

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION  
LOK SABHA**

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INVESTMENT IN NORTH EAST REGION  
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**Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:**

- (a) Whether the investors from both India and abroad have shown interest in the North-Eastern States;
- (b) If so, the areas in which the investors have shown their interests;
- (c) Whether any concrete proposals have emerged for investment; and
- (d) If so, the details of the investment to be made in the different regions forming part of the North-Eastern States?

**Answer**

MINISTER, DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION (SHRI ARUN SHOURIE)

(a) & (b): Yes Sir. A number of investors both from India and abroad have shown interest in the North Eastern States in the following areas: Cement & lime, Cement & Gypsum products, Ceramics, Chemicals (other than Fertilizers), Communication Office & Household Equipments, Cosmetics, Detergent, Drugs and Pharmaceuticals, Electrical Equipments, Electronic items, Floriculture, Fermentation Industries, Fertilizers, Food Processing Industries, Food & Beverages, Ferro Silicon, Fuels, Gas-based Industries Glass, Herbal Products, Industrial Machinery, IT Projects, Jute, Medicines, Metallurgical Industries, Miscellaneous Mechanical & Engineering Industries, Prime Movers other than electrical Generators, Paper and Paper Products, Plastics, Power devices, Rubber Goods, Soap & Toiletry preparations, Sugar, Tourism, Telecommunications, Textiles, Timber Products, Transportation Industry, Vegetable Oil & Vanaspati, Miscellaneous Industries.

(c) & (d): The North Eastern Development Finance Corporation Limited has intimated that in the last five years 461 units (medium & large) have been established or are under implementation.

State      Number of units      Investment (Rs. In crore)

Assam	400	874.00
Meghalaya	32	101.07
Tripura	23	115.10
Arunachal Pradesh	5	10.29
Nagaland	1	Not available

However, in the states of Mizoram & Manipur (barring small & micro enterprises) no major industry has been established in the last 5 years.

The governments of North Eastern States have provided the following information:

1. In the State of Meghalaya 57 units involving an investment of Rs.236.18 crore are being set up.
2. In the State of Nagaland an MOU has been signed by the State Government with a Hyderabad-based firm to set up a Call Center at Dimapur with an estimated investment of Rs.7.00 crore.
3. In the State of Tripura entrepreneurs have initiated steps to set up a unit for extracting sandal wood oil with an investment of Rs.10 crore, a project for production of pineapple powder and other products with an investment of Rs.11.50 crore, an integrated steel project with an investment of Rs.250 crore and two IT projects (including a Call Center) with an investment of around Rs.3 crore. Interest has been shown by entrepreneurs for setting up of a 330 MW (Megawatt) gas-based power project, a multi-fruit processing unit with an investment of Rs.18 crore and a rubber based automobile tyre project with an investment of Rs.15 crore. Besides Oswal Group has shown interest in setting up a 1 million TPA (Tons Per Annum) gas-based urea project with an investment of Rs.2000 crore for which gas allocation has already been obtained from Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas.
4. In the State of Assam 90 Industrial Entrepreneur Memoranda (IEM) involving an investment of Rs.1080 crore had been filed from

April 2001 to July 2002. Out of these, 55 IEM have been implemented to establish 55 units with an investment of Rs.809 crore. Another amount of Rs.68 crore has been invested in the Small Scale Industry Sector in this period. Besides, Industrial approval has been granted to set up Gas Cracker Complex in Joint Sector.

5. In Sikkim the concrete proposals that have emerged include, a five star hotel at Pangthang and an Indo-Swiss project for manufacturing dairy products. Sikkim Precision Industries Limited has signed MOU with BEL & BPL for manufacture of power devices and speakers.

6. The States of Mizoram and Manipur have reported that no major concrete proposals have emerged for investment from India and abroad.