

Name of the State	1998	1999	2000
Bihar	0.14	0.47	0.54
Uttar Pradesh	0.3	0.31	0.26
Himachal Pradesh	1.71	1.22	1.25
Manipur	0.08	0.10	0.10
Sikkim	0.11	0.10	0.10
Arunachal Pradesh	0.96	1.06	0.99
Nagaland	0.03	0.04	0.04
Orissa	0.09	0.10	0.11
Mizoram	0.02	0.03	0.04
Meghalaya	0.13	0.14	0.14
Tamil Nadu	132.05	128.09	129.70
Kerala	65.94	67.79	69.35
Karnataka	5.46	5.43	5.47
TOTAL:	874.11	824.41	846.480

(c) and (d) The production of tea in India during 2000 registered an increase of 22.07 Mn.Kgs over 1999. However, the production of tea during 2000 registered a decline of 27.63 Mn.Kgs. over 1998.

The decline in production of tea in India during 2000 over 1998 was mainly due to adverse agro-climatic conditions. Apart from this, the tea producers of North India stopped plucking of green leaf during December, 2000, which reduced the production of tea in India considerably.

Development of Industries in North Eastern States

1533. SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the different measures taken by Government for development of major and small scale industries in the North Eastern States; and

(b) whether the release of funds on the basis of 10 per cent loan and 90 per cent grants can be extended for the development of industries in the North Eastern States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (DR. RAMAN SINGH): (a) The New Industry Policy for the North Eastern Region notified on 24.12.1997 includes schemes like development of

(i) Growth Centres (ii) Integrated Infrastructure Development Centres (IIDC) (iii) Transport Subsidy Scheme (iv) Capital Interest Subsidy Scheme and (v) Comprehensive Insurance Scheme (vi) Central Interest Subsidy Scheme and (vii) Central Excise & Income-tax exemption with a view to develop infrastructure facilities and to promote investment in the North Eastern States. The funds for all the schemes under North East Industrial Policy are now channelised through a single agency—North Eastern Development Finance Corporation Limited (NEDFI).

(b) Annual Plan Funds are released through the Planning Commission to the North Eastern States on the basis of 10 per cent loan and 90 per cent grants, being special categories states. Under the Growth Centre Scheme and Transport Subsidy Scheme of Department of Industrial Policy & Promotion 100% assistance is given to North Eastern States.

FDI proposals in mining sector

1534. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of FDI proposals in the mining sector in Jharkhand received since the opening of the mining sector to private participation; and

(b) the present status of the proposals?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (DR. RAMAN SINGH): (a) and (b) During the period from 1.8.91 to 30.9.2001, no FDI proposal in the mining sector has been approved for Jharkhand.

Liberalisation of FDI Policy

1535. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to make Foreign Direct Investment Policy more Liberal;

(b) if so, the new areas