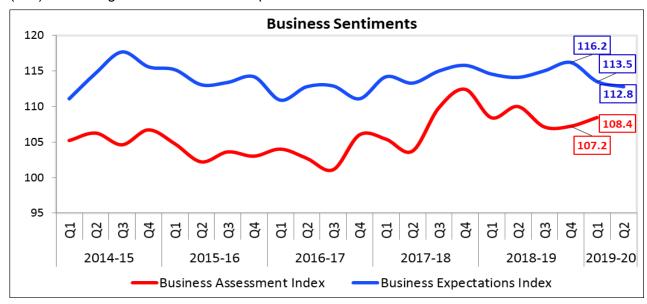
Industrial Outlook Survey of the Manufacturing Sector for Q1:2019-20

Today, the Reserve Bank released the results of the 86th round of the Industrial Outlook Survey (IOS) conducted during April-June, 2019. The survey encapsulates qualitative assessments of the business climate by companies in India's manufacturing sector for Q1:2019-20 and their expectations for Q2:2019-20¹. Responses were received from 1,231 companies in this round of the survey.

Highlights:

- In the assessment of respondents, order inflows, output and employment conditions remained tepid in Q1:2019-20.
- Sentiments on exports remained largely unchanged from the previous quarter, but in the optimistic zone; on imports, however, optimism waned.
- Optimism on the overall financial situation was maintained with improved sentiments on availability of finance from banks and internal accruals.
- Manufacturers increased selling prices in Q1:2019-20 to pass on pressures emanating from interest payments on borrowings, cost of raw materials and salary expenses, but pessimism on profit margins continued to prevail.
- Overall business sentiment remained upbeat, as reflected by the Business Assessment Index (BAI)² rising in the expansion zone to 108.4 in Q1:2019-20.



¹ The survey responses are those of the respondents and are not necessarily shared by the Reserve Bank of India. The survey results of 85th round (Q4:2018-19) were released on <u>April 4, 2019</u> on the RBI website.

² For each of the survey round, two indices are computed - one based on assessment namely Business Assessment Index (BAI) and another based on expectations, namely Business Expectations Index (BEI). Each indicator for the respective period is calculated as a weighted (share of GVA of different industry group) net response of nine business indicators. The nine indicators considered are: (1) overall business situation; (2) production; (3) order books; (4) inventory of raw material; (5) inventory of finished goods; (6) profit margins; (7) employment; (8) exports; and (9) capacity utilisation. BAI/BEI gives a snapshot of the business outlook in every quarter and takes values between 0 and 200, with 100 being the threshold separating expansion from contraction.

- Respondents expect modest improvement in demand conditions in Q2:2019-20.
- The outlook on the overall financial situation remains optimistic, *albeit* with some moderation in sentiment on availability of finance from internal accruals and banks; optimism on availability of finance from overseas in Q2:2019-20 rose slightly.
- With moderation expected in the cost of raw materials, manufacturers are upbeat about profit margins in Q2:2019-20, despite moderation of optimism on selling prices.
- The Business Expectations Index (BEI) edged down from 113.5 in Q1:2019-20 to 112.8 in Q2:2019-20.

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	Assessm	ent period	Expectations period		
Parameters	Q4:2018-19	Q1:2019-20	Q1:2019-20	Q2:2019-20	
Production	25.3	23.0	32.8	29.1	
Order Books	19.5	18.8	29.9	20.5	
Pending Orders	9.2	9.6	4.3	-6.7	
Capacity Utilisation	12.8	9.4	19.6	13.9	
Exports	13.0	13.1	17.7	15.8	
Imports	10.9	9.9	13.0	11.1	
Employment	9.8	8.6	12.3	10.9	
Financial Situation (Overall)	17.8	21.1	29.3	28.3	
Availability of Finance (from internal accruals)	15.3	16.0	20.5	17.3	
Availability of Finance (from banks and other sources)	10.8	11.9	14.2	13.0	
Availability of Finance (from overseas, if applicable)	4.7	4.3	6.0	9.6	
Cost of Finance	-15.7	-17.6	-14.4	-15.4	
Cost of Raw Materials	-41.9	-43.3	-33.7	-27.6	
Salary/ Other Remuneration	-26.7	-37.2	-32.9	-33.7	
Selling Price	4.4	6.6	11.0	7.1	
Profit Margin	-9.3	-8.0	0.8	7.4	
Overall Business Situation	22.4	24.6	36.9	35.2	

Note: Please see the excel file for time series data

³ Net Response (NR) is the difference in percentage of the respondents reporting optimism and that reporting pessimism. The range is -100 to 100. Any value greater than zero indicates expansion/optimism and any value less than zero indicates contraction/pessimism. NR = (I – D), where, I is the percentage response of 'Increase/optimism', and D is the percentage response of 'Decrease/pessimism' and E is the percentage response as 'no change/Equal'; I+D+E=100. For example, increase in production is optimism whereas decrease in cost of raw material is optimism.

