

The Export Processing Zone and Pioneer Status Enterprises

1st Quarter 2006

1. Introduction

The Central Statistics Office conducts a "Quarterly Survey of Employment" among the EPZ and Pioneer Status Enterprises to provide 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 March 2006. Figures are given separately for the Export Processing Zone and Pioneer Status Enterprises, the latter being "small and medium" enterprises engaged mainly in activities involving the application of high technology.

The Indicator also includes provisional figures on EPZ imports and exports for the 1st quarter 2006 as well as revised figures for previous years. Table 1.1 shows the main indicators of the EPZ sector for the period 1995 to 2005.

2. The Export Processing Zone (EPZ)

2.1 *Number of enterprises*

The number of enterprises at the end of the 1st quarter of 2006 stood at 484 compared to 506 at the end of December 2005 and 499 a year ago.

During the 1st quarter, 27 enterprises closed down of which 12 in "Wearing apparel", 5 in "Flowers" and 5 in "Other manufacturing"; five new ones came into operation of which 2 in "Wearing apparel", resulting in a net loss of 22 enterprises.

In "wearing apparel", the most important group in the EPZ, the number of enterprises at the end of March 2006 stood at 207 compared to 217 at the end of December 2005, and 220 a year ago. The distribution of enterprises by product group is given in Table 1.2.

2.2 *Employment evolution, 1st quarter 2006*

Employment in the EPZ decreased by 1,380 from 66,931 (26,065 males and 40,866 females) at the end of December 2005 to 65,551 (24,581 males and 40,970 females) at the end of March 2006. Female employment went up by 104 while male employment decreased by 1,484 (Table 1.4).

As shown in Table 1.5, during the first quarter of 2006, a total of 2,362 jobs was created: 1,978 through expansion in existing enterprises and 304 by the 5 new enterprises. On the other hand, 3,742 jobs were lost: 3,136 through reduction in existing enterprises and 606 following the closure of the 27 enterprises.

The "Wearing apparel" group registered a decrease of 1,201 in its workforce from 49,668 at the end of the previous quarter to 48,467. Within the group, employment declined by 313 in "pullovers" and by 888 in "other garments". The "Textile yarn and fabrics" group registered an increase of 310 while "Food" decreased by 120. Details of employment by product group are shown in Tables 1.6 and 1.7.

Foreign workers decreased by 422 from 14,419 at the end of December 2005 to 13,997 at the end of March 2006 (Table 1.4). Employment went up by 363 among females, but decreased by 785 among males. Nearly 84% of foreign workers was engaged in the

“Wearing apparel” group. Table 1.8 shows expatriate employment by product group and sex.

2.3 Employment evolution, March 2005 – March 2006

Comparison of March 2005 and March 2006 figures shows a decrease of 15 in the number of enterprises and a decrease of 1,246 in the EPZ workforce. Male employment fell by 11 and females employment by 1,235. Expatriate employment went up by 556 (Tables 1.4 and 1.8).

In the "Wearing apparel" group, employment declined by 3,006 from 51,473 to 48,467. Within the group, employment fell by 784 in “Pullovers” and by 2,222 in “Other garments”. Significant increases were registered in “Food” group (+1,352) and “Textile yarn and fabrics” group (+839). Details of changes in employment by product group are given in Table 1.7.

2.4 Exports and Imports, 1st quarter 2006

Statistics on imports and exports are compiled from declarations lodged at Customs by importers and exporters. Some of these declarations are, at times, revised at a later period and corrections made accordingly on the computerised database of the Customs Department. Thus while figures for 2003 and 2004 are final, those for the year 2005 and 1st quarter 2006 are subject to revision as and when the Customs Department submits latest amendments to the Central Statistics Office.

Provisional figures show that EPZ exports for the 1st quarter of 2006 amounted to Rs. 6,629 million, that is, 14.4% lower compared to the previous quarter, but 1.3% higher compared to the corresponding quarter of 2005 (Table 1.9).

Exports of manufactured articles of apparel and clothing declined by Rs. 333 million during the first quarter of 2006 compared to the corresponding period of last year. This decrease was offset by increases in some other product groups of which “Fish and fish preparations” (+Rs. 425 million) and “Textile yarn and fabrics” (+Rs. 58 million). Other details of EPZ exports by section are shown in Table 1.10.

