

### Industrial Relations

7.49 The continued decline in the number of strikes and lockouts indicates an improvement in industrial relations in the country (Table 7.14). The number of strikes and lockouts, taken together, was down by 4.4 per cent in 2005. During the current year, as per the available information till September, 2006

West Bengal experienced the maximum instances of strikes and lockout followed by Tamil Nadu and Gujarat. Industrial disturbances were concentrated mainly in textile, financial intermediaries (excluding insurance and pension fund), engineering and chemical industries.

**Table 7.14 : Strikes and lockouts**

Year	Strikes		Lockouts		Total	
	Number	Mandays lost (in million)	Number	Mandays lost (in million)	Number	Mandays lost (in million)
2000	426	11.96	345	16.80	771	28.76
2001	372	5.56	302	18.20	674	23.77
2002	295	9.66	284	16.92	579	26.58
2003	255	3.21	297	27.05	552	30.26
2004	236	4.83	241	19.04	477	23.87
2005	227	10.81	229	18.86	456	29.66
2006(Jan-Sep)(P)	154	3.16	192	10.60	346	13.75

P – Provisional, Total may not tally due to rounding off  
Source : Labour Bureau, Shimla