Table 1: Assessment and Expectations for Production

	Total		Asses	sment		Expectations				
Quarter	response	Increase	Decrease	No change	Net response	Increase	Decrease	No change	Net response	
Q1:2018-19	1,207	39.4	14.0	46.6	25.4	40.4	11.0	48.6	29.5	
Q2:2018-19	1,095	39.2	13.1	47.7	26.0	43.0	9.8	47.2	33.2	
Q3:2018-19	1,267	38.2	13.3	48.5	24.9	41.6	9.0	49.4	32.5	
Q4:2018-19	1,258	40.2	14.9	44.9	25.3	43.5	7.2	49.3	36.3	
Q1:2019-20	1,231	38.6	15.6	45.8	23.0	42.1	9.3	48.5	32.8	
Q2:2019-20						40.1	11.0	48.9	29.1	

Table 2: Assessment and Expectations for Order Books

(Percentage responses)

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_			Assess	ment		Expectations				
Quarter	Total response	Increase	Decrease	No change	Net response	Increase	Decrease	No change	Net response	
Q1:2018-19	1,207	36.2	13.5	50.3	22.7	38.8	10.4	50.8	28.4	
Q2:2018-19	1,095	37.3	12.8	49.9	24.5	38.4	10.8	50.8	27.7	
Q3:2018-19	1,267	35.3	15.8	48.9	19.5	38.6	9.6	51.8	28.9	
Q4:2018-19	1,258	35.3	15.9	48.8	19.5	41.0	8.5	50.5	32.5	
Q1:2019-20	1,231	34.1	15.4	50.5	18.8	38.5	8.6	52.8	29.9	
Q2:2019-20						31.6	11.1	57.3	20.5	

^{&#}x27;Increase' in order books is optimistic. Footnote '@' given in Table 1 is applicable here.

Table 3: Assessment and Expectations for Pending Orders

(Percentage responses)

	Total	-	Asses	sment		Expectations			
Quarter	response	Above Normal	Below Normal	Normal	Net response	Above Normal	Below Normal	Normal	Net response
Q1:2018-19	1,207	5.1	12.4	82.4	7.3	4.9	12.6	82.5	7.6
Q2:2018-19	1,095	7.2	13.2	79.7	6.0	6.3	10.7	83.0	4.4
Q3:2018-19	1,267	4.7	13.2	82.1	8.6	7.4	11.0	81.6	3.6
Q4:2018-19	1,258	5.1	14.3	80.6	9.2	6.3	9.9	83.8	3.6
Q1:2019-20	1,231	6.0	15.7	78.3	9.6	6.1	10.4	83.5	4.3
Q2:2019-20						16.1	9.4	74.5	-6.7

Pending orders 'Below Normal' is optimistic. Footnote '@' given in Table 1 is applicable here.

^{&#}x27;Increase' in production is optimistic. @: Due to rounding off percentage may not add up to 100.

Table 4: Assessment and Expectations for Capacity Utilisation (Main Product) (Percentage responses)

	Total		Assess	ment		Expectations			
Quarter response		Increase	Decrease	No change	Net response	Increase	Decrease	No change	Net response
Q1:2018-19	1,207	24.5	12.5	63.0	12.0	27.8	9.8	62.4	17.9
Q2:2018-19	1,095	24.4	11.9	63.6	12.5	29.3	7.7	63.0	21.6
Q3:2018-19	1,267	24.9	12.3	62.8	12.6	28.3	7.3	64.4	21.0
Q4:2018-19	1,258	26.2	13.3	60.5	12.8	30.3	6.5	63.1	23.8
Q1:2019-20	1,231	22.8	13.4	63.8	9.4	27.2	7.7	65.1	19.6
Q2:2019-20						23.1	9.2	67.7	13.9

^{&#}x27;Increase' in capacity utilisation is optimistic. Footnote '@' given in Table 1 is applicable here.

