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Title: Need to start border trade with Bangladesh through Murshidabad in West Bengal.

SHRI ADHIR CHOWDHURY (BAHARAMPUR): One of the border districts in the State of West Bengal is Murshidabad. There is a huge potential of trade between India and Bangladesh in this part of the State, provided both countries agree to do so.

Everyday hundreds of items are traded between the people of the two neighbouring countries either formally or informally as poor people of either side of the border are desperate enough to carry out this trade to earn their livelihoods. As a result of which they often are nabbed by B.S.F and face the legal complications. They are even imprisoned.

Keeping in view the cordial relations between India and Bangladesh, a mechanism of border trade could be explored which would facilitate the trade between the people as well as consolidate the relations. It may offer an outlet of many more opportunities of livelihoods of the people of the district.

I, therefore, urge upon the Government to consider my proposal of border trade in the district Murshidabad.