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Title: Regarding problems faced by Gold appraisers working with Banks all over India.

SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA VISWANATH : I would like to draw the attention of the Minister of Finance to the problems of more than 30,000 gold appraisers who are working with banks all over India.

Banks earn profits on the secured gold loans. The appraisers are playing a key role in disbursing loans but they do not have either job security or suitable remuneration. Banks collect appraising charges as well as processing charges from the customers. The State Bank of India is the largest public sector bank in India. Against the gold loan of Rs. 1 lakh, the SBI pays just Rs.100 to the appraisers, whereas other public sector banks pay Rs.500 for the same job. The appraisers working all over India are facing problems. I would request the Government to save these gold appraisers from the hardships that they are facing. Thank you.