

The Export Processing Zone and Pioneer Status Enterprises, 1st Quarter 2000

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 2000. 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 2000 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 year 2000 stood at 517 compared to 512 at the end of the previous quarter and 500 a year ago.

During the 1st quarter, three enterprises closed down and eight new enterprises started operation resulting in a net gain of five enterprises. In the "Wearing apparel" group, the most important one in the EPZ, one closure was reported whilst four new units came into operation bringing the number of enterprises to 254 compared to 251 at the end of the previous quarter. The distribution of enterprises by product group is given in Table 1.2.

2.2 Employment evolution, 1st quarter 2000

At the end of March 2000, employment in the EPZ stood at 90,861, showing a decrease of 513 over the previous quarter. The number of female employees declined by 401 from 61,506 to 61,105 and male employment fell by 112 to 29,756.

As shown in Table 1.5, during the 1st quarter of 2000, a total of 2,519 jobs were created, of which 2,425 through expansion in 26 existing enterprises. The number of jobs created by the eight new enterprises was 94. On the other hand, 3,032 jobs were lost: 2,807 through reduction in 27 existing enterprises and 225 following the closure of three enterprises.

The product group "Wearing apparel", with the highest employment, witnessed a decrease of 739, bringing the number of employees to 76,180 at the end of the quarter. Within the group, employment in "Pullovers and other knitted garments" and "Other garments" sectors declined by 639 and 100 respectively. Details of other changes by product group are shown in Table 1.7.

Foreign workers, who numbered 13,425 at the end of 1999, rose by 244 (190 males and 54 females) to reach 13,669 (4,178 males and 9,491 females) at the end of March 2000. Table 1.8 shows employment of expatriates by product group and sex. It will be noted that the majority of foreign workers in the EPZ (12,645 out of 13,669) are employed in the "Wearing apparel" sector.

2.3 Employment evolution, March 1999 - March 2000

Comparison of March 1999 and March 2000 figures shows a net gain of 17 in the number of enterprises and a decrease of 698 in the EPZ workforce.

Employment in "Wearing apparel" group fell by 1,177. Within the group, employment in the "Pullovers and other knitted garments" and "Other garments" sectors declined by 858 and 319, respectively. On the other hand, the "Textile yarn and fabrics" sector witnessed an increase of 322. Details of changes in employment by product group are given in Table 1.7.

2.4 Exports and imports, 1st quarter 2000

Provisional figures indicate that EPZ exports for the 1st quarter of 2000 reached Rs. 6,420 million, against Rs. 8,106 million for the previous quarter. Compared to the same quarter of last year, exports increased by 9%.

Exports of manufactured articles of apparel and clothing, which represent nearly 80% of EPZ exports, went up by 6% from Rs. 4,637 million in the 1st quarter 1999 to Rs. 4,928 million in the 1st quarter 2000.

An analysis by country of destination (Table 1.12) shows that 65% of the exports for the 1st quarter were directed to countries of the European Union. Compared to 1999, exports to U.S.A in the first quarter of year 2000 increased by 5% (Rs. 1,452 million against Rs. 1,383 million) whilst there was an increase of over 8% (from Rs. 3,860 million to Rs. 4,184 million) in exports towards the European Union. Exports towards the Republic of Malagasy increased by nearly 13% to Rs. 365 million.

During the same period, imports decreased slightly from Rs. 3,711 million to Rs. 3,639 million. Raw materials accounted for Rs. 3,239 million (-1%) and imports of machinery and equipment fell by nearly 7% from Rs. 428 million to Rs. 400 million.

Net exports, i.e., exports minus imports, worked out to Rs. 2,781 million for the 1st quarter 2000 compared to Rs. 2,177 million for the corresponding quarter of 1999. Its ratio to total exports improved from 37% to 43%.

