

Industries

Q1. How are industries classified on the basis of ownership?

Ans. Industries can be classified into private sector, state owned or public sector, joint sector and cooperative sector.

Private sector industries are owned and operated by individuals or a group of individuals.

The public sector industries are owned and operated by the government, such as Hindustan Aeronautics Limited and Steel Authority of India Limited.

Joint sector industries are owned and operated by the state and individuals or a group of individuals. Maruti Udyog Limited is an example of joint sector industry.

Co-operative sector industries are owned and operated by the producers or suppliers of raw materials, workers or both. Anand Milk Union Limited and Sudha Dairy are a success stories of a co-operative venture.

Q2. Discuss the locational advantages for the development of the cotton textile industry in Ahmedabad.

Ans. Favourable locational factors were responsible for the development of the textile industry in Ahmedabad.

i. Ahmedabad is situated in the heart of a cotton growing area. This ensures easy availability of raw material.

ii. The humid climate is ideal for spinning and weaving. The flat terrain and easy availability of land is suitable for the establishment of the mills.

iii. The densely populated states of Gujarat and Maharashtra provide both skilled and semi-skilled labour.

iv. Well-developed road and railway network permits easy transportation of textiles to different parts of the country, thus providing easy access to the market.

v. Mumbai port nearby facilitates import of machinery and export of cotton textiles.