

Regarding giving ST status to certain tribal communities in Assam

**MD. RAKIBUL HUSSAIN (DHUBRI):** Sir. I rise today to draw your attention to a long-standing and pressing issue that affects millions of people in the State of Assam, particularly the Adivasi or Tea Tribes, along with the Chutia, Koch-Rajbongshi, Matak, Moran, and Tai-Ahom communities.

The demand for a Scheduled Tribe status for these communities is not new. It has been consistently raised by various social organisations, intellectuals, political leaders, and representatives from these communities. In 2014, the BJP declared that after coming to power, within 100 days, they would declare all these six communities as Tribal communities in the State of Assam. It has been a decade, but no promise has been fulfilled like other *jumlas*. Yet, the Government has not taken concrete steps to address this demand.

I would request the Government to declare all these communities as tribal communities in the State of Assam.

Thank you.