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Introduction

This issue of the "Economic and Social Indicators" presents the results of the "Quarterly Survey of Employment" carried out at the end of March 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 high technology. Provisional figures on EPZ imports and exports for the 1st quarter 1999 as well as revised figures for the previous years are also given.

2. The Export Processing Zone (EPZ)

2.1 Number of enterprises

The number of EPZ enterprises at the end of the 1st quarter of 1999 stood at 500 compared to 495 at the end of the previous quarter and 485 a year ago.

During the 1st quarter, 7 enterprises closed down and 12 new enterprises started operation resulting in a net gain of 5 enterprises. In "Wearing apparel", the most important group in the EPZ, only 2 closures were reported whilst 5 new units came into operation bringing the number of enterprises to 244 compared to 241 at the end of the previous quarter. The distribution of enterprises by product group is given in Table 1.6.

2.2 Employment evolution, 1st quarter 1999

At the end of March 1999, employment in the EPZ stood at 91,559, an increase of 1,443 over the previous quarter. The number of female employees went up by 923 from 60,983 to 61,906 whilst male employment rose by 520 to 29,653.

As shown in Table 1.5, during the 1st quarter of 1999, a total of 4,718 jobs were created, of which 3,286 through expansion in 29 existing enterprises. The number of jobs created by the 12 new enterprises was 1,432. On the other hand, 3,275 jobs were lost: 1,716 through reduction in 21 existing enterprises and 1,559 following the closure of 7 enterprises.

"Wearing apparel", the product group with the highest employment witnessed an increase of 1,487 bringing the number of employees to 77,357 at the end of the quarter. Within the group, "Other garments" increased by 1,546 whilst employment in "Pullovers and other knitted garments" declined by 59. Changes in employment in "Electronic watches and clocks" and "Jewellery and related articles" are mainly due to change in the activity of an enterprise with 259 workers. Detailed changes by product group are shown in Table 1.7.

Foreign workers, who numbered 11,959 at the beginning of the quarter, rose by 151 to reach 12,110 at the end of March 1999. Among females, employment fell by 8 whilst among males, there was an increase of 159. Table 1.4 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 1998 - March 1999

Comparison of March 1998 and March 1999 figures shows a net gain of 15 in the number of enterprises and 5,490 in the EPZ workforce.

Employment in "Wearing apparel" rose by nearly 8% or 5,613. Within the group employment in "Other garments" rose by 5,688 whilst, in "Pullovers", employment fell by 75. "Electronic watches and clocks" and enterprises in the "Other" category rose by 374 and 315 respectively. Groups which witnessed moderate decreases were "Textile yarn and fabrics" (-375), "Jewellery and related articles" (-290) and "Leather products and footwear" (-216). Details of changes in employment by product group are given in Table 1.7.

2.4 Imports and exports, 1st quarter 1999

Provisional figures show that EPZ exports, for the 1st quarter of 1999, reached Rs. 5,888 million against Rs. 7,652 million for the previous quarter. Compared to the same quarter of last year exports increased by 17%. This nominal increase reflects a 5% increase in prices and 11% in volume.

Exports of manufactured articles of apparel and clothing, which represent nearly 80% of EPZ exports, went up by over 20% from Rs. 3,845 million in the 1st quarter 1998 to Rs. 4,637 million in 1999.

An analysis by country of destination (Table 1.12) shows that 66% of the exports for the 1st quarter were directed to countries of the European Union. Exports to U.S.A increased substantially by nearly 37% (Rs. 1,383 million against Rs. 1,010 million) whilst there was an increase of 14% (+ Rs. 462 million) in exports towards the European Union.

During the same period, imports remained at almost the same level of around Rs. 3,700 million. Raw materials accounted for Rs. 3,283 million (-1%) whilst imports of machinery and equipment increased by 9% from Rs. 392 million to Rs. 428 million.

3. The Pioneer Status Enterprises (PSE)

3.1 Number of enterprises

During the 1st quarter 1999, 4 new enterprises started operation bringing the total number of PSE enterprises to 199. Among these enterprises 72 were "large", that is, those operating with 10 or more workers. The activities in which the enterprises are engaged in are

given in Table 2.2. The highest number of enterprises was in "Informatics": 40 compared to 31 a year ago.

