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Title: Need to increase the honorarium of teachers and helpers engaged in Child Welfare Scheme.

SHRI P. KARUNAKARAN (KASARGOD): I would like to place before the House the serious problems of our teachers and helpers working under the Child Welfare Scheme. This Scheme was introduced by the Central Government to look after the children and to nurse them. There were thousands of such centres known as creches throughout the country. The honorarium given to the teachers is Rs. 1260/- and the helpers Rs. 800/- per month. They are really doing voluntary service to our nation. The State Governments are not in a position to increase the honorarium without the financial assistance of the Central Government. At present, this meagre amount is met by the State Governments.

So, I urge upon the Government to sanction financial assistance to increase the honorarium of teachers and helpers of this scheme.

HON. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Shri P. Srinivasa Reddy – not present.