

Title: Need to shift Food Craft Institute from Bhubaneswar to Patharajpur, Orissa.

SHRI PRABHAT SAMANTRAY (KENDRAPARA): Sir, the people of Patharajpur area in Orissa are very much agitated due to the inordinate delay in shifting the Food Craft Institute from Bhubaneswar. The Union Ministry of Tourism sanctioned a Food Craft Institute for Orissa in 1998 and the site for the Institute was selected at Patharajpur. But due to the absence of any building at that place, it was decided to start the institute in a rented building at Bhubaneswar. Subsequently, the Ministry of Finance cleared the proposal and sanctioned fund for the establishment of the building at Patharajpur. The construction of the building has been completed about a year ago but the Institute is still running at Bhubaneswar in that rented accommodation. Several lakhs of rupees have been spent on the construction of the building. So it should not be allowed to keep that building unused any longer. Moreover, the amount spent on renting the building is an unnecessary expenditure and a loss to the exchequer.

I urge upon the Government of India to take steps to shift the Food Craft Institute to Patharajpur without any further delay.