Definitions

"Type of dispute"

All labour disputes covered in this survey are called total dispute, which are categorized into disputes accompanied by acts of dispute, or disputes not accompanied by acts of disputes (settled by third party, such as Labour Committee intervention).

Total disputesDisputes not accompanied by acts of disputeTotal disputes(Disputes settled by third party (such as Labour Committee) intervention)

Disputes accompanied by acts of dispute

Strikes for half a day or more Lockout Strikes for less than half a day Slowdowns Others (operation management, etc.)

The acts of dispute are categorized into the following (1)-(5) types.

(1) Strikes for half a day or more

Temporary work stoppage by a workers' organization to obtain an objective with an aggregate duration of one-half or longer of one working day.

(2) Lockout

Stoppage of business activity by employer as a means of dispute, accompanied by employer's announcement to that effect.

(3) Strikes for less than half a day

Temporally work stoppage by a workers' organization to obtain an objective with an aggregate duration of less than one-half of one working day.

(4) Slowdowns

Reduction in work efficiency by a workers' organization to obtain an objective while continuing to work.

(5) Others (operation management, etc.)

The acts of dispute other than above.

Operation management is that a business establishment is occupied by workers against the will of the employer, and production and operation are conducted according to the workers' policies.

"Total participants"

The maximum number of members for a union or dispute group for the duration of the labour dispute regardless of participation in the act of dispute.

"Active participants"

The actual number of participants in the act of dispute.

"Working days lost"

The normal days of work lost that corresponds to total workers who actually participated in strikes or lockouts in question for half a day or more, during the period of the strikes or lockouts lasting for half a day or more.

"Specific examples for main demands" Refer to table 1.

Table 1 Specific examples for main demands

Classification	Demand item	Specific example
Union security and Collective Agreement	Union security and union activities	Approval of union, union activities, scope of union members, provisions for collective negotiation
	Conclusion, revision and effectuation of collective agreement	Compliance of Labour Agreement, check-off, shop clause, and others
Wages	Wage system	Establishment and revision of wage system
	Revision of wage amount (Basic wage and several allowances)	Pay raise, increase of starting salary, withdrawal of pay cut, payment of fringe benefits,
	Revision of wage amount (Bonus and lump sum payment) Wage amount of individual union member	Bonus, year-end bonus, lump sum payment
	Retirement allowance (including retirement pension)	Establishment, revision, and operation of such system
Working conditions except wages	Other matters related to wage Change of prescribed working hours	Unpaid wages Hours, shorten hours, shift system, variable working hours system, flextime system, introduction and operation of judged working hours system
	Overtime work or day-off work	Forced work in non-scheduled hours or day-off work
	Days off and holidays (include weekly two days off, and consecutive days off)	

	Other matters related to working hours	
	Child care leave and family care leave	Establishment and operation of such system
	system	
	Education and training	Establishment and operation of such system
	Work environment and health	Enhancement and improvement of work
	management	environment, review of occupational health
		measure
	Welfare benefit	Discretionary compensation for
		accommodation facilities, and job-related
		accidents
Management,	Suspension, abolishment and	Leave system, protest against personnel
employment, personnel	rationalization of business	reduction, soliciting voluntary retirement,
		elimination and consolidation of business
		establishment
	Objection to dismissal and reinstatement	Withdrawal of unfair lay-off
	of dismissed employee	
	Personnel plan and recruitment plan	Personnel increase request, securing
		replacement for a vacant position
	Reallocation and dispatch	Withdrawal of personnel relocation
	Solicitation for voluntary retirement	
	Mandatory retirement age system	Extend retirement to an older age, revision of
	(including extension of employment and re-employment)	criteria for continued employment system
	Effective use of part-time employees,	Protest against cutback on hiring full-time
	contract employees and dispatched	employees
	employees	
	Working conditions of part-time	Overall labour condition of non-regular fulltime
	employees and contract employees	employees
	Personnel evaluation system (including	Protest against adoption of merit
	experimental system)	system/pay-for-performance system
	Other matters related to management and	Labour participation in management (set up
	personnel affairs	consultative body)
Others	Others	Demands without capacity for being a party
		directly, political demands (sympathetic strike,
		political strike, and others), protest against
		deregulation

"Method of resolution of labour dispute"

Method of resolution of labour disputes are divided into three categories, direct negotiation between labour and management, third party intervention, and others.

Direct negotiation between labour and management

No third party involved

(Settled only by direct negotiation between labour and management)

Third party involved

(Third party involved during settlement negotiation)

Third party intervention

Labour Relations Commission

Mediation, conciliation, arbitration

Labour administration staff

Others

Others

Labour disputes submitted to Labour Relations Commission as an unfair labour practice case, and labour disputes which cannot be settled by parties (ex: sympathetic strike, political strike, and others). Also disputes whose settlement circumstances were unclear are categorized into here as "deemed to be resolved".