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COST OF LIVING INDEX NUMBERS

The Bombay working class cost of living index number for July 1949 with average prices for the year ended June 1934 equal to 100, was 302. The Ahmedabad working class cost of living index number for July 1949 with average prices for the year ended July 1927 equal to 100, was 256. The Sholapur working class cost of living index number for July 1949 with average prices for the year ended January 1928 equal to 100 was 296 while the Jalgaon working class cost of living index number for July 1949 with average prices for the month of August 1939 equal to 100 was 417.

INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES

During July 1949, there were 58 strikes involving 79,516 workmen and a time loss of 345,738 working days as compared to 39 disputes in June 1949 involving 32,857 workers and a time loss of 261,564 man-days. In July 1948, there were 55 industrial disputes, involving 38,046 workers with a time loss of 120,710 man-days. Further particulars of industrial disputes are given at page 28 of this issue.

ABSENTEEISM

During July 1949, the average absenteeism in the textile industry in five important textile centres in the Province, viz., Bombay City, Ahmedabad, Sholapur, Viramgaum and East Khandesh, amounted to 13.05 per cent. as against 14.27 per cent. in June 1949. For further details see pages 32-33 of this issue.

COTTON MILL PRODUCTION

During June 1949, cotton mills in Bombay City produced 3,24,12,000 lbs. of yarn and 3,06,22,000 lbs. of woven goods and those in Ahmedabad produced 1,61,21,000 lbs. of yarn and 2,00,90,000 lbs. of woven goods. The total production of cotton yarn and woven goods for the whole of the Province amounted to 5,52,07,000 lbs. and 5,63,08,000 lbs. respectively. During the same period, cotton mills in Bombay City produced 12,38,48,000 yards of woven goods and those in Ahmedabad 10,65,97,000 yards, while the total production for the Province amounted to 25,20,16,000 yards.

TRADE CONDITIONS IN AHMEDABAD

The quantity of cotton piece goods despatched by rail from Ahmedabad, during July 1949, was 181,500 maunds as against 210,000 maunds during June 1949 and 211,000 maunds during May 1949. The cumulative total for the seven months ended 31st July 1949, comes to 1,388,000 maunds as against 1,057,000 maunds for the corresponding period of the year 1948.