3. The Pioneer Status Enterprises (PSE)

3.1 Number of enterprises

During the 1st quarter 2000, eight new enterprises started operation and one existing enterprise closed down bringing the total number of PSE enterprises to 216. Among these enterprises 73 were "large", that is, those operating with 10 or more workers. The activities in which the enterprises are engaged in are given in Table 2.1. The "Informatics" sector had the largest number of enterprises (43) followed by "Light engineering" sector (38).

3.2 Employment

The total workforce in the PSE sector at the end of March 2000 was 2,546 (1,846 males and 700 females), 21 less than in the previous quarter (Table 2.2).

During the 1st quarter 2000, 154 jobs were created: 33 by the eight new enterprises and 121 following expansion in 39 existing enterprises. On the other hand, 175 jobs were lost mainly by a reduction in 45 existing enterprises (Table 2.4).

The number of expatriates employed as at the end of the 1st quarter 2000 stood at 121 (108 males and 13 females).

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Table 1.1:- Main economic indicators: 1989 - 1999, EPZ Sector

	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998 ¹	1999 ²
1. No of enterprises as at December											
- New	563	568	586	558	536	494	481	481	480	495	512
- Closures	79	62	52	33	38	27	25	43	26	48	37
	107	57	34	61	60	69	38	43	27	33	20
2. Employment as at December											
	88,658	89,906	90,861	86,937	85,621	82,176	80,466	79,793	83,391	90,116	91,374
- Net change	-422	+1,248	+955	-3,924	-1,316	-3,445	-1,710	-673	+3,598	+6,725	+1,258
- Growth rate (%)	-0.5	+1.4	+1.1	-4.3	-1.5	-4.0	-2.1	-0.8	+4.5	+8.1	+1.4
3. Exports (f.o.b, Rs Million)	9,057	11,474	12,136	13,081	15,821	16,533	18,267	21,001	23,049	26,075	28,952
4. Imports (c.i.f, Rs Million) :											
- Raw materials	7,502	7,348	7,067	7,133	9,326	10,125	10,856	12,077	13,880	16,179	15,725
- Machinery & spare parts	(6,539)	(6,554)	(6,348)	(6,456)	(8,221)	(9,016)	(9,869)	(10,960)	(12,442)	(14,693)	(13,880)
	(963)	(794)	(719)	(677)	(1105)	(1109)	(987)	(1,117)	(1,438)	(1,486)	(1,845)
5. Net Exports (Rs Million)	1,555	4,126	5,069	5,948	6,495	6,408	7,411	8,893	9,169	9,896	13,227
6. Net Exports to Exports (%)	17.2	36.0	41.8	45.5	41.1	38.8	40.6	42.3	39.8	38.0	45.7
7. Value added at current prices (Rs Million)											
- Share in Manufacturing(%)	3,400	3,975	4,406	5,011	5,702	6,373	7,097	8,164	9,138	10,452	11,633
	51.1	51.1	50.3	50.4	51.0	50.2	49.6	49.6	49.8	49.5	50.7
- Share in GDP(%)	12.7	12.5	12.2	11.8	11.9	11.7	11.7	12.0	12.1	12.3	12.7
8. Value added at constant '82 prices (Rs Million)											
	1,650	1,766	1,854	1,965	2,083	2,173	2,281	2,441	2,587	2,766	2,932
- Growth rate (%)	+6.0	+7.0	+5.0	+6.0	+6.0	+4.3	+5.0	+7.0	+6.0	+6.9	+6.0
9. Investment (Rs Million)											
	900	690	648	560	900	900	815	930	1,245	1,445	1,710
- Machinery	(840)	(640)	(610)	(540)	(875)	(880)	(805)	(915)	(1200)	(1355)	(1590)

¹ revised

² provisional

Table 1.2: - Net change in number of enterprises by product group: March 1999 - March 2000, EPZ Sector

