

Title : Regarding grant of a minimum pension amount to Gramin Dak Sevaks-Laid.

SHRI SU. THIRUNAVUKKARASAR (TIRUCHIRAPPALLI): In the Postal Department, there were about three lakh Gramin Dak Sevaks serving with utmost sincerity and dedication in about 1.50 lakh villages with a meagre salary of Rs. 9,500/- by braving the unpleasant weather conditions. They got a meagre amount of only Rs.1.50 lakh as ex-gratia at the time of their retirement. With this meagre amount, they are struggling hard for their livelihood. At the age of 65 and that too after rendering three to four decades of service in the Postal Department, they are running from pillar to post for their genuine demands. Due to their old age, many of them are suffering from ill health and few of them have passed away. I personally feel that their demand for minimum pension is very genuine.

I shall, therefore, humbly urge upon the Hon'ble Minister of Communications to kindly to look into their case sympathetically and grant a minimum pension of Rs. 5,000/- p.m. on humanitarian grounds.