

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.649
TO BE ANSWERED ON 19/07/2017**

SEPARATE ZONE FOR NORTH EAST

649. SHRI JOSE K. MANI:

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY *विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री* be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government of Arunachal Pradesh has recently pleaded for a separate time zone for the entire northeast to increase productivity and reduce power consumption and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether Russia follows eleven different time zones and the US five different time zones whereas India geographically requires atleast two different time zones to optimize work efficiency and save on energy consumption and if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether in 2006 the Planning Commission took up cudgels on behalf of the North East States and had argued in favour of two different time zones and if so, the details thereof along with the present status of the matter?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND
MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EARTH SCIENCES
(SHRI Y.S. CHOWDHARY)**

विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री और पृथ्वी विज्ञान मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री

(श्री वाई. एस. चौधरी)

- (a) No, Madam. No such request has been received by this Ministry.
- (b) Yes, Russia follows eleven different time zones and the US has nine different time zones by law. However, China with larger spread has only one time zone. India also has one time zone.
- (c) No Madam.