Product group	No. of enterprises				Net change from	
	March 1999		December 1999		March 2000	
	March 1999	December 1999	December 1999	March 2000	Dec. 99 to Mar. 2000	Mar.99 to Mar. 2000
1. Food	11	11	11	11	0	0
2. Flowers	42	39	39	39	0	-3
3. Textile yarn and fabrics	35	34	34	34	0	-1
4. Wearing apparel :	244	251	251	254	3	10
Pullovers	(30)	(32)	(32)	(32)	(0)	(2)
Other garments	(214)	(219)	(219)	(222)	(3)	(8)
5. Leather products and footwear	8	8	8	8	0	0
6. Wood and paper products	33	33	33	32	-1	-1
7. Optical goods	6	6	6	6	0	0
8. Electronic watches and clocks	5	5	5	5	0	0
9. Electric and electronic products	10	10	10	9	-1	-1
10. Jewellery and related articles	21	23	23	24	1	3
11. Toys and carnival articles	7	7	7	7	0	0
12. Other	78	85	85	88	3	10
TOTAL	500	512	512	517	5	17

Table 1.3:- New enterprises and closures, EPZ Sector: 1999, 2000.

Product group	Year 1999						1st Quarter 2000		
	New projects		Closures		Employment	New projects		Closures	
	Enterprise	Employment	Enterprise	Employment		Enterprise	Employment	Enterprise	Employment
1. Food	4	1,368	5	1,273	-	-	-	-	-
2. Flowers	-	-	3	10	-	-	-	-	-
3. Textile yarn and fabrics	2	16	2	24	-	-	-	-	-
4. Wearing apparel :	17	586	7	671	4	66	1	209	
Pullovers	(3)	(155)	(1)	(313)	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)
Other garments	(14)	(431)	(6)	(358)	(4)	(66)	(1)	(209)	
5. Leather products and footwear	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
6. Wood and paper products	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	9	
7. Optical goods	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
8. Electronic watches and clocks	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
9. Electric and electronic products	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	7	
10. Jewellery and related articles	3	45	1	25	1	2	-	-	-
11. Toys and carnival articles	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
12. Other	11	56	2	12	3	26	-	-	-
TOTAL	37	2,071	20	2,015	8	94	3	225	

Table 1.4:- Employment by size and sex: March 1999 - December 1999 - March 2000, EPZ Sector

Category	Enterprise			Employment								
	Number as at			March 1999			December 1999			March 2000		
	Mar. 1999	Dec. 1999	Mar. 2000	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
Enterprises with 10 or more employees	404	412	412	29,281	60,717	89,998	29,489	60,251	89,740	29,383	59,823	89,206
Enterprises with less than 10 employees	96	100	105	258	192	450	261	197	458	280	205	485
Outworkers	-	-	-	114	997	1,111	118	1,058	1,176	93	1,077	1,170
T O T A L <i>of which, expatriates</i>	500	512	517	29,653	61,906	91,559	29,868	61,506	91,374	29,756	61,105	90,861
	-	-	-	3,704	8,406	12,110	3,988	9,437	13,425	4,178	9,491	13,669

Table 1.5 :- Analysis of net change in EPZ employment, 1st quarter 2000

	Evolution 1st quarter 2000	
	Enterprises	Employment
A. Total employment creation:	...	2,519
Expansion in existing enterprises ¹	26	2,425
New enterprises	8	94
B. Total employment lost:	...	3,032
Reduction in existing enterprises ¹	27	2,807
Closures	3	225
C. Net change (A-B)	...	-513
Male	...	-112
Female	...	-401

