

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
FINANCE  
LOK SABHA**

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FL S ASSISTANCE TO ASSAM AND N.E.STATES  
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**Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:**

- (a) the percentage of funds invested by AIFIs in the North Eastern Region particularly Assam vis-a-vis all India during 1998-99 to March, 2003 and 77U.-, during 2003-04;
- (b) the reasons for such low investments in the development of Assam and the N.E. by all the major Financial Institutions of India ; and
- (c) the steps being taken by the Government to give Assam and other North Eastern States their due share from the development funds of these Institutions?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI SUS.PALANIMANICKAM)

(a) Information received from the FIs is enclosed at Annexure-I.

(b) & (c) Lack of infrastructure facility, small market, remote geographical location coupled with law and order situation of the North-east have affected the flow of investment in the region. Priority is accorded to the development of the North-East region, Flow of funds depend on the conducive investment climate and peaceful situation. The FIs have extended financial assistance to all eligible and viable projects of the region.