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Title: Regarding implementation of the recommendations of Kamlesh Chandra Committee pertaining to Gramin Dak Sevaks

DR. SHRIKANT EKNATH SHINDE (KALYAN): Sir, the number of Gramin Dak Sevaks (GDS) presently employed in the country is more than 2.50 lakhs and they render a number of mail and financial services which meet the requirements of rural populace. They are beneficial for the people since they serve in running of Branch Post Offices in rural areas and providing services like sale of stamps, booking etc. The Kamlesh Chandra Committee was set up in 2015 by the Government of India for examining the conditions of service, emoluments and other facilities available to the Gramin Dak Sevaks. However, due to non-implementation of major recommendations of the Committee, there has been resentment and regular demands by Gramin Dak Sevaks regarding improvement in benefits and pay structure. I request the Government to kindly accept the demands of Gramin Dak Sevaks which include provision of ES/CGHS Medical Facility, Housing Allowance, Group Insurance, Education Allowance, increase in gratuity amount and grant of 30 days paid leave in a year and with a provision for carrying forward of leaves subject to the maximum of 180 days along with leave encashment. I also request the Government to implement the recommendations of Chandra Committee in order to improve the working conditions of Gramin Dak Sevaks who discharge several important functions including implementation of Government Schemes in rural areas.