The United Kingdom, the United States of America and France remain our principal EPZ markets, accounting for Rs. 4,282 million or around 65% of total exports. Compared to the corresponding quarter of 2005, decreases in exports of Rs. 499 million (-37.9%) to the United States of America and Rs. 71 million (-5.3%) to France were noted. On the other hand, exports to the United Kingdom increased by Rs. 234 million (+11.9%). Exports to the Republic of South Africa went up by 157.4% from Rs. 101 million to Rs. 260 million and that to the Malagasy Republic by 62.7% from Rs. 142 million to Rs. 231 million (Table 1.12).

EPZ imports during the 1st quarter of 2006 amounted to Rs. 4,075 million compared to Rs. 3,437 million for the corresponding quarter of 2005, representing an increase of Rs. 638 million or 18.6%. Imports of raw materials increased by Rs. 768 million (+26.5%) from Rs. 2,899 million to Rs. 3,667 million and that of machinery and equipment went down by Rs. 130 million (-24.2%) from Rs. 538 million to Rs. 408 million.

Net exports, i.e. exports minus imports, amounted to Rs. 2,554 million and its ratio to total EPZ exports works out to around 39% compared to 47% in 2005 (Table 1.9).

It is to be noted that the above figures do not include transactions of the EPZ with the Freeport. EPZ sales to the Freeport are considered as local sales. It was valued at

Rs. 581 million for the 1st quarter in 2006 compared to Rs. 449 million for the previous quarter and Rs. 560 million for the corresponding period of 2005. These sales are included in exports of Freeport, as and when the goods leave the country.

3. The Pioneer Status Enterprises (PSE)

3.1 Number of enterprises

During the 1st quarter 2006, five new enterprises started operation while one existing enterprise closed down, thus bringing the total number of PSE's to 265. Among the enterprises, 82 were "large", that is, having 10 or more employees. The highest number of enterprises was in "Other support services" (62), followed by "Light engineering" (48) and "Informatics" (43). Further details are given in Table 2.1.

3.2 Employment

The total workforce in the PSE sector at the end of March 2006 was 3,625 (2,736 males and 889 females) showing an increase of 62 (+1.7%) compared to the figure of 3,563 (2,740 males and 823 females) at the end of the previous quarter. The "large" enterprises employed 3,068 against 3,031 at the end of December 2005.

Table 2.4 shows that during the 1st quarter 2006, a total of 261 jobs were created: 231 by 34 existing enterprises and 30 by five new enterprises. On the other hand, 42 enterprises reported a total reduction of 198 in their workforce. Job loss due to the closure of one enterprise numbered 1.

The number of expatriates employed in the PSE increased by 13 during the 1st quarter 2006 to reach 242 compared to 229 at the end of December 2005 and 210 a year ago.

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Table 1.1:- Main economic indicators: 1995 - 2005, EPZ Sector

