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Title: Need to establish an Agriculture College at Akbarpur in Karimganj parliamentary constituency, Assam.

SHRI RADHESHYAM BISWAS (KARIMGANJ): North-eastern zone is a economically backward area. The youth in the region facing lack of the opportunities and facilities for education in agriculture as there is no agriculture college. There are 2 Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK) in my constituency- one at Hailakandi and another at Karimganj District. Karimganj K.V.K. was established firstly as experimental station of undivided Assam at Akbarpur in 1913 under the guidance of Mr. G.P. Hector exclusively to carry out research and development works on rice and the rice seeds for Barak and surma valley of the then Assam. In the year 1969, the station was handed over to Assam Agricultural University and subsequently it was redesigned as Regional Agricultural Research station for Barak Valley zone of Assam. During 1980 with the introduction of National Agricultural Research Project (N.A.R.P.), the responsibility of the station was specialized to augment agricultural production and the rural economy of the zone. Existing Akbarpur K.V.K. has adequate land i.e. about 31.61 hectares with some basic infrastructure which can be used for college purpose. Establishment of Agricultural College will show a new path to the youth of Assam, Mizoram, Meghalaya, Manipur and Tripura. Considering the above fact, I urge upon the Central Government for giving a special importance for establishment of agricultural college at Akbarpur.