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## Protest against Industrial Relations Code Bill in LS

Opposition for sending it to MPs' panel

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Union Labour Minister Santosh Kumar Gangwar on Thursday introduced the Industrial Relations Code Bill 2019 in the Lok Sabha amid protests from the Opposition members.

Terming the Bill "anti-labourers," the Opposition demanded that it be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Labour.

Mr. Gangwar, however, said it was part of the government's initiative to reform labour laws by combining 44 laws related to labourers into four codes.

### Farooq's detention

National Conference MPs Hasnain Masoodi and Mohammad Akbar Lone came to the first row of Opposition benches in the Lok Sab-

ha to lodge their protest against the continuous detention of Abdullah.

"Sir, Farooq Abdullah is a senior member of the House. He has been under detention for four months. Please do something," Mr Masoodi told Speaker Om Birla.

However, when the Speaker ignored their protests and continued with the proceedings of the House, the National Conference MPs walked out in protest.

### Honey cubes

Union Minister Nitin Gadkari informed the Lok Sabha that plans were afoot to start production of honey cubes which can replace sugar sachets as a healthier alternative. He was replying to supplementary questions during the Question Hour.