

(iv) **Need to grant more pay to Anganwadi workers and to impart them proper training**

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SHRI SARJU PRASAD SAROJ (Mohanlalganj): Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, there has been a significant contribution of Anganwadi workers in effectively implementing the Child Development Programmes throughout the country.

Anganwadi workers have to perform a wide spectrum of duties which *inter-alia* include distribution of eatables like bread and biscuits etc. to the children besides taking care of their health and getting them vaccinated from time to time. Then they have to carry out periodical population surveys of their respective Anganwadi areas, teaching the children and educating womenfolk of their respective areas about the family planning methods etc.

Anganwadi Workers have to perform all these duties but they are paid a paltry amount of Rs. 275 per month as remuneration. In view of the prevailing high prices of all commodities, the Anganwadi workers are unable to meet their basic necessities with this amount.

Therefore, I strongly urge upon the Central Government to raise the remuneration of Anganwadi workers to Rs. 600 at least and also arrange for suitable training for them with a view to open avenues of promotion for them so that these workers work with more devotion and contribute more and more towards Child Development Programmes.

(v) **Need to ensure that stainless steel utensil producers fulfill the norms laid down by the Bureau of Indian Standards**

SHRIMATI JAYAWANTINAVINCHANDRA MEHTA (Bombay North East): Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, the stainless steel utensils are used both by the rich and the poor in India. Today's consumer wants to

use only such utensils as are durable, can be easily cleaned and not prone to be toxic.

Salem Steel Plant, a public sector undertaking has been producing stainless steel till now. A.I.S.I. 304 grade steel had been in use for manufacturing the utensils, the A.I.S.I.E. 304 grade has become very costly now as a result of the increase in the price of 'Nickle' in the international market. Consequently, due to the decrease in the percentage of Nickle in these utensils the present stainless steel is of 202 quality and the drawbacks of such utensils are that they are not durable and are prone to rusting and food-poisoning. This stainless steel is not totally secure. We have been receiving complaints from our consumers for about two and a half years now. Thus:

1. The manufacturers of stainless steel should obtain a certificate from Bureau of Indian Standards about the steel of this grade in regard to its purity.
2. the consumers should be acquainted with the new products through the ads of audio-visual media besides the English, Hindi and other regional language newspapers.
3. An effective mechanism is needed to ensure that the consumers are not deceived.

I urge the hon. Minister to take afore-mentioned steps.

(vi) **Need to look into the grievances of the Workers of Khadi Ashramas in the country**

SHRI MITRASEN YADAV (Faizabad): Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, the whole time stipendiary employees of Khadi Ashram and