

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	
Central Government—		
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	
Local Bodies—		
Municipal Boards—		
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)

