

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.4350
TO BE ANSWERED ON 21/3/2018**

TWO TIME ZONES

4350. SHRI FEROZE VARUN GANDHI:

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

- (a) whether the Government has come to a decision on the feasibility of having two time zones for the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, MINISTER OF EARTH SCIENCES AND
MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE
(DR. HARSH VARDHAN)**

विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री, पृथ्वी विज्ञान मंत्री और पर्यावरण, वन एवं जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्री

(डा. हर्ष वर्धन)

- (a) No Madam.
- (b) Does not arise.
- (c) The Government had set-up a High Level Committee in 2002 that had not recommended implementation of two-time zones in the country due to several complexities involved in the process. The Committee, in order to meet the objective of gainfully utilizing the morning hours and to provide better recreational avenues during evening hours, had recommended advancing work timings suitably in the Eastern and North-Eastern States. Accordingly, an advisory was issued to Eastern and North-Eastern States to consider advancing work timings accordingly.
