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Title: Need to introduce special welfare schemes to address the problems of Tea-Garden workers in Assam.

SHRI KAMAKHYA PRASAD TASA (JORHAT): Hon. Deputy-Speaker, Sir, I am thankful to you for giving me this opportunity to raise a very important matter.

India is well-known for the tea in Assam; and Assam has the credit of manufacturing largest quantity of tea in the country. But the condition of the tea plantation workers is most pathetic. The wages they earn are very low. Their wage now, is only Rs. 150 per day. They are living in a very poor housing condition. They lack avenues for the social mobility. Plantations Labour Act is also followed.

It is my earnest appeal to the House that it is time that the Government launches some welfare schemes for their mobility. I would also request the Government to introduce special welfare schemes for their families and dependents also.

Sir, the hon. Minister is present here. I would again request him to launch some welfare schemes for the betterment of the tea garden labourers, who are suffering in the State of Assam. Thank you.

HON. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: Dr. Kirit Solanki and Kunwar Pushpendra Singh Chandel are permitted to associate with the issue raised by Shri Kamakhya Prasad Tasa