

**Title:** Request to review the decision to close down the CSIR field station at Bankura, West Bengal.

SHRI BASU DEB ACHARIA : Sir, there are the largest number of rural artisans in the district of Bankura in West Bengal. In order to help and assist the rural artisans and to improve their technology, the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research opened a field station at Bankura in 1982. For the last 20 years the CSIR and its field station at Bankura are helping the rural artisans to improve their technology, giving them scientific and technological assistance.

It is surprising that although this field station and the laboratories situated in West Bengal and the neighbouring States of Jharkhand and Orissa are helping the rural artisans of Bankura district, the CSIR has decided to close down its field station at Bankura. If it is closed down, then the rural artisans, who are getting the largest number of employment there in the rural industry, will be in difficulty. We should revive the rural and traditional industry where there is a scope of large employment. If this field station is closed down, it will have a disastrous effect on the rural artisans of the district of Bankura where largest number of rural artisans are there.

Sir, I urge upon the Government that they should review their decision and they should not close down the field station of Bankura which is doing a commendable work in regard to assisting and giving technological and scientific help to the thousands of rural artisans of the district of Bankura and also the neighbouring districts.

**13.00 hrs.**

*The Lok Sabha then adjourned for Lunch till Fourteen of the Clock.*

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**14.03 hrs.**

*The Lok Sabha re-assembled after Lunch at three minutes  
past Fourteen of the Clock.*

*(Shri P.H. Pandian in the Chair)*