

Re: Implementation of Garib Kalyan Yojana in Odisha ? laid

SHRI SURESH PUJARI (BARGARH): There were as many as 471 districts in India in 1992 as against a total of 300 districts in India in 1952. This means that there was a rise of 57% of districts at the All India level within a span of 40 years as against absolutely no rise in Orissa. During 1993-94, Odisha converted 13 existing districts into 30 districts. Till then, further district reorganization has not been made, though there have been agitations in different parts of Odisha demanding new Districts including a new District of Padampur in the Bargarh District of my Parliamentary Constituency. That apart, there are 58 Sub-Divisions in Odisha that needs to be further bifurcated including the formation of a Sub-Division in Brajrajnagar AC in the district of Jharsuguda, part of my Parliamentary Constituency. Similarly, the Odisha government has not reorganized blocks in the State during the last four decades, the last one was made in 1984, putting the nos of Blocks at 314. Now, the time has come for the bifurcation of large Blocks and the formation of new Blocks in Odisha including the bifurcation of Lakhanpur Block in Jharsuguda having 33 Gram Panchayats into 3 Blocks and the formation of a new Melchhamunda Block in the District of Bargarh. Though the formation of Districts/Sub-Divisions/Blocks is a State Subject under the federal system, I request the Hon'ble Union Minister of Rural Development to impress upon the Government of Odisha for bifurcation and formation of new Small Districts, including Padampur, new small Sub-divisions in Odisha including one additional one in Jharsuguda District & new small Blocks in Odisha including two more in Lakhanpur Block of Jharsuguda District and one in Mulchamunda area in Bargarh District to make administration transparent and closer to the people and successful implementation of the Garib Kalyan Yojana of the Central Government led by the Hon'ble Prime Minister Sri Narendra Modi.