

CHAPTER VIII

MISCELLANEOUS OCCUPATIONS

The livelihood pattern of the people of the district is dealt with at length in the Chapter IX (Economic Trends). But these sectors by themselves do not give the entire economic picture of the population. The people of the district are also engaged in miscellaneous occupations, viz., public administration, learned profession, legal profession, medical profession, arts and science profession, domestic and personal services, etc. They constitute important viable groups. With the growth of urbanization and modernization, these occupations have also grown to a large extent.

Attempts have been made right from 1872 Census to collect information on economic activities of persons. The concept and definition adopted for economic classification of the population, however, varied from census to census. In the census operations conducted prior to 1961, income or economic independence was taken as the basis for assessing the economic characteristics of population. In the Census of 1961, a significant departure in the concept of economically active population, i. e., the workers, was made with a view to projecting the basic point on 'actual work' or 'economic activity' of an individual irrespective of income derived from such activity. This emphasis on 'work' as an important aspect of 'economic activity' also continued in the Census of 1971 with slight modifications in the concept of workers. In the Census of 1981, the whole population was divided into three categories, viz., main workers, marginal workers and non-workers. The main worker was defined as a person whose main activity was participation in any economically productive work by his physical or mental activities and who had worked for 183 days or more in a year. The Census of 1981 classified different groups of occupations, other than cultivators and agricultural labourers according to the National Classification of occupations (N. C. O.) and enumerated main workers accordingly. The number of such persons in different occupations according to N. C. O. of 1981 Census is given below.

Professional, Technical and Related Workers

Under this broad division there are several important occupations. These occupations with the number of incumbents are physical scientists 51 ; physical science technicians 122; architects, engineers, technologists and surveyors 919; engineering technicians 4,016; aircraft and ship

officers 10; life scientists 463; life science technicians 188; physicians and surgeons 2,377; nursing and other medical and health technicians 5,547; accountants, auditors and related workers 2,041; social scientists and related workers 1,833; jurists 2,344; teachers 31, 141; poets, authors, journalists and related workers 227; sculptors, painters, photographers and related creative artists 476 and composers and performing artists 1,353.

Administrative, executive and managerial workers

Under this division of works the numbers of elected and legislative officials are 148; administrative and executive officials of Government and local bodies 2,814; working proprietors, directors and managers of wholesale and retail trade 1,075; directors and managers of financial institutions 800 and working proprietors, directors and managers of mining, construction, manufacturing, transport, storage, communication and other services 5,420.

Clerical and related workers

Under this division of work the numbers of enumerated clerical workers are 35,138; village officials 2,784; stenographers, typists and card and tape punching operators 1,806; book-keepers, cashiers and related workers 1,883; computing machine operators 121; transport and communication supervisors 1,414; transport conductors and guards 569; mail distributors and related workers 2,116 and telephone and telegraph operators 731.

Sales workers

Persons dealing mainly with sales, such as merchants, agents, money-lenders and pawn brokers are enumerated under this division of work. They are merchants and shop-keepers of wholesale and retail trade 42,793; agents of the manufactures 493; technical salesmen and commercial travellers 254; salesmen, shop assistants and related workers 13,978; insurance, real estate, securities and business service salesmen and auctioners 450 and money-lenders and pawnbrokers 31.

Service workers

Coolies, domestic servants, barbers, washermen, sweepers, hotel-keepers, policemen, watchmen, Chowkidars, gate-keepers, tourist guides, etc. are groups under this division of work. There are hotel and restaurant keepers 3,521; house-keepers, matron, maids and stewards of both domestic and institutional 10,508; cooks, waiters and attenders

of both domestic and institutional 4,181; building caretakers, sweepers and cleaners 3,975; launderers, dry-cleaners and pressers 6,626; hair-dressers, barbers, beauticians and related workers 5,604 and protective service workers 10,503.

Farmers, fishermen, hunters, loggers and related workers

Dairy, forestry and plantation workers, hunters and fishermen are mainly enumerated in this division. They are farm plantation and dairy managers and supervisors 355, farm workers 11,639, forestry workers 6,538, hunters and related workers 15 and fishermen and related workers 7,549.

Production and related workers and transport equipment operators

Under this division a number of persons under different occupations have been enumerated. They are miners, quarrymen and well drillers 4,168; metal processors 782; wood preparation workers and paper makers 1,093; chemical processors 418; spinners, weavers, knitters, dyers and related workers 21,302; tanners, fellmongers and pelt dressers 20; food and beverage processors 18,427; tobacco preparers and tobacco product makers 5,057; tailors, dress-makers, sewers, upholsterers and related workers 6,800; shoe-makers and leather goods makers 396; carpenters, cabinet and related wood workers 7,337; stone cutters and cavers 1,416; blacksmiths, tool-makers and machine tool operators 3,196; machinery fitters, machine assemblers and precision instrument makers (except electrical) 8,189; electrical fitters and related electrical and electronic workers 6,468; broadcasting station and sound equipment operators and cinema projectionists 185; plumbers, welders, sheet steel and structural metal preparers and erectors 3,520; jewellery and precious metal workers and metal engravers (except printing) 3,440; glass framers, potters and related workers 7,111; rubber and plastic product makers 396; paper and paper board product makers 149; printing and related workers 3,420; painters 718; production workers in musical instruments, basket weavers and related workers 10,964; brick layers and other construction workers 5,592; stationery engines and related equipment operators, 2,644; materials handling and related equipment operators, lockers and freight handlers 5,437 and transport equipment operators 20,048.

