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Title : Need to extend all service benefits of Postal Department Employees to Gramin Dak Sevaks in the country.

SHRI M.B. RAJESH (PALAKKAD): I would like to raise an issue which affects the lives of lakhs of Grameen Dak Sevaks in the postal department. Even though they are doing the same kind of job that is done by the departmental employees they are not getting the benefits available to the departmental employees. Their plight is very pathetic because they are not getting even subsistence wages. Justice Charanjit Talwar Committee in its report in 1997 had categorically stated that the Grameen Dak Sevaks are the backbone of Postal department. That Committee also recommended that all benefits available to departmental employees should also be given to them. In this year, another committee headed by K. Gopinathan had submitted its report. Though the Communication Ministry had assured that this report will be implemented, nothing has been done in this regard. I urge upon the Government that Grameen Dak Employees should be given all benefits of departmental employees.