	<u>1995</u>	<u>1996</u>	<u>1997</u>	<u>1998</u>	<u>1999</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2001</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2004</u> ¹	<u>2005</u> ²
1. No of enterprises as at December	481	481	480	495	512	518	522	506	506	501	506
- New	25	43	26	48	37	34	24	9	23	20	24
- Closures	38	43	27	33	20	28	20	25	23	25	19
2. Employment as at December	80,466	79,793	83,391	90,116	91,374	90,682	87,607	87,204	77,623	68,022	66,931
- Net change	-1,710	-673	+3,598	+6,725	+1,258	-692	-3,075	-403	-9,581	-9,601	-1,091
- Growth rate (%)	-2.1	-0.8	+4.5	+8.1	+1.4	-0.8	-3.4	-0.5	-11.0	-12.4	-1.6
3. Exports (f.o.b, Rs Million)	18,267	21,001	23,049	26,075	29,131	30,961	33,695	32,683	31,444	32,046	29,187
4. Imports (c.i.f, Rs Million) :	10,856	12,077	13,880	16,179	15,735	16,399	17,140	16,909	15,579	17,195	15,514
- Raw materials	(9,869)	(10,960)	(12,442)	(14,693)	(13,891)	(14,700)	(15,637)	(15,251)	(14,079)	(14,734)	(13,654)
- Machinery & spare parts	(987)	(1,117)	(1,438)	(1,486)	(1,844)	(1,699)	(1,503)	(1,658)	(1,500)	(2,461)	(1,860)
5. Net Exports (Rs Million)	7,411	8,924	9,169	9,896	13,396	14,562	16,555	15,774	15,865	14,851	13,673
6. Net Exports to Exports (%)	40.6	42.5	39.8	38.0	46.0	47.0	49.1	48.3	50.4	46.3	46.8
7. Value added¹ at basic prices (Rs Million)	7,067	8,202	9,179	10,510	11,697	12,523	13,681	13,600	13,171	13,134	12,100
- Share in Manufacturing(%)	49.6	49.6	49.8	50.4	52.1	50.7	49.9	48.1	44.5	41.3	37.6
- Share in GDP(%)	11.7	12.0	12.1	11.9	12.5	12.0	11.6	10.9	9.6	8.6	7.4
8. Annual Growth rate of Value added (%)	+5.0	+7.0	+6.0	+6.9	+6.0	+6.0	+4.4	-6.0	-6.0	-6.8	-12.3
9. Investment (Rs Million)	815	930	1,245	1,445	1,755	1,702	1,758	1,468	1,418	2,508	2,391
- Machinery	(805)	(915)	(1,200)	(1,355)	(1,635)	(1,557)	(1,444)	(1,445)	(1,342)	(1,888)	(1,624)

¹ revised

² provisional

Table 1.2: - Net change in number of enterprises by product group: March 2005 - March 2006, EPZ Sector

Product group	No. of enterprises			Net change from	
	Mar. 2005	Dec. 2005	Mar. 2006	Dec. 05 to Mar. 06	Mar. 05 to Mar. 06
1. Food	13	13	13	0	0
2. Flowers	37	37	32	-5	-5
3. Textile yarn and fabrics	42	46	44	-2	2
4. Wearing apparel :	220	217	207	-10	-13
Pullovers	(29)	(28)	(28)	(0)	(-1)
Other garments	(191)	(189)	(179)	(-10)	(-12)
5. Leather products and footwear	9	9	8	-1	-1
6. Wood and paper products	26	26	24	-2	-2
7. Optical goods	6	5	5	0	-1
8. Electronic watches and clocks	6	5	5	0	-1
9. Electric and electronic products	7	9	9	0	2
10. Jewellery and related articles	33	36	37	1	4
11. Toys and carnival articles	6	6	6	0	0
12. Other	94	97	94	-3	0
TOTAL	499	506	484	-22	-15

Table 1.3:- New enterprises and closures : Year 2005 and 1st quarter 2006, EPZ Sector

Product group	Year 2005				1st quarter 2006			
	New projects		Closures		New projects		Closures	
	Enterprise	Employment	Enterprise	Employment	Enterprise	Employment	Enterprise	Employment
1. Food	1	1,539	-	-	-	-	-	-
2. Flowers	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	50
3. Textile yarn and fabrics	4	379	1	1	-	-	2	8
4. Wearing apparel :	6	428	12	6,400	2	364	12	406
Pullovers	(0)	(0)	(2)	(561)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)
Other garments	(6)	(428)	(10)	(5,839)	(2)	(364)	(12)	(406)
5. Leather products and footwear	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	22
6. Wood and paper products	-	-	3	12	-	-	2	36
7. Optical goods	-	-	1	28	-	-	-	-
8. Electronic watches and clocks	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-
9. Electric and electronic products	3	28	-	-	-	-	-	-
10. Jewellery and related articles	4	78	1	1	1	3	-	-
11. Toys and carnival articles	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
12. Other	6	86	-	-	2	17	5	84
TOTAL	24	2,538	19	6,443	5	384	27	606

Table 1.4:- Employment by size and sex: March 2005 - March 2006, EPZ Sector

Category	Enterprise			Employment (end of period)								
	Number as at			March 05			December 05			March 06		
	Mar. 05	Dec. 05	Mar. 06	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
Enterprises with less than 10 employees	142	149	183	315	223	538	318	244	562	261	197	458
Enterprises with 10 or more employees	357	357	301	24,224	41,698	65,922	25,689	40,303	65,992	24,286	40,518	64,804
Outworkers	-	-	-	53	284	337	58	319	377	34	255	289
TOTAL	499	506	484	24,592	42,205	66,797	26,065	40,866	66,931	24,581	40,970	65,551
<i>of which, expatriates</i>	-	-	-	6,485	6,956	13,441	7,222	7,197	14,419	6,437	7,560	13,997

Table 1.5 :- Analysis of net change in EPZ employment : 1st quarter 2006.

