In addition, an assistance of Rs. 157.00 lakhs was provided to Bharat Gyan Vigyan Samiti (BGVS) during 2011-12 for organizing Saakshar Bharat Yatra in 22 States.

Research Parks in academic and research institutes

*615. SHRI BAISHNAB PARIDA : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is proposed to open 50 research parks in academic and research institutes in the country;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof along with location of such parks;
 - (c) whether such centres have been developed by IIT, Madras;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

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- (e) the fields of research around which these centres would revolve;
- (f) whether such a specialised system is also proposed to be developed in other sectors; and
 - (g) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI KAPIL SIBAL): (a) and (b) A Committee constituted by the Ministry of Human Resource Development to prepare a concept paper on establishment of 50 research parks has suggested three different types of research parks viz. (i) for established innovation systems; (ii) for emerging innovation systems and (ii) for evolving innovation systems, as measured by the strength of industrial base, academic environment, number of research institutions, and the availability and affordability of land at the locations identified.

- (c) to (e) Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Madras, Research Park has been set up as a section 25 company and is aimed at promoting research and development in partnership with the industry, nurturing innovation, assisting in the growth of new ventures and promoting economic development. Similar goals are being sought to be achieved in the proposed research parks.
- (f) and (g) There is no proposal in the Ministry to develop such a specialized system in other sectors.

Investment in agriculture sector

*616. SHRI PALVAI GOVARDHAN REDDY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the total investment public and private, in agriculture and allied sectors, during the last three years, year-wise and State-wise;
 - (b) the details of subjects included in the allied sector,
- (c) the investment made by both public and private entities in agriculture and allied sectors, separately, during the above period;
- (d) the investment that came to Andhra Pradesh in the above sectors, sector-wise and year-wise;
 - (e) whether it is a fact that private investment is not as per expectations;
 - (f) if so, the reasons therefor; and