

Title: Need to retain Fishery Research Centre at Burla, Orissa.

SHRI K.P. SINGH DEO (DHENKANAL): It is a matter of great concern that the Central Fishery Research Centre working at Burla in Orissa has been transferred to Hoshangabad in Madhya Pradesh. The people of western Orissa are very much agitated to learn about the transfer of that Research Centre. The Research Centre at Burla was doing excellent work on development of fisheries in the inland water. About 74 hectares of water area of Hirakund was under this Research Centre. The Burla Research Centre was established in 1963 and since then it was working there. Similar efforts were made in 1999 to shift that Research Centre from Burla. Due to requests from people's representatives, the Central Government at that time withdrew the move without any justification. Now, the only Research Centre of this kind has been shifted from Burla. In the interest of the people of Orissa, I demand the continuance of the Fishery Research Centre at Burla.

SHRI ANADI SAHU (BERHAMPUR, ORISSA): Sir, I associate myself with this.

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: You are allowed.