increase (1,727) was in "Wearing apparel". However, within this group, employment in "Pullovers" fell slightly by 87 whilst that of "Other garments" witnessed a significant increase of 1,814. Details of other changes in employment by product group are shown in Table 1.7.

### 2.3 Employment evolution, December 1997 - December 1998

During the one-year period ending December 1998 employment in EPZ rose by 6,725 (8.1%) compared to 3,598 (4.5%) in calendar year 1997. There was an increase of 3,886 (6.8%) among females whilst the number of male workers rose by 2,839 (10.8%). As shown in Table 1.4, during the same period the number of foreign workers rose by 3,217 (2,582 females, 635 males) and accounted for 48% of the total increase.

In "Wearing apparel", employment went up by 6,547 or 9.4% from 69,323 to 75,870 confirming the consolidation of the most important group in the EPZ. Within this group, there was an increase of only 635 in "Pullovers" and a significant increase of 5,912 in "Other garments". Moderate increases were also registered in the following sectors: "Electronic watches and clocks" (+117) and "Wood and paper products" (+59). On the other hand, employment in "Textile yarn and fabrics", "Leather products and footwear" and "Food" fell by 279, 228 and 92, respectively. The other sectors witnessed minor changes as shown in Table 1.7.

### 2.4 Exports and imports

Provisional figures show that EPZ exports, for the 4th quarter of 1998, reached Rs 7,652 million against Rs 6,704 million for the previous quarter. The total for the whole year is valued at Rs 26,074 million as compared to Rs 23,049 million in 1997, i.e. an increase of over Rs 3,000 million. The nominal increase of nearly 13% is explained mainly by the effect of price increases of around 12%.

Exports of manufactured articles of apparel and clothing which represent nearly 80% of EPZ exports went up by over 16% from Rs 18,142 million in 1997 to 21,121 million in 1998.

An analysis by country of destination (Table 1.15) shows that 68% of the exports were directed to countries of the European Union. Exports to U.S.A increased substantially by 39% (+ Rs 1,698 million) whilst there was an increase of 8.5% (+ Rs 1,386 million) in exports towards the European Union.

Imports for 1998 increased by around 16.6% to reach Rs 16,184 from Rs 13,880 million in the previous year. Raw materials accounted for Rs 14,699 million (+18.1%) whilst imports of machinery and equipment increased by 3.3% from Rs 1,438 million to Rs 1,485 million.

Net exports, i.e., exports minus imports, totalled Rs 9,890 million in 1998 and its ratio to exports dropped to 38% from 40% in the previous year (Table 1.12).

## **2.5 Value added**

On the basis of figures now available, value added generated by EPZ enterprises in 1998 is estimated at Rs 10,502 million at current prices. This represents a real growth of 7%.

## **3 The Pioneer Status Enterprises (PSE)**

### **3.1 Number of enterprises**

During the 4th quarter of 1998, 12 new enterprises started operation whilst 2 enterprises shifted from the Pioneer to the EPZ sector. The total number of enterprises reached 195 at the end of December. Compared to the same period a year ago this represents an increase of 39 enterprises of which 11 were in "Other support services" and 9 in "Informatics". The activities in which the enterprises are engaged in are given in Table 2.5

### **3.2 Employment**

The total workforce in the PSE sector at the end of the 4th quarter 1998 was 2,481, a decrease of 154 over the previous quarter. During the 4th quarter 1998, a total of 284 jobs were created: 166 following expansion in 29 existing enterprises and 118 by the 12 new enterprises. On the other hand, 438 jobs were lost of which 377 following the shifting of the 2 enterprises (Table 2.4).

When compared to the 4th quarter of 1997, employment went up by 229. Details of changes in employment by product group is given in Table 2.6.

The number of expatriates employed as at December 1998 stood at 98 (86 males and 12 females).

