

## 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

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**Dinner**

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