3.2 Employment

The total workforce in the PSE sector at the end of March 1999 was 2,467 (1,717 males and 750 females), 14 less than in the previous quarter (Table 2.1).

During the 1st quarter 1999, a total of 126 jobs were created: 13 by the 4 new enterprises and 113 following expansion in 34 existing enterprises. On the other hand, 32 enterprises reported a reduction of 140 (Table 2.4).

The number of expatriates employed as at the end of the 1st quarter 1999 stood at 104 (92 males and 12 females).

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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	26,074
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	16,184
- 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)
	(834)	(963)	(794)	(719)	(677)	(1105)	(1109)	(987)	(1,117)	(1,438)	(1,485)
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	9,890
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	37.9
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	9,173	10,502
- Share in Manufacturing(%)	53.4	51.1	51.1	50.3	50.4	51.0	50.2	49.6	49.5	50.1	50.1
- 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	2,768
- Growth rate (%)	+12.0	+6.0	+7.0	+5.0	+6.0	+6.0	+4.3	+5.0	+7.0	+6.0	+7.0
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 revised

2 provisional

Table 1.2:- EPZ employment, March 1998 - March 1999

Category	Employment ¹											
	No. of Enterprises			March 98			December 98			March 99		
	Mar.98	Dec. 98	Mar.99	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
Large	390	392	404	26,881	57,902	84,783	28,771	59,869	88,640	29,281	60,717	89,998
Small (<10)	95	103	96	279	207	486	279	228	507	258	192	450
Outworkers	-	-	-	62	738	800	83	886	969	114	997	1,111
TOTAL	485	495	500	27,222	58,847	86,069	29,133	60,983	90,116	29,653	61,906	91,559

¹ includes expatriates : No. as at - Mar. 98: 9,126 (2,835 males; 6,291 females)
 - Dec. 98: 11,959 (3,545 males; 8,414 females)
 - Mar. 99: 12,110 (3,704 males; 8,406 females)

Table 1.3:- EPZ Employment by product group and sex: March 1998 - March 1999

Product group	March 98			March 99				
	No of Enterprises	Employment		No of Enterprises	Employment			
		Male	Female		Total	Male	Female	Total
1. Food	12	607	932	1,539	11	594	965	1,559
2. Flowers	43	256	291	547	42	251	291	542
3. Textile yarn and fabrics	34	3,194	1,015	4,209	35	2,989	845	3,834
4. Wearing apparel :	234	19,948	51,796	71,744	244	22,526	54,831	77,357
Pullovers	(29)	(3,610)	(15,248)	(18,858)	(30)	(4,043)	(14,740)	(18,783)
Other garments	(205)	(16,338)	(36,548)	(52,886)	(214)	(18,483)	(40,091)	(58,574)
5. Leather products and footwear	10	250	919	1,169	8	224	729	953
6. Wood and paper products	30	463	173	636	33	560	200	760
7. Optical goods	6	275	207	482	6	231	246	477
8. Electronic watches and clocks	3	146	249	395	5	239	530	769
9. Electric and electronic products	10	236	346	582	10	201	390	591
10. Jewellery and related articles	21	686	895	1,581	21	584	707	1,291
11. Toys and carnival articles	7	88	1,043	1,131	7	108	949	1,057
12. Other	75	1,073	981	2,054	78	1,146	1,223	2,369
TOTAL	485	27,222	58,847	86,069	500	29,653	61,906	91,559

Table 1.4 :- Expatriate employment by product group and sex: March 1998 - March 1999, EPZ Sector