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

	<u>1988</u>	<u>1989</u>	<u>1990</u>	<u>1991</u>	<u>1992</u>	<u>1993</u>	<u>1994</u>	<u>1995</u>	<u>1996</u>	<u>1997</u> <sup>1</sup>	<u>1998</u> <sup>2</sup>
<b>1. No of enterprises as at December</b>											
- New	591	563	568	586	558	536	494	481	481	480	495
- Closures	35	107	57	34	61	60	69	38	43	26	48
<b>2. Employment as at December</b>											
- Net change	89,080	88,658	89,906	90,861	86,937	85,621	82,176	80,466	79,793	83,391	90,116
- Growth rate (%)	+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
<b>3. Exports (f.o.b, Rs Million)</b>	8,176	9,057	11,474	12,136	13,081	15,821	16,533	18,267	21,001	23,049	26,074
<b>4. Imports (c.i.f, Rs Million) :</b>											
- Raw materials	5,890	7,502	7,348	7,067	7,133	9,326	10,125	10,856	12,077	13,880	16,184
- Machinery & spare parts	(5,056)	(6,539)	(6,554)	(6,348)	(6,456)	(8,221)	(9,016)	(9,869)	(10,960)	(12,442)	(14,699)
<b>5. Net Exports (Rs Million)</b>	(834)	(963)	(794)	(719)	(677)	(1105)	(1109)	(987)	(1,117)	(1,438)	(1,485)
<b>6. Net Exports to Exports (%)</b>	2,286	1,555	4,126	5,069	5,948	6,495	6,408	7,411	8,893	9,169	9,890
<b>7. Value added at current prices (Rs Million)</b>											
- Share in Manufacturing(%)	28.0	17.2	36.0	41.8	45.5	41.1	38.8	40.6	42.3	39.8	37.9
- Share in GDP(%)	3,125	3,400	3,975	4,406	5,011	5,702	6,373	7,097	8,164	9,173	10,502
<b>8. Value added at constant '82 prices (Rs Million)</b>											
- Growth rate (%)	53.4	51.1	51.1	50.3	50.4	51.0	50.2	49.6	49.5	50.1	51.1
- Growth rate (%)	13.5	12.7	12.5	12.2	11.8	11.9	11.7	11.7	12.0	12.2	12.6
<b>9. Investment (Rs Million)</b>	1,557	1,650	1,766	1,854	1,965	2,083	2,173	2,281	2,441	2,587	2,768
- Growth rate (%)	+12.0	+6.0	+7.0	+5.0	+6.0	+6.0	+4.3	+5.0	+7.0	+6.0	+7.0
- Machinery	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)

<sup>1</sup> revised

<sup>2</sup> provisional

<sup>3</sup> Partial labour productivity index is the variation of value added per worker in constant 1982 prices

Table 1.2:- EPZ employment, December 1997 - December 1998

Category	Enterprise			Employment <sup>1</sup>											
	Number as at			December 97			September 98			December 98					
	Dec. 97	Sep. 98	Dec. 98	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total			
Large	387	390	392	25,950	56,126	82,076	28,203	58,334	86,537	28,771	59,869	88,640			
Small (<10)	93	96	103	277	190	467	288	203	491	279	228	507			
Outworkers	-	-	-	67	781	848	53	821	874	83	886	969			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>480</b>	<b>486</b>	<b>495</b>	<b>26,294</b>	<b>57,097</b>	<b>83,391</b>	<b>28,544</b>	<b>59,358</b>	<b>87,902</b>	<b>29,133</b>	<b>60,983</b>	<b>90,116</b>			

<sup>1</sup> includes expatriates: No. as at  
 - Dec. 97: 8,742 (2,910 males; 5,832 females)  
 - Sep. 98: 10,990 (3,371 males; 7,619 females)  
 - Dec. 98: 11,959 (3,545 males; 8,414 females)

Table 1.3:- Employment by product group and sex: December 1997 - December 1998, EPZ Sector

Product group	December 1997			December 1998				
	No of Enterprises	Employment		No of Enterprises	Employment			
		Male	Female		Total	Male	Female	Total
1. Food	11	660	932	1,592	12	606	894	1,500
2. Flowers	44	261	300	561	42	243	294	537
3. Textile yarn and fabrics	34	3,083	966	4,049	34	2,899	871	3,770
4. Wearing apparel :	236	19,108	50,215	69,323	241	22,052	53,818	75,870
Pullovers	(28)	(3,393)	(14,814)	(18,207)	(30)	(4,132)	(14,710)	(18,842)
Other garments	(208)	(15,715)	(35,401)	(51,116)	(211)	(17,920)	(39,108)	(57,028)
5. Leather products and footwear	10	232	964	1,196	8	209	759	968
6. Wood and paper products	32	555	183	738	33	591	206	797
7. Optical goods	5	246	195	441	6	260	233	493
8. Electronic watches and clocks	3	147	242	389	4	169	337	506
9. Electric and electronic products	10	246	347	593	10	217	373	590
10. Jewellery and related articles	21	667	870	1,537	22	661	913	1,574
11. Toys and carnival articles	7	138	950	1,088	7	112	1,011	1,123
12. Other	67	951	933	1,884	76	1,114	1,274	2,388
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>480</b>	<b>26,294</b>	<b>57,097</b>	<b>83,391</b>	<b>495</b>	<b>29,133</b>	<b>60,983</b>	<b>90,116</b>

