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Title: Need to reconstitute the Wage Board for working journalists.

SHRI P. KARUNAKARAN (KASARGOD): Sir, today a number of journalists and non-journalists have come to the capital of India because their main aim, their main objective is to have the Wage Board. The Wage Board was constituted seven years back. We know that all our speeches and deliberations go through these correspondents. At the same time, hundreds of correspondents are working in many newspaper establishments, the reality is that many of them are not fully employed. They are not permanent. They are not getting any wages. But the sympathetic thing is that it is after seven years that we are thinking about the Wage Board. Even if we start to constitute a Wage Board now, it will again take two or three years because they have to contact with the employers, employees and also their associations. So, I request that the hon. Minister has to take stern action to constitute the Wage Board now itself. Even after this, they have to wait for two or three years. ...(*Interruptions*)

SHRI VARKALA RADHAKRISHNAN (CHIRAYINKIL): Sir, this matter has been raised several times. ...(*Interruptions*)

MR. SPEAKER: Do you expect? Was it your experience as a Speaker that as soon as a matter is raised, immediately decision will be taken?

...(*Interruptions*)

MR. SPEAKER: No other hon. Member will disrupt please.

SHRI P.C. THOMAS : Sir, my notice is also on the same issue. I had given a notice.

MR. SPEAKER: You associate. Your name is recorded as having associated.

SHRI P.C. THOMAS: I have just one point.

MR. SPEAKER: There is no more point. Otherwise you wait for your turn in the list.

SHRI P.C. THOMAS : Sir, they have sought an interim relief.

MR. SPEAKER: It is very appropriate. Shri P.C. Thomas associates and mentions about interim relief.

...(*Interruptions*)

MR. SPEAKER: Nothing else is recorded except what I have said.

(*Interruptions*) \*â€

MR. SPEAKER: Nothing else will be recorded.

...(*Interruptions*)

MR. SPEAKER: I am trying to help. Mr. Tathagata Satpathy, I know you may have your problem. Discuss it outside the House.

\* Not Recorded