

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA**

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INVESTMENT IN ASSAM
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether Malaysia and other South Asian countries have shown keen interest to invest in Assam and the North-Eastern Region, in industries specific to this region ;
- (b) If so, whether any trade delegation had lately visited Assam to explore areas of industries and trade for investment; and
- (c) If so, the outcome thereof alongwith the action taken by the Government to accelerate the process?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY(SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR)

- (a) : The regional office of RBI at Guwahati, which covers the North Eastern States, has recorded an FDI flow of Rs.13.40 crore from South Asian countries for the period from January 2004 to September 2006.
- (b): As per information received from the Government of Assam, an exploratory delegation had come from Bangladesh regarding making industrial investments in Assam. However, no concrete proposal has yet been received.
- (c): Government is continuously studying various possibilities for investment and industrial development of NE States including Assam.