

Hindu Goddess Kali as a symbol of destruction was issued by the British Safety Council (which is not a governmental organisation) with the intention of promoting safety in industrial establishments.

(b) The Indian High Commission in London drew the attention of the British Foreign Office to the resentment aroused by the poster among the Indian community. Protests against the poster have also been sent by the Indians to the British Safety Council. The British Government have regretted their inability to take any action to cancel the poster since the British Safety Council does not receive any government subvention.

According to the Indian High Commission in London there is so far no evidence of the actual distribution of the poster by the British Safety Council.

Strikes and Lockouts in Public and Private Sectors

*372. SHRIMATI NOORJEHAN
RAZACK: SHRIMATI SAROJ
KHAPARDE:

Will the Minister of PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of strikes and lockouts during the last seven months and what are the reasons therefor; and

(b) what is the number of man-days lost in public and private sectors, separately as a result of strikes and lockouts during the above period?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND LABOUR (SHRI RAVINDRA VARMA):

(a) and (b) Details of Strikes and Lockouts by causes for the months of April to September, 1977 (P) have been given in Statement I. Statement IT gives the details of mandays lost in public and private Sectors separately as a result of strikes and lockouts during the same period. The Annexure gives the position of non-

receipt of returns on industrial disputes from the State Labour Commissioners and Regional Labour Commissioners (C) for the period April 1977 to September 1977 as on 18-11-77. [See Appendix C III, Annexure No. 41]

Indo-Vietnam Economic Co-operation

*373. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR SAHU: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any agreement has re-cently been reached between the Governments of India and Vietnam to further economic cooperation between the two countries; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJ-PAYEE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) During the visit to India from August 25 to September 9, 1977 of an Economic Delegation from the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, two agreements were reached through an exchange of letters. The first is for an interest-free loan of 100,000 tonnes of wheat to help Vietnam in tiding over a short-term food shortage. The second relates to our assistance in setting up a Buffalo Breeding Centre and a Rice Research Institute in Vietnam.

Protests Regarding Indo-Bangladesh Agreement on the Sharing of Ganga Waters

*374. SHRI JAGAN NATH BHARD

WAJ:

SHRI JAGJIT SINGH

ANAND: SHRI DEVENDRA

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DWIVEDI: SHRI SITARAM KESRI: SHRI BHISHMA NARAIN SINGH: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government have received a protest from the¹