Title: Regarding the need to ensure safety and security of the Bengali Hindus residing in the state of Assam.

*SHRI RAMESWAR TELI (DIBRUGARH): Hon'ble Deputy Speaker Sir, I would like to draw the attention of the House towards a very important issue. The Congress Government in Assam is harassing the Bengali Hindus residing in the state by declaring them as D-voters. I, therefore, urge upon the Central Government to intervene in this matter to ensure safety and security of the Bengali Hindus residing in the State of Assam. I also request the Union Government to take urgent steps to grant them Indian citizenship. It may be mentioned here that nowhere in our country the Bengali Hindus migrated from Bangladesh have been harassed in such an inhuman manner. As a result of such humiliating treatment meted out to Bengali Hindus, a few days back, a person namely Arjun Karmakar hailing from Assam's Cachar district committed suicide. In this regard, I would also like to draw the attention of the Union Home Ministry for early settlement of the issue.

*SHRI RAM PRASAD SARMAH (TEZPUR): Thank you, Hon'ble Deputy Speaker, Sir, I would like to draw the attention of the Government of India to a very serious issue being faced by the tea estate workers working in the tea gardens in Assam. The Congress Government in Assam has hatched a conspiracy to discontinue the supply of ration provided to the tea workers. As per an agreement signed between the tea estate owners and tea labourers, it is the responsibility of the tea estate owners to provide ration because with a meager daily wage of Rs.94, it is not possible for a tea worker to make both ends meet. I warn the state Government not to indulge in such conspiracy with the sole aim of depriving the tea workers of the supply of ration. The Assam Government should also refrain from spreading misinformation to malign the Central Government. In the mean time, I would also like to appeal the State Government to take appropriate steps to hike the daily wage of tea estate workers. The tea labourers should get their wages for Sundays and other holidays also. It is worthwhile to mention here that while other parts of our country, a tea worker gets Rs.220 to Rs.250 as daily wage, in Assam he gets just Rs.94. We have in Assam about 920 tea gardens that produce 51% of the country's total tea. But the condition of our tea workers is very bad. Sir, it is a very serious issue and I would like to request the Central Government to take urgent steps for betterment of tea estate workers.

HON. DEPUTY SPEAKER: The House stands adjourned to meet again on Monday, the 15th December, 2014 at 11 a.m.

18.51 hrs

The Lok Sabha then adjourned till Eleven of the Clock

on Monday, December 15, 2014/Agrahayana 24, 1936 (Saka).

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