

wage was universal in Ahmedabad and in Sholapur and was about equally distributed with piece rates for Front and Back Sizers in Bombay. Front Sizers generally receive about double the amount paid to Back Sizers. The unit for payment in the case of piece rates is X per 1,000 lbs. of sized warp yarn wrapped on the beams. Both Drawers and Reachers in the Drawing-in Department at all centres are generally paid according to the number of ends drawn through the "eyes" of the string in the heald or heddle, the unit for purposes of wage calculations generally being 1,000 ends drawn.

82. Weavers were universally paid at piece rates at all centres. In Bombay and Sholapur the unit for payment is a pound of cloth produced. In Ahmedabad a piece is the unit. Different rates are laid down for different qualities. Jobbers in the Weaving Department may be paid either at time rates or at piece rates. In the latter case the rates are determined either on total production, the unit being 1,000 lbs. or as a percentage of the total wages earned by the weavers on the looms under each Jobber. Workers in the Yarn Bundling and Baling Department in Bombay are paid at time rates in some mills and at piece rates in others, the unit for payment in the latter case being the number of bundles handled. Piece rates in the Cloth Folding, Baling and Finishing Departments were only paid in one mill in Bombay. Work in the Yarn Bundling and Cloth Folding Departments in Ahmedabad and Sholapur was almost universally remunerated at time rates. All operatives in the remaining Departments of a cotton mill which have not been specifically dealt with above are universally paid at time rates in all centres with the exception of some rope splicers in Ahmedabad who are paid per lb. Children were universally paid at time rates both in Ahmedabad and in Sholapur.

83. The following three tables show, separately for adult males, adult females, and all operatives (including children) the numbers of workers on time rates, on piece rates, and on combined time and piece rates respectively at each centre. The percentage which each figure bears to the total number returned is given in *italics* below the figure to which it relates:—

1. *Distribution of Adult Male Operatives according to Time and Piece Rates*

Centre	Total Number Returned	Number on Time Rates	Number on Piece Rates	Number on combined Time and Piece Rates
Bombay ..	38,349	20,776 <i>54·18</i>	17,566 <i>45·80</i>	7 <i>0·02</i>
Ahmedabad ..	12,719	6,457 <i>50·77</i>	5,823 <i>45·78</i>	439 <i>3·45</i>
Sholapur ..	3,761	1,945 <i>51·71</i>	1,816 <i>48·29</i>