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Title: Problems being faced by the Grameen Dak Sevaks and other postal employees.

SHRI LONAPPAN NAMBADAN (MUKUNDAPURAM): Sir, Indian Postal Service is the largest Postal Service in the world. It contains about six lakhs of employees, spread across one and a half lakhs of Post Offices, R.M.S, Administrative and Postal Accounts Departments. Postal Department, is a Central Public Service Sector that undertakes jobs of different natures at the same time. Half of the postal employees are the Grameen Dak Sevaks. These Grameen Dak Sevaks perform all the jobs which the regular employees perform. But they do not have the facilities that the regular employees enjoy.

The ban on recruitments which the NDA Government had enforced still continues. In the Postal Department some 38,000 posts of regular employees and 10,000 Grameen Dak Sevak posts have been cut short. Due to lack of adequate number of staffs, the efficiency of the Postal Department has been severely affected.

The wrong policy of the centre, to privatize all service sectors including the Postal Service should be dropped. The part time, and ad hoc employees have been working for 10-12 years. Their services should be regularized. The dependents of those who died while in service should be given jobs on compassionate grounds.

* English translation of the speech originally delivered in Malayalam.

If the savings bank, savings certificate, P.L.I., Rural P.L.I., are handed over to the Postal Department, by performing the services in banking and insurance areas, the Postal Department can generate crores of rupees as profit.

So the Central Government should stop this false propaganda that the Postal Department is running at a lose, and instead the centre should empower the Postal Department, make it efficient and there by protect lakhs of poor employees of the Postal Department.