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17.	Meghalaya	27230.73	79436.86	113471.02
18.	Mizoram	29859.36	14983.11	21227.98
19.	Nagaland	19485.31	61872.72	96835.36
20.	Odisha	205152.05	213587.79	250529.78
21.	Punjab	30026.61	53359.18	63817.95
22.	Rajasthan	326732.31	515414.69	513815.21
23.	Sikkim	9522.47	13747.93	12483.82
24.	Tamil Nadu	602754.29	567784.81	635445.85
25.	Telangana	240732.19	210571.90	278411.62
26.	Tripura	137129.93	120027.52	46645.35
27.	Uttar Pradesh	297615.99	425467.10	450295.68
28.	Uttarakhand	49255.36	72024.25	69245.03
29.	West Bengal	484590.19	724605.31	791464.17
30.	Andaman and Nicobar Islands	398.69	267.60	417.31
31.	Lakshadweep	29.83	20.37	21.22
32.	Puducherry	917.82	1100.51	1450.35
TOTAL		4387538.51	5806618.12	6367123.69

Source: [www.nrega.nic.in](http://www.nrega.nic.in).

### **Technology Enabling Centre in Tezpur University**

2046. SHRI BHUBANESWAR KALITA: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had chosen Tezpur University of Assam as one of the model centres in the North Eastern Region for establishing Technology Enabling Centre;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with infrastructural and financial support; and

(c) the details of funding of TEC which will benefit the North Eastern States?

THE MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (DR. HARSH VARDHAN):

(a) The Government has chosen Tezpur University of Assam as one of the centres in the North Eastern Region for establishing Technology Enabling Centre (TEC).

(b) and (c) The scheme envisages supporting the TEC for manpower, travel, contingency, consumables, one time capital grant for setting up the office and activities like technology awareness workshops, technology related training programmes, interactive meets with industry etc.

#### **Dual time zone in the country**

2047. SHRI DHARMAPURI SRINIVAS: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any plan of considering dual time zone in the country, in view of time gap between Eastern and Western States of India; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (DR. HARSH VARDHAN):

(a) No, Sir.

(b) The matter regarding dual time zone in the country, in view of time gap between Eastern and Western States of India was examined by a High Level Committee (HLC) comprising Secretary, Department of Science and Technology, Director, CSIR-NPL and Chief Secretary, Government of Tripura. The HLC after considering the issue recommended, not to have dual time zones for the country due to strategic reasons.

#### **Utility of research institutions for rural areas**

†2048. DR. ASHOK BAJPAI: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the research and development institutions and the scientific community funded by Government are capable to meet the requirements of rural regions;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken to improve the utility of research and development institutions and the scientific community for welfare of rural regions in the country?

THE MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (DR. HARSH VARDHAN):

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Ministry of Science and Technology has taken various steps to improve the utility of research and development institutions and the scientific community for welfare

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† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.