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Title: Need to establish an Agriculture Research University in Murshidabad, West Bengal.

SHRI MD. BADARUDDOZA KHAN (MURSHIDABAD): Murshidabad district is situated in the middle of West Bengal and is famous for huge jute farming and horticulture. Jute is a cash crop and earns foreign exchange also. There is a vast scope of modernization of jute cultivation and jute industry. To modernize the jute cultivation and jute industry, there is a need to establish one Agriculture Research University on Jute & Horticulture in Murshidabad. To establish this University in Murshidabad, land is available with the Estate Manager and vast land is also available at Chandipur Government Agricultural Farm. Near Chandipur, there is a Krishi Vikas Kendra (K.V.K.) also. Though huge amount of Mangoes, Lichis, Bananas, Guava and various types of vegetables are also produced in Murshidabad, the cultivators and educated youth from farming community are not well-versed with the present scientific procedure of farming. If an Agriculture Research University is established in Murshidabad, the entire district will be benefitted.

So I urge upon the Government to take initiative to establish an Agriculture Research University in Murshidabad.