Table 1.4 :- Expatriate employment by product group and sex: December 1997 - December 1998, EPZ Sector

Product group	December 97			December 98		
	Employment			Employment		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
1. Food	112	130	242	131	154	285
2. Flowers	0	0	0	0	0	0
3. Textile yarn and fabrics	294	190	484	282	237	519
4. Wearing apparel :	2,405	5,505	7,910	3,010	7,970	10,980
Pullovers	(75)	(861)	(936)	(137)	(986)	(1,123)
Other garments	(2,330)	(4,644)	(6,974)	(2,873)	(6,984)	(9,857)
5. Leather products and footwear	9	2	11	6	4	10
6. Wood and paper products	11	1	12	5	0	5
7. Optical goods	2	0	2	2	0	2
8. Electronic watches and clocks	3	0	3	3	1	4
9. Electric and electronic products	11	1	12	4	0	4
10. Jewellery and related articles	37	1	38	42	1	43
11. Toys and carnival articles	0	1	1	15	45	60
12. Other	26	1	27	45	2	47
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,910</b>	<b>5,832</b>	<b>8,742</b>	<b>3,545</b>	<b>8,414</b>	<b>11,959</b>



Table 1.5:- Analysis of net change in EPZ employment, 4th Quarter and Year 1998

	Evolution 4th qr 1998		Evolution year 1998	
	Enterprises	Employment	Enterprises	Employment
<b>A. Total employment creation :</b>				
Expansion in existing enterprises*	24	3,081	54	9,182
New enterprises	14	603	48	2,158
<b>B. Total employment lost :</b>				
Reduction in existing enterprises*	11	1,404	27	-2,931
Closures	5	66	33	-1,684
<b>C. Net change (A-B)</b>				
Male	...	2,214	...	6,725
Female	...	589	...	2,839
	...	1,625	...	3,886
	...	3,684	...	11,340

\* 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: - Net change in number of EPZ enterprises by product group, 1997 - 1998**

Product group	No. of enterprises			Net change	
	Dec. 97	Sept. 98	Dec. 98	Dec.98 - Sept. 98	Year
1. Food	11	13	12	-1	1
2. Flowers	44	41	42	1	-2
3. Textile yarn and fabrics	34	34	34	0	0
4. Wearing apparel :	236	238	241	3	5
Pullovers	(28)	(30)	(30)	(0)	(-2)
Other garments	(208)	(208)	(211)	(3)	(3)
5. Leather products and footwear	10	7	8	1	-2
6. Wood and paper products	32	33	33	0	1
7. Optical goods	5	6	6	0	1
8. Electronic watches and clocks	3	3	4	1	1
9. Electric and electronic products	10	10	10	0	0
10. Jewellery and related articles	21	22	22	0	1
11. Toys and carnival articles	7	7	7	0	0
12. Other	67	72	76	4	9
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>480</b>	<b>486</b>	<b>495</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>15</b>

**Table 1.7:- Net change in EPZ employment by product group, 1997 - 1998**

Product group	Employment			Net change	
	Dec. 97	Sept. 98	Dec. 98	Dec.98 - Sept. 98	Year
1. Food	1,592	1,520	1,500	-20	-92
2. Flowers	561	513	537	24	-24
3. Textile yarn and fabrics	4,049	3,778	3,770	-8	-279
4. Wearing apparel :	69,323	74,143	75,870	1,727	6,547
Pullovers	(18,207)	(18,929)	(18,842)	(-87)	(635)
Other garments	(51,116)	(55,214)	(57,028)	(1,814)	(5,912)
5. Leather products and footwear	1,196	954	968	14	-228
6. Wood and paper products	738	766	797	31	59
7. Optical goods	441	481	493	12	52
8. Electronic watches and clocks	389	457	506	49	117
9. Electric and electronic products	593	590	590	0	-3
10. Jewellery and related articles	1,537	1,575	1,574	-1	37
11. Toys and carnival articles	1,088	1,117	1,123	6	35
12. Other	1,884	2,008	2,388	380	504
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>83,391</b>	<b>87,902</b>	<b>90,116</b>	<b>2,214</b>	<b>6,725</b>

