

## **Regarding problems faced by Gramin Dak Sevaks**

**SHRI MAGUNTA SREENIVASULU REDDY (ONGOLE):** Sir, I would like to bring to the attention of this august House the problems of Gramin Dak Sevaks. Fortunately, hon. Minister for Communications, Shri Ashwini Vaishnaw is here. The postal employees provide all postal services including services like small saving banks and saving certificates to the rural people, which account for 60 per cent of population of this country.

The Kamlesh Chandra Committee appointed a pay commission on Gramin Dak Sevaks and made some important recommendations which have not been implemented so far. Supreme Court has declared Gramin Dak Sevaks as holders of civil posts, though outside regular civil posts.

As far as the demands of the Gramin Dak Sevaks are concerned, I wish to bring a few points to your knowledge. They demand the enhancement of group insurance up to Rs. 5 lakhs along with providing medical facilities to them. They want removal of the maximum cap of amount of Rs. 1.5 lakh on gratuity and restoring it to maximum Rs. 5 lakh as recommended by the Kamlesh Chandra Committee. They further demand grant of three-time financial upgradation as recommended by the Kamlesh Chandra Committee. They further request for confirming the status of civil servants by giving a separate clarification on eight-hour work.

I request the hon. Minister to consider their requests and do the needful to save these Gramin Dak Sevaks from avoidable inconvenience. Thank you, Sir.