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Title: Need to enforce laws for protection of women from all forms of violence and also grant unemployment allowance to graduate unemployed mothers.

SHRIMATI BOTCHA JHANSI LAKSHMI (VIZIANAGARAM): There are many civilizations in the world where respect for women and their role in society are prominent. Vedic society held women in high esteem. The vedic tradition had high regard for the qualities of women and gave them the honour of Goddess. There is a Vedic saying, "Where women are worshipped, there the Gods dwell." In a society, if women are happy, there will be prosperity, but where the females live in grief, the family will soon perish. The honour towards women should be maintained today by the preservation of genuine Vedic culture, either in the country or in the institutions.

However, the official statistics show a declining sex-ratio, health status, literacy rate, work participation and political participation among women. While on the other hand, the spread of social evils like dowry deaths, child marriage, domestic violence, rape, sexual harassment, exploitation of women workers are rampant in different parts of India. Humiliation, rape, kidnapping, molestation, dowry death, torture, wife-beating etc. have grown over the years.

I, therefore, strongly urge upon the Government for strict enforcement of law, for the protection of women and girls. I would also request the government to introduce unemployment allowance to graduate unemployed mothers to make them economically independent so that they can lead a respectful life.