

सूचना तथा प्रसारण मंत्रालय और संसार
विमान में राज्य मंत्री (श्री आई० के० गुजराल):
(क) और (ख) भारत को किसी भी दूसरे
देश में इस प्रकार की सुविधा उपलब्ध नहीं है।
न ही हम किसी अन्य देश को यह सुविधा देते
हैं।

[THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE
MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND
BROADCASTING AND IN THE
DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATIONS
(SHRI I. K. GUJ-RAL) : (a) and (b) No such
facility is available to India in any other
country. Nor do we give this facility to any
other country.]

^TARGET FOR MESTA PRODUCTION

498. SHRI R. P. KHAITAN : Will the
Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be
pleased to state :

(a) the target fixed for Mesta production
during the Fourth Five Year Plan;

(b) the names of the States where it will be
produced; and

(c) the special steps that are being taken to
increase the yield of Mesta?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE
MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE,
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND CO-
OPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHAB
SHINDE) : (a) The mesta production target
has been fixed at 17 lakh bales at the end of
the Fourth Five Year Plan.

(b) Mesta will be produced mainly in the
States of Andhra Pradesh, West Bengal, Bihar,
Orissa, Madhya Pradesh, Assam and Tripura.

(c) To increase the unit yield of Mesta the
following Centrally sponsored schemes are
being implemented in the different Mesta
growing State:—

(i) Special Package Programme on Mesta
wherein subsidised distribution of
improved seed and the foliar spray of
urea have been taken up along with
other improved practices.

(ii) Aerial spraying of urea on mesta.

^STRIKE BY THE ENGINEERING WORKERS

562. SHRI SALIL KUMAR GANGULY:
Will the Minister of LABOUR AND
REHABILITATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Engineering
Workers of West Bengal observed one-day
token strike on September 3, in support of
their demands;

(b) if so, the main demands of the workers;

(c) whether Government have considered
the demands;

(d) if so, the steps taken by Government to
meet the demands of the workers; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND
REHABILITATION (SHRI D.
SANJIVAYYA) : (a) Yes.

(b) The workers' main demands relate to
implementation of the Tripartite Engineering
Wage Settlement of 1969, categorisation and
classification of workers, payment of one
month's wage in addition to the bonus payable
for this year, re-opening of closed units and
withdrawal of lockouts, reinstatement of all
retrenched and laid-off workmen with
compensation, revision of the existing gratuity
scheme, implementation of the award of the
Seventh Industrial Tribunal, check on attempts
at removal of industrial units or parts thereof
from West Bengal etc.

(c) to (e) According to the information
furnished by the Government of West Bengal,
there were bipartite negotiations between the
parties, namely, the two Engineering
Associations on the employers' side and five
Central Federations of engineering workers on
the employees' side, but the parties failed to
resolve the issues, particularly the issue
relating to bonus. The employers' Associations
are since reported to have advised their
member units to try and settle, the issue of
bonus payable in 1970. in particular, at the
unit level. The State industrial relations
machinery is also reported to have taken up
individual disputes relating to closure and
lock-out, and other issues in conciliation with a
view to securing an amicable settlement.

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