	Evolution 1st quarter 2006	
	Enterprises	Employment
A. Total employment creation:	...	2,362
Expansion in existing enterprises ¹	15	1,978
New enterprises	5	384
B. Total employment lost:	...	3,742
Reduction in existing enterprises ¹	29	3,136
Closures	27	606
C. Net change (A-B)	...	-1,380
Male	...	-1,484
Female	...	104

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:- Employment by product group and sex: March 2005 - March 2006, EPZ Sector

Product group	March 2005				March 2006			
	No of Enterprises	Employment			No of Enterprises	Employment		
		Male	Female	Total		Male	Female	Total
1. Food	13	775	1,722	2,497	13	1,184	2,665	3,849
2. Flowers	37	191	294	485	32	116	183	299
3. Textile yarn and fabrics	42	3,178	1,432	4,610	44	3,654	1,795	5,449
4. Wearing apparel :	220	17,435	34,038	51,473	207	16,622	31,845	48,467
Pullovers	(29)	(2,447)	(5,085)	(7,532)	(28)	(2,134)	(4,614)	(6,748)
Other garments	(191)	(14,988)	(28,953)	(43,941)	(179)	(14,488)	(27,231)	(41,719)
5. Leather products and footwear	9	160	591	751	8	134	477	611
6. Wood and paper products	26	543	196	739	24	474	160	634
7. Optical goods	6	201	217	418	5	184	184	368
8. Electronic watches and clocks	6	242	458	700	5	272	453	725
9. Electric and electronic products	7	110	314	424	9	97	326	423
10. Jewellery and related articles	33	625	1,019	1,644	37	647	1,083	1,730
11. Toys and carnival articles	6	72	645	717	6	71	513	584
12. Other	94	1,060	1,279	2,339	94	1,126	1,286	2,412
TOTAL	499	24,592	42,205	66,797	484	24,581	40,970	65,551

Table 1.7:- Net change in employment by product group: March 2005 - March 2006, EPZ Sector

Product group	Employment			Net change from	
	Mar. 05	Dec. 05	Mar. 06	Dec. 05 to Mar. 06	Mar. 05 to Mar. 06
1. Food	2,497	3,969	3,849	-120	1,352
2. Flowers	485	469	299	-170	-186
3. Textile yarn and fabrics	4,610	5,139	5,449	310	839
4. Wearing apparel :	51,473	49,668	48,467	-1,201	-3,006
Pullovers	(7,532)	(7,061)	(6,748)	(-313)	(-784)
Other garments	(43,941)	(42,607)	(41,719)	(-888)	(-2,222)
5. Leather products and footwear	751	684	611	-73	-140
6. Wood and paper products	739	762	634	-128	-105
7. Optical goods	418	376	368	-8	-50
8. Electronic watches and clocks	700	700	725	25	25
9. Electric and electronic products	424	447	423	-24	-1
10. Jewellery and related articles	1,644	1,702	1,730	28	86
11. Toys and carnival articles	717	584	584	0	-133
12. Other	2,339	2,431	2,412	-19	73
TOTAL	66,797	66,931	65,551	-1,380	-1,246

Table 1.8 :- Expatriate employment by product group and sex: March 2005 - March 2006, EPZ Sector