Product group	Employment, March 98			Employment, March 99		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
1. Food	98	160	258	137	150	287
2. Flowers	0	0	0	0	0	0
3. Textile yarn and fabrics	275	221	496	288	199	487
4. Wearing apparel :	2,348	5,900	8,248	3,154	8,002	11,156
Pullovers	(83)	(857)	(940)	(170)	(936)	(1,106)
Other garments	(2,265)	(5,043)	(7,308)	(2,984)	(7,066)	(10,050)
5. Leather products and footwear	10	3	13	6	4	10
6. Wood and paper products	10	0	10	5	0	5
7. Optical goods	2	0	2	2	0	2
8. Electronic watches and clocks	3	0	3	7	1	8
9. Electric and electronic products	10	2	12	4	0	4
10. Jewellery and related articles	40	1	41	40	2	42
11. Toys and carnival articles	1	1	2	15	45	60
12. Other	38	3	41	46	3	49
TOTAL	2,835	6,291	9,126	3,704	8,406	12,110

Table 1.5 :- Analysis of net change in EPZ employment, 1st quarter 1999

	Evolution 1st quarter 1999	
	Enterprises	Employment
A. Total employment creation:	-	4,718
Expansion in existing enterprises ¹	29	3,286
New enterprises	12	1,432
B. Total employment lost:	-	3,275
Reduction in existing enterprises ¹	21	1,716
Closures	7	1,559
C. Net change (A-B)		1,443
Male	-	+ 520
Female	-	+ 923

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: - Net change in number of EPZ enterprises by product group, March 1998 - March 1999

Product group	No. of enterprises			Net change	
	Mar. 98	Dec. 98	Mar. 99	1st quarter	Mar. 98 - Mar. 99
1. Food	12	12	11	-1	-1
2. Flowers	43	42	42	0	-1
3. Textile yarn and fabrics	34	34	35	1	1
4. Wearing apparel :	234	241	244	3	10
Pullovers	(29)	(30)	(30)	(0)	(1)
Other garments	(205)	(211)	(214)	(3)	(9)
5. Leather products and footwear	10	8	8	0	-2
6. Wood and paper products	30	33	33	0	3
7. Optical goods	6	6	6	0	0
8. Electronic watches and clocks	3	4	5	1	2
9. Electric and electronic products	10	10	10	0	0
10. Jewellery and related articles	21	22	21	-1	0
11. Toys and carnival articles	7	7	7	0	0
12. Other	75	76	78	2	3
TOTAL	485	495	500	5	15

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

Product group	Employment			Net change	
	Mar. 98	Dec. 98	Mar. 99	1st quarter	Mar. 98 - Mar. 99
1. Food	1,539	1,500	1,559	59	20
2. Flowers	547	537	542	5	-5
3. Textile yarn and fabrics	4,209	3,770	3,834	64	-375
4. Wearing apparel :	71,744	75,870	77,357	1,487	5,613
Pullovers	(18,858)	(18,842)	(18,783)	(-59)	(-75)
Other garments	(52,886)	(57,028)	(58,574)	(1,546)	(5,688)
5. Leather products and footwear	1,169	968	953	-15	-216
6. Wood and paper products	636	797	760	-37	124
7. Optical goods	482	493	477	-16	-5
8. Electronic watches and clocks	395	506	769	263	374
9. Electric and electronic products	582	590	591	1	9
10. Jewellery and related articles	1,581	1,574	1,291	-283	-290
11. Toys and carnival articles	1,131	1,123	1,057	-66	-74
12. Other	2,054	2,388	2,369	-19	315
TOTAL	86,069	90,116	91,559	1,443	5,490

Table 1.8:- New and Closures in EPZ sector: Year 1998 and 1st quarter 1999

Product group	Year 1998						1st Quarter 1999		
	New projects		Closures		New projects		Closures		Employment
	Enterprises	Employment	Enterprises	Employment	Enterprises	Employment	Enterprises	Employment	
1. Food	2	50	1	11	2	1,290	3	1,202	
2. Flowers	-	-	2	11	-	-	-	-	
3. Textile yarn and fabrics	3	95	3	60	1	6	-	-	
4. Wearing apparel :	19	1,384	14	834	5	117	2	323	
Pullovers	(3)	(360)	(1)	(109)	(1)	(2)	(1)	(313)	
Other garments	(16)	(1,024)	(13)	(725)	(4)	(115)	(1)	(10)	
5. Leather products and footwear	1	4	3	300	-	-	-	-	
6. Wood and paper products	3	41	2	25	-	-	-	-	
7. Optical goods	1	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	
8. Electronic watches and clocks	1	76	-	-	-	-	-	-	
9. Electric and electronic products	1	11	1	13	-	-	-	-	
10. Jewellery and related articles	1	3	-	-	1	4	1	25	
11. Toys and carnival articles	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
12. Other	16	485	7	430	3	15	1	9	
TOTAL	48	2,158	33	1,684	12	1,432	7	1,559	

