

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1611
(TO BE ANSWERED ON 08.12.2021)**

IMPLEMENTATION OF DUAL TIME ZONE POLICY

1611. SHRI PRADYUT BORDOLOI:

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government intends to implement dual time zone policy in consideration of the time gap between Western and Eastern States of the country and if so, the details thereof;**
- (b) whether the Government has conducted any assessment of loss of human productivity and excess electricity consumption in the North East Region on account of following a single time zone and if so, details thereof;**
- (c) whether strategic reasons serve as a sufficient argument against dual time zones if most large countries serve as precedent for the feasibility of multiple time zones;**
- (d) the details of examples or case-studies of other countries where having more than one time zone has compromised strategic interests;**
- (e) the details of the recommendations made by the High Level Committee (HLC) in the matter of dual time zones; and**
- (f) whether it is the final appellate body in this matter if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY & EARTH SCIENCES
(DR. JITENDRA SINGH)**

- (a) No, Sir. Question does not arise.**
- (b) to (e) The matter has been thoroughly examined from time to time at various levels by the Government and the proposal has not been agreed.**
- (f) There is no appellate body to the then constituted High Level Committee (HLC).**
