

A C K N O W L E D G M E N T

Powerloom industry constitutes one of the most important segments of the textile industry in India. Maharashtra occupies of significant position in this sector. There are 30 organised and 21 installed co-operative spinning mills in this sector. Some co-operative spinning mills are owned by the weavers, while some others by the growers of cotton.

Power-loom industry in Maharashtra is growing at expanding day by day. Bombay, Bhivandi, Malegaon, Solapur, Ichalkaranji and Vita are some of the important centres. Vita is one of them, where Dhoti, Poplin, Manjarpath and other types of cloth is manufactured.

In beginning, cloth was manufactured here on the 'Dabra Mag'. After the Dabra Mag, cloth was manufactured on the Handloom coloured Sarri was manufactured. Such Handloom was firstly installed here at Vita by Shri Eknath Mahadev Rokde in 1940.

In 1960 a first pair of power-loom was brought by Mr. Kalu Digambar Mehtre. Now-a-days in Vita, 2500 power looms and 6 to 7 sizing works are carried on, sizing and weaving is done in Vita city.

In recent years as a result of encouragement given to industrilization, old industrial centres like Vita, have witnessed rapid growth and have attracted labour force, has now become the basis of further development of the growing

cotoes labour which are working in Vita city on the power loom are full time for the that sector. At the time of ~~harvesting~~ or any other reason they leave their Job, and go back to their village. Such temporary labour force creates some problems.

Hence here is need to understand the workers from a social and economical point of view, also on this background an attempt has been made here to have a socio-economic study regarding the conditions ~~to works~~ in powerloom industry, at Vita particularly in weaving sector.

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