

Sholapur the average daily earnings of male and female doffers were practically the same at each centre, and half time doffers earned about half the wages paid to women. As between Bombay and Ahmedabad, men in Bombay earned one anna and six pies more and women an anna more than in Ahmedabad.

(4) *Winders*

120. Both men and women are employed in the Winding Department. Where greater skill is required men are employed but women workers predominate. The number of winders returned from the three centres amounted to 6,029 or a little more than 8 per cent. of the total number of workers covered by the Census. Out of these, 5,528 or 91·69 per cent. were women but the proportionate distribution of men and women workers varied as between centre and centre. In Bombay, only 228 or 4·69 per cent. of the 4,861 winders returned were men. In Ahmedabad 177 out of 812 winders or 21·80 per cent. were men, and in Sholapur 96 out of 356 or 26·97 per cent. were male workers. The higher percentage at Sholapur is due to the fact that no pirn winding was entrusted to women. Winders are generally piece workers who are paid per pound of yarn wound according to the nature of the winding and the fineness of the yarn, the finer the yarn the greater the length per pound and the longer the time to wind it and hence, naturally, the higher the rate per pound. Wages are also paid on time rates but to a very limited extent, the ratio of workers on time rates to those on piece rates being about 1 : 16 on the combined figures for all centres. The distribution of male and female winders according to type of winding and basis of payment is shown, by centres, in the following table :—

*Distribution of Winders*

Sex Groups	Class of Winders	Number returned in					
		Bombay on		Ahmedabad on		Sholapur on	
		Time Rates	Piece Rates	Time Rates	Piece Rates	Time Rates	Piece Rates
Men	Grey Winders..	3	1	5	136	..	..
	Colour Winders	..	113	4	17	..	..
	Pirn Winders..	13	98	14	..	96	..
	Cheese Winders.	..	..	1	..	..	..
	All Winders ..	16	212	24	153	96	..
Women	Grey Winders..	22	2,387	..	434	..	149
	Colour Winders	12	1,103	6	171	..	111
	Pirn Winders ..	143	729	12	..	..	..
	Cheese Winders	11	226	8	4	..	..
	All Winders ..	188	4,445	26	609	..	260
Men and Women.	All Winders ..	204	4,657	50	762	96	260