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Title : Need to set up a Committee to look into the grievances of Nursing Staff in Private hospitals.

SHRI JOSE K. MANI (KOTTAYAM): At a time when the Government has committed to provide world-class health and medicare, both in public and private sector hospitals functioning in the National Capital Region (NCR), the poor working conditions of the nursing staff in these hospitals is nothing short of shocking. While the government-run hospitals offer reasonably good remuneration packages and facilities to their nursing staff, private hospitals enjoying subsidies such as land, water, electricity, etc are not treating fairly the paramedical staff, especially nursing staff, providing them low wages and miserable working conditions including extended duty hours without overtime wages. The nursing staffs are working with service contract bonds extending from two to five years.

The nursing staff of many private hospitals in the NCR are agitated and demanding a good monetary package and healthy working conditions at par with those of their counterparts in government hospitals. All private hospitals charge fees for treatment and hospitalization. It is, therefore, natural that they should compensate their work force, especially nursing staff, in like manner. Furthermore, the practice of employment on contract bond with all documents being held by the employer should be stopped forthwith.

I urge the Centre to set up a committee to look into the genuine grievances of the nursing staff in private hospitals and to evolve statutory guidelines in terms of better remuneration packages and dignified working conditions befitting the nobility of the profession.

â€¦. (Interruptions)

MADAM SPEAKER: The House stands adjourned to meet tomorrow, the 2nd December 2010 at 11 a.m.

12.13 hrs.

The Lok Sabha then adjourned till Eleven of the Clock

on Thursday, December 2, 2010/Agrahayana 11, 1932 (Saka).

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