

67. An often discussed question on which no reliable statistical information was hitherto available is the actual time loss to the workers on account of absenteeism with the corresponding loss in wages. The following table shows the number of man-days lost through absenteeism during the period of the Enquiry in the selected mills at each centre:—

Centre	Working days lost through absenteeism by		
	Men	Women	All adult workers
Bombay	73,856	38,647	1,12,503
Ahmedabad	26,373	5,978	32,351
Sholapur	12,469	2,363	14,832
Total	1,12,698	46,988	1,59,686

68. The loss in earnings per head separately for men and women workers and all adult operatives returned in the Enquiry for each centre was as follows:—

Centre	Per capita loss in earnings through absenteeism for		
	Men	Women	All adult workers
	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.
Bombay	2 14 3	2 6 2	2 12 5
Ahmedabad	2 15 0	1 8 9	2 10 9
Sholapur	3 6 5	1 3 5	3 0 3

69. Children have not been included in the three preceding tables. Half-time workers lost 654 days with Rs. 224-13-0 in earnings in Ahmedabad and 809 days with Rs. 202-4-0 in earnings in Sholapur. The per capita loss in relation to the total number of children employed was five annas and six pies in Ahmedabad and Re. 1-0-10 in Sholapur.