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Title : Problems being faced by Mahila Pradhan Agents in Postal Department engaged in collection of recurring deposits in the Country.

SHRI CHENGARA SURENDRAN (ADOOR): Sir, I would like to draw the attention of the House to more than one lakh Mahil Pradhan Agents who are engaged in collection of recurring deposits in the country. At present, they are the part and parcel of the Postal Department. By their hard work, the Postal Department in the country is getting a considerable amount as deposits. But unfortunately the benefits they are getting from the Department are very meagre. The five per cent commission which they were getting has been decreased to four per cent now. The major difficulty which they are experiencing now is the non-cooperation of the staff of Post Offices.

Therefore, it is submitted that the hon. Minister may kindly look into the grievances of the Mahil Pradhan Agents and consider the following proposals as early as possible. The order of decreasing the commission from five per cent to four per cent may be withdrawn and it should be revised upwards considering the increase of cost of living. Secondly, they may be absorbed in the Postal Department as regular staff. Thirdly, ensure full co-operation from the postal staff.