

subject to preference for the Power and Fertilizer Sectors. It also provides the extraction of higher value components like C2/C3 and LPG from natural gas wherever possible.

(c) Does not arise.

[English]

#### Loss of Mandays in Strike

4092. SHRI RAVINDRA KUMAR PANDEY :  
SHRI ANANT KUMAR HEGDE :

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) the number of Mandays lost due to strike and lockouts in the country during the last two years till May, 1998;

(b) the details of loss of production due to these strikes; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to prevent such losses ?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA) : (a) A statement showing number of mandays lost State-wise due to strikes and lockouts during the last two years till April, 1998 is given at annexure. Information upto May, 1998 is not available.

(b) According to the latest information available, loss of production due to strikes and lockouts during 1996, 1997 and 1998 (Jan.-April) was Rs. 504.57 crores, Rs. 436.87 crores and Rs. 43.79 crores respectively.

(c) The Government have been maintaining a close and continuous watch over the industrial relations situation in the country. The Industrial Relations Machinery both at the Central and State Level, take suitable steps to resolve disputes and reduce work stoppages through mediation, conciliation, arbitration and adjudication. Regular consultation and bipartite discussion with organisation of employers and workers have helped in reducing losses.

#### Statement

##### Loss of Mandays (in thousands) during 1996-98 by selected States

State/U.T.	1996(P)			1997(P)			1998 (Jan.-Apr.) (P)		
	S	L	T	S	L	T	S	L	T
Andhra Pradesh	610	1528	2138	274	1083	1357	113	159	272
Bihar	151	131	282	213	106	319	..	..	..
Delhi	6	28	33	0	0	0	0	3	3
Goa, Daman & Diu	124	0	124	101	1	102	13	0	13
Gujarat	1521	312	1833	587	493	1080	92	109	201
Haryana	175	22	197	195	635	830	52	63	115
Karnataka	458	455	913	361	68	429	29	64	93
kerala	151	1300	1451	635	203	838	1	0	1
Madhya Pradesh	367	14	380	108	0	108	22	0	22
Maharashtra	355	1467	1823	482	820	1302	1	0	1
Orissa	60	175	234	62	89	151	0	0	0
Pondicherry	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Punjab	434	5	439	184	28	212	..	..	..
Rajasthan	243	398	641	580	741	1321	39	38	77
Tamil Nadu	1109	355	1464	1386	538	1925	184	233	417
Uttar Pradesh	127	557	684	313	697	1010	0	1	1
West Bengal	1600	5677	7277	696	5165	5861	40	445	485
Others	327	45	372	119	70	189	9	94	102
<b>Total</b>	<b>7818</b>	<b>12467</b>	<b>20285</b>	<b>6295</b>	<b>10738</b>	<b>17033</b>	<b>595</b>	<b>1209</b>	<b>1804</b>

S = Mandays lost due to strikes

L = Mandays lost due to lockouts

T = Total mandays lost

(P) = Provisional

.. = Not available

0 = Nil or less than 500

Total may not necessarily tally due to rounding of figures.

Source: Labour Bureau, Shimla.