

## **Regarding problems being faced by the employees of Kendriya Vidyalayas in the country-laid**

**SHRI LAVU SRIKRISHNA DEVARAYALU (NARASARAOPET):** I would like to draw the attention of the Government towards the urgent needs of Kendriya Vidyalaya (KV) employees, who have dedicated their lives to educating the children of our nation. Firstly, KV employees under the Contributory Provident Fund (CPF) were given only one opportunity to switch to the General Provident Fund (GPF) after the 4th Pay Commission in 1986. This has resulted in many retired teachers facing financial hardship in their old age. The second concern involves the health benefits under the Central Government Health Scheme (CGHS). Retired KV employees often encounter delays in the reimbursement of medical expenses, which are supposed to be covered on a cost-to-cost basis. These delays increase the financial strain on our senior citizens, who depend on timely access to healthcare funds. Thirdly, from the academic year 2022-23, the reservation for grandchildren of KV employees has been removed. These employees work in challenging conditions, including remote and Naxal-affected areas, often risking their safety. The reservation was a small yet significant acknowledgment of their sacrifices. In light of their contributions, I urge the Government to address these issues by allowing CPF to GPF conversion, ensuring timely CGHS reimbursements, and extending the reservation criteria.