

Title: Need to enhance the Honorarium payable to Community Health Guide Workers .

SHRI BIR SINGH MAHATO (PURULIA): Mr. Deputy-Speaker, Sir, the Community Health Guide Workers have been working since the 1980s. They are engaged in different national and State-level health programmes such as Pulse Polio, Family Planning, Eradication of Malaria, Tuberculosis, Leprosy etc. All types of health awareness programmes are entrusted upon them. But they get a very meagre amount of Rs.250 p.m. on an irregular basis as honorarium.

I would urge upon the Central Government to increase their honorarium and arrange to pay it regularly.

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: Since Shri Shivraj V. Patil is busy in the other House, if the House agrees, we can take up the next item. Whenever the hon. Minister comes to the Lok Sabha, we can start the reply to the discussion regarding flood and drought situation in the country. If the House agrees, we can proceed with the next item.

SEVERAL HON. MEMBERS: Yes.

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: Now, the House will take up Item No.17. Shri Prabodh Panda to initiate the discussion.