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Title: Need to ensure adequate and timely release of grant for special schools located in Kerala and also enhance the honorarium of teaching and non-teaching staff of such schools.

SHRI M.B. RAJESH (PALAKKAD): I would like to draw the attention of the Government towards the miserable condition of the special schools and their teaching and non-teaching staff. These special schools aim at the full development and participation of children with disabilities. The only support these schools receive is in the form of a small grant to meet the expenses of a nominal honorarium from the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment. However, there is inordinate delay in releasing this small grant. Many institutions in my constituency have not received this grant for the last two years. Further, the honorarium for the teaching and non teaching staff is insufficient. The recommendations of Central and State Pay Commissions have never benefitted them. It is a paradox that the equally qualified and specially trained are paid much less than the ordinary Government school staff. Hence, I urge upon the Government to ensure proper and timely release of the grant and a significant enhancement of honorarium to the teaching and non teaching staff of special schools.