Indo-Bangla Trade: Focus on the North East
Stakeholder Consultation

Day and Date: Sunday, August 09, 2009, Agartala, Tripura
Venue: Hotel Rajdhani, Agartala

Proposed Agenda

1145-1200 Registration

1200-1330 Introductory Session
Welcome Speech: Siddhartha Mitra, Head, CUTS Centre for International Trade, Economics and Environment (CUTS CITEE)
Brief Remarks by distinguished delegates:
Sudip Roy, Principal Secretary, Directorate of Industries & Commerce, Tripura
Matlub Ahmad, President, Indo Bangla Chamber of Commerce
M.L. Debnath, President, Tripura Chamber of Commerce
Anil Saraf, Director, Federation of Industries & Commerce of North Eastern Region (FINER)

1330-1430 LUNCH

1430-1545 Regional cooperation between Bangladesh and North Eastern India, especially Tripura: Trade, Connectivity and Investment
Chair: R.C. Agrawal, President, North East Federation on International Trade Guwahati
Speaker: Siddhartha Mitra, Head, CUTS Centre for International Trade, Economics and Environment (CUTS CITEE)
Discussants:
Selima Ahmad, President, Bangladesh Women’s Chamber of Commerce and Industry
Additional Secretary, Directorate of Industries & Commerce, Tripura
Sanjib Deb, Chief of Bureau, NE Bangla, Agartala
Parvez Karim Abbasi, Sr. Research Fellow, Bangladesh Enterprise Institute
Open House Discussion

1545-1700 Connectivity between Bangladesh and North East: The relative merits of transit and transshipment
Chair: Anil Saraf, Director, Federation of Industries & Commerce of North Eastern Region (FINER)
Speaker: M. Rahmatullah, Transport Policy Advisor, Bangladesh Planning Commission
Discussants:
Matlub Ahmad, President, Indo-Bangla Chamber of Commerce
Jayanta Bhattacharya, Press Trust of India
Biswendu Bhattacharjee, United News of India
Shahab Enam Khan, Assistant Professor, Jahangirnagar University, Dhaka
Open House Discussion

1700-1715  
Tea / Coffee Break

1715-1830  
Panel Discussion: The Way Forward for Regional Cooperation between North Eastern India, especially Tripura and the North East  
Moderator: Siddhartha Mitra, Head, CUTS CITEE  
Panelists:  
R.C. Agrawal, President, North East Federation on International Trade Guwahati  
Matlub Ahmad, President, Indo Bangla Chamber of Commerce  
Jitendra Chowdhury, Hon’ble Commerce Minister, Tripura  
M. Yunus, Research Fellow, Bangladesh Institute for Development Studies

1830-1835  
Vote of Thanks  
Keya Ghosh, Advisor, CUTS Calcutta Resource Centre

2000-2230  
Dinner