Product group	March 2005			March 2006		
	Employment			Employment		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
1. Food	76	303	379	130	708	838
2. Flowers	0	0	0	0	0	0
3. Textile yarn and fabrics	701	200	901	904	345	1,249
4. Wearing apparel :	5,538	6,440	11,978	5,257	6,486	11,743
Pullovers	(572)	(677)	(1,249)	(498)	(572)	(1,070)
Other garments	(4,966)	(5,763)	(10,729)	(4,759)	(5,914)	(10,673)
5. Leather products and footwear	2	2	4	1	1	2
6. Wood and paper products	15	0	15	10	1	11
7. Optical goods	1	1	2	2	1	3
8. Electronic watches and clocks	1	0	1	1	0	1
9. Electric and electronic products	5	1	6	3	1	4
10. Jewellery and related articles	50	2	52	55	3	58
11. Toys and carnival articles	2	1	3	0	0	0
12. Other	94	6	100	74	14	88
TOTAL	6,485	6,956	13,441	6,437	7,560	13,997

Table 1.9 - Net EPZ exports, 2004 - 2006

Value :Million Rupees

	2004 ¹	2005 ²	2005 ²				2006 ²
			1st Qr	2nd Qr	3rd Qr	4th Qr	1st Qr
A. Total exports (f.o.b)	32,046	29,187	6,546	7,701	7,197	7,743	6,629
B. Total imports (c.i.f)	17,195	15,514	3,437	4,485	3,993	3,599	4,075
<i>Raw materials</i>	<i>(14,734)</i>	<i>(13,654)</i>	<i>(2,899)</i>	<i>(3,852)</i>	<i>(3,617)</i>	<i>(3,286)</i>	<i>(3,667)</i>
<i>Machinery</i>	<i>(2,461)</i>	<i>(1,860)</i>	<i>(538)</i>	<i>(633)</i>	<i>(376)</i>	<i>(313)</i>	<i>(408)</i>
Net Exports (A - B)	14,851	13,673	3,109	3,216	3,204	4,144	2,554
Net Exports as % of total exports	46	47	47	42	45	54	39

¹ Revised

² Provisional

Table 1.10 - EPZ exports of selected commodities by section, 2004 - 2006

Value (f.o.b) : Million Rupees

SITC section/description	2004 ¹	2005 ²	2005 ²				2006 ²
			1st Qr	2nd Qr	3rd Qr	4th Qr	1st Qr
Total EPZ Exports	32,046	29,187	6,546	7,701	7,197	7,743	6,629
0 - Food and live animals of which :	2,677	3,670	704	892	1,047	1,027	1,040
Fish & fish preparations	2,230	3,199	518	801	935	945	943
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	99	96	19	16	37	24	24
5 - Chemicals and related products, n.e.s	202	123	35	15	36	37	23
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material of which :	3,145	3,199	699	880	806	814	776
Textile yarn, fabrics, made up articles	1,506	1,413	307	384	360	362	365
Pearls, precious & semi-precious stones	1,249	1,394	303	390	355	346	312
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	418	211	39	72	66	34	25
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles of which :	25,483	21,866	5,049	5,821	5,193	5,803	4,719
Articles of apparel and clothing	23,047	19,332	4,474	5,168	4,585	5,105	4,141
Optical goods	144	150	35	32	37	46	50
Watches and clocks	410	416	119	114	94	89	103
Toys, games and sporting goods	174	137	31	41	32	33	23
Jewellery, goldsmiths & silversmiths wares	818	864	189	222	193	260	178
Other sections	22	22	1	5	12	4	22

¹ Revised

² Provisional

Table 1.11 - EPZ imports of selected commodities by section, 2004 - 2006

Value (c.i.f) : Million Rupees

SITC section/description	2004 ¹	2005 ²	2005 ²				2006 ²
			1st Qr	2nd Qr	3rd Qr	4th Qr	1st Qr
Total EPZ Imports	17,195	15,514	3,437	4,485	3,993	3,599	4,075
0 - Food and live animals	1,465	1,726	193	453	614	466	601
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	1,157	1,160	334	368	223	235	541
of which :							
Cotton	818	729	210	231	129	159	462
Synthetic fibres suitable for spinning	25	22	9	6	3	4	3
Wool and other animal hair	247	318	93	116	65	44	59
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related products	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
5 - Chemicals and related products, n.e.s	571	629	135	161	160	173	155
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	9,892	8,445	1,877	2,446	2,200	1,922	1,955
of which :							
Leather	171	127	30	38	29	30	30
Textile yarn and fabrics	7,317	5,544	1,268	1,685	1,386	1,205	1,284
Pearls, precious and semi-precious stones	1,416	1,589	352	422	382	433	380
7 - Machinery & transport equipment	2,461	1,860	538	633	376	313	408
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	1,563	1,568	337	389	380	462	372
of which :							
Optical goods, watches & clocks	219	231	52	62	49	68	54
Jewellery, goldsmiths & silversmiths wares	401	384	86	75	102	121	87
Other sections	85	126	23	35	40	28	43

