

**INCLUSION OF HIMACHAL PRADESH IN PUNJAB FOOD ZONE**

**\*77. SHRI PREM CHAND VERMA:  
SHRI HEM RAJ:**

Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Himachal Pradesh is likely to be included in the Punjab Food Zone;

(b) the other areas which are likely to be included in the said Food Zone in addition to Himachal Pradesh;

(c) when the new zone is likely to come into being; and

(d) the reasons which have led to the change of policy in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHIB SHINDE): (a) to (d). Himachal Pradesh has been suggesting that Himachal Pradesh should be included in the Punjab Food Zone. This together with the continuance or otherwise of Food Zones in general will as usual be considered at the next meeting of the Chief Ministers' to consider the Rabi grains policy.

**LOSS OF MAN-HOURS DUE TO STRIKES, LOCK-OUTS, AND GHERAOS**

**\*678. SHRI SITARAM KESRI:  
SHRIMATI SUSHILA  
ROHATGI:  
SHRI PILOO MODY:  
SHRI JUGAL MONDAL:**

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND REHABILITATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the loss of man-hours and consequent loss in production in industries due to strikes, lock-outs and Gheraos during 1967 was much higher than in the previous years;

(b) if so, the total loss involved in man-hours and production;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the method of Gheraos resorted to by

workers was mainly responsible for the increase in the loss of man-hours; and

(d) whether Government have worked out any scheme to prevent the incidence of gheraos and to ensure smooth working of industries?

**THE MINISTER OF LABOUR & REHABILITATION (SHRI HATHI)**

(a) and (b). Going by the number of man-days lost it can be said that loss in production in 1967 was less than in 1966 but higher than in the years preceding 1966. The total numbers of man-days lost in the years 1964, 1965 and 1966 were 7.72 million, 6.47 million and 13.85 million respectively. The provisional figure for 1967 is 9.92 million.

(c) While separate figures of man-days lost on account of Gheraos are not available, Gheraos no doubt contributed to an increase in the number of man-days lost during 1967.

(d) The subject was discussed by the Standing Labour Committee at its meeting held in May 1967. The Committee passed a resolution condemning 'Gherao' as threatening the very basis of orderly labour management relations as built up in the country through tripartite discussion and consultation. The Government have also impressed on employers the need for discharging all their obligations to workers under the various laws as well as under the bipartite and tripartite agreements.

**दिल्ली में राशन के घनाज के दामों में वृद्धि**

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डा० सूर्य प्रकाश पुरी :  
श्री बलराज मधोक :**

क्या सच तथा कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि 3 जनवरी, 1968 से दिल्ली में राशन के घनाज के मूल्य फिर बढ़ा दिये गये हैं ;

(ख) क्या यह भी सच है कि दिल्ली