

INDUSTRIAL GROWTH

5.1. (The paucity of available Industrial Statistics does not permit of any thorough study of the industrial changes in the State.) (There are no annual estimates of industrial production (excepting with respect to a very limited number of industries) and no estimates of industrial investment.) (Practically no annual statistics exist for Small Scale Industries, Household Industries, Handicrafts etc.) As far as organised industries are concerned, there is an annual register of factories that does not give any information about capital structure or of production in the different industries but at least records the statistics of employment. With the help of this register it is possible to study the directions in which the industrial development of the State is moving. In Table 5.1 are shown the numbers of factories belonging to the different industries at the end of the calendar years 1957 and 1958 and at the end of September 1959; it also gives the numbers of factories opened and the numbers of factories closed down in 1958 and 1959.

5.2 It is seen from the table that a very large number of factories came into existence during 1958. The increase in number was of the order of 480: from about 1650 to about 2130. It is an increase of nearly 30 per cent in a single year, a remarkably rapid growth. The number of factories opened during 1959 has been, to all indications, much less. 194 new factories were registered and 80 closed down during the first nine months of 1959, so that the net increase in number is only 114. If the same trend has continued during the remaining three months the net increase in the number of factories during the whole year must have been round about 150. This is much below the last year's figure. It is not easy to explain why there should be such a sudden slowing down of industrial expansion. It is not improbable that the disparity is partly accounted for by the statistical inadequacies. Probably, for one reason or other, factories opened or closed during a year get recorded in the register with considerable time lag, so that figures given for the first nine months leaves out a large number of

factories opened or closed during that period. Even if this be the case, it would not account for the entirety of the difference between the two years. It has therefore to be concluded that the number of factories opened in 1959 have been really much less than in 1958.

5.3. The Industries that saw remarkable expansion in 1958 are Rice Mills, Oil Mills, Textiles, Coir Manufacturing and Printing; the manufacture of Packing Cases, Splints and Veneers, Wooden Furniture, and Rubber Goods as well as General Engineering, Motor Repairing and Tyre Retreading also exhibited some growth. There were also a very large number of new Cashew Factories registered but almost an equal number of them closed down during the year so that net increase in number was only 4. It may be seen on examination that the industries that saw large expansion in 1958 are mostly ones with relatively small employment potential. This explains why the increase in factory employment in 1958 was only of the order of 14 per cent whereas increase in the number of factories was the order of 30 per cent.

5.4. While a very large number of rice mills sprouted up in 1958, almost an equal number have vanished in 1959. The causes of such a sudden appearance and subsequent quick disappearance of so many rice mills is not known. The textile industry has however maintained its rate of growth. As many as 41 textile mills have been opened during the first nine months of the year alone while there have been only 5 closures. Industries like Saw Mills, manufacturing of Packing Cases and Coir Products, Printing, General Engineering and Repair of Motor Vehicles have maintained their growth, though at a reduced tempo. The tempo of growth of the Tyre Retreading industry however has actually got accelerated. There have been a number of new industries started in 1959, important among which are a factory for the manufacture of Surgical Instruments, one for Paper Garbling, one for Tin Can Fabricating, one for manufacturing Mill Boards and two for manufacturing Metal Fittings.

TABLE—5.1.
Growth of Industries During 1957, 1958 and 1959.

Sl. No.	Name of Industry	No. of factories opened during		No. of factories closed during		No. of factories working during		
		1958	1959	1958	1959	1957	1958	1959
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)
1	Canning of fruits and vegetables	1	...	...	...	5	6	6
2	Canning of fish and other sea foods	...	...	...	...	4	4	4
3	Flour Mills	3	1	1	...	2	4	5
4	Rice Mills	70	9	9	60	84	145	94
5	Sugar	...	...	...	...	1	1	1
6	Confectionaries	...	...	...	...	1	1	1
7	Oil	127	5	4	...	77	200	205
8	Hydrogenated oil	...	...	...	...	1	1	1
9	Tea	7	1	8	...	123	122	123
10	Coffee Curing	1	...	2	...	6	5	5
11	Cashew	35	4	31	...	170	174	178
12	Starch	1	1	1	...	4	4	5
13	Salt	2	2	2
14	Other food preparations	2	...	4	...	7	5	5
15	Beedi	19	2	22	3	89	86	85

