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Title: Regarding hike of payment of Anganwadi workers.

***SHRIMATI PRAMILA BISOYI (ASKA):** Thank you Chairman Sir for giving me this opportunity. In order to achieve gender equality, economic empowerment of women is a must. Womenfolk contribute a lot to the economy of our nation. Women work not only as farmers, foodgrain producers, but also manage natural resources and are successful entrepreneurs. They are excellent care-givers too.

A study has shown that globally, women do 2.6 times more work than men with regard to unpaid care & domestic work. Further, empowering women can lead to the healthy, social development of families, community & nation. Similarly empowering girls can be crucial to economic growth, political stability & social transformation.

Sir, given the context, I would urge upon the Hon. Minister of Women & Child Development to consider allocating adequate budgetary resources towards the remuneration of Anganwadi workers, so that they are assured of the minimum wage. Being a woman, I would like to strongly urge upon the Hon. Minister to consider this proposal in the right earnest & take appropriate action.

Thank you Sir. Jai Jagannatha Vande Utkal Janani.