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Title: Regarding problems being faced by the beedi workers in Tenkasi Parliamentary Constituency, Tamil Nadu.

SHRIMATI M. VASANTHI (TENKASI): I would like to represent the difficulties faced by the beedi workers in my constituency. Makkal Mudalvar Puratchi Thalaivi Amma has introduced several welfare schemes for the upliftment of the beedi workers.

Beedi rolling is an important occupation of the poor family who are below the poverty line in my constituency. Thousands of school going children are also engaged in this collective family occupation after their school hours. The education scholarship given to the school children is very less and only a few children are benefited by that. This creates a disparity among the workers. These poor children of beedi workers are now languishing in abject poverty and deprivation due to the insufficient scholarship amount paid to them. They are unable to continue their studies because this amount is being spent for their daily bread.

Hence, I urge the Union Labour Welfare Ministry to increase the amount of educational scholarship and the number of children immediately. ...(*Interruptions*) Please give me one more minute. ...(*Interruptions*)

HON. SPEAKER: No, not one minute. You are not supposed to read out. I am always saying this to you.

SHRIMATI M. VASANTHI: It is also necessary to upgrade the dispensaries at Alangulam, Surandai meant for beedi workers as it deprives these workers and family members to get timely medical assistance easily without being referred to the other hospitals. Further, I would request the Government to construct more dwelling habitations for the beedi workers. Each dwelling unit should have facilities, like electricity, drinking water and water for sanitation.

Hence, I urge upon the Union Health Ministry and Labour Welfare Ministry to initiate action in this regard at the earliest. Thank you.

श्री मलिकार्जुन खड़गे (गुलबर्गा) : अध्यक्ष जी, आपने सुरेश जी का अडजर्नमेंट मोशन भी स्वीकार नहीं किया है, फिर कॉलिंग अटेंशन भी नहीं आया है, उनको जीरो ऑवर में बोलने का मौका दे दीजिए, ... (व्यवधान)

माननीय अध्यक्ष : मैं उनको बोलने का मौका दूंगी, आप बैठ जाइए।

â€!(व्यवधान)

HON. SPEAKER: Many Members are there. I will allow you.

...(*Interruptions*)