Table 1.8:- New and Closures in EPZ sector: 1997, 1998

Product group	Year 1997						Year 1998					
	New projects			Closures			New projects			Closures		
	Enterprise	Employment		Enterprise	Employment		Enterprise	Employment		Enterprise	Employment	
1. Food	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	50	1	11		
2. Flowers	-	-	3	8			-	-	2	11		
3. Textile yarn and fabrics	2	23	2	272			3	95	3	60		
4. Wearing apparel :												
Pullovers	15	766	13	1677			19	1384	14	834		
Other garments	(15)	(766)	(3)	(879)			(3)	(360)	(1)	(109)		
5. Leather products and footwear	-	-	-	-			1	4	3	300		
6. Wood and paper products	2	13	2	11			3	41	2	25		
7. Optical goods	-	-	-	-			1	9	-	-		
8. Electronic watches and clocks	-	-	-	-			1	76	-	-		
9. Electric and electronic products	-	-	1	8			1	11	1	13		
10. Jewellery and related articles	3	37	1	2			1	3	-	-		
11. Toys and carnival articles	-	-	1	86			-	-	-	-		
12. Other	4	17	4	27			16	485	7	430		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>856</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>2091</b>			<b>48</b>	<b>2158</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>1684</b>		

Table 1.9:- Distribution of EPZ enterprises by employment size as at December 1998

Employment size (including outworkers)	Enterprise			Employment		
	Number	Percentage	Cum. %	Number	Percentage	Cum. %
Under 10	103	21	21	525	1	1
10 - 50	183	37	58	4,435	5	6
51 - 100	67	13	71	4,752	5	11
101 - 300	78	16	87	13,619	15	26
301 - 500	19	4	91	7,157	8	34
501 - 1000	26	5	96	18,797	21	55
More than 1000	19	4	100	40,831	45	100
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>495</b>	<b>100</b>		<b>90,116</b>	<b>100</b>	

Table 1.10:- Geographical distribution of EPZ establishments\* and employment - December 1998

District / Locality	Establishments			Total Employment
	Textile	Non-Textile	Total	
Port Louis	57	49	106	10,870
Plaine Lauzun	24	8	32	3,918
Port louis city	20	29	49	3,208
Pamplemousses	47	24	71	10,688
Terre Rouge & Riche Terre	12	11	23	2,432
Tombeau Bay	10	0	10	1,739
Triolet	11	3	14	4,267
Rivière du Rempart	31	25	56	10,018
St. Antoine & Goodlands	12	19	31	4,502
Rivière du Rempart & Ile d'Ambre	12	1	13	4,725
Flacq	48	13	61	8,260
Central Flacq	20	6	26	3,463
Bel Air	6	0	6	854
Grand Port	34	4	38	5,030
Rose Belle & New Grove	13	0	13	1,669
Mahebourgh	8	0	8	1,265
Savanne	28	7	35	6,801
Surinam	7	0	7	1,710
Rivière des Anguilles	7	6	13	1,148
Plaine Wilhems	124	65	189	30,550
Coromandel	18	12	30	2,568
Beau Bassin & Rose Hill	29	9	38	8,822
Vacoas & Phoenix	36	12	48	8,346
Quatre Bornes	17	9	26	864
Curepipe ,Floreal & Forest Side	22	20	42	9,722
Moka	31	25	56	5,491
Pailles	17	9	26	576
St. Pierre & Moka	8	13	21	3,844
Black River	9	12	21	2,408
Medine & Bambous	3	2	5	370
<b>T O T A L</b>	<b>409</b>	<b>224</b>	<b>633</b>	<b>90,116</b>

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

Table 1.11: - EPZ enterprises and employment, quarterly series (1988 - 1998)

Y E A R	Enterprise				Employment			
	1st Qr	2nd Qr	3rd Qr	4th Qr	1st Qr	2nd Qr	3rd Qr	4th Qr
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
1998	485	485	480	495	86,069	87,057	87,902	90,116

