

## CHAPTER VIII

### MISCELLANEOUS OCCUPATIONS

As no systematic survey, sociological or economic, has so far been undertaken in the district on the subject of miscellaneous occupations, the information given in this chapter is based on that contained in the Census Handbook, 1951, and as obtained from official and non-official agencies.

Like other rural districts of Avadh, the district of Sitapur has a high percentage of agricultural population which was 83.9 in 1951 as compared with 74.2 for the entire State. 89.4 per cent of the total rural population of the district is engaged in agriculture and even artisans and traders, such as *kumhars* (potters), *sonars* (goldsmiths and silversmiths), *lohars* (blacksmiths), *barhais* (carpenters), *koris* or *julahas* (weavers) and *baniyas* (grocers), resort to agriculture as a subsidiary means of subsistence. Even those employed in the urban areas as industrial and transport workers, labourers, domestic servants, etc., often return to their homes in rural areas during the sowing and harvesting seasons, the percentage of urban population engaged in agriculture in this way being 17.7.

The remaining 16.1 per cent of the population of the district has to find non-agricultural avenues of employment, 5.4 per cent being engaged in production other than cultivation, 2.9 per cent in commerce, 0.4 per cent in transport and 7.4 per cent in other services and miscellaneous occupations. The last group includes persons employed in public and private services and in professions, such as medicine, law and teaching, who live mostly in the headquarters town. They are served by tailors, barbers, washermen, gardeners, transport workers and domestic servants who form an appreciable proportion of the urban population.

There are three sugar-mills in the district employing 3,587 workers—2,648 seasonal and 939 permanent. The Plywood Products engages 485 and the prominent engineering works in the district about a hundred persons. The small-scale and cottage industries which produce durries, oil, tobacco, *gur* and *khandsari*, soap, *dal*, ice, furniture, and other articles of wood, etc., afford employment to more than 34,000 persons.

The district has the usual set-up of district and tahsil offices, local bodies, educational institutions, banks and the like in addition to a few departments and offices of the State and Central Governments.

The number of persons in the employ of the State and Central Gov-

#### State Government—

Collectorate .. .. .	199
Treasury office .. .. .	15
Land records Office .. .. .	465

Land reforms office .. .. .	38	
Settlement (consolidation office) .. .. .	278	
Relief and rehabilitation office .. .. .	2	
Collection office .. .. .	324	
District planning office .. .. .	296	(includes 16 women)
District agriculture office .. .. .	147	
District live-stock office .. .. .	48	
District panchayat raj office .. .. .	32	
Prantiya rakshak dal office .. .. .	16	
District co-operative office .. .. .	130	
District harijan welfare office .. .. .	7	
District supply office .. .. .	16	
Industries department .. .. .	34	
District information office .. .. .	11	
District cane office .. .. .	229	
Irrigation department .. .. .	280	(includes a woman)
District registrar's office .. .. .	11	
District labour inspector's office .. .. .	4	
U. P. government roadways .. .. .	167	
Sales tax office .. .. .	20	(includes a woman)
Police force and its offices .. .. .	1,991	(including 1,170 village watchmen)
Provincial armed constabulary and training centre .. .. .	1,176	
Office of police motor vehicles officer .. .. .	50	
Civil surgeon's office .. .. .	177	(includes 42 women)
Office of the district medical officer of health .. .. .	125	(including 11 vaid's and hakims, 12 compounders and 29 women)
District jail .. .. .	75	
District employment exchange .. .. .	11	
District judge's office .. .. .	146	
Office of the executive engineer, Sarda Canal .. .. .	275	(includes a woman)
Office of the executive engineer, Hydroelectric division .. .. .	231	
<b>Central Government—</b>		
Central excise office .. .. .	77	
Income-tax office .. .. .	24	
Railways .. .. .	347	
Posts, telegraphs and telephones .. .. .	276	
The State Bank of India .. .. .	49	
Evacuee property office .. .. .	5	
<b>Local Bodies—</b>		
<b>Municipal Boards—</b>		
Sitapur .. .. .	494	(includes 73 women)
Biswan .. .. .	91	(includes 13 women)
Misrikh-cum-Nimsar .. .. .	71	(includes 15 women)
Khairabad .. .. .	89	
Waterworks, Sitapur .. .. .	12	
District Board .. .. .	1,933	(includes 148 women)
Town Areas (two) .. .. .	47	(includes 3 women)

