

Seventeenth Loksabha

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Title: Regarding establishment and implementation of Dual Time Zones in India.

**SHRI PRADYUT BORDOLOI (NAWGONG):** Sir, Assam and the North-East became a part of British India very late. But when the Britishers came to Assam, they introduced a local time zone for Assam, so that the administration could utilize and optimize efficiency and productivity in industrial activities. In the aftermath of Independence, the IST has been imposed, and we are back to square one. The reason why I am telling you this is that in the eastern place of Arunachal Pradesh, there is a place called Jairampur and Vijaynagar, and from there to Jaisalmer and Gujarat there is a difference of 30 degree longitude. That means that the time difference is almost two hours. When we have a single time zone, the people of the North-East are being discriminated because we lose precious day time hours and hence productivity. It creates a lot of problems. After Independence, with the imposition of IST, Assam became a land of *lahe lahe*, that means Assam became very slow. We want to optimize the productivity and efficiency, and that is why, we should have different time zones. You will agree with me that different nations across the world have different time zones. Bigger nations like USA have got 11 time zones; France has got 12 time zones. Why can we not have a separate time zone for the North-East to optimize and utilize the productivity of our people? That is my concern and that is my request to the Government of India.

**SHRI BHARTRUHARI MAHTAB (CUTTACK):** Sir, the hon. Member is raising a very important issue. He has been raising it again and again. I would like to associate with him. . .  
(Interruptions)

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