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Title: Need to review the pay and benefits of the Extra Departmental Employees of Postal Department.

SHRI K. FRANCIS GEORGE : Sir, there are 3.5 lakh extra-departmental employees in the Postal Department in our country. On November 21 they had offered *dharna* before the Chief Post Master General, the Post Master General and Divisional Superintendent offices. The Sixth Pay Commission had totally ignored this section while enhancing the emoluments and salary structures of the Central Government employees.

The Government had appointed a committee under the Chairmanship of Mr. Nataraja Moorthy, Retd. Deputy Director General of the Postal Department. The committee had recommended total reduction of the existing benefits that they are enjoying. The committee had recommended that the retirement age be reduced from 65 to 62 years; that these employees should be given only rural DA; that their bonus shall be only 50 per cent of what is paid to the regular employees; that the extra-departmental post offices should be closed down in the rural areas; and it has recommended for total denial of trade union rights.

This is totally against the interest of more than 3.5 lakh extra-departmental employees of the Postal Department. I would request the Government to reject all these recommendations which go against the rights of the employees and also to enhance the salary and emoluments of extra-departmental employees of the Postal Department. I would request the Government to consider favourably to help the marginalized section of the employees of the Postal Department.

MR. SPEAKER: I only wish that the 'Zero Hour' is abolished from the parliamentary function.

...(Interruptions)

SHRI P.C. THOMAS (MUVATTUPUZHA): Sir, I would like to associate with this...(Interruptions)

SHRI P. KARUNAKARAN (KASARGOD): Sir, I would also like to associate with this...(Interruptions)

SHRI N.N. KRISHNADAS (PALGHAT): Sir, please allow me to speak on this...(Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: All of you are very sufficiently senior and very experienced. You see, you are evolving new systems every day. I know that elections are coming nearer and you want to be more visible. But this is not the way to become visible. Please make solid contribution. It does not affect me because I am not a candidate any more.

...(Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: All the names will be recorded. Kindly take the trouble of sending the names.

...(Interruptions)

SHRI N.N. KRISHNADAS : Sir, I would like to say something...(Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: No, Mr. Krishnadas. Please do not compel me to adjourn the House.

...(Interruptions)

SHRI N.N. KRISHNADAS : Sir, I have given a notice...(Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: Do not record one word.

(Interruptions) अ०\*

MR. SPEAKER: Well, I will adjourn the House. Enough is enough.

...(Interruptions)

**प्रो. रामा सिंह रावत :** अध्यक्ष महोदय, मैं आपके माध्यम से सरकार का ध्यान आकर्षित करना चाहता हूँ कि लाखों ग्रामीण डाक सेवकों को अन्याय और शोषण से बचाया जाये। ये डाक सेवक ग्रामीण जनता के लिये डाक और मनीऑर्डर बांटने का काम करते हैं...(व्यवधान)

**अध्यक्ष महोदय :** आप क्यों रिपीट कर रहे हैं? आप एसोसिएट कर दें।

**श्री. गसा सिंह रावत :** अध्यक्ष महोदय, इन डाक कर्मियों को बहुत कम वेतन और सुविधाएं मिल रही हैं। इनकी संख्या 3 लाख के करीब है। सर्वोच्च न्यायालय ने इन्हें सिविल सर्वेंट माना है अतः इन जीडीएस कर्मचारियों को सिविल सेवा में कार्यरत कर्मचारियों के बराबर वेतन दिया जाये। केन्द्र सरकार इनकी सहायता करे, यह मेरी मांग है।

SHRI N.N. KRISHNADAS : Sir, please allow me to say a few words...(*Interruptions*)

MR. SPEAKER: Shri Krishnadas associates on this issue.

...(*Interruptions*)

SHRI N.N. KRISHNADAS : Sir, please allow me to speak for a minute...(*Interruptions*)

MR. SPEAKER: I would have allowed you if you had cooperated with me.

...(*Interruptions*)

MR. SPEAKER: No, I will not allow you. This is a punishment to you today. You raise it tomorrow and I will allow it, but not today. Never.

...(*Interruptions*)

MR. SPEAKER: Please do not record one sentence more of Mr. Krishnadas on this matter.

...(*Interruptions*)

SHRI N.N. KRISHNADAS : Sir, I am the most obedient Member of this House...(*Interruptions*)

MR. SPEAKER: I am so happy that you have come back unscathed. I express my great relief. Even the terrorists could not catch hold of you, I am a simple man what can I do.

SHRI N.N. KRISHNADAS : Then please have some sympathy towards me...(*Interruptions*)

MR. SPEAKER: I was so happy, so relieved that you have come out safe.

...(*Interruptions*)

SHRI N.N. KRISHNADAS : Please have some sympathy...(*Interruptions*)

MR. SPEAKER: Sympathy is not to be misused. I consider all of you as my brothers.