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Title: Issue regarding pending of wages of MNREGA workers.

SHRI P. KARUNAKARAN (KASARGOD): Madam Speaker, I would like to place before the House some serious problems of MNREGA workers. We have raised this issue in the Question Hour also. It is true that payment of large amounts in wages is pending and that too for months together. Madam, as you know well, a large number of MNREGA workers are women workers. It is very difficult for those workers to work without getting any wages. It is against the provisions of this Act itself. In Kerala itself payments of wages amounting to Rs.75 crore are pending. Throughout India it comes to about Rs.2,000 to Rs.3,000 crore. It is very difficult for these workers to go on working. So, I urge upon the Government to release the amount as early as possible.