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 1999 - March 2000

Product group	March 1999			March 2000				
	No of Enterprises	Employment		No of Enterprises	Employment			
		Male	Female		Total	Male	Female	Total
1. Food	11	594	965	1,559	11	569	1,034	1,603
2. Flowers	42	251	291	542	39	253	293	546
3. Textile yarn and fabrics	35	2,989	845	3,834	34	3,269	887	4,156
4. Wearing apparel :	244	22,526	54,831	77,357	254	22,183	53,997	76,180
Pullovers	(30)	(4,043)	(14,740)	(18,783)	(32)	(3,673)	(14,252)	(17,925)
Other garments	(214)	(18,483)	(40,091)	(58,574)	(222)	(18,510)	(39,745)	(58,255)
5. Leather products and footwear	8	224	729	953	8	223	671	894
6. Wood and paper products	33	560	200	760	32	625	211	836
7. Optical goods	6	231	246	477	6	318	225	543
8. Electronic watches and clocks	5	239	530	769	5	262	562	824
9. Electric and electronic products	10	201	390	591	9	204	387	591
10. Jewellery and related articles	21	584	707	1,291	24	572	702	1,274
11. Toys and carnival articles	7	108	949	1,057	7	103	895	998
12. Other	78	1,146	1,223	2,369	88	1,175	1,241	2,416
TOTAL	500	29,653	61,906	91,559	517	29,756	61,105	90,861

Table 1.7:- Net change in employment by product group: March 1999 - March 2000, EPZ Sector

Product group	Employment			Net change from	
	Mar. 1999	Dec. 1999	Mar. 2000	Dec. 1999 to Mar. 2000	Mar. 1999 to March 2000
1. Food	1,559	1,567	1,603	36	44
2. Flowers	542	522	546	24	4
3. Textile yarn and fabrics	3,834	4,041	4,156	115	322
4. Wearing apparel :	77,357	76,919	76,180	-739	-1,177
Pullovers	(18,783)	(18,564)	(17,925)	(-639)	(-858)
Other garments	(58,574)	(58,355)	(58,255)	(-100)	(-319)
5. Leather products and footwear	953	875	894	19	-59
6. Wood and paper products	760	904	836	-68	76
7. Optical goods	477	498	543	45	66
8. Electronic watches and clocks	769	778	824	46	55
9. Electric and electronic products	591	564	591	27	0
10. Jewellery and related articles	1,291	1,308	1,274	-34	-17
11. Toys and carnival articles	1,057	1,049	998	-51	-59
12. Other	2,369	2,349	2,416	67	47
TOTAL	91,559	91,374	90,861	-513	-698

Table 1.8 :- Expatriate employment by product group and sex: March 1999 - March 2000, EPZ Sector

Product group	March 1999			March 2000		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
1. Food	137	150	287	93	152	245
2. Flowers	0	0	0	0	0	0
3. Textile yarn and fabrics	288	199	487	363	232	595
4. Wearing apparel :	3,154	8,002	11,156	3,592	9,053	12,645
Pullovers	(170)	(936)	(1,106)	(197)	(1,335)	(1,532)
Other garments	(2,984)	(7,066)	(10,050)	(3,395)	(7,718)	(11,113)
5. Leather products and footwear	6	4	10	6	1	7
6. Wood and paper products	5	0	5	6	1	7
7. Optical goods	2	0	2	5	0	5
8. Electronic watches and clocks	7	1	8	6	1	7
9. Electric and electronic products	4	0	4	4	0	4
10. Jewellery and related articles	40	2	42	37	2	39
11. Toys and carnival articles	15	45	60	19	43	62
12. Other	46	3	49	47	6	53
TOTAL	3,704	8,406	12,110	4,178	9,491	13,669

Table 1.9 :- Net EPZ exports, 1998 - 2000

Value: Million rupees

	Year		1999 ¹				2000 ²
	1998	1999 ¹	1st Qr	2nd Qr	3rd Qr	4th Qr	1st Qr
	A. Total exports (f.o.b. value)	26,075	28,952	5,888	7,778	7,180	8,106
B. Total imports (c.i.f. value)	16,179	15,725	3,711	4,361	3,858	3,795	3,639
- Raw Materials	(14,693)	(13,880)	(3,283)	(3,706)	(3,436)	(3,455)	(3,239)
- Machinery	(1,486)	(1,845)	(428)	(655)	(422)	(340)	(400)
Net Exports (A - B)	9,896	13,227	2,177	3,417	3,322	4,311	2,781
Net Exports as % of Total Exports	38	46	37	44	46	53	43

