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APPENDIX A.

SPECIMEN OF FORM OF ENQUIRY.

Form I—Family Budget.

(Information for use in the Labour Office, Secretariat, Bombay.)

Workmen's Family Income and Expenditure.

DISTRICT Street

Notes.

This Enquiry has nothing whatever to do with taxation or rates. It is for the benefit of the workpeople that the information asked for should be obtained.

2. The particulars with regard to each family will be regarded as strictly private and confidential. All the Statements will be put together in such a way as to produce general averages. It is these averages which will eventually be published.

3. The present Form is intended for working class families in industrial centres. As the whole population consists of men, women and children, it is desirable that each family selected for this Enquiry should consist of husband, wife and children.

4. Special attention should be given to cases of families living under ordinary conditions. The more ordinary the family the better because it represents a large number. Exceptional cases should be avoided, on the other hand, because they are not representative of any large number.

5. A separate Form can be obtained for men living in towns singly or in groups away from their homes in the country or mofussil.

6. The percentage expenditure on food is largely affected by the family income—the percentage is high with very poor families and falls as the income rises. It is, therefore, important to obtain a fair number of representative statements for workers with different incomes. Thus, skilled workers earning fairly high wages and unskilled workers earning low wages should both be represented.

7. Statements should be obtained from all the working class districts within an industrial area. Otherwise they are open to criticism on the ground that they are not representative of the whole of the area. Similarly care should be taken to make the statements cover as large a number as possible of representative trades.

8. In selecting wage earners those normally employed for the whole month should be taken, and persons in casual employment should be excluded on the present occasion. The object is to obtain statements relating to normal conditions and for this reason a man on exceptionally short time would not be a good sample.

9. The dietaries of families belonging to different religions and castes frequently vary and therefore an endeavour should be made to ensure that the statements fairly represent all classes. Thus, a considerable number of both Hindu and Mahomedan family statements should be collected.

10. Information should be obtained for the most recent month because more exact information is likely to be available.

11. There may be a tendency to overstate the expenditure and to understate the family income. Where the expenditure adds up to more than the total income the Investigator should make further enquiries. In some cases the excess of expenditure over income in one month may be met out of previous savings. If so, this should be stated.

INFORMATION FOR USE IN THE LABOUR OFFICE, SECRETARIAT, BOMBAY.

REFERENCE NO.

DISTRICT

Family Income and Expenditure for Month of

192 .

Address

Caste of Family

Race to which head of family belongs

Number in Family.

	Men.	Women.	Children under 14.
Number residing at above address ..			
Dependents not living at above address ..			

Family Income of those residing at above address during Month of

192 .

OCCUPATIONS OF WAGE-EARNERS. (Insert in this column the occupations of the wage-earners.)	EARNINGS IN ABOVE MONTH.			
	Wages.	Overtime pay.	Additional earnings, if any.	Total.
	Rs. a.	Rs. a.	Rs. a.	Rs. a.
Men				
Women				
Children				
Total amount of Family Income				

EXPENDITURE ON FOOD, FUEL, LIGHTING AND RENT.

COMMODITIES. (Note.—This list may be altered according to what is bought.)	Total quantity in month.	Total cost in month.	COMMODITIES. (Note.—This list may be altered according to what is bought.)	Total quantity in month.	Total cost in month.
		Rs. a.			Rs. a.
Rice ..			Salt ..		
Wheat ..			Condiments and spices ..		
Wheat flour ..			Vegetables ..		
Barley ..			Fruit ..		
Jawar ..			Mustard oil ..		
Bajra ..			Cocoanut oil ..		
Ragi ..			Gingelly oil ..		
Maize ..			Other oils used as food ..		
Other Cereals ..					
Gram ..			Refreshments bought and consumed away from home.		
Other Pulses ..			Other food-stuffs ..		
Sugar (gur) ..					
Sugar (refined) ..					
Tea ..					
Sweetmeats ..					
Fish ..			Coal ..		
Beef ..			Charcoal ..		
Mutton (sheep or goat).			Firewood ..		
Other Meat ..			Kerosene ..		
Milk ..			Other fuel and lighting ..		
Ghee ..					
			Total expenditure on food, fuel and lighting Rent per month		

EXPENDITURE ON CLOTHING, SHOES AND OTHER NECESSARIES NOT BOUGHT EVERY MONTH.

