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Title: Problems being faced by the tea workers.

SHRI GAURAV GOGOI (KALIABOR): To address the countless labour and livelihood issues faced by tea workers working in tea plantations across Eastern and North-Eastern states, I request the Government to take steps to set up a Commission that investigates the underlying reasons for the problems that plague the tea industry and recommend measures for the alleviation of these problems.

Recently the Compliance Advisor Ombudsman, the accountability office of the World bank Group's private sector lending arm, released all investigation reports that found low wages, abysmal sanitation, lack of pesticide, safety equipment, and inadequate housing on India's tea plantations.

Tea Industries are a major part of indigenous resources of these states, especially in the state of Assam and the issues that hinder development of the industry and its workers need to be looked into at the earliest. I urge the Government to take steps in this regard.