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Title: Need to set up a Sugarcane Research Institute at Babanpur in Ganjam district of Odisha.

SHRI LADU KHSORE SWAIN (ASKA): I would like to draw the attention of the Government to the status of the only sugarcane industry at Aska of District Ganjam, Odisha, which has been catering to the needs of thousands of sugarcane farmers. The Aska Sugarcane Corporative Society has been extending its financial support to the sugarcane growers for the past couple of decades. However, over the years, it has been noticed that the productivity of sugarcane has gone down due to various reasons, including lack of research support to these farmers to cope with new technology and innovation. This support to the farmers in introducing new technology and knowledge could help revive the said industry which is urgently required.

Hence, I would like to propose to consider setting up of a Sugarcane Reserch Institute at Babanpur (Near Aska Sugar Factory ) where the state government is having the required land for this purpose. This will not only save the lives and livelihoods of thousands of sugarcane farmers but also contribute to the state and national economy.