

Title : Regarding the need to withdraw the move for closure of Government of India Stationery Office.

SHRI SWADESH CHAKRABORTTY (HOWRAH): The Ministry of Urban Development has not accepted the ERC Recommendation to close down the Government of India stationery office (GISO), Despite this, the matter is still pending with that Ministry which has to be taken up with Ministry of Finance for its rejection.

Since, the ERC recommendation is yet to be implemented or rejected, its closure of is resorted through back door by the Ministry of Finance by deleting Appendix IX from GFR which comprised of Rules regulating purchase of stationery articles for the public services and as a follow up of this, budgetary provision for GISO has been gradually reduced to 2.5 crores during the current year and is understood to have decided for further reduction in ensuring budget 2006-07, Virtually allowing all indentors to procure stationery articles from open market. As a result the GISO is crippled. Therefore, urgent need is to take positive decision by the Ministry of Finance by reintroducing Appendix IX in GFR and rejecting the ERC recommendation for closure of GISO as requested by the Ministry of Unban development.