Table 1.12:- Net EPZ exports, 1997 - 1998

	Value: Million rupees									
	Year		1997 <sup>1</sup>				1998 <sup>2</sup>			
	1997 <sup>1</sup>	1998 <sup>2</sup>	1st Qr	2nd Qr	3rd Qr	4th Qr	1st Qr	2nd Qr	3rd Qr	4th Qr
A. Total exports (f.o.b. value)	23,049	26,074	4,675	5,971	6,016	6,387	5,042	6,676	6,704	7,652
B. Total imports (c.i.f. value)	13,880	16,184	2,758	3,635	3,656	3,831	3,703	4,378	4,121	3,982
- Raw Materials	(12,442)	(14,699)	(2,548)	(3,282)	(3,304)	(3,308)	(3,311)	(3,896)	(3,765)	(3,727)
- Machinery	(1,438)	(1,485)	(210)	(353)	(352)	(523)	(392)	(482)	(356)	(255)
Net Exports (A - B)	9,169	9,890	1,917	2,336	2,360	2,556	1,339	2,298	2,583	3,670
Net Exports as % of Total Exports	40	38	41	39	39	40	27	34	39	48

<sup>1</sup> Provisional

Table 1.13: - EPZ exports by section/commodity, 1997 - 1998

Description	Year				1997 <sup>1</sup>				1998 <sup>1</sup>			
	1997 <sup>1</sup>	1998 <sup>2</sup>	1st Qr	2nd Qr	3rd Qr	4th Qr	1st Qr	2nd Qr	3rd Qr	4th Qr		
Total exports	23,049	26,060	4,675	5,971	6,016	6,387	5,042	6,676	6,704	7,652		
Food and live animals	1,249	1,315	222	334	303	390	295	320	362	338		
of which:												
Fish & fish preparations	(894)	(939)	(164)	(239)	(209)	(282)	(204)	(205)	(288)	(242)		
Crude mats, inedible exc., fuels	90	135	4	25	8	53	2	33	38	62		
Chemicals	35	56	7	6	11	11	18	6	12	20		
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by materials	2,043	1,782	491	560	502	490	537	507	226	512		
of which:												
Text, yarn, fabrics and made up articles	(1,310)	(1,062)	316	354	309	331	391	284	72	315		
Pearls & precious stones	(476)	(446)	(119)	(134)	(130)	(93)	(97)	(144)	(92)	(113)		
Machinery and transport equipment	96	98	23	15	29	29	22	38	22	16		
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	19,536	22,674	3,926	5,031	5,163	5,416	4,157	5,772	6,042	6,703		
of which:												
Articles of apparel and clothing	(18,142)	(21,121)	(3,619)	(4,650)	(4,840)	(5,033)	(3,845)	(5,442)	(5,605)	(6,229)		
Optical goods	(213)	(206)	(48)	(56)	(52)	(57)	(46)	(28)	(62)	(70)		
Watches and clocks	(409)	(508)	(95)	(103)	(87)	(124)	(91)	(105)	(158)	(154)		
Toys, games and sporting goods	(104)	(79)	(31)	(40)	(24)	(9)	(4)	(22)	(35)	(18)		
Jewellery, golds. & silversmiths wares	(291)	(327)	(59)	(82)	(63)	(87)	(62)	(72)	(88)	(105)		

