

SOME ASPECTS OF THE WORKING CONDITIONS OF FEMALE WORKERS IN THE TEXTILE INDUSTRY

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This paper highlights the working environmental conditions of female workers employed in the Textile Industries. 423 females belonging to the 20-40 age group work in two fixed work shifts as skilled workers in the industry selected. Most of them perform their work standing for most time of their work shift. Among them 148 (35%) are married. There were 208 child births and 21 miscarriages during the last 10 years. Maternity benefits were made available to those entitled to it. But, those who miscarried did not qualify to receive such benefit. The miscarriages occurred between the 20-29 and the 30-39 age group in the ratio 2 : 1.

The most common type of occupational injury is that caused by flying shuttles injuring parts of the body. There were 18 over—three—day absences from work, for the last two years due to occupational accidents. All the victims were admitted to the Accident Service of the General Hospital at their earliest by the employer. The noise level of the working environment is above 90 dB(A), the permissible level for an eight hour, 5 day week, shift.