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Title: Need to set up a Sugarcane Research Institute at Babanpur in Aska, Odisha.

SHRI LADU KISHORE SWAIN (ASKA): I would like to draw the attention of the Government regarding the status of the only sugarcane industry at Aska in Ganjam district of Odisha which has been catering to the needs of thousands of sugarcane farmers. The Aska Sugarcane Co-operative Society has been extending support to the sugarcane growers for the past couple of decades. However, over the years, it has been seen that the productivity of sugarcane has gone down due to various reasons including lack of research support to these farmers to cope with the new technology and innovation. Therefore, making available latest technology and imparting new knowledge would help to revive the said industry.

Hence, a Sugarcane Research Institute at Babanpur (Near Aska Sugar Factory), where the State Government is having the required land for this purpose may be set up. this will not only save the lives and livelihood of thousands of sugarcane farmers but also contribute to the state and national exchequer.