

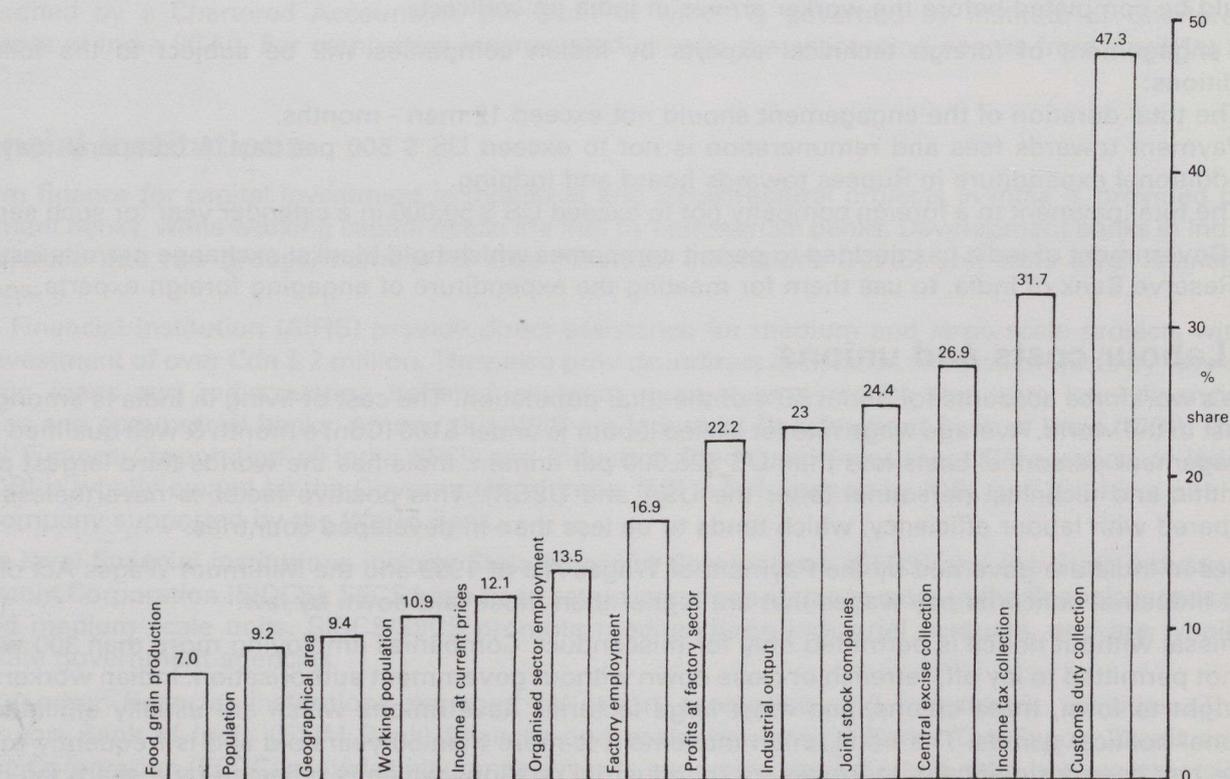
## PART II

# MAHARASHTRA, INDIA'S PRIME INDUSTRIAL STATE

Maharashtra, a large state in Western India along the Arabian Sea, has 63 million people whose main language is Marathi. Bombay is the capital of Maharashtra. The state has notable business characteristics:

### 1. INDUSTRIAL IMPORTANCE AND SPECIALITIES

In respect of industry and finance, Maharashtra ranks first among the states in India. Business and industry are mostly concentrated in the Bombay-Thane-Pune belt of the state. The following chart shows the percentage shares of Maharashtra in India.



As can be seen, even though Maharashtra's share in India's population is 9.2% and in area is 9.4%, its share in the nation's economic and financial indicators is much higher.

Maharashtra's contribution in India, by major industry groups (1982-83) is indicated in the table below:

Industry Group	Investment	Employment	Gross Output	Net Value added
Food products	21.5	10.6	18.9	21.1
Beverages, tobacco products etc.	16.7	11.2	14.9	19.9
Cotton textiles	19.0	19.2	14.8	17.0
Woollen, Synthetic textiles	29.5	30.4	32.6	32.5
Jute textiles	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0
Textile products	20.1	21.4	23.9	20.9
Wood and products	11.0	8.6	11.5	9.9

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