

Centre	Number of Looms tended	Total number returned	Average Earnings		Number working full time	Average monthly earnings of full time workers*
			Daily	Monthly		
			Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.		
Ahmedabad	{ Two Looms..	4,229	1 13 5	49 10 3
	{ Three Looms.	74	2 6 6	64 15 6
	{ Four Looms .	101	3 6 4	91 11 0
Sholapur ..	{ One Loom ..	514	0 14 6	20 0 11	81	23 5 3
	{ Two Looms..	993	1 9 9	36 3 7	231	43 6 6
	{ Four Looms .	2	3 6 9	89 0 3	2	89 0 3

*For reasons already given, the Ahmedabad figure represents 27 times the daily earnings. For Sholapur the month = 26·7 days.

112. Excluding the 44 apprentice weavers, the 3 one-loom weavers on time rates and the 280 one-loom weavers on piece rates in Bombay operated looms of 60" to 92" in width and their earnings were substantially higher than those of any other class of weavers. The production on the wider looms was composed of blankets, counterpanes and dobby and Jacquard chudders. The 67 four-loom weavers were all returned by one mill. The looms worked by the individual operatives in this case were uniformly 24", 28" or 32" in width in most cases and the production was of cloths of specially narrow widths. In a few cases the operatives had two looms of 32" in width and two of 45" in width but the widths of the cloths produced were the same as those of the cloths woven on the narrower looms. An examination of the returns in respect of the 6 three-loom weavers returned in Bombay did not show any special features. In one mill the two three-loom weavers returned worked on looms of 34", 39" and 56" in width and the production was Twills and Susis. It is probable that an additional loom was given to a two-loom weaver on account of an inconvenient location of an odd loom in the Weaving Shed. Three-loom weavers were returned by seven mills and four-loom weavers by eight mills in Ahmedabad. The allocation of a greater number of looms than two was due in all cases to work either on looms of narrow widths or to production of cloths of narrower widths on wider looms, the qualities generally woven being African fancies or *patis* and *cholas*.

113. One of the most striking features brought out by the figures in the above table is the comparatively large number of one-loom weavers in Sholapur—514 or 34·06 per cent. of the 1,509 weavers returned and their low wages compared with similar operatives in Bombay. The average daily earnings of these one-loom weavers amounted to fourteen annas and six pies, their average monthly earnings to Rs. 20-0-11 and the average monthly earnings of the 81 who worked full time to Rs. 23-5-3. The last figure is lower than the average monthly earnings