Table 5: Assessment and Expectations for Level of CU (compared to the average in last 4 quarters)

	Total		Assess	ment		Expectations			
Quarter	response	Above Normal	Below Normal	Normal	Net response	Above Normal	Below Normal	Normal	Net response
Q1:2018-19	1,207	11.0	12.9	76.1	-2.0	13.0	10.6	76.5	2.4
Q2:2018-19	1,095	11.7	12.3	76.0	-0.6	11.8	9.3	78.9	2.5
Q3:2018-19	1,267	10.1	12.9	76.9	-2.8	12.5	9.1	78.4	3.4
Q4:2018-19	1,258	11.6	13.0	75.3	-1.4	12.7	8.6	78.7	4.1
Q1:2019-20	1,231	9.6	14.8	75.7	-5.2	12.2	8.2	79.6	4.0
Q2:2019-20			-		(0)	9.2	8.8	82.0	0.3

^{&#}x27;Above Normal' in Level of capacity utilisation is optimistic. Footnote '@' given in Table 1 is applicable here.

Table 6: Assessment and Expectations for Assessment of Production Capacity (with regard to expected demand in next 6 months)

(Percentage responses)

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	Total		Asses	ssment		Expectations			
Quarter	Total response	More than adequate	Less than adequate	Adequate	Net response	More than adequate	Less than adequate	Adequate	Net response
Q1:2018-19	1,207	10.5	6.6	82.9	3.9	13.0	6.0	81.0	7.0
Q2:2018-19	1,095	11.2	7.2	81.6	4.0	11.3	6.0	82.7	5.2
Q3:2018-19	1,267	10.3	7.2	82.5	3.0	11.9	6.3	81.8	5.6
Q4:2018-19	1,258	11.2	7.4	81.4	3.8	10.6	6.1	83.3	4.5
Q1:2019-20	1,231	11.0	6.7	82.2	4.3	12.2	6.2	81.6	6.0
Q2:2019-20						13.5	6.9	79.6	6.6

^{&#}x27;More than adequate' in Assessment of Production Capacity is optimistic. Footnote '@' given in Table 1 is applicable here.

Table 7: Assessment and Expectations for Exports

(Percentage responses)

	Total	•	Assess	ment		Expectations			
Quarter	response	Increase	Decrease	No change	Net response	Increase	Decrease	No change	Net response
Q1:2018-19	1,207	23.6	14.5	61.8	9.1	28.4	9.8	61.8	18.6
Q2:2018-19	1,095	23.7	13.1	63.2	10.7	27.8	9.2	63.0	18.5
Q3:2018-19	1,267	25.1	13.0	61.9	12.1	26.1	10.2	63.7	15.9
Q4:2018-19	1,258	25.0	12.0	63.0	13.0	27.8	8.0	64.2	19.8
Q1:2019-20	1,231	24.6	11.5	64.0	13.1	25.7	8.0	66.2	17.7
Q2:2019-20	·					24.0	8.2	67.8	15.8

^{&#}x27;Increase' in exports is optimistic. Footnote '@' given in Table 1 is applicable here.

Table 8: Assessment and Expectations for Imports

(Percentage responses)

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	Total		Assessi	ment		Expectations						
Quarter	response	Increase	Decrease	No change	Net response	Increase	Decrease	No change	Net response			
Q1:2018-19	1,207	19.6	8.4	72.0	11.2	19.6	5.8	74.7	13.8			
Q2:2018-19	1,095	18.3	8.6	73.1	9.8	19.1	5.8	75.1	13.3			
Q3:2018-19	1,267	20.1	8.5	71.4	11.6	19.3	7.1	73.6	12.2			
Q4:2018-19	1,258	19.7	8.7	71.6	10.9	21.0	5.3	73.7	15.7			
Q1:2019-20	1,231	18.2	8.3	73.4	9.9	19.2	6.2	74.6	13.0			
Q2:2019-20						18.4	7.4	74.2	11.1			

^{&#}x27;Increase' in imports is optimistic. Footnote '@' given in Table 1 is applicable here.

Table 9: Assessment and Expectations for level of Raw Materials Inventory (Percentage responses)

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	Total		Assessi	ment		Expectations			
Quarter	response	Above average	Below average	Average	Net response	Above average	Below average	Average	Net response
Q1:2018-19	1,207	14.6	4.9	80.5	-9.6	10.8	5.7	83.5	-5.2
Q2:2018-19	1,095	14.3	6.1	79.6	-8.2	11.0	5.2	83.7	-5.8
Q3:2018-19	1,267	14.3	4.6	81.0	-9.7	11.3	4.6	84.1	-6.7
Q4:2018-19	1,258	14.9	5.5	79.6	-9.5	12.1	4.2	83.8	-7.9
Q1:2019-20	1,231	13.9	5.7	80.4	-8.3	12.0	3.7	84.3	-8.3
Q2:2019-20						11.8	4.2	84.0	-7.7

^{&#}x27;Below average' Inventory of raw materials is optimistic. Footnote '@' given in Table 1 is applicable here.