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16	Cigar	10	...	4	2	9	15	13
17	Textiles	49	43	8	5	192	233	271
18	Knitting Mills	2	2	10	12	14
19	Coir	35	8	6	1	124	153	160
20	Rayons	...	...	...	...	1	1	1
21	Umbrellas	4	...	5	...	19	18	18
22	Saw Mills	60	18	20	1	83	123	140
23	Plywood Factories	4	...	3	...	14	15	15
24	General Woodworking	...	...	1	...	4	3	3
25	Packing cases	11	6	2	...	15	24	30
26	Splints and veneers	20	2	8	3	65	77	76
27	Wooden furniture	14	1	4	...	15	25	26
28	Paper Mill	...	...	...	...	1	1	1
29	Printing	72	19	3	...	92	161	180
30	Tyre Retreading	13	15	...	...	3	16	31
31	Rubber	20	2	12	1	62	70	71
32	Artificial Manures	2	...	...	...	1	3	3
33	Heavy Chemicals	...	...	...	...	3	3	3
34	Other Chemicals	1	...	...	...	5	6	6
35	Pharmaceuticals	1	...	6	...	9	4	4
36	Match	10	2	8	...	19	21	23
37	Soap	1	...	1	...	6	6	6
38	Other Chemical products	2	1	3	3
39	Petroleum	8	8	8
40	Bricks and Tiles	10	4	1	...	146	155	159
41	Glass Works	2	2	2

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(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8-	(9)
42	Pottery	1	...	6	5	5
43	Cement	1	...	2	1	1
44	Forgings	3	1	4	4
45	Aluminium	2	2	2
46	Metal Containers	2	1	3	...	16	15	16
47	Cutlery, Locks etc.	4	...	2	...	5	7	7
48	Iron and Steel	1	1	1
49	Brass Vessels, gear case etc.	2	2	2
50	Agricultural Implements	4	...	2	...	4	6	6
51	Engineering	2	2	2
52	General Engineering	22	4	11	3	32	43	44
53	Other Electrical Machinery	1	...	3	2	2
54	Ship building and Repairing	5	2	7	7
55	Repair of Motor Vehicles	35	6	8	...	65	92	98
56	Bus Body Building	...	1	1	1	2

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57	Cycle	...	1	1
58	Jewellery	3	2	1	4	6
59	Mints	1	1	1
60	Pencils	1	1	2	2
61	Brushes	1	4	5	5
62	Other Manufacturing Industries	...	...	7	...	7	...	...
63	Plastics	1	...	...	...	...	1	1
64	Power	...	...	...	...	3	3	3
65	Dyeing and Printing	...	...	1	...	5	4	4
66	Stamp	1	...	...	...	...	1	1
67	Vegetables and Animal Oils and fats	1	...	...	...	...	1	1
68	Tin Can fabricating	...	2	...	...	...	...	2
69	Paper Garbling	...	1	...	...	...	...	1
70	Manufacturing Mill Boards	...	1	...	...	...	...	1
71	Manufacture of Surgical Instruments	...	1	...	...	...	...	1
72	Fish freezing and cold storage of aquatic products	...	3	...	...	...	...	3
73	Soda Factory	...	7	...	...	...	...	7
74	Calendering	...	1	...	...	...	...	1
75	Metal fittings	...	2	...	...	...	...	2
76	Boat Works	...	...	3	...	3	...	...
77	Crushing Copra	...	16	...	1	...	...	15
Total		692	194	214	80	1652	2130	2244