

Distribution of Siders, Tarwallas and Doffers

Centre	Age and Sex Groups	Numbers returned as			Total
		Siders	Tarwallas	Doffers	
Bombay	Men ..	5,268	861	1,493	7,622
	Women ..	636	431	1,963	3,030
Ahmedabad	Men ..	1,604	..	593	2,197
	Women ..	680	..	497	1,177
	Children ..	..	..	501	501
Sholapur	Men ..	482	120	163	765
	Women ..	11	9	17	37
	Children ..	..	..	168	168
All three centres	Men ..	7,354	981	2,249	10,584
	Women ..	1,327	440	2,477	4,244
	Children ..	..	..	669	669
Total ..		8,681	1,421	5,395	15,497

117. The 5,268 male siders in Bombay include 24 siders on piece rates of wages. All the remaining siders as well as all the other operatives covered by the figures in the above table were on time rates. The 1,604 male siders in Ahmedabad include 20 siders working on double sides. All the remaining siders, both male and female, in all centres, operated single sides. Women were employed to a very small extent in Sholapur. In Bombay more women than men were employed as doffers, the percentage of women to the total number of doffers being 56·80.

118. The following three tables show, in a comparative form, the average daily earnings, the average monthly earnings and the average monthly earnings of full time workers for the operatives in each of the three selected occupations :—

A. Earnings of Siders

Sex Groups, Method of Work and Basis of Payment	Centre	Number returned	Average Earnings		Number working full time	Average monthly earnings of full time workers*
			Daily	Monthly		
Men— Single Side Time ..	Bombay ..	5,244	Rs. a. p. 1 0 3	Rs. a. p. 24 2 9	1,260	Rs. a. p. 27 9 11
	Ahmedabad ..	1,584	0 15 2	..	..	25 9 6
	Sholapur ..	482	0 11 5	17 0 7	209	19 10 9
Women— Single Side Time ..	Bombay ..	636	0 15 2	23 0 10	173	25 8 2
	Ahmedabad ..	680	0 15 1	..	..	25 7 3
	Sholapur ..	11	0 11 0	16 4 2	4	19 8 7

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