Table 10: Assessment and Expectations for level of Finished Goods Inventory

	Total		Assessi	ment		Expectations			
	response	Above average	Below average	Average	Net response	Above average	Below average	Average	Net response
Q1:2018-19	1,207	12.0	6.3	81.7	-5.7	10.4	5.8	83.9	-4.6
Q2:2018-19	1,095	13.3	6.5	80.2	-6.9	9.9	5.0	85.1	-4.8
Q3:2018-19	1,267	15.0	4.9	80.1	-10.0	10.8	5.2	83.9	-5.6
Q4:2018-19	1,258	14.4	6.5	79.1	-7.9	11.1	4.6	84.3	-6.5
Q1:2019-20	1,231	13.5	6.7	79.8	-6.8	10.5	4.9	84.6	-5.6
Q2:2019-20						13.0	6.0	81.0	-7.0

'Below average' Inventory of finished goods is optimistic. Footnote '@' given in Table 1 is applicable here.

Table 11: Assessment and Expectations for Employment Outlook

(Percentage responses)

	Total		Assess	ment		Expectations			
Quarter respon	response	Increase	Decrease	No change	Net response	Increase	Decrease	No change	Net response
Q1:2018-19	1,207	18.1	7.2	74.6	10.9	17.7	6.6	75.7	11.1
Q2:2018-19	1,095	16.2	7.8	76.1	8.4	17.6	4.7	77.7	12.9
Q3:2018-19	1,267	16.1	6.7	77.1	9.4	17.1	4.2	78.7	12.9
Q4:2018-19	1,258	16.7	6.9	76.5	9.8	17.0	4.8	78.2	12.2
Q1:2019-20	1,231	15.9	7.3	76.8	8.6	17.1	4.8	78.1	12.3
Q2:2019-20						16.6	5.7	77.7	10.9

^{&#}x27;Increase' in employment is optimistic. Footnote '@' given in Table 1 is applicable here.

Table 12: Assessment and Expectations for Overall Financial Situation

(Percentage responses)

	Total		Asses	sment		Expectations			
Quarter	Total response	Better	Worsen	No change	Net response	Better	Worsen	No change	Net response
Q1:2018-19	1,207	31.0	10.3	58.7	20.7	34.5	6.5	59.0	28.0
Q2:2018-19	1,095	30.0	11.3	58.7	18.6	35.1	7.2	57.6	27.9
Q3:2018-19	1,267	28.5	11.9	59.6	16.5	34.4	7.5	58.0	26.9
Q4:2018-19	1,258	29.3	11.4	59.3	17.8	35.2	6.5	58.3	28.7
Q1:2019-20	1,231	29.7	8.6	61.7	21.1	35.0	5.7	59.3	29.3
Q2:2019-20						34.3	6.1	59.6	28.3

'Better' overall financial situation is optimistic. Footnote '@' given in Table 1 is applicable here.

Table 13: Assessment and Expectations for Working Capital Finance Requirement (Percentage responses)

	Total		Assess	ment		Expectations			
Quarter	response	Increase	Decrease	No change	Net response	Increase	Decrease	No change	Net response
Q1:2018-19	1,207	32.4	4.8	62.8	27.7	30.8	5.3	63.9	25.4
Q2:2018-19	1,095	30.4	5.5	64.2	24.9	30.8	4.5	64.7	26.3
Q3:2018-19	1,267	30.5	5.6	63.9	24.9	30.6	4.0	65.4	26.6
Q4:2018-19	1,258	30.8	4.6	64.6	26.2	29.9	4.4	65.7	25.6
Q1:2019-20	1,231	28.5	5.4	66.1	23.2	29.6	4.1	66.3	25.6
Q2:2019-20						27.7	5.5	66.8	22.1

'Increase' in working capital finance is optimistic. Footnote '@' given in Table 1 is applicable here.

