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Title: Need to set up consulate offices of ASEAN and other East Asian countries at Guwahati

SHRI RAMESHWAR TELI (DIBRUGARH): Assam is known as the Gateway to the East. An enhanced economic relation with the ASEAN and other East Asian Countries in terms of investment and technology would ensure greater economic activities in the region. In terms of geographical proximity also the North East is nearer to the ASEAN and the South East Asian Countries. For development of tourism and economic co-operation, it is essential to have regular communication facilities between the North Eastern States and all the above mentioned foreign countries. This would be in consonance with the Government's Act East Policy too. In order to facilitate greater economic activities as well as for the development of tourism, we need to have Consulate Generals of ASEAN and other East Asian Countries in the North East. Assam being the gate way to the North East, I would like to request you to take appropriate steps for setting up of Consulate Generals of these countries at Guwahati.