¹ Revised

² Provisional

Table 1.10 - EPZ exports by section / commodity, 1998 - 2000

Description	Year		1999 ¹				2000 ²
	1998	1999 ¹	1st Qr	2nd Qr	3rd Qr	4th Qr	1st Qr
Total exports							
Food and live animals	26,075	28,952	5,888	7,778	7,180	8,106	6,420
of which:							
Fish & fish preparations	1,315	1,228	277	330	323	298	293
Crude materials, inedible except fuels	(939)	(952)	(212)	(257)	(254)	(229)	(216)
Chemicals and related products n.e.s	145	132	51	51	13	17	13
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by materials	56	75	11	16	25	23	13
of which:							
Textile yarn, fabrics, made up articles	1,783	2,687	534	668	746	739	724
Pearls & precious stones	(1,062)	(1,759)	(370)	(432)	(467)	(490)	(471)
Machinery and transport equipment	(446)	(625)	(108)	(150)	(195)	(172)	(187)
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	99	109	23	35	33	18	15
of which:							
Articles of apparel and clothing	22,674	24,696	4,989	6,665	6,034	7,008	5,360
Optical goods	(21,121)	(22,947)	(4,637)	(6,206)	(5,578)	(6,526)	(4,928)
Watches and clocks	(206)	(203)	(51)	(61)	(47)	(44)	(46)
Toys, games and sporting goods	(508)	(585)	(123)	(129)	(158)	(175)	(135)
Jewellery, golds. & silversmiths wares	(78)	(165)	(18)	(53)	(59)	(35)	(37)
	(327)	(358)	(70)	(96)	(84)	(108)	(114)

¹ Revised

² Provisional

Table 1.11 - EPZ imports by section / commodity, 1998 - 2000

Value (c.i.f): Million rupees

Description	1998	1999 ¹	1999 ¹				2000 ²
			1st Qr.	2nd Qr.	3rd Qr.	4th Qr.	
			1st Qr.				
Total imports	16,179	15,725	3,711	4,361	3,858	3,795	3,639
Food and live animals	721	407	81	187	60	79	137
Crude materials, inedible except fuels	1,363	1,024	279	271	242	232	229
- cotton	(679)	(439)	(117)	(109)	(121)	(92)	(122)
- synthetic fibres suitable for spinning	(15)	(23)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(5)	(7)
- wool and other animal hair	(380)	(241)	(78)	(61)	(29)	(73)	(65)
Mineral fuel, lubricants and related products	21	9	-	3	2	4	3
Chemicals and related products, n.e.s	742	586	134	157	131	164	151
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	10,186	10,207	2,430	2,687	2,539	2,551	2,343
- leather	(144)	(76)	(19)	(18)	(17)	(22)	(28)
- textile yarn and fabrics	(8,888)	(8,931)	(2,145)	(2,386)	(2,235)	(2,165)	(1,979)
- pearls and precious stones	(433)	(577)	(144)	(127)	(126)	(180)	(174)
Machinery & transport equipment	1,486	1,845	428	655	422	340	400
Miscellaneous manufactured goods	1,619	1,574	343	377	443	411	368
- optical goods, watches & clocks	(511)	(434)	(108)	(100)	(126)	(100)	(93)
- jewellery, goldsmiths & silversmiths wares	(313)	(259)	(68)	(52)	(59)	(80)	(68)
Other commodities and transactions, n.e.s	40	72	16	24	19	13	8

