

Title: Regarding extension of Employees' State Insurance Scheme benefits to Anganwadi workers

SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN (KOLLAM): The contribution of Anganwadi centers are remarkable and it is essential in rural areas. The Anganwadi workers are good promoters of various schemes of the Central and state Governments ensuring the health and welfare of women and children. The Anganwadi workers do not have job security and the honorarium given to them are not sufficient. There is no scheme for providing health and medical facility to the Anganwadi workers. They are facing acute difficulty in meeting the expense towards medical treatment. The long pending demand of Angawadi workers to extend the benefit of ESI scheme to them has not materialized. It is essential to provide ESI facility to the Anganwadi workers.

Hence, I urge upon the Government to initiate immediate action for extending ESI benefits to the Anganwadi workers.