

## Need to regularise the services of daily wage workers of ISRO Propulsion Research Centre at Mahendragiri-laid

**SHRI S. GNANATHIRAVIAM (TIRUNELVELI):** I stress upon the need to immediately appoint permanent officials at IPRC (ISRO Propulsion Research Complex) similar to other centres of ISRO. While recruiting for various posts in IPRC (ISRO Propulsion Research Complex) at Mahendragiri, people of Tamil Nadu particularly of my Tirunelveli Parliamentary Constituency are being ignored. I urge that eligible aspirants from Tamil Nadu, particularly the engineering graduates of my Tirunelveli Constituency should be given priority on such permanent appointments. Security personnel are very less in number although IPRC-ISRO, Mahendragiri handles various dangerous substances and liquids. Therefore I urge upon the Union Government to appoint Security Personnel at Mahendragiri in lines with the set-up at Sriharikota, so that the lives of the employees of IPRC as well as the people living in the surrounding areas may be protected. As per the practice being followed in Central Government establishments, among the lower category staff, 69 per cent should be appointed from the people living in the surrounding areas of such establishments. There was an assurance given regarding permanent employment to the local people at the time when this set-up was established. But after 20 years of its inception many locals have been working as just daily-wagers in the lower category of staff for several years and they were not made permanent employees. Such demands have fallen on deaf ears. I urge that those gang labourers who have been working as daily-wagers for the last 20 years and more should be given permanent employment at the earliest.