

**Seventeenth Loksabha**

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**Title: Regarding construction of an EPF office at Jangipur in Murshidabad district in West Bengal- Laid.**

**SHRI KHALILUR RAHAMAN (JANGIPUR):** Murshidabad is the home of lakhs of labours to which the Jangipur catchment area contributes the most. Poor labours, especially bidi workers are not conversant with digital technology and are unable to carry out the work related to EPF Office with ease. They have to travel to Berhampur, nearly 150 km, which is both time-consuming and expensive. Moreover, the Berhampur EPF office is the only office serving three constituencies (Jangipur, Berhampore, Murshidabad). Hence, EPF office at Jangipur will reduce the burden.

On my earlier appeal on this subject, the Ministry of Labour and Employment replied that labours can visit the online portal of EPFO but labours are mostly uneducated with zero knowledge of technology. They are bound to be present physically in the EPFO. As per the Ministry, Jangipur has poor internet facilities which makes Jangipur unsuitable for EPFO but the ground report is absolutely opposite. Jangipur has a Sub-Divisional Office, Court and Banks with excellent and uninterrupted high-speed internet facilities servicing people at their best.

Through this House, I strongly demand to reconsider my proposal with the ground-level survey and request to take positive action to construct an EPF office at Jangipur for sake of poor labour.