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Title: Need to take steps to revive 'Krishi Bikash Shilpa Kendra', an organization serving common people in West Bengal.

SHRI GOBINDA CHANDRA NASKAR (BANGAON): I am raising matter of an organization started in 1979 by an Ex-Serviceman serving the common people, downtrodden, Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes mainly the women folk and children. The organization was immensely praised by our late Prime Minister Indira Gandhi. In fact, she once mentioned the name of the 'Krishi Bikash Shilpa Kendra' as an exemplary organization serving the common people in one of her speeches at the Red Fort in 1983.

Encouraged by her appreciation, this organization wanted to regularize the services of its workers totaling about 4200 to 6500 at least in group 'D' category. After the sad demise of our beloved Prime Minister Indira Gandhi, they went from pillar to post, knocked every door, but all their efforts were in vain. Their activities in the field of rural education, health care and awareness for drinking water spread almost all over the State of West Bengal in 204 blocks which are praiseworthy. The organization even impressed the Late Prime Minister who recommended it to be recognized as a national organization vide order No. F-2-39(4)83 PMPI dated 16/4/83. However, after her death the activities of this organization gradually dwindled due to the uncertainty in future job prospects of the workers.

I, therefore, request the Central Government that such a vibrant organization should not be allowed to die and every effort should be taken for its revival by its take over by the Central Government. I am sure the Government will also agree to this proposal and take necessary action for its take over.