

Lock-out in Jute Mills in West Bengal

2191'. SHRI MOHAMMED AMIN: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of jute mills in West Bengal which , are under Lock-out;

(b) what are the reasons therefor;

(c) what steps have been taken by Government to re-open those mills; and

(d) what is the break-up of the number of workers involved mill-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) According to Government of West Bengal, 13 jute mills employing 48,700 workers are under lock out. A major reason for lock-out, among others is surplus manning with unremunerative cost of production.

(c) The State Labour Machinery has intervened and taken steps to resolve the disputes which are in various stages of conciliation.

(d) A statement giving the number of workers in each of the mills affected is attached.

Statement

S.No.	Mills	Date of Lock-out	Approx. Number of Workers Affected
1	Northbrook	27-1-1982	3700
2	Empire	17-3-1985	1900
3	Megna '	15-4-1985	6100
4	Shri Ambica	25-8-1986	3800
5	Baranagore"	11-11-1986	4600
6	ort William	27-3-1987	3200
7	Nafarchand .	24-3-1987	1600
8	Shree Hanuman	7-6-1987	3807
9	Ganges	16-9-1987	7000
10	Xanoria Jute	21-9-1987	3500
11	Eastern Mfg. Co.	4-3-1988	2000
12	Aglo-India	2-5-1988	4500
13	Kelvin	8-5-1988	3000
	TOTAL		48700