¹ Revised

² Provisional

Table 1.12 - EPZ exports by country of destination, 2004 - 2006

Value (f.o.b): Million Rupees

Country of destination	2004 ¹	2005 ²	2005 ²				2006 ²
			1st Qr	2nd Qr	3rd Qr	4th Qr	1st Qr
Total EPZ Exports	32,046	29,187	6,546	7,701	7,197	7,743	6,629
Europe	21,760	21,487	4,667	5,760	5,050	6,010	5,075
Austria	26	133	26	38	33	36	26
Belgium	1,011	1,280	281	366	316	317	264
France	6,995	6,082	1,330	1,785	1,304	1,663	1,259
Germany	1,003	731	190	188	157	196	166
Italy	1,425	1,195	283	260	276	376	368
Netherlands	730	550	156	135	119	140	175
Portugal	145	188	62	20	71	35	26
Spain	476	960	102	143	270	445	310
Switzerland	534	553	146	160	121	126	144
United Kingdom	8,895	9,237	1,970	2,526	2,223	2,518	2,204
Other	520	578	121	139	160	158	133
Asia	793	351	104	81	91	75	59
China	52	22	-	3	7	12	9
Hong Kong (S.A.R) ³	113	53	13	9	16	15	12
India	298	24	5	5	7	7	4
Japan	120	81	27	26	12	16	16
Singapore	8	8	1	2	2	3	1
Other	202	163	58	36	47	22	17
Africa	1,848	1,859	383	473	477	526	611
Malagasy, Republic of	686	779	142	225	195	217	231
Reunion	316	330	66	83	100	81	62
South Africa, Republic of	443	469	101	97	126	145	260
Zimbabwe	21	12	3	6	3	-	5
Other	382	269	71	62	53	83	53
America	7,541	5,415	1,379	1,363	1,562	1,111	865
Canada	134	71	19	14	15	23	15
U.S.A	7,306	5,208	1,318	1,321	1,512	1,057	819
Other	101	136	42	28	35	31	31
Oceania	104	75	13	24	17	21	19
Australia	103	71	13	20	17	21	19
New Zealand	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other	-	4	-	4	-	-	-

¹ Revised

² Provisional

³ Special Administrative Region of China

Table 1.13 - EPZ imports by country of origin, 2004 - 2006

Value (c.i.f): Million Rupees

Country of origin	2004 ¹	2005 ²	2005 ²				2006 ²
			1st Qr	2nd Qr	3rd Qr	4th Qr	1st Qr
Total EPZ Imports	17,195	15,514	3,437	4,485	3,993	3,599	4,075
Europe	6,730	6,974	1,243	1,999	1,988	1,744	1,665
Belgium	815	1,010	270	258	234	248	228
France	1,829	1,926	376	599	484	467	449
Germany	702	647	145	173	190	139	184
Italy	1,208	1,013	166	350	250	247	283
Netherlands	23	14	2	4	4	4	6
Spain	576	978	41	259	378	300	178
Sweden	34	40	1	33	1	5	1
Switzerland	943	561	115	147	138	161	156
United Kingdom	384	597	92	119	257	129	116
Other	216	188	35	57	52	44	64
Asia	7,966	6,375	1,740	1,933	1,423	1,279	1,687
China	2,355	2,012	572	593	414	433	485
Hong Kong (S.A.R.) ³	491	429	70	160	101	98	99
India	2,918	2,063	574	654	447	388	726
Indonesia	353	383	101	110	96	76	83
Japan	228	187	58	47	45	37	27
Korea, Republic of	157	112	28	41	17	26	24
Malaysia	435	237	90	70	41	36	33
Pakistan	326	308	78	97	93	40	13
Singapore	97	101	28	38	20	15	17
Taiwan	279	223	68	41	53	61	114
Thailand	206	228	58	48	64	58	51
Other	121	92	15	34	32	11	15
Africa	1,475	1,268	222	329	366	351	546
Burkina Faso	61	11	-	11	-	-	-
Malagasy, Republic of	88	118	31	23	34	30	34
Mali	50	36	4	12	14	6	14
Seychelles	165	260	16	71	91	82	242
South Africa, Republic of	771	365	102	109	60	94	89
Zambia	186	240	36	39	60	105	79
Other	154	238	33	64	107	34	88
America	613	494	93	110	133	158	104
Brazil	29	38	17	4	1	16	19
U.S.A	431	447	74	102	130	141	80
Other	153	9	2	4	2	1	5
Oceania	411	403	139	114	83	67	73
Australia	236	311	65	106	73	67	62
Micronesia	57	40	40	-	-	-	-
Other	118	52	34	8	10	-	11

