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Title : Issue regarding monthly emoluments paid to the volunteers working under National Service Volunteers Scheme.

SHRI MADHU GOUD YASKHI (NIZAMABAD): Mr. Deputy-Speaker, Sir, I thank you for allowing me to raise an important issue of National Service Volunteers.

This is an excellent programme conducted by the Ministry of Youth Affairs covering each block. It actually means that it covers an Assembly Segment. That way, it covers entire India because about 5000 National Service Volunteers are working in all the districts of the country. The biggest problem about this programme is regarding the condition. To work as a National Service Volunteer, the minimum educational qualification required is graduation for the OC, BC, OBC, Minorities, and, for the Scheduled Tribe students, it is Plus-II. Further, the emolument paid for these volunteers is only just Rs.1000 – Rs.700 which is the fixed stipend and Rs.300 for the travel expenses. The point is that these volunteers travel the districts and the villages to motivate the youth club members. They guide the youth in developing a programme of national integration and in various other activities which will motivate the youth to organise themselves in having constructive programmes.

So, Sir, through you, I would like to request the hon. Minister of Youth Affairs to take steps to restrict the educational qualification to Plus-II or SSC Pass level instead of a degree which is prevailing now; increase the emolument from Rs.1000 to Rs.2000. I have my personal experience in the Nizamabad district where the youth organisation is working very well. The volunteers work very effectively to motivate more effective and committed youth to participate in this programme to work as National Service Volunteers. Hence, the payment should be increased so that at least it would cover their basic expenses.

So, once again, through you, I would request the hon. Minister to consider the issue of increasing their emolument from Rs.1000 to Rs.2000 so that more committed youth will be participating in this programme and it would help the youth.

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: It is most essential.

SHRI J.M. AARON RASHID (PERIYAKULAM): I would associate with it.

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