<sup>1</sup> Revised

<sup>2</sup> provisional



Table 1.14:- EPZ imports by section/commodity, 1997 - 1998

Value (c.i.f): Million rupees

Description	1997 <sup>1</sup>		1998 <sup>2</sup>		1997 <sup>1</sup>				1998 <sup>2</sup>			
					1st Qr	2nd Qr	3rd Qr	4th Qr	1st Qr	2nd Qr	3rd Qr	4th Qr
<b>Total imports</b>	<b>13,880</b>	<b>16,184</b>	<b>13,880</b>	<b>16,184</b>	<b>2,758</b>	<b>3,635</b>	<b>3,656</b>	<b>3,831</b>	<b>3,703</b>	<b>4,378</b>	<b>4,121</b>	<b>3,982</b>
Food and live animals	545	721	545	721	102	151	186	106	113	210	224	174
Crude mats, inedible exc fuels	1,060	1,365	1,060	1,365	225	298	250	287	319	292	379	375
- cotton	(487)	(678)	(487)	(678)	(77)	(147)	(120)	(143)	(164)	(124)	(202)	(188)
- synt. fibres suit. for spinning	(12)	(14)	(12)	(14)	(4)	(5)	(2)	(1)	(4)	(3)	(3)	(4)
- wool and other animal hair	(311)	(381)	(311)	(381)	(89)	(82)	(57)	(83)	(81)	(101)	(93)	(106)
Mineral fuel, lubricants and related products	21	22	21	22	1	18	1	1	16	3	2	1
Chemicals	597	747	597	747	116	146	166	169	158	199	211	179
Man. goods classified chiefly by material	8,660	10,184	8,660	10,184	1,711	2,343	2,342	2,264	2,339	2,763	2,542	2,540
- leather	(124)	(145)	(124)	(145)	(30)	(29)	(31)	(34)	(35)	(38)	(33)	(39)
- textile yarn and fabrics	(7,520)	(8,886)	(7,520)	(8,886)	(1,491)	(2,072)	(2,007)	(1,950)	(2,030)	(2,424)	(2,237)	(2,195)
- pearls and precious stones	(446)	(434)	(446)	(434)	(109)	(102)	(124)	(111)	(87)	(104)	(107)	(136)
Machinery & transport equip.	1,438	1,485	1,438	1,485	210	353	352	523	392	482	356	255
Misc. manufactured goods	1,319	1,619	1,319	1,619	320	278	296	425	357	414	394	454
- optical goods, watches etc.	(321)	(511)	(321)	(511)	(65)	(78)	(72)	(106)	(134)	(148)	(105)	(124)
- Jewelry, goldsmiths & silversmiths wares.	(310)	(313)	(310)	(313)	(123)	(28)	(30)	(129)	(60)	(67)	(85)	(101)
Other comm. and transactions	234	41	234	41	73	48	63	50	9	15	13	4

<sup>1</sup> Revised

<sup>2</sup> Provisional

Table 1.15:- EPZ exports by main countries of destination, 1997 - 1998

Country of Destination	Year		1997 <sup>1</sup>				1998 <sup>2</sup>			
	1996 <sup>1</sup>	1997 <sup>2</sup>	1st Qr	2nd Qr	3rd Qr	4th Qr	1st Qr	2nd Qr	3rd Qr	4th Qr
	<b>Total EPZ Exports</b>	23,049	26,074	4,675	5,971	6,016	6,387	5,042	6,676	6,704
<b>1 Preferential Tariff Countries</b>	22,355	25,322	4,509	5,798	5,853	6,195	4,890	6,538	6,485	7,409
<b>(a) European Union Countries</b>	16,304	17,690	3,450	4,208	4,052	4,594	3,398	4,445	4,496	5,351
Belgium	599	486	117	173	138	171	127	191	152	16
France	5,669	6,260	1,203	1,541	1,245	1,680	1,023	1,673	1,393	2,171
Germany	1,630	1,922	326	384	445	475	339	445	657	481
Italy	1,153	1,163	305	235	248	365	259	264	244	396
Netherlands	644	784	172	141	155	176	129	213	203	239
Reunion	237	277	42	63	69	63	38	81	75	83
Spain	693	756	100	182	212	199	120	157	274	205
Sweden	146	134	30	38	36	42	34	35	33	32
United Kingdom	5,341	5,489	1,093	1,418	1,451	1,379	1,254	1,318	1,406	1,511
Other countries	192	419	62	33	53	44	75	68	59	217
<b>(b) Other Preferential Tariff Countries</b>	6,051	7,632	1,059	1,590	1,801	1,601	1,492	2,093	1,989	2,058
Australia	116	67	18	33	41	24	12	19	20	16
Canada	185	253	43	48	55	39	46	90	77	40
Hong kong	98	87	18	29	12	39	44	19	8	16
Malagasy, Republic of	757	835	177	191	188	201	262	238	77	258
Singapore	38	20	8	12	6	12	5	4	3	8
South Africa, Republic of	76	98	31	10	17	18	24	28	14	32
U.S.A.	4,354	6,052	695	1,133	1,369	1,157	1,010	1,635	1,766	1,641
Zimbabwe	208	88	36	71	48	53	31	35	12	10
Other countries	219	132	33	63	65	58	58	25	12	37
<b>2 General Tariff Countries</b>	694	752	166	173	163	192	152	138	219	243
Japan	138	146	38	25	41	34	31	38	40	37
Switzerland	355	367	83	98	85	89	62	71	109	125
Other countries	201	239	45	50	37	69	59	29	70	81