¹ Revised

² Provisional

³ Special Administrative Region of China

**Table 2.1:- Net change in number of enterprises by product group, Mar. 2005 - Mar. 2006
Pioneer Status Enterprises**

Product group	No. of enterprises			Net change	
	Mar.05	Dec.05	Mar.06	Dec.05 - Mar.06	Mar.05 - Mar.06
Informatics	41	42	43	1	2
Electric and electronic products	38	35	36	1	-2
Light engineering	46	46	48	2	2
Support to jewellery	4	3	3	0	-1
Support to printing and publishing	17	17	17	0	0
Other support services	62	62	62	0	0
Plastic and rubber product	26	27	27	0	1
Other	31	29	29	0	-2
TOTAL	265	261	265	4	0

**Table 2.2:- Net change in employment by product group, Mar. 2005 - Mar. 2006
Pioneer Status Enterprises**

Product group	Employment			Net change	
	Mar.05	Dec.05	Mar.06	Dec. 05 - Mar. 06	Mar.05 - Mar.06
Informatics	304	319	442	123	138
Electric and electronic products	299	273	230	-43	-69
Light engineering	921	925	941	16	20
Support to jewellery	79	43	44	1	-35
Support to printing and publishing	342	342	341	-1	-1
Other support services	710	717	714	-3	4
Plastic and rubber products	507	535	501	-34	-6
Other	647	409	412	3	-235
TOTAL	3,809	3,563	3,625	62	-184

Table 2.3:- Employment by size and sex: March 2005 - March 2006, Pioneer Status Enterprises

Employment size	No. of enterprises			Employment								
				March 2005			December 2005			March 2006		
	Mar.05	Dec.05	Mar.06	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
25 and above	47	41	42	1,955	685	2,640	1,826	512	2,338	1,844	588	2,432
10 to < 25	40	43	40	475	148	623	508	185	693	476	160	636
Less than 10	178	177	183	409	137	546	406	126	532	416	141	557
TOTAL	265	261	265	2,839	970	3,809	2,740	823	3,563	2,736	889	3,625
<i>Of which, expatriates</i>	-	-	-	191	19	210	206	23	229	217	25	242

Table 2.4 :- Analysis of net change in employment : 1st quarter 2006, Pioneer Status Enterprises

	Evolution 1st quarter 2006	
	Enterprises	Employment
A. Total employment creation :	...	261
Expansion in existing enterprises	34	231
New enterprises	5	30
B. Total employment loss :	...	199
Reduction in existing enterprises	42	198
Closures	1	1
C. Net change (A-B)	...	62
Male	...	-4
Female	...	66

Table 2.5:- Employment by product group and sex: March 2005 - March 2006, Pioneer Status Enterprises

Product group	March 2005				March 2006			
	No. of enterprises	Employment			No. of enterprises	Employment		
		Male	Female	Total		Male	Female	Total
Informatics	41	219	85	304	43	313	129	442
Electric and Electronic products	38	187	112	299	36	151	79	230
Light engineering	46	813	108	921	48	811	130	941
Support to jewellery	4	19	60	79	3	16	28	44
Support to printing and publishing	17	248	94	342	17	239	102	341
Other support services	62	492	218	710	62	450	264	714
Plastic and rubber products	26	444	63	507	27	432	69	501
Other	31	417	230	647	29	324	88	412
TOTAL	265	2,839	970	3,809	265	2,736	889	3,625