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Title: Need to set up an office of Employees Provident Fund Organisation at Palakkad, Kerala.

SHRI M.B. RAJESH (PALAKKAD): I would like to draw the attention of the Government to an important issue related to my constituency. Palakkad is the second largest industrial area in Kerala. The proposed new Rail Coach Factory and the ancillary industries that are expected to come in connection with the coach factory will further strengthen Palakkad as an industrial centre. Tens of thousands of employees of Palakkad are depending on EPF office at Kozhikode. They have to travel between 150 and 200 km to reach Kozhikode. They have to incur a huge amount of money and spend a lot of time for this purpose. Aged people are facing hardships due to this. It is a long pending demand that a Sub Office of Employees Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) should be opened at Palakkad. As a developing industrial destination, Palakkad is the most appropriate place for setting up an EPFO sub office. Hence, I urge upon the Government to open EPFO sub office at Palakkad immediately.