

Need to address the problems being faced by Anganwadi workers

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SHRI N. K. PREMACHANDRAN (KOLLAM): Anganwadi workers are the frontline workers under the ICDS scheme. They are responsible for providing supplementary nutrition, pre - school education and health check ups etc. The responsibilities of the Anganwadi workers are high but their wages and welfare measures are meagre. They are not able to meet the primary essential requirement out of this. Anganwadi workers are in protest in Kerala. The demand is for increasing their wages, implement ESI, pension and other welfare measures. The duties and wages of the Anganwadi workers are not proportionate. It is pertinent to note that there is gender discrimination. The equality envisaged in constitution is not complied in the case of women workers. The meagre wages of Anganwadi workers and Asha workers amounts to gender discrimination. Hence, I urge upon the Government to increase the wages, implement other welfare measures including pension to the Anganwadi workers.