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Title: Need to ensure payment of honorarium to health workers engaged under National Rural Health Mission in Union Territory of Lakshadweep.

SHRI HAMDULLAH SAYEED (LAKSHADWEEP): I would like to draw the attention of the Government that the workers engaged under National Rural Health Mission in the UT of Lakshadweep for the last more than 9 months have not been paid. Training to ASHA workers is not being imparted. No action has been taken for setting up of a Sick New Born Care Unit because of non-release of funds by the Government. AYUSH workers and all other labourers who have been working continuously for long have also not been paid. These workers are economically very weak and have no other source of income. They face a lot of difficulties due to non-payment of dues to them.

Therefore, I would humbly request and urge the Government to take immediate action in this regard and enquire who is responsible for non-payment of dues, whether it is Health Ministry or UT Administration and responsibility may be fixed and ensure that the poor islanders engaged in NRHM are paid without any further delay.