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Title: Need to make salary of male and female nurses at par with other Government employees.

DR. A. SAMPATH (ATTINGAL): Hon. Chairperson, we are all thankful for the services of the nurses. We all appreciate their sincerity, honesty, faithfulness and love also. We are all here either because of a male nurse or a female nurse. But when it comes to payment of salaries, allowances etc., there have been so many complaints regarding the discrepancies shown to them. Even in the 7th Pay Commission, I understand that the male and female nurses working in Government hospitals, especially under the Government of India including AIIMS have been complaining that their discrepancies have not been looked upon by the 7th Pay Commission. So, my humble request to the Government of India is that their salary should be at par with other Government employees. Their allowances should be increased. Their interest free loans and their advances which are charged with some interest also, should be increased. Their workload should be reduced. This is my humble request. The hon. Minister of Defence is also here. I think that his brain and his heart are also with me regarding the issue of nurses under the Government of India because our armed forces are also having thousands of nurses in military hospitals. So, when we implement the 7th Pay Commission's recommendations, the salaries, allowances and other pecuniary benefits of the Government nurses should be at par with their counterparts.

HON. CHAIRPERSON:

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Md. Badaruddoza Khan are permitted to associate with the issue raised by Dr. A. Sampath.