

CHAPTER 10

INSPECTIONS AND CONVICTIONS

- 10.1 Convention No. 81 (Article 21) of the International Labour Organisation required that information relating to the number of Inspectorate Staff under the Factories Act, 1948 may be collected. Such information for the year 2004 relating to various States/Union Territories has been shown in Table 9.2.
- 10.2 The Factory Inspectorates in various States/Union Territories inspect the factories to ensure that there is no infringement of the provisions of the Factories Act, 1948. Table 9.1 gives information relating to number of factories inspected during the year 2004. Out of 59923 factories inspected, 50250 (83.86%) were inspected only once in the year 2004.
- 10.3 The Inspectorate Staff enquired into complaints lodged by individual workers, Trade Unions, private persons, etc, regarding infringement of the provisions of the Factories Act, 1948 and took suitable action, wherever necessary.

The number of convictions obtained against the factory management for infringement of various provisions of the Factories Act, 1948 from various States/Union Territories during 2004 are given in Table 9.3. The maximum number of such convictions i.e. 1971 were reported by Tamil Nadu State followed by 524 convictions reported by Andhra Pradesh State. Out of the total number of 3596 convictions, 1636 (45.49 %) pertained to the offences relating to Notices, Registers & Returns, Safety provisions and Health & Sanitation including Welfare.