

Seventeenth Loksabha

Title: Regarding plantation of alternative crops such as bamboo, cane, coconut or local plants in North East.

SHRI GAURAV GOGOI (KALIABOR): Sir, Northeast India is one of the most biodiverse places. It is a biodiverse hotspot. The kind of flora, fauna, wild life and natural beauty is unique in South East Asia.

The Union Government's push towards oil pump plantation in the Northeast threatens this diversity. It will lead to an increase in air pollution, displacement of forest birds, reduction of forest cover and it is detrimental to the natural PH value of the soil.

I request the Government to find alternate crops such as bamboo, cane, coconut or local plants, and value the forest raw material that is there in the Northeast. In today's time, we need a kind of smart agriculture in Northeast India.