Table 14: Assessment and Expectations for Availability of Finance (from Internal Accruals)

	Total		Asse	ssment		Expectations			
Quarter	response	Improve	Worsen	No change	Net response	Improve	Worsen	No change	Net response
Q1:2018-19	1,207	24.2	8.2	67.5	16.0	25.1	6.9	67.9	18.2
Q2:2018-19	1,095	24.3	10.2	65.5	14.1	25.1	6.5	68.3	18.6
Q3:2018-19	1,267	21.2	10.4	68.4	10.8	24.9	6.7	68.3	18.2
Q4:2018-19	1,258	22.8	7.5	69.6	15.3	25.4	6.2	68.4	19.2
Q1:2019-20	1,231	23.2	7.2	69.6	16.0	25.5	5.0	69.5	20.5
Q2:2019-20						23.0	5.7	71.3	17.3

^{&#}x27;Improvement' in availability of finance is optimistic. Footnote '@' given in Table 1 is applicable here.

Table 15: Assessment and Expectations for Availability of Finance (from banks and other sources)

(Percentage responses)

	Total		Assessment				Expectations			
Quarter	response	Improve	Worsen	No change	Net response	Improve	Worsen	No change	Net response	
Q1:2018-19	1,207	19.0	7.3	73.7	11.7	20.9	6.4	72.7	14.6	
Q2:2018-19	1,095	18.7	6.4	74.9	12.2	19.9	5.6	74.4	14.3	
Q3:2018-19	1,267	17.2	6.0	76.8	11.2	19.0	5.9	75.1	13.1	
Q4:2018-19	1,258	17.8	7.0	75.2	10.8	20.1	4.1	75.8	16.0	
Q1:2019-20	1,231	17.9	6.0	76.1	11.9	19.3	5.0	75.7	14.2	
Q2:2019-20						17.4	4.4	78.2	13.0	

^{&#}x27;Improvement' in availability of finance is optimistic. Footnote '@' given in Table 1 is applicable here.

Table 16: Assessment and Expectations for Availability of Finance (from overseas, if applicable)

(Percentage responses)

	Total	Assessment				Expectations			
Quarter	response	Improve	Worsen	No change	Net response	Improve	Worsen	No change	Net response
Q1:2018-19	1,207	7.1	5.7	87.1	1.4	8.6	4.3	87.1	4.3
Q2:2018-19	1,095	9.0	4.0	87.0	4.9	9.0	4.6	86.4	4.4
Q3:2018-19	1,267	6.9	4.0	89.1	2.9	9.5	4.3	86.2	5.2
Q4:2018-19	1,258	8.6	3.9	87.6	4.7	9.0	3.0	88.0	6.0
Q1:2019-20	1,231	8.2	4.0	87.8	4.3	9.5	3.5	87.0	6.0
Q2:2019-20						13.1	3.5	83.5	9.6

^{&#}x27;Improvement' in availability of finance is optimistic. Footnote '@' given in Table 1 is applicable here.

Table 17: Assessment and Expectations for Cost of Finance

(Percentage responses)

	Total	Assessment				Expectations			
Quarter	response	Increase	Decrease	No change	Net response	Increase	Decrease	No change	Net response
Q1:2018-19	1,207	25.3	5.4	69.2	-19.9	18.7	6.4	74.9	-12.2
Q2:2018-19	1,095	25.7	6.4	67.9	-19.3	24.1	4.8	71.1	-19.3
Q3:2018-19	1,267	24.9	5.4	69.7	-19.5	24.7	4.9	70.4	-19.8
Q4:2018-19	1,258	21.3	5.6	73.1	-15.7	22.3	4.8	73.0	-17.5
Q1:2019-20	1,231	22.4	4.9	72.7	-17.6	20.2	5.8	74.0	-14.4
Q2:2019-20						22.5	7.1	70.4	-15.4

^{&#}x27;Decrease' in cost of finance is optimistic. Footnote '@' given in Table 1 is applicable here.

Table 18: Assessment and Expectations for Cost of Raw Materials

	Total		Assess	ment		Expectations			
Quarter	response	Increase	Decrease	No change	Net response	Increase	Decrease	No change	Net response
Q1:2018-19	1,207	55.9	2.8	41.3	-53.0	42.7	3.7	53.6	-39.0
Q2:2018-19	1,095	55.5	2.6	41.8	-52.9	46.2	2.8	50.9	-43.4
Q3:2018-19	1,267	53.1	3.9	43.1	-49.2	46.5	1.9	51.6	-44.5
Q4:2018-19	1,258	46.8	4.8	48.4	-41.9	42.1	3.5	54.3	-38.6
Q1:2019-20	1,231	46.4	3.1	50.5	-43.3	37.2	3.5	59.2	-33.7
Q2:2019-20						31.4	3.8	64.8	-27.6

^{&#}x27;Decrease' in cost of raw materials is optimistic. Footnote '@' given in Table 1 is applicable here.

