

Title: Need to restore local Transmission Centre at Murshidabad, West Bengal.

SHRI MOINUL HASSAN (MURSHIDABAD): Sir, there is a Radio Transmission Centre at Murshidabad, which was established with the objective of nurturing and promoting local art and culture. The people of the area had the hope that this would give opportunity to local artists to perform folk music, songs and other cultural activities. But the objective was not fulfilled.

In January, 2002, this Transmission Centre suddenly stopped its morning transmission. Instead of working as a local transmission centre, it has merely become a relay centre. This has hurt the local artists and the culture loving people, who had high expectations. This decision of the Transmission Centre had also resulted in blocking the benefit and exposure that the local artists and culture would have got from this channel.

I request the Union Government to ensure full-fledged restoration of this Transmission Centre to boost the Eastern Heritage of India and to fulfil the hopes and aspirations of the local population.