<sup>1</sup> Revised<sup>2</sup> Provisional

Table 1.16:- EPZ imports by main countries of origin, 1997 - 1998

Country of Origin	Year		1997 <sup>1</sup>				1998 <sup>2</sup>			
	1997 <sup>1</sup>	1998 <sup>2</sup>	1st Qr	2nd Qr	3rd Qr	4th Qr	1st Qr	2nd Qr	3rd Qr	4th Qr
	Value (c.i.f): Million Rupees									
<b>Total EPZ Imports</b>	13,880	16,184	2,758	3,635	3,656	3,831	3,703	4,378	4,121	3,982
<b>1 Preferential Tariff Countries</b>	10,516	11,867	2,076	2,755	2,748	2,937	2,663	3,228	3,021	2,955
(a) European Union Countries	4,552	5,218	965	1,131	1,159	1,297	1,157	1,500	1,256	1,305
Belgium	418	438	81	105	123	109	89	115	97	137
France	1,486	2,040	328	420	355	383	478	591	456	515
Germany	1,020	755	262	208	194	356	175	228	199	153
Italy	740	1,029	135	184	211	210	226	293	258	252
Netherlands	31	32	8	6	9	8	5	8	11	8
Spain	334	352	54	84	104	92	48	104	98	102
United Kingdom	400	417	81	101	120	98	84	130	99	104
Other countries	123	155	16	23	43	41	52	31	38	34
(b) Other Preferential Tariff Countries	5,964	6,649	1,111	1,624	1,589	1,640	1,506	1,728	1,765	1,650
Australia	210	218	51	54	54	51	32	72	61	53
Bahamas	66	13	24	40	2	-	13	-	-	-
Hong kong	1,711	2,174	304	483	488	436	448	602	562	562
India	2,191	2,442	392	563	599	637	571	606	662	603
Malagasy, Republic of	133	201	29	31	38	35	43	61	58	39
Malaysia	281	276	31	101	69	80	77	78	48	73
New Zealand	115	161	21	31	22	41	30	18	59	54
Pakistan	215	216	35	51	54	75	51	50	61	54
Singapore	222	204	35	60	77	77	57	69	47	31
South Africa, Republic of	475	383	76	137	127	135	77	90	90	126
U.S.A.	188	200	50	37	51	50	44	50	56	50
Other countries	157	161	63	36	35	23	63	32	61	5
<b>2 General Tariff Countries</b>	3,364	4,317	682	880	908	894	1,040	1,150	1,100	1,027
Burkina Faso	159	179	-	59	57	43	22	28	88	41
China	1,120	1,677	222	282	315	301	421	442	468	346
Indonesia	150	218	32	33	37	48	46	52	70	50
Japan	251	314	38	57	72	84	80	115	55	64
Korea, Republic of	54	95	20	17	9	8	19	31	28	17
Macau	69	30	24	37	7	1	10	15	5	-
Mali	46	201	17	-	-	29	97	80	24	-
Mexico	47	26	20	18	9	-	11	15	-	-
Switzerland	401	472	80	96	101	124	98	130	120	124
Taiwan	742	658	195	182	205	160	161	196	148	153
Thailand	99	104	16	29	38	16	22	21	22	39
Other countries	226	343	18	70	58	80	53	25	72	193

<sup>1</sup> Revised<sup>2</sup> Provisional

**Table 2.1:- Employment by size and sex, December 97 - December 98, Pioneer Status Enterprises.**

Employment size	No. of enterprises			Employment <sup>1</sup>											
	Dec. 97		Dec. 98		Dec. 97			Sept. 98			Dec. 98				
	Dec. 97	Sep. 98	Dec. 98	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total			
25 and above	20	23	23	670	673	1,343	750	747	1,497	830	413	1,243			
10 to < 25	33	42	47	347	123	470	437	157	594	487	199	686			
less than 10	103	120	125	322	117	439	417	127	544	425	127	552			
<b>T O T A L</b>	<b>156</b>	<b>185</b>	<b>195</b>	<b>1,339</b>	<b>913</b>	<b>2,252</b>	<b>1,604</b>	<b>1,031</b>	<b>2,635</b>	<b>1,742</b>	<b>739</b>	<b>2,481</b>			

