

Man-Hours lost due to Labour unrest

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 SHRI VAYALAR RAVI:
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Will the Minister of PARLIAMEN-
 TARY AFFAIRS AND LABOUR be
 pleased to state:

(a) whether inspite of restoration
 of bonus there is a widespread in-
 dustrial unrest in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof in-
 cluding the man hours lost and its
 effect on production during the last
 6 months;

(c) what are the reasons for this
 unrest; and

(d) the actions taken by Govern-
 ment to secure industrial peace?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMEN-
 TARY AFFAIRS AND LABOUR
 (SHRI RAVINDRA VARMA): (a) to
 (c). Complete statistics in regard to
 the number of mandays lost due to in-
 dustrial disputes after the restoration
 of bonus by the Payment of Bonus
 (Amendment) Ordinance in the first
 week of September, 1977 are still
 awaited from State Governments; till
 such reports are available, it is not
 possible to reach any conclusion.

(d) The situation is under constant
 watch of the Government and all ef-
 forts are being made to improve the
 industrial climate in the country with
 the help of the Industrial Relations
 Machinery both at the Centre and in
 the States. Wherever necessary the
 Government is intervening in disputes
 with a view to promoting settlements.

**Capital cost of one tonne of Steel at
 Visakhapatnam**

712. SHRI S. R. DAMANI: Will the
 Minister of STEEL AND MINES be
 pleased to state:

(a) the capital cost for output of
 one tonne of steel at the Visakhapat-
 nam Steel Plant as estimated by
 Messrs Dastur & Company;

(b) the major items of capital out-
 lay that were reckoned to work out
 the cost;

(c) whether it is a fact that the
 cost at Bhilai, Rourkela, and Bokaro
 worked out to much less; and

(d) if so, the details together with
 reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN
 THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MI-
 NES (SHRI KARIA MUNDA): (a) to
 (d). According to the Detailed Pro-
 ject Report on Visakhapatnam Steel
 Project submitted by Messrs M. N.
 Dastur and Company (P) Ltd., the
 'plant cost' is estimated at Rs. 1,672
 crores. Besides the plant cost, addi-
 tional expenses are to be incurred on
 spares, preliminary activities, con-
 struction facilities, training, start-up,
 township, interest on long-term loan
 during construction, etc. The plant
 cost together with these additional in-
 vestments amounts to a 'total fixed in-
 vestment' of Rs. 1,926 crores. On this
 basis the capital cost for the output of
 one tonne of steel at this plant would
 work out to Rs. 6420/-.

Figures of capital output cost per
 tonne are not strictly comparable from
 plant to plant because of the different
 time periods of investments and dif-
 ferences on account of investment on
 captive facilities like mines, collieries,
 coal washeries, power plant, other
 auxiliary facilities, degree of sophisti-
 cation of the finished mills, townships,
 sources of procurement, etc. How-
 ever, the position of gross block in res-