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Title: Need to set up Krishi Vigyan Kendra in Vizianagaram district of Andhra Pradesh.

SHRIMATI BOTCHA JHANSI LAKSHMI (VIZIANAGARAM): Sir, I would like to bring to the kind notice of the Government an important issue regarding the farming community of the Vizianagaram district who are facing acute losses due to adopting traditional agricultural methods and keeping themselves away from the latest development in agricultural science and technology.

Sir, Vizianagaram district is predominantly an agricultural district in Andhra Pradesh. A huge population including small and marginal farmers is living in the rural areas of the Vizianagaram district. They depend on agriculture for their livelihood. It is because of the diminishing profitability and meagre yields of agricultural produce, farmers are forced to search for an alternative source of revenue for their livelihood. There are just five agricultural scientists in the Vizianagaram district. Farmers are feeling hapless. They have no access to latest information at the ground level. There is an urgent need to streamline the agricultural researches in Vizianagaram district. Hence, there is a need to set up agro-technology centres and Krishi Vigyan Centres on priority basis to provide information and inputs to hapless farmers on soil fertility, climatic conditions and other vital aspects of agriculture and farming. My parliamentary constituency Vizianagaram should also be included for receiving good advisory mechanism on agriculture on emergency basis in the interest of farmers. I would also like to strongly urge upon the Government through you to set up an agricultural engineering college and post-harvesting technology centres at Vizianagaram district.