

TITLE: Re: Increase in Salaries of Anganwadi Workers in view of Inflation Rate.

SHRI RAVNEET SINGH (LUDHIANA): Today, I am going to speak about an important part of Government-the Anganwadi workers. The entire House will agree that the Anganwadi workers have played a pivotal role during Corona times.

माननीय सभापति: इससे इस बात का क्या संबंध है? आप अपनी बात कहिए।

? (व्यवधान)

माननीय सभापति: रवनीत जी, आप आंगनवाड़ी वर्कर्स की बात कर रहे हैं तो उनकी बात कहिए।

? (व्यवधान)

SHRI RAVNEET SINGH: Whether it is providing ration to needy or providing vaccination to people, they did a wonderful job in each and every village of the country. Different Schemes of States and Central Government are implemented in all households by the Anganwadi workers. Small children are taken care of and educated by Anganwadi workers and helpers. A lot of them are widows and divorcees. Some very old women are still working as Anganwadi workers. However, they do not get any pension. Honorarium is not given to them. Facilities given to them are paltry and dismal. Earlier, they came to meet the MPs in thousands. It was bitter cold season. Sir, prices of essential commodities have sky-rocketed since 2011. We have not been able to raise their salaries which is a meager sum. Please do not feel bad about what I am going to say. For Adani, we are ready to provide huge bank loans (Interruptions)

माननीय सभापति: आप दोबारा मिथ्या बात जोड़ रहे हैं। नो, नो। यह बात रिकॉर्ड में नहीं जाएगी। आप एक गलत बात जोड़ रहे हैं, अनावश्यक बात जोड़ रहे हैं।

? (व्यवधान) ?

माननीय सभापति: आप केवल आंगनवाड़ी वर्कर्स से संबंधित बात रखिए और अपनी बात को खत्म कीजिए।

? (व्यवधान)

श्री रवनीत सिंह : I agree. When Hon. Finance Minister is providing so much money to the big industrialist Adani, what is the problem in providing more money to Anganwadis. In the end, let me say that salaries of all including I.A.S. officers is increased periodically. But, not the Anganwadi workers.

It is important that the Government announces an honorarium or allowance along with an increased salary for Anganwadi workers. Their salaries should be increased keeping in view the price-rise and inflation.

Thank you.

