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Title: Regarding problems faced by the Grameen Dak Sevakas in the country.

SHRIMATI K. MARAGATHAM (KANCHEEPURAM): Sir, I am ever grateful to hon. Leader, Makkalin Mudhalvar Puratchi Thalaivi, Amma, because of whom I am here today.

I wish to draw your kind attention to a very important issue of the problems being faced by the Gram Dak workers in India. They are the main source of income of the Postal Department by various means like Rural Postal Life Insurance policies; Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MNREGA), which functions in 96,375 branch Post Offices all over India; and many Social Security Pension Schemes in rural Areas.

They have been working for more than 8 to 10 hours a day in the nook and corner of rural India for the last 150 years with very low pay as only 50 paise incentive per account is paid to them by the Postal Department. They are denied pension, medical facility and other necessary facilities. Their problems are due to anti-employee attitude of the Postal Department, and their reasonable grievances are pending with the Postal Department for years together.

Last week, a nation-wide strike was also held. I urge upon the hon. Communications Minister and the Union Government to look into this matter and do justice in this matter at the earliest.