

Title: Need to set up an institute of Information Technology in Murshidabad district, West Bengal – Laid.

SHRI ADHIR CHODHARY (BERHAMPORE): District Murshidabad in West Bengal is known for its historical importance. Once a capital of Bengal, Bihar, Orissa, it has been a commercial hub for long years. Since the independence of India, the district has been gradually sliding into economic black out. A few industrial units which were grown up are only to be found in the graveyard. However, the district is enriched in agriculture. It has been regarded as the largest jute producing district in West Bengal. But the jute farmers of the district are undergoing a state of despair because of winding up of jute mills one after another.

The number of unemployed youth is increasing by leaps and bounds creating a social problem in the border district. I would like to propose to the Government that it is an ideal place for setting up an institute of information technology. The district is situated in a strategic point which connects north and south Bengal. It is adjacent to Bangladesh. In the age of knowledge based industry I think the district can play a potential role as there is existence of a large pool of talented youth in my district.