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Title: Need to review the recommendations of the Shyamla Gopinath Committee for Comprehensive Review of Mahila Pradhan Kshetriya Bachat Yojana.

SHRI K. P. DHANAPALAN (CHALAKUDY): Mahila Pradhan Kshetriya Bachat Yojana (MPKBY) is a saving scheme targeted at the poor and deprived and launched in 1970s by the then Prime Minister Late Smt. Indira Gandhi to develop the habits of small savings among the housewives and the weaker section of the society. The scheme has provided employment to lakhs of unemployed women from the weaker section of the society. So far the scheme had been successful since it could develop a habit of small saving among the rural and unprivileged and could collect a huge amount of money for the government as small deposits and savings. However it is understood that the Government has recently received a report of the Committee headed by Ms Shyamala Gopinath which recommends a number of reforms including slashing the commission of the Mahila Pradhan Agents. The recommendations if accepted is likely to defeat the object and purpose of the scheme and will seriously affect the success of the scheme.

Under these circumstances, I would urge the Government to review the recommendations of the Shyamala Gopinath Committee and reject the proposal which is against the spirit of the scheme.