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
	A. Total exports (f.o.b. value)	23,049	26,074	5,042	6,676	6,704	7,652
B. Total imports (c.i.f. value)	13,880	16,184	3,703	4,378	4,121	3,982	3,711
- Raw Materials	(12,442)	(14,699)	(3,311)	(3,896)	(3,765)	(3,727)	(3,283)
- Machinery	(1,438)	(1,485)	(392)	(482)	(356)	(255)	(428)
Net Exports (A - B)	9,169	9,890	1,339	2,298	2,583	3,670	2,177
Net Exports as % of Total Exports	40	38	27	34	39	48	37

¹ Revised

² Provisional

Table 1.10 - EPZ exports by section / commodity, 1997 - 1999

Description	Year		1998 ¹				1999 ²
	1997	1998 ¹	1st Qr	2nd Qr	3rd Qr	4th Qr	1st Qr
Total exports	23,049	26,074	5,042	6,676	6,704	7,652	5,888
Food and live animals of which:	1,249	1,315	295	320	362	338	277
Fish & fish preparations	(894)	(939)	(204)	(205)	(288)	(242)	(212)
Crude materials, inedible except fuels	90	135	2	33	38	62	51
Chemicals and related products n.e.s	35	56	18	6	12	20	11
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by materials of which:	2,043	1,782	537	507	226	512	534
Textile yarn, fabrics, made up articles	(1,310)	(1,062)	(391)	(284)	(72)	(315)	(370)
Pearls & precious stones	(476)	(446)	(97)	(144)	(92)	(113)	(108)
Machinery and transport equipment	96	98	22	38	22	16	23
Miscellaneous manufactured articles of which:	19,536	22,674	4,157	5,772	6,042	6,703	4,989
Articles of apparel and clothing	(18,142)	(21,121)	(3,845)	(5,442)	(5,605)	(6,229)	(4,637)
Optical goods	(213)	(206)	(46)	(28)	(62)	(70)	(51)
Watches and clocks	(409)	(508)	(91)	(105)	(158)	(154)	(123)
Toys, games and sporting goods	(104)	(79)	(4)	(22)	(35)	(18)	(18)
Jewellery, golds. & silversmiths wares	(291)	(327)	(62)	(72)	(88)	(105)	(70)

¹ Revised

² Provisional

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

Description	Value (c.i.f.): Million rupees									
	1997	1998 ¹	1998 ¹				1999 ²			
			1st Qr.	2nd Qr.	3rd Qr.	4th Qr.				
Total imports	13,880	16,184	3,703	4,378	4,121	3,982	3,711			
Food and live animals	545	721	113	210	224	174	81			
Crude materials, inedible except fuels	1,060	1,365	319	292	379	375	279			
- cotton	(487)	(678)	(164)	(124)	(202)	(188)	(117)			
- synthetic fibres suitable for spinning	(12)	(14)	(4)	(3)	(3)	(4)	(5)			
- wool and other animal hair	(311)	(381)	(81)	(101)	(93)	(106)	(78)			
Mineral fuel, lubricants and related products	21	22	16	3	2	1	-			
Chemicals and related products, n.e.s	597	747	158	199	211	179	134			
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	8,660	10,184	2,339	2,763	2,542	2,540	2,430			
- leather	(124)	(145)	(35)	(38)	(33)	(39)	(19)			
- textile yarn and fabrics	(7,520)	(8,886)	(2,030)	(2,424)	(2,237)	(2,195)	(2,145)			
- pearls and precious stones	(446)	(434)	(87)	(104)	(107)	(136)	(144)			
Machinery & transport equipment	1,438	1,485	392	482	356	255	428			
Miscellaneous manufactured goods	1,319	1,619	357	414	394	454	343			
- optical goods, watches & clocks	(321)	(511)	(134)	(148)	(105)	(124)	(108)			
- jewellery, goldsmiths & silversmiths wares	(310)	(313)	(60)	(67)	(85)	(101)	(68)			
Other commodities and transactions, n.e.s	234	41	9	15	13	4	16			

