Palestinian Statistics releases A statistical comparison Study on The Industrial Activities, 1999-2004

The Palestinian Central Bureau of statistics releases a statistical comparison study on industrial activities 1999-2004, and the results indicate that there are 12,690 establishments working in industrial activities in Remaining West Bank and Gaza Strip employing 58,979 workers distributed as 91.4% males and 8.6% females. Out of them 65.1% as paid employees and 34.9% unpaid employees. The total compensation of employees amount to 161.2 million US\$.

The results indicate that total output amount to 1,460.1 million US\$, distributed as 93.5% from main activity and 6.5% from secondary activities .The value added reached 652.6 million US\$ representing 44.7% from total output, and fixed capital formation was 31.7 million US\$ while depreciations was 65.1million US\$. Net investments was negative with 33.4 million US\$.

The exports reached 159.2 million US\$ which 10.9% from total industrial output.

comparing previous main indicators with 1999, it is clear that there is decline in number of industrial establishments with 13.4%, and 17.0% in number of persons engaged in same year for males and females especially for paid employees which decline with 18.9% causing decline in compensations with 31.8% and decline in annual compensation per paid employee from 4,486.7 in 1999 to 4,198.5 in 2004.

The output declined with 3.0% as result of the decline in number of persons engaged especially paid employee . and the decline in gross fixed capital formation with 3.0%.

The labor group employing (1-4 employees) had the biggest share in industrial establishments with employing 33.8% from total employment in industrial sector and most of them are unpaid employees(68.2% whereas 31.8% paid employees). The annual compensation per paid person amount to 3,332.5 US\$. It is noticed that this group represent 23.3% from total industrial output and 12.1% from total industrial exports.

The second labor group employing (5-19 employees) represent 23.2% from total establishments and 39.6% from total employment persons in industrial sector, most of them paid employees amount to (74.3% and 25.7% unpaid employees). The annual compensation per paid person amount to 3,844.0 US\$. It is noticed that this group represent 38.2% from total industrial output and 39.5% from total industrial exports.

The labor group employing (20 employees and more) represent 3.0% from total establishments and 26.6% from total employment in industrial sector, most of them are paid employees (93.7% and 6.3% unpaid employees). The annual compensation per paid person about 4,990.6 US\$. It is noticed that this group represent 38.5% from total industrial output and 48.4% from total industrial exports.