

Seventeenth Loksabha

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Title: Regarding merger of Public Sector Banks -laid.

SUSHRI MIMI CHAKRABORTY (JADAVPUR): Ten public sector lenders have already been merged into four bigger and stronger banks in the country, out of which, the Oriental Bank of Commerce (OBC) and the United Bank of India are now named as Punjab National Bank (PNB).

I wonder to say that this merger of UBI has technically shifted the Headquarters from Kolkata to Delhi and more surprisingly, the Government has proposed to shrink the banking systems by amalgamating the branches into one Branch, thus, squeezing the manpower of the industry. South Garia Branch, having almost 15 thousand customers, is proposed to be merged with UBI, Champahati Branch of South 24 Parganas.

Keeping in view the public demand and its financial feasibility, I earnestly request the Government to retain both branches, as is where is basis, and to upgrade both the branches with modernised PNB-e Corner services for the benefit and the greater interest of the common people of my constituency.