ARTICLES. (Note.—The list of articles should be extended so as to include all those in use.)	No. of articles in use.	Cost per article when bought.	Total cost of articles.	Estimated number of months that each article will last.	Estimated cost per month on average.
	No.	Rs. a.	Rs. a.	Months.	Rs. a.
CLOTHING—					
FOR MEN :					
Dhotis 					
Pagris or Turbans ..					
Bandi 					
Pabiran or Shirt ..					
Coat 					
FOR WOMEN :					
Saris 					
Choli or Petticoat ..					
FOR CHILDREN :					
Dhotis 					
Saris 					
Kurta or Half Shirt ..					
Kunchi 					
Baby Cap 					
SHOES OR SANDALS.					
BEDDING—					
Cot or Charpoy ..					
Mattresses 					
Blankets 					
Sheets 					
Total estimated average monthly expenditure					

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENDITURE.

Items.	Cost per month.	Items.	Cost per month.
	Rs. a.		Rs. a.
Barber ..		Payments to dependent members of family not residing at address given on page 2 of the form ..	
Dhobi ..		Interest on debts ..	
Medical fees and Medicines ..		Here note any other items of miscellaneous expenditure.	
Education ..			
Travelling expenses to and from work.			
Tobacco including Bidis ..			
Liquor and Bhang ..			
Pansupari ..			
Amusements ..			
COOKING POTS, OTHER HOUSEHOLD NECESSARIES ..			

NOTES OF INVESTIGATOR.

Description of Dwelling

Number of rooms occupied by family

Approximate size of each room

State whether the dwelling is in a good state
of repair or is dilapidated

State of what materials the dwelling is built ..

Give details as to supply of water for drinking
and sanitary arrangements

*State here whether the family buys on credit or cash
system*

If interest was charged on credit purchases,
state, if possible, what was the rate of in-
terest

*Religious ceremonies including marriages and
funerals.*

Give any information available as to the
occasional expenditure on—

Festivals

Marriages

Funerals

State to what extent the money so spent
was borrowed

APPENDIX A.—*contd.*

SPECIMEN OF FORM OF ENQUIRY.

Form II—Single Men's Budget.

(Information for use in the Labour Office, Secretariat, Bombay.)

Workman's Income and Expenditure when living away from his family.

District**Street**

(Here instructions similar to those in Form 1.)

Workman's Income and Expenditure for Month of

192 :

Address

Caste of Workman

Race to which Workman belongs

Number of Dependents.

Dependents living apart from Workman, who are entirely or partially supported by him				Men.	Women.	Children under 14.
Entirely	..	..	..			
Partially	..	..	..			

Income of Workman residing at above address during
Month of 192 .

EARNINGS IN ABOVE MONTH.

OCCUPATION OF WORKER.

(Insert in this column the occupation of the Worker.)

[illegible]

Total Amount of Workman's Income

Ex. 1.

**EXPENDITURE ON CLOTHING, SHOES AND OTHER NECESSARIES NOT BOUGHT
EVERY MONTH.**

ARTICLES. (Note.—The list of articles should be extended so as to include all those in use.)	No. of articles in use.	Cost per article when bought.	Total cost of articles.	Estimated number of months that each article will last.	Estimated cost per month on average.
1	2	3	4	5	6
CLOTHING—	No.	Rs. a.	Rs. a.	Months.	Rs. a.
Dhotis					
Pagris or Turbans ..					
Bandi					
Pahiran or Shirt ..					
Coat					
Shoes or sandals ..					
BEDDING—					
Cot or charpoy ..					
Mattresses					
Blankets					
Sheets					
Rasain					
Total estimated average monthly expenditure			.. Rs.		a.

