

majority of the returns for the Ahmedabad mills were filled up. During the 1923 Enquiry, however, all the Ahmedabad mills were specifically instructed to submit information for two *haptas* containing the greatest number of days in August. It was necessary to allow each individual mill to select its own *haptas* because the *hapta* does not begin or end on fixed days in all mills in Ahmedabad nor are the number of days in a *hapta* uniform, except in the case of Weavers and generally for Spinners and Tenters, for all categories of workers. The manner in which the difficulties connected with the *hapta* system should be overcome were not dealt with in the preliminary letter addressed by the Labour Office to the Ahmedabad Millowners' Association, but it was suggested that this matter should be discussed personally between the Director and the Committee of the Association after considering the proposals with regard to the manner in which the Enquiry should be held.

9. The Ahmedabad Millowners' Association invited the Director to meet their Committee on the 5th July 1926. The Committee accepted the principle of holding the Enquiry on the basis of the Muster-roll. With regard to the difficulties in connexion with the *hapta* system it was agreed that those mills which were to be finally selected should send muster rolls, copied out in English, for the three *haptas* covering the calendar month of May, to the Labour Investigator at Ahmedabad who would utilise the figures for two *haptas* after determining the manner in which the data should be used. The forms drawn up for the Bombay mills were adapted to the different conditions prevailing in Ahmedabad. For example, in the case of weavers, payment in the Ahmedabad mills is effected by the piece and not by weight as in the case of the Bombay mills because in Ahmedabad cloths more size is generally used than in Bombay. No particulars were therefore asked for in the Ahmedabad forms for weight and the rates called for were per piece (standard length and breadth) and not per pound. As the Ahmedabad Millowners' Association agreed to furnish information for warp and weft counts and for picks to the inch in respect of the different varieties of cloth produced in the Ahmedabad mills during the period to be covered by the Census, special columns were provided for the information under these heads. Again, weavers in Ahmedabad do not pay their own *badlis* as they do in Bombay, and the mills maintain separate particulars with regard to single weaving substitutes. It was possible for the Ahmedabad mills, therefore, to give separate figures for regular workers and *badlis*. The form for All Mill Operatives (excluding Weavers) used for the Bombay Mills was separated into two forms for the Ahmedabad mills: (1) for All Piece Workers (excluding Weavers), and (2) for All Time Workers. The two latter forms were modelled on the same lines as the general form for Bombay but special provision had to be made for the figures in connexion with the wage cut of 15·625 per cent. effected in the year 1923. The wording of the heading of this column was "Amount due after increasing (war bonus) per cent. and decreasing per cent".

10. The Committee of the Ahmedabad Millowners' Association also agreed to the Enquiry being conducted on the principle of sampling. It was decided that representative mills employing about thirty per