Sixteenth Loksabha

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Title: Need to provide ESI benefits to LIC Agents.

SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN (KOLLAM): The LIC Agents are the backbone of the LIC. But the LIC is not ensuring the welfare of LIC agents. LIC agents are giving whole hearted support to the organization. The recent policies adopted by the Government are adversely affecting the work of LIC agents. Now the LIC agents are facing various problems. The main issue is the lack of fund for their treatment. Their demand to extend the ESI facility to them has not been considered till date. The LIC agents are one of the most eligible categories entitled for ESI scheme as per the existing norms. But the authorities are not initiating steps to extend the ESI benefit to the LIC agents. Their repeated demand for ESI benefit is still pending. Hence I urge upon the Government to initiate urgent action for extend the ESI benefit to the LIC agents.