Table 19: Assessment and Expectations for Salary/Other Remuneration

(Percentage responses)

	Total		Asses	ssment		Expectations			
Quarter	response	Increase	Decrease	No change	Net response	Increase	Decrease	No change	Net response
Q1:2018-19	1,207	42.0	2.1	55.9	-40.0	36.8	1.8	61.3	-35.0
Q2:2018-19	1,095	35.5	2.0	62.5	-33.5	32.8	1.2	65.9	-31.6
Q3:2018-19	1,267	29.8	1.6	68.6	-28.2	25.6	1.2	73.2	-24.4
Q4:2018-19	1,258	28.5	1.8	69.7	-26.7	22.8	1.4	75.8	-21.4
Q1:2019-20	1,231	38.8	1.6	59.6	-37.2	34.0	1.1	64.9	-32.9
Q2:2019-20						34.5	0.9	64.6	-33.7

^{&#}x27;Decrease' in Salary / other remuneration is optimistic. Footnote '@' given in Table 1 is applicable here.

Table 20: Assessment and Expectations for Selling Price

(Percentage responses)

			Assessment			Expectations			
Quarter	Total response	Increase	Decrease	No change	Net response	Increase	Decrease	No change	Net response
Q1:2018-19	1,207	23.0	11.4	65.6	11.5	19.2	8.9	71.9	10.4
Q2:2018-19	1,095	22.1	10.7	67.2	11.3	18.5	9.6	71.9	8.8
Q3:2018-19	1,267	19.9	13.7	66.4	6.2	21.0	6.7	72.3	14.3
Q4:2018-19	1,258	17.5	13.1	69.3	4.4	19.4	7.1	73.5	12.3
Q1:2019-20	1,231	17.1	10.5	72.4	6.6	19.5	8.5	72.0	11.0
Q2:2019-20						15.5	8.4	76.1	7.1

^{&#}x27;Increase' in selling price is optimistic. Footnote '@' given in Table 1 is applicable here.

Table 21: Assessment and Expectations for Profit Margin

(Percentage responses)

	Total	Assessment				Expectations				
Quarter	response	Increase	Decrease	No change	Net response	Increase	Decrease	No change	Net response	
Q1:2018-19	1,207	15.5	25.8	58.7	-10.3	18.0	18.7	63.3	-0.7	
Q2:2018-19	1,095	14.3	26.5	59.2	-12.2	18.0	18.0	64.0	0.0	
Q3:2018-19	1,267	16.1	27.8	56.1	-11.7	17.1	17.0	65.9	0.1	
Q4:2018-19	1,258	16.2	25.5	58.3	-9.3	18.7	16.7	64.5	2.0	
Q1:2019-20	1,231	16.1	24.1	59.8	-8.0	17.8	17.0	65.1	0.8	
Q2:2019-20						21.9	14.5	63.6	7.4	

^{&#}x27;Increase' in profit margin is optimistic. Footnote '@' given in Table 1 is applicable here.

Table 22: Assessment and Expectations for Overall Business Situation

	Total		Assessment				Expectations			
Quarter	response	Better	Worsen	No change	Net response	Better	Worsen	No change	Net response	
Q1:2018-19	1,207	38.7	9.0	52.3	29.6	42.7	5.8	51.5	36.9	
Q2:2018-19	1,095	38.1	10.3	51.6	27.9	40.5	5.9	53.6	34.6	
Q3:2018-19	1,267	34.9	10.3	54.8	24.6	43.3	7.0	49.8	36.3	
Q4:2018-19	1,258	33.9	11.5	54.7	22.4	43.2	6.5	50.3	36.7	
Q1:2019-20	1,231	35.1	10.5	54.4	24.6	42.5	5.6	51.9	36.9	
Q2:2019-20						41.1	6.0	52.9	35.2	

^{&#}x27;Better' Overall Business Situation is optimistic. Footnote '@' given in Table 1 is applicable here.

Table 23: Business Sentiments

Quarter	Business Assessment Index (BAI)	Business Expectations Index (BEI)
Q1:2018-19	108.4	114.6
Q2:2018-19	110.0	114.1
Q3:2018-19	107.1	115.0
Q4:2018-19	107.2	116.2
Q1:2019-20	108.4	113.5
Q2:2019-20		112.8