¹ Revised² Provisional

Table 1.12 - EPZ exports by main countries of destination, 1998 - 2000

Country of Destination	Year		1999 ¹				2000 ²	
	1998	1999 ¹	1st Qr	2nd Qr	3rd Qr	4th Qr	1st Qr	
Total EPZ Exports	26,075	28,952	5,888	7,778	7,180	8,106	6,420	
1 Preferential Tariff Countries	25,322	28,088	5,698	7,583	6,966	7,841	6,209	
(a) European Union Countries	(17,690)	(19,126)	(3,860)	(5,148)	(4,667)	(5,451)	(4,184)	
Belgium	647	831	217	201	236	177	207	
France	6,259	6,859	1,276	1,938	1,425	2,220	1,405	
Germany	1,922	1,565	277	404	491	393	257	
Italy	1,163	1,156	289	243	234	390	303	
Netherlands	784	878	196	238	240	204	141	
Reunion	277	309	54	85	86	84	61	
Spain	796	914	125	222	278	289	152	
Sweden	134	108	23	26	28	31	44	
United Kingdom	5,488	6,284	1,342	1,747	1,600	1,595	1,542	
Other countries	220	222	61	44	49	68	72	
(b) Other Preferential Tariff Countries	(7,632)	(8,962)	(1,838)	(2,435)	(2,299)	(2,390)	(2,025)	
Australia	67	71	15	17	22	17	16	
Canada	253	247	46	87	75	39	52	
Hong kong	87	99	24	29	16	30	37	
Malagasy, Republic of	835	1,365	324	329	364	348	365	
Singapore	20	14	2	5	4	3	2	
South Africa, Republic of	99	95	4	16	41	34	21	
U.S.A.	6,053	6,808	1,383	1,905	1,687	1,833	1,452	
Zimbabwe	88	84	12	13	31	28	24	
Other countries	130	179	28	34	59	58	56	
2 General Tariff Countries	753	864	190	195	214	265	211	
Japan	146	160	28	36	59	37	29	
Switzerland	367	414	96	91	97	130	93	
Other countries	240	290	66	68	58	98	89	

¹ Revised

² Provisional

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

Table 1.13 - EPZ imports by main countries of origin, 1998 - 2000

Value (c.i.f) : Million Rupees

Country of origin	1998			1999 ¹			2000 ²	
	1998	1999 ¹	1st Qr	2nd Qr	3rd Qr	4th Qr	1st Qr	
Total EPZ Imports	16,179	15,725	3,711	4,361	3,858	3,795	3,639	
1. Preferential Tariff Countries	11,862	11,176	2,640	3,017	2,668	2,851	2,377	
(a) European Union Countries	(5,218)	(5,005)	(1,114)	(1,528)	(1,098)	(1,265)	(1,030)	
Belgium	437	714	120	276	155	163	113	
France	2,040	1,482	357	397	328	400	333	
Germany	755	674	173	183	168	150	143	
Italy	1,029	1,072	241	329	231	271	169	
Netherlands	32	27	7	4	8	8	5	
Sweden	48	72	11	24	9	28	9	
Spain	352	401	95	182	49	75	118	
United Kingdom	416	451	88	106	114	143	105	
Other	109	112	22	27	36	27	35	
(b) Other Preferential Tariff Countries	(6,644)	(6,171)	(1,526)	(1,489)	(1,570)	(1,586)	(1,347)	
Australia	219	176	67	43	25	41	40	
Bahamas	13	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Hong kong	2,173	1,737	481	396	439	421	393	
India	2,441	2,579	601	589	664	725	538	
Malagasy, Republic of	201	135	31	43	39	22	19	
Malaysia	272	188	39	71	47	31	34	
New Zealand	161	32	22	2	5	3	6	
Pakistan	216	357	69	94	102	92	73	
Singapore	204	179	44	40	44	51	32	
South Africa, Republic of	423	458	89	128	120	121	122	
U.S.A	199	283	74	68	73	68	63	
Other	122	47	9	15	12	11	27	
2. General Tariff Countries	4,317	4,549	1,071	1,344	1,190	944	1,262	
Burkina Faso	179	154	20	82	40	12	21	
Cameroon	47	67	29	9	29	-	-	
China	1,677	2,000	455	563	575	407	601	
Indonesia	217	184	39	40	44	61	59	
Japan	314	452	140	147	81	84	109	
Korea, Republic of	95	150	49	45	31	25	48	
Macao	30	15	6	1	1	7	-	
Mali	200	172	64	22	43	43	80	
Mexico	25	7	6	-	1	-	-	
Switzerland	472	461	107	147	102	105	115	
Taiwan	658	640	114	216	176	134	138	
Thailand	104	127	22	37	33	35	57	
Other	299	120	20	35	34	31	34	

