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Title: Need to release funds to the Government of Karnataka for Continuing Education Programme.

SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA (CANARA): The Government goes on announcing schemes, without allocation of money. I want to bring it to the notice of the hon. Finance Minister. The Human Resource Development Minister has gone. Some Education Centres were announced last year and hundreds of them had been set up. For the last ten months, no allocation from the Centre has reached the States, despite Utilisation Certificates being sent.

I want to point out that these were supposed to be jobs for unemployed graduates, who are to get stipends under this scheme. For 10-12 months, neither salaries nor money for paying for the material used, electricity, etc. was given. Minimum requirements have been denied. They are all asking for salaries to be released to them.

The Finance Minister, before making any new announcements and before giving crores of rupees by way of exemptions to the rich and the mighty, should think about releasing money to these poor unemployed graduates who have been working for 11 months without salary, without any allowances and without any support. It is a serious matter and I do want the Finance Minister to take note of it.