

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
DEPARTMENT OF SCIENTIFIC AND INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5499
(TO BE ANSWERED ON 26.07.2019)**

Dual Time Zone

5499. SHRI KOMATI REDDY VENKAT REDDY:

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

- (a) whether the Government has any plan of considering dual time zone in the country in view of time gap between Eastern States and Western States of India; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE;
MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY; AND
MINISTER OF EARTH SCIENCES
(Dr. HARSH VARDHAN)**

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री; विज्ञान एवं प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री; तथा पृथ्वी विज्ञान मंत्री
(डॉ. हर्ष वर्धन)

- (a) **No, Sir.**
- (b) **In view of the time gap between Eastern and Western States of India, the matter regarding dual time zone in the country was examined by a High Level Committee (HLC) comprising of Secretary, Department of Science and Technology, Director, CSIR-NPL and Chief Secretary, Govt. of Tripura. After considering the issue, the HLC recommended not to have dual time zones for the country due to strategic reasons.**
