

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT**

LOK SABHA

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1236
TO BE ANSWERED ON 06.12.2021**

SHIFTING OF REGIONAL PF OFFICE

1236. SHRI KHALILUR RAHAMAN:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware that the Beedi Rollers of Jangipur region is the biggest contributor of Regional PF Office;**
- (b) the reasons for shifting the Regional PF Office overnight from Jangipur to Berhampore;**
- (c) whether the Government proposes to consider the demand for shifting the Regional PF Office to Jangipur for the benefit of the Beedi rollers; and**
- (d) if so, the details thereof and timeline in this regard and if not, the reasons therefor?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
(SHRI RAMESWAR TELI)**

(a): During the period January to October, 2021, there were 3,76,368 contributory Universal Account Numbers (UANs) under Berhampore Regional Office of which 3,35,128 belonged to Beedi Making. 2,15,910 Contributory UANs were in Jangipur in the month of October, 2021. Jangipur is one of the five Sub-Divisions of Murshidabad District besides Sadar, Kandi, Lalbagh and Domkal which falls under the jurisdiction of Berhampore Regional Office of Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO). Berhampore is also the district Headquarter of Murshidabad District.

(b) to (d): Building of the Regional Office, Jangipur was functioning from a privately owned rented accommodation and marked for demolition for the purpose of extension of National Highway. Moreover, there was also shortage of space. Zonal Office, EPFO recommended vide their letter dated 12.01.2017 for hiring of Berhampur Municipality Building, which was approved on 21.4.2017 by EPFO.