¹ Revised

² Provisional

**Table 2.1: -Net change in number of enterprises by product group, 1999 - 2000
Pioneer Status Enterprises**

Product group	No of enterprises			Net change	
	Mar. 99	Dec. 99	Mar. 2000	1st quarter	Year
1. Watches and clocks	1	1	1	0	0
2. Informatics	40	43	43	0	3
3. Electric and electronic products	31	32	33	1	2
4. Light engineering	31	36	38	2	7
5. Support to jewellery	4	4	4	0	0
6. Support to printing and publishing	16	16	16	0	0
7. Other support services	33	34	34	0	1
8. Plastic and rubber product	22	22	25	3	3
9. Other	21	21	22	1	1
TOTAL	199	209	216	7	17

**Table 2.2:- Net change in employment by product group, 1999 - 2000
Pioneer Status Enterprises**

Product group	Employment			Net change	
	Mar. 99	Dec. 99	Mar. 2000	1st quarter	Year
1. Watches and clocks	183	167	151	- 16	- 32
2. Informatics	476	517	478	- 39	2
3. Electronic and electronic products	351	387	392	5	41
4. Light engineering	341	353	365	12	24
5. Support to jewellery	46	40	40	0	-6
6. Support to printing and publishing	243	212	191	-21	-52
7. Other support services	260	277	274	- 3	14
8. Plastic and rubber products	343	388	400	12	57
9. Other	224	226	255	29	31
TOTAL	2,467	2,567	2,546	-21	79

Table 2.3:- Employment by size and sex: March 1999 - December 1999 - March 2000, Pioneer Status Enterprises

Employment size	No. of enterprises			Employment								
	Mar. 1999	Dec. 1999	Mar. 2000	March 1999			December 1999			March 2000		
				Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
25 and above	22	24	21	777	399	1,176	837	392	1,229	768	341	1,109
10 to < 25	50	50	52	517	213	730	555	190	745	620	206	826
less than 10	127	135	143	423	138	561	440	153	593	458	153	611
TOTAL	199	209	216	1,717	750	2,467	1,832	735	2,567	1,846	700	2,546
<i>Of which, expatriates</i>	-	-	-	92	12	104	110	15	125	108	13	121

Table 2.4 :- Analysis of net change in employment: 1st quarter 2000, Pioneer Status Enterprises

	Evolution 1st quarter 2000	
	Enterprises	Employment
A. Total employment creation :	...	154
Expansion in existing enterprises	39	121
New enterprises	8	33
B. Total employment lost :	...	175
Reduction in existing enterprises	45	172
Closures	1	3
C. Net change (A-B)	...	-21
Male	...	14
Female	...	- 35

Table 2.5:- Employment by product group and sex: March 1999 - March 2000, Pioneer Status Enterprises

Product group	March 1999			March 2000				
	No. of enterprises	Employment		No. of enterprises	Employment			
		Male	Female		Total	Male	Female	Total
1. Watches and clocks	1	38	145	183	1	35	116	151
2. Informatics	40	303	173	476	43	306	172	478
3. Electric and Electronic products	31	234	117	351	33	262	130	392
4. Light engineering	31	308	33	341	38	321	44	365
5. Support to jewellery	4	16	30	46	4	14	26	40
6. Support to printing and publishing	16	154	89	243	16	146	45	191
7. Other support services	33	183	77	260	34	192	82	274
8. Plastic and rubber products	22	311	32	343	25	364	36	400
9. Other	21	170	54	224	22	206	49	255
TOTAL	199	1,717	750	2,467	216	1,846	700	2,546