¹ Revised² Provisional

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

Country of Destination	Year		1998 ¹				1999 ²
	1997	1998 ¹	1st Qr	2nd Qr	3rd Qr	4th Qr	1st Qr
1 Total EPZ Exports	23,049	26,074	5,042	6,676	6,704	7,652	5,888
1 Preferential Tariff Countries	22,355	25,322	4,890	6,538	6,485	7,409	5,698
(a) European Union Countries	(16,304)	(17,690)	(3,398)	(4,445)	(4,496)	(5,351)	(3,860)
Belgium	599	486	127	191	152	16	217
France	5,669	6,260	1,023	1,673	1,393	2,171	1,276
Germany	1,630	1,922	339	445	657	481	277
Italy	1,153	1,163	259	264	244	396	289
Netherlands	644	784	129	213	203	239	196
Reunion	237	277	38	81	75	83	54
Spain	693	756	120	157	274	205	125
Sweden	146	134	34	35	33	32	23
United Kingdom	5,341	5,489	1,254	1,318	1,406	1,511	1,342
Other countries	192	419	75	68	59	217	61
(b) Other Preferential Tariff Countries	(6,051)	(7,632)	(1,492)	(2,093)	(1,989)	(2,058)	(1,838)
Australia	116	67	12	19	20	16	15
Canada	185	253	46	90	77	40	46
Hong kong	98	87	44	19	8	16	24
Malagasy, Republic of	757	835	262	238	77	258	324
Singapore	38	20	5	4	3	8	2
South Africa, Republic of	76	98	24	28	14	32	4
U.S.A.	4,354	6,052	1,010	1,635	1,766	1,641	1,383
Zimbabwe	208	88	31	35	12	10	12
Other countries	219	132	58	25	12	37	28
2 General Tariff Countries	694	752	152	138	219	243	190
Japan	138	146	31	38	40	37	28
Switzerland	355	367	62	71	109	125	96
Other countries	201	239	59	29	70	81	66

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		
			1st Qr	2nd Qr	3rd Qr	4th Qr	1st Qr
Total EPZ Imports							
1. Preferential Tariff Countries							
(a) European Union Countries							
Belgium	13,880	16,184	3,703	4,378	4,121	3,982	3,711
France	10,516	11,867	2,663	3,228	3,021	2,955	2,640
Germany	(4,552)	(5,218)	(1,157)	(1,500)	(1,256)	(1,305)	(1,114)
Italy	418	438	89	115	97	137	120
Netherlands	1,486	2,040	478	591	456	515	357
Sweden	1,020	755	175	228	199	153	173
Spain	740	1,029	226	293	258	252	241
United Kingdom	31	32	5	8	11	8	7
Other	38	49	23	7	12	7	11
(b) Other Preferential Tariff Countries							
Australia	334	352	48	104	98	102	95
Bahamas	400	417	84	130	99	104	88
Hong kong	85	106	29	24	26	27	22
India	(5,964)	(6,649)	(1,506)	(1,728)	(1,765)	(1,650)	(1,526)
Malagasy, Republic of	210	218	32	72	61	53	67
Malaysia	66	13	13	-	-	-	-
New Zealand	1,711	2,174	448	602	562	562	481
Pakistan	2,191	2,442	571	606	662	603	601
Singapore	133	201	43	61	58	39	31
South Africa, Republic of	281	276	77	78	48	73	39
U.S.A	115	161	30	18	59	54	22
Other	215	216	51	50	61	54	69
2. General Tariff Countries							
Burkina Faso	222	204	57	69	47	31	44
Cameroon	475	383	77	90	90	126	89
China	188	200	44	50	56	50	74
Indonesia	157	161	63	32	61	5	9
Japan	3,364	4,317	1,040	1,150	1,100	1,027	1,071
Korea, Republic of	159	179	22	28	88	41	20
Macao	80	48	27	-	-	21	29
Mali	1,120	1,677	421	442	468	346	455
Mexico	150	218	46	52	70	50	39
Switzerland	251	314	80	115	55	64	140
Taiwan	54	95	19	31	28	17	49
Thailand	69	30	10	15	5	-	6
Other	46	201	97	80	24	-	64
	47	26	11	15	-	-	6
	401	472	98	130	120	124	107
	742	658	161	196	148	153	114
	99	104	22	21	22	39	22
	146	295	26	25	72	172	20

