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Title : Problems being faced by workers/staff of the Government of India Press, Koratty, Trichur district, Kerala.

SHRI LONAPPAN NAMBADAN (MUKUNDAPURAM): Sir, I rise to bring to the notice of the House the following problems being faced by the workers of the Government of India Press at Koratty in Trichur District of Kerala:

1. This only Government of India Press at Koratty in Trichur District of Kerala was commissioned in 1996 with a total of 400 workers in two shifts.
2. It has 106 acres of land, and 208 staff quarters most of which are lying vacant.
3. In 2002, this Press was given the prize for the best Government of India Press.
4. Out of 400 posts, at present only 190 workers are in position as a result of which the machines newly imported at high cost are not used to full capacity. Many of these imported machines are not of any use to this Press.

I, therefore, request the Government of India to take urgent necessary action to modernise this only Government of India Press in Kerala by importing suitable machines, filling up the remaining 143 posts, and ensuring that all the machines in the Press are put to optimum use by ordering two shifts as was done in the past.

MR. SPEAKER: Shri Madhusudan Mistry - Not present.

...(Interruptions)