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Title: Need to ensure job security and appropriate amount of salary to school teachers in the country.

SHRI D.K. SURESH (BANGALORE RURAL): Madam Speaker, I would like to raise a very important issue pertaining to improvement of teaching standards for all the school teachers in the country. Education system in India is faltering because of lack of good teachers. Planning Commission Report of the 12th Five Year Plan stated that there are 8.1 lakh untrained teachers in the country. In addition, there are a large number of qualified *ad hoc* teachers who are virtually running primary schools in many States of the country. Around 40 per cent of the teachers in primary schools have been appointed on a temporary basis. Many of them have studied only up to higher secondary and draw paltry salary of about Rs.5,000 to Rs.7,000 per month.

Therefore, I would like to urge the Union Government to take effective and immediate measures to improve educational standards by imparting proper training to teachers. Teachers have to be encouraged by providing them job security and higher salaries to motivate them to upgrade their skills so that the nation as a whole can benefit.