

**Indo – Bangla Trade: Focus on the North East
Stakeholder Consultation**

Day and Date: Friday, March 13, 2009

Place and Venue: Hotel Brahmaputra Ashok, M. G. Road, Guwahati, Assam

Proposed Agenda

0830–0900	Registration / Tea / Coffee
0900–0905	Welcome and Introduction Siddhartha Mitra, Research Director, CUTS International
0905–0915	Address by the Chair Saswati Choudhary, Assistant Professor, Omeo Kumar Das Institute of Social Change and Development Elaborating Issues and Welcoming the Chief Guest
0915-0930	Address by the Chief Guest T. Armstrong Changsan, Indian Foreign Service
0930-1000	Break
1000-1030	The North East: Hidden Economic and Trade Potential Siddhartha Mitra
1030-1100	Discussion Chaired by Dipanjol Deka, Secretary General, Tea Association of India
1100-1130	Economic Synergies between Bangladesh and North East India Atiur Rahman, Professor, Department of Development Studies, University of Dhaka, Bangladesh; and Chairman, Unnayan Shamunnay, Dhaka
1130-1200	Discussion Chaired by Saswati Choudhury
1200-1230	Break
1230-1300	How Business in the North East can Gain from Indo-Bangla Trade Anil Saraf, Director, Federation of Industries for North East Region (FINER), Guwahati and Chairman, International Trade
1300-1330	Discussion Chaired by Dipanjol Deka
1330	Vote of Thanks, Anil Saraf