OCCUPATION CLASSIFICATION IN THE CENSUSES

For each district in each census year, the census reports counts of men and women working in several occupations. We have categorized these ourselves as agricultural, industrial, or service-based. The broad classifications already employed by the colonial census. These are:

- Sub-Class I. Exploitation of Animals and Vegetation
- Sub-Class II. Exploitation of Mineral
- Sub-Class III. Industry
- Sub-Class IV. Transport
- Sub-Class V. Trade
- Sub-Class VI. Public Force
- Sub-Class VII. Public Administration
- Sub-Class VIII. Professions and Liberal Arts
- Sub-Class IX. Persons Living Principally on Their Income
- Sub-Class X. Domestic Service
- Sub-Class XI. Insufficiently Described Occupations
- Sub-Class XII. Unproductive Labour

We classify as “agriculture” all occupations in Sub-Class I. We classify as “industry” all occupations in Sub-class III. We classify as “services” all others apart from Sub-Class II, which we have not included in our analysis. Mining was only more than 3% of employment in four districts. In the census, Sub-Class XI is sometimes referred to as “General Labour,” while Sub-Class XII includes the category of beggars, vagrants, and prostitutes. It also includes inmates of jails, asylums and alms houses. In our primary results, we also include these in “Services”, we remove them in a robustness exercise.

SOURCES OF WAGE DATA

Our sources of wage data are as follows:

- Wage Census of Bengal taken in 1911, 1916, 1925
- Statement of Rural and Urban wages prevailing in the Central Provinces and Berar for 1910-1923
- Wage Census of Bombay Presidency taken in 1911, 1916
- Report on an enquiry into agricultural wages in the Bombay presidency
- Report on the Wage Census of Eastern Bengal and Assam 1911
- Madras Wage Census report 1908, 1911
- Wage Census of the North-west Frontier Province taken in 1912, 1917, 1923, 1928
These provide wage observations for the following provinces and years:

- Assam: 1911, 1916
- Bengal: 1911, 1916, 1925
- Bihar and Orissa: 1911, 1916
- Bombay: 1900-1922
- Central Provinces and Berar: 1910-1923
- Madras: 1908, 1911, 1916
- United Provinces: 1906, 1911, 1916, 1928

APPENDIX B. ADDITIONAL TABLES