



Title: Need to create a separate time zone for North Eastern State.

SHRI RAMEN DEKA (MANGALDOJ): The North Eastern States remain under developed in comparison to other states due to so many factors. One major factor is time management. Two hours early sunrise and sunset has a major impact on working system of people of North Eastern States. If this early two hours is utilized scientifically it will increase the efficiency of Human Resources, it will benefit Aviation sector also which will give North Eastern States a good connectivity. The Parliamentary Standing Committee on Energy on 2007 also opined that the separate time zone will be able to save energy. Parliamentary Standing Committee on Transport, Tourism and Culture also observed that a separate time zone will help increase the pace of development in the region.

People of Assam also have been demanding a separate time zone for North East. It is not out of context to mention that in British era there was a local time zone for Assam. British used separate time to boost the tea cultivation. A separate time zone will bring new pace to this region.

In view of this, I urge the Government to think over this matter and grant a separate time zone to North Eastern States.