¹ Revised

² Provisional

Table 2.1:- Employment by size and sex: March 98 - March 99, Pioneer Status Enterprises

Employment size	No. of enterprises			Employment ¹								
	March 98		March 99	March 98			December 98			March 99		
	March 98	December 98	March 99	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
25 and above	19	23	22	673	658	1,331	830	413	1,243	777	399	1,176
10 to < 25	36	47	50	366	140	506	487	199	686	517	213	730
less than 10	109	125	127	344	123	467	425	127	552	423	138	561
TOTAL	164	195	199	1,383	921	2,304	1,742	739	2,481	1,717	750	2,467

¹ includes expatriates: No. as at

- Mar. 98: 72 (61 males, 11 females)

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

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

Table 2.2:- Employment by product group and sex: March 1998 - March 1999, Pioneer Status Enterprises

Product group	March 1998			March 1999				
	No. of enterprises	Employment		No. of enterprises	Employment			
		Male	Female		Total	Male	Female	Total
1. Watches and clocks	2	34	201	235	1	38	145	183
2. Informatics	31	290	412	702	40	303	173	476
3. Electric and Electronic products	29	179	79	258	31	234	117	351
4. Light engineering	26	246	27	273	31	308	33	341
5. Support to jewellery	4	18	26	44	4	16	30	46
6. Support to printing and publishing	10	137	61	198	16	154	89	243
7. Other support services	24	134	51	185	33	183	77	260
8. Plastic and rubber products	19	230	25	255	22	311	32	343
9. Other	19	115	39	154	21	170	54	224
TOTAL	164	1,383	921	2,304	199	1,717	750	2,467

Table 2.3 :- Analysis of net change in employment: 1st quarter 1999, Pioneer Status Enterprises

	Evolution 1st quarter 1999	
	Enterprises	Employment
A. Total employment creation :	...	126
Expansion in existing enterprises	34	113
New enterprises	4	13
B. Total employment lost :	...	140
Reduction in existing enterprises	32	140
Closures	0	0
C. Net change (A-B)	...	-14
Male	...	-25
Female	...	+11

Table 2.4: - Net change in number of enterprises by product group: March 98 - March 99, Pioneer Status Enterprises

Product group	No. of enterprises			Net change	
	March 98	December 98	March 99	1st quarter	Year
1. Watches and clocks	2	1	1	0	-1
2. Informatics	31	39	40	1	9
3. Electric and electronic products	29	31	31	0	2
4. Light engineering	26	29	31	2	5
5. Support to jewellery	4	4	4	0	0
6. Support to printing and publishing	10	16	16	0	6
7. Other support services	24	32	33	1	9
8. Plastic and rubber products	19	22	22	0	3
9. Other	19	21	21	0	2
TOTAL	164	195	199	4	35

Table 2.5:- Net change in employment by product group: March 98 - March 99, Pioneer Status Enterprises

Product group	Employment			Net change	
	March 98	December 98	March 99	1st quarter	Year
1. Watches and clocks	235	196	183	- 13	- 52
2. Informatics	702	470	476	6	- 226
3. Electric and electronic products	258	349	351	2	93
4. Light engineering	273	358	341	- 17	68
5. Support to jewellery	44	47	46	- 1	2
6. Support to printing and publishing	198	247	243	- 4	45
7. Other support services	185	262	260	- 2	75
8. Plastic and rubber products	255	339	343	4	88
9. Other	154	213	224	11	70
TOTAL	2,304	2,481	2,467	-14	163