A comparative statement of the miscellaneous occupations in the Census of 1961 and 1971 is given as Appendix I to the chapter.

APPENDIX I

A comparative statement of the miscellaneous occupations in the Census of 1961 and 1971

Sl. No.	Occupational classifications	1961 Census	1971 Census
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
1.	Professional, technical and related workers:	19,928	34,662
	(a) Architects, Engineers and Surveyors	1,394	1,564
	(b) Chemists, Geologists and other physical scientists	3	25
	(c) Biologists, Veterinarians, Agronomists	316	600
	(d) Physicians, Surgeons and Dentists	828	1,994
	(e) Nurses, Pharmacists and other medical and health technicians	1,656	2,058
	(f) Teachers	8,894	15,606
	(g) Jurists	1,520	1,625
	(h) Social scientists and related workers	461	2,709
	(i) Artists, writers, poets, journalists and related workers	180	1,180
	(j) Ordained and non-ordained religious workers, Astrologers, Palmists and related workers	4,517	3,916
2.	Administrative, executive and managerial workers	5,519	6,035
	(a) Administrators and Executive Officers	4,582	4,160
	(b) Proprietors, Directors and Managers	937	2,085

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(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
3.	Clerical and related workers :	11,543	24,561
	(a) Book-keepers and cashiers	260	1,160
	(b) Stenographers and typists	1,199	1,314
	(c) Office machine operators	555	610
	(d) Clerical workers and unskilled office workers	9,529	17,076
4.	Sales workers :	33,977	36,529
	(a) Wholesale and retail trade	29,634	15,945
	(b) Insurance agents	426	215
	(c) Agents, commercial travellers and manufacturers	1,475	631
	(d) Salesmen and shop assistants	2,210	19,568
	(e) Money-lenders and Pawn brokers	232	170
5.	Farmers, Fishermen, Hunters and Loggers :	29,159	26,287
	(a) Farmers, proprietors and farm managers	2,016	966
	(b) Farm workers	20,186	16,304
	(c) Hunters	27	120
	(d) Fishermen and related workers	4,000	6,452
	(e) Loggers and other forest workers	2,885	2,445
6.	Miners, quarrymen and related workers	1,100	1,416

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(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
7.	Workers in Transport and Communication occupations	12,923	13,119
	(a) Transport equipment operators	9,883	9,825
	(b) Conductors, guards, brakemen (Railway), traffic controllers, etc.	20	504
	(c) Telephone, Telegraph and related Telecommunication operators	1,178	545
	(d) Postmen and messengers	231	2,260
8.	Craftsmen and production process workers	134,287	105,111
	(a) Spinners, weavers, knitters, dyers and related workers	30,005	10,873
	(b) Tailors, cutters, furriers	2,860	3,172
	(c) Leather cutters, pasters, shoe-makers and sewers	167	340
	(d) Furnacemen, rollers, drawers, blacksmiths, moulders and related metal-making and treating workers	2,652	3,280
	(e) Precision instrument makers, watch-makers, jewellers, etc.	7,252	8,504
	(f) Tool-makers, machinists, plumbers welders, platers, etc.	2,073	3,396
	(g) Electricians and electronic workers	498	2,730
	(h) Carpenters, coopers, etc.	7,092	6,782
	(i) Painters	328	580

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(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
	(j) Bricklayers, plasterers, masons, construction workers, stone cutters, etc.	8,759	3,980
	(k) Printing and related workers	493	4,106
	(l) Potters, Kilnmen, etc.	7,860	6,806
	(m) Millers, Bakers, Food and Beverage makers	21,016	8,982
	(n) Chemical and related process workers	1,668	205
	(o) Tobacco preparers and product makers	2,996	3,508
	(p) Craftsmen, basket weavers, makers of scent, Attar, garlands of natural flowers, makers of rubber stamp, lac, bangles, etc.	9,417	7,106
9.	Service, Sports and Recreation workers	39,653	36,121
	(a) Police constables, guards, Chowkidars	5,010	7,491
	(b) Hotel-keepers, house-keepers, cooks, waiters, maid servants, etc.	13,737	13,781
	(c) Building caretakers, sweepers, watermen, etc.	1,283	3,012
	(d) Barbers, hair-dressers, beauticians and related workers	5,017	4,356
	(e) Launderers, dry-cleaners, Dhobis, etc.	12,895	7,55
	(f) Photographers and related camera operators	220	445