<sup>1</sup> includes expatriates: No. as at - Dec. 97 : 65 (54 males, 11 females)

- Sep. 98 : 100 (88 males, 12 females)

- Dec. 98 : 98 (86 males, 12 females)

Table 2.2:- Employment by product group and sex: December 1997 - December 1998, Pioneer Status Enterprises

Product group	December 1997			December 1998				
	No of enterprises	Employment		No of enterprises	Employment			
		Male	Female		Total	Male	Female	Total
1. Watches and clocks	2	49	210	259	1	38	158	196
2. Informatics	30	265	400	665	39	307	163	470
3. Electric and Electronic products	30	177	80	257	31	242	107	349
4. Light engineering	25	225	29	254	29	322	36	358
5. Support to jewellery	3	16	26	42	4	16	31	47
6. Support to printing and publishing	10	136	63	199	16	157	90	247
7. Other support services	21	151	43	194	32	191	71	262
8. Plastic and rubber products	18	207	24	231	22	309	30	339
9. Other	17	113	38	151	21	160	53	213
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>156</b>	<b>1,339</b>	<b>913</b>	<b>2,252</b>	<b>195</b>	<b>1,742</b>	<b>739</b>	<b>2,481</b>

Table 2.3 :- Expatriate employment by product group and sex: December 1997 - December 1998, Pioneer Status Enterprises

Product group	December 1997			December 1998		
	Employment			Employment		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
1. Watches and clocks	1	0	1	1	0	1
2. Informatics	19	6	25	30	5	35
3. Electric and Electronic products	6	1	7	7	1	8
4. Light engineering	11	0	11	17	0	17
5. Support to jewellery	0	0	0	1	0	1
6. Support to printing and publishing	3	1	4	7	3	10
7. Other support services	4	2	6	9	2	11
8. Plastic and rubber products	5	0	5	7	0	7
9. Other	5	1	6	7	1	8
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>98</b>

Table 2.4:- Analysis of net change in employment, 4th quarter 1998, Pioneer Status Enterprises

	Evolution 4th qr 1998		Evolution year 1998	
	Enterprises	Employment	Enterprises	Employment
<b>A. Total employment creation :</b>				
Expansion in existing enterprises	...	284	...	776
New enterprises	29	166	69	403
<b>B. Total employment lost :</b>				
Reduction in existing enterprises	12	118	52	373
Closures	...	438	...	547
<b>C. Net change (A-B)</b>				
Male	30	61	28	96
Female	2	377	13	451
	...	-154	...	229
	...	138	...	403
	...	-292	...	-174

**Table 2.5: -Net change in number of enterprises by product group, 1997 - 1998  
Pioneer Status Enterprises**

Product group	No of enterprises			Net change	
	Dec. 97	Sept. 98	Dec. 98	Dec.98 - Sept. 98	Year
1. Watches and clocks	2	2	1	- 1	- 1
2. Informatics	30	36	39	3	9
3. Electric and electronic products	30	30	31	1	1
4. Light engineering	25	28	29	1	4
5. Support to jewellery	3	4	4	0	1
6. Support to printing and publishing	10	14	16	2	6
7. Other support services	21	30	32	2	11
8. Plastic and rubber product	18	20	22	2	4
9. Other	17	21	21	0	4
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>156</b>	<b>185</b>	<b>195</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>39</b>

**Table 2.6:- Net change in employment by product group, 1997 - 1998  
Pioneer Status Enterprises**

Product group	Employment			Net change	
	Dec. 97	Sept. 98	Dec. 98	Dec.98 - Sept. 98	Year
1. Watches and clocks	259	283	196	- 87	- 63
2. Informatics	665	743	470	- 273	- 195
3. Electronic and electronic products	257	285	349	64	92
4. Light engineering	254	299	358	59	104
5. Support to jewellery	42	46	47	1	5
6. Support to printing and publishing	199	227	247	20	48
7. Other support services	194	247	262	15	68
8. Plastic and rubber products	231	293	339	46	108
9. Other	151	212	213	1	62
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,252</b>	<b>2,635</b>	<b>2,481</b>	<b>-154</b>	<b>229</b>