

Title: Request to shift the Coal Mines Provident Fund Office, Hyderabad to Godavarikhani.

DR. (SHRIMATI) C. SUGUNA KUMARI (PEDDAPALLI): Mr. Speaker, Sir, through you, I would like to raise an important matter in Zero Hour. In Peddapally parliamentary constituency, there are 35 Singareni coal mines. Nearly 80,000 coal miners are working there. The Coal Mines Provident Fund Office is at Hyderabad, which is about 250 kms. away from the coal mines area, namely, Godavarikhani, Mancherial, R.K. Puram and Mandamarry.

During the 12th Lok Sabha, I raised this issue many times in the House. I met the hon. Minister for Coal at that time and the Minister, Shri Dilip Ray had directed the officials. The Board of Trustees gave their decision to shift this Office from Hyderabad to Godavarikhani.

In the meantime, midterm elections have come; and in the 13th Lok Sabha, because of frequent changes in the portfolios of Ministers, I have given representations to hon. Ministers Shri Naveen Patnaik, Shri Kumaramangalam and now Shri Shanmugam. So far, no action has been taken.

I request the hon. Minister for Coal to direct the officials concerned to shift this Office from Hyderabad to Godavarikhani immediately.