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Title: Need to accord Tribal Status to 'Kalita' Community of Assam.

SHRI RAMEN DEKA (MANGALDAI): Kalita (Caste) is an ethnic group of Hindus belonging to the state of Assam. Kalitas are the original inhabitants of Assam with its own culture and language. They existed much before the existing professional castes. Kalitas are mostly engaged in farming since ancient time. Kalitas took active part and played an active role in developing Assamese community socially, culturally and religiously. Due to demographic changes and other social pressure, Kalita community is about to lose their identity. In view of this, I urge upon the Government to accord tribal status to Kalita community.