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Title: Regarding demand for Rabha Hasong Territory for Rabha Tribes in Assam.

SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY (GUWAHATI): Sir, as close as 30 per cent population of Assam comprise of tribal population. They belong to Bodo, Rabha, Mising, Karbi, Tea Tribes and others. But in spite of being a sizeable population, all is not well with these people. All the benefit schemes of tribal development did not reach these people, the reasons of which are best known to you.

I would like to draw your attention regarding the unfortunate state of affairs of the Rabha tribes of Assam. Rabha Tribe is one of the major tribes of Assam. Culturally, these people are very rich.

But economically and politically they are languishing far behind. Two years before, these tribes had faced a lot of problems, they faced death and destruction, which I raised in this House.

The Rabha tribe made a demand for earmarking the Rabha Hasong Territory, which is kept on hold for long. They want this to be done through peaceful negotiation, talks and discussion, and not by confrontation with other tribal or non-tribal people. They want that their problem be solved through negotiation. Rabha Hasong election is long overdue. As a result they are at the mercy of the bureaucrats now. Hardly one per cent of the people belonging to this tribe are in Government Service.

Hence, for restoration of identity, safeguarding the cultural heritage, and for overall development, necessary steps may urgently be taken so that these people may be able to compete with the rest of the country.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The House stands adjourned to meet tomorrow, the 20th March, 2012, at 11 a.m.

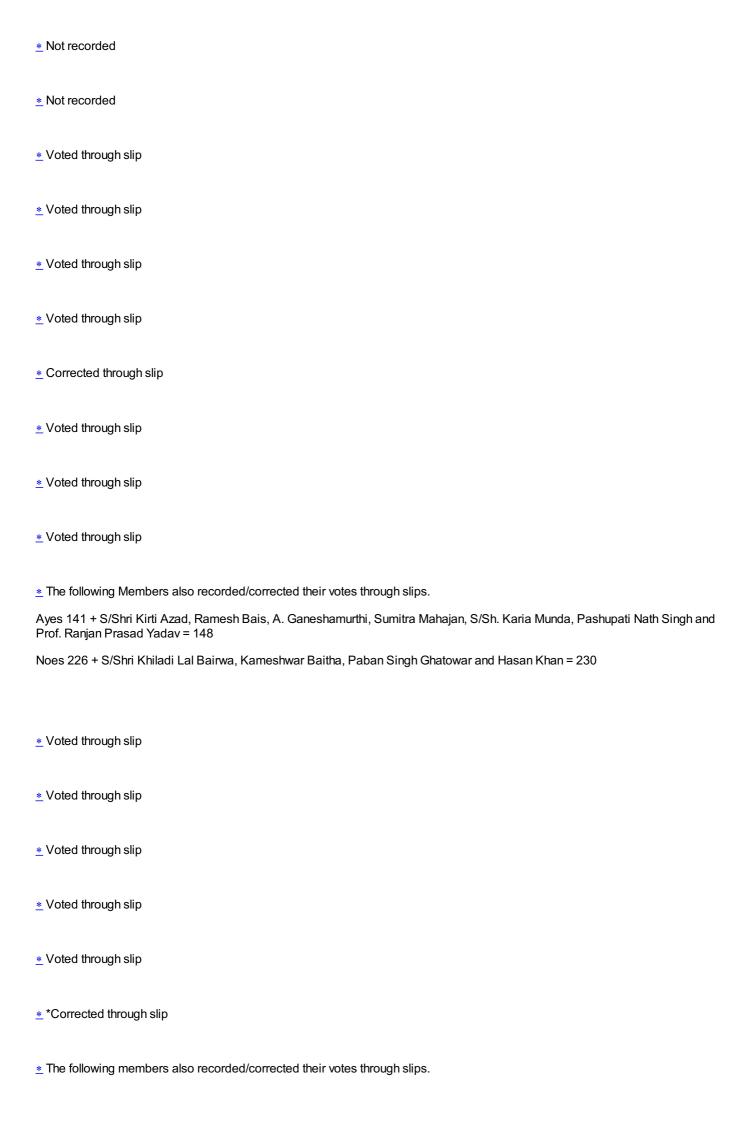
19.50 hrs.

The Lok Sabha then adjourned till Eleven of the Clock

on Tuesday, March 20, 2012 / Phalguna 30, 1933 (Saka)

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Noes 227 + S/Shri Khiladi Lal Bairwa, Paban Singh Ghatowar, Hasan Khan, Vilas Muthemwar and Sis Ram Ola = 232
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* The following members also recorded/corrected their votes through slips,
Ayes 145 + Shri Kirti Azad, Shrimati Sumitra Mahajan and Shri Govind Prasad Mishra = 148
Noes 227 + S/Shri Khiladi Lal Bairwa, Paban Singh Ghatowar and Hassan Khan = 230
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Ayes 144 + Shri Kirti Azad, Shrimati Sumitra Mahajan and Shri Kalyan Singh = 147
Noes 227 + S/Shri Khiladi Lal Mairwa, Paban Singh Ghatowar and Hassan Khan, Jose K. Mani and Sis Ram Ola = 232
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Ayes 146 + S/Shri Kirti Azad, Shrimati Sumitra Mahajan and Shri Kamlesh Paswan = 149

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