**MONTHLY EXPENDITURE OF THE WORKMAN ON FOOD, RENT, LIGHTING,
REMITTANCES AND OTHER NECESSARIES.**

Items.	Rs. a.	Items.	Rs. a.	Remarks
Brought forward	..	Brought forward	..	
Food per month	..	Tobacco including bidis	..	
Refreshments bought and consumed away from lodging	..	Liquor and bhang	..	
		Pansupari		
Rent per month	..	Amusements	..	
Lighting per month	..	Interest on debts	..	
	.			
Barber	..	Remittances to family (monthly)		
Dhobi or soap	..	Other items of miscellaneous expenditure	..	
Medical fees and medicines				
Education	..			
Travelling expenses to and from work	..			
Total	..	Total Expenditure	..	

[Here ' Notes of Investigator ' as in Form I.,]

APPENDIX B.

Botanical names of certain articles of food with the equivalents in tolas of their local weights and measures.

Name of article.		Local weights or measures.	Equivalents in tolas*.
English or vernacular	Botanical.		
Rice (2nd sort) ..	Oryza Sativa ..	Paylee (measure) ..	214
Rice (Patni) ..	Do. ..	" ..	205
Wheat ..	Triticum sativum ..	" ..	208
Wheat-flour ..	....	" ..	156
Jowari ..	Sorghum vulgare ..	" ..	208
Bajri ..	Pennisetum typhoidum.	" ..	198
Barley ..	Hordeum vulgare ..	" ..	†160
Gram ..	Cicer arietinum ..	" ..	†204
Sugar (raw) ..	....	Seer (weight) ..	28
Sugar (refined) ..	....	" ..	28
Tea ..	Camellia Thea ..	Lb ..	39
Beef ..	....	" ..	39
Mutton ..	....	" ..	39
Milk ..	....	Seer (measure) ..	56
Ghee ..	....	" (weight) ..	28
Salt ..	....	" (measure) ..	45
Cocconut oil ..	....	" (weight) ..	28
Gingily oil ..	....	" ..	28

* These are the averages of the results of the jantri measurement taken by the Collector of Bombay in the Crawford Market before and after December 1921 when the family budgets were collected.

† This has been adopted as the rate of conversion for "other cereals".

‡ The jantri equivalents for kulthi (*Dolichos biflorus*) and turdal (*Cajanus indicus*) are 220 and 200 tolas respectively. The average for gram, kulthi, and turdal comes to 208 which has been adopted as the rate of conversion for "gram and other pulses".

APPENDIX C.

*Wage Scale for Labourers on Famine Relief Works.**(Extracts from the Famine Relief Code, Bombay Presidency, 1912).*

The following wage scale shall be adopted on all public works :—

Section
73.*Workers.*

A. Gangers and special gangs	One pice more than Class B
B. Diggers	.. 18 Chhataks.*
C. Carriers	.. 14 ..
D. Working children	.. 10 ..

Dependants.

E. Adults { Male	.. 12 Chhataks
{ Female	.. 10 ..
F. Non-working children over 10 but under 14 years	.. 8 ..
G. Non-working children over 7 but under 10 years	.. 6 ..
H. Non-working children under 7 but not in arms	.. 4 ..
I. Non-working children in arms	.. 3 ..

The extra pice for class A shall be subject to fine.

Tasks.

For workers of class B—three-fourths of the task commonly performed by Section able-bodied labourers in ordinary times for earth-work and one-half of the task for 1 metal-breaking.

For workers of class C—two-thirds of the standard task of class B.

For workers of class D—one-third of the standard task of class B.

Note.—The wages in chhataks given above represent the 'grain-equivalent' of the ration. By 'grain-equivalent' is meant the amount of grain of which the value is in ordinary times equivalent to the total value of the various items of the ration, and this is computed to be $1\frac{1}{2}$ times the weight of the grain item itself. Thus, if 1 lb. were the weight of cereals allowed, the 'grain-equivalent' of the wages would be $1\frac{1}{2}$ lbs. or 14 chhataks. Therefore the weight of the grain item can be arrived at by taking $\frac{2}{3}$ ths of the 'grain-equivalents'. For further particulars vide Report of the Indian Famine Commission, 1898, paragraphs 82 and 436.

* 1 Chhatak=2 ozs. Thus 18 chhataks=36 ozs. and $\frac{2}{3}$ of this is 20.57 ozs. When converted into lbs. this comes to 1.29 lbs.

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