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Title: Need to set up a branch of Life Insurance Corporation of India at Malkangiri, Odisha.

SHRI BALBHADRA MAJHI (NABARANGPUR): Odisha comprises of 30 Districts. Malkangiri District, which falls in my Parliamentary Constituency, is ranked 30th in all respects and is also farthest from the state capital Bhubaneswar. It is the only district in the state not to have a Branch of LIC. The nearest Branch is at Jeypore in Koraput District which is 100 km away from Malkangiri District Headquarters and 200 km away from its farthest point i.e. Motu. For withdrawing maturity money, cash back money or death claims, the beneficiaries have to travel more than 100 kms. This discourages many people not to go for LIC policy. Opening a Branch office at Malkangiri will encourage people to go for LIC policy as it will make all transactions easy, simple and hassle free. The Government is requested to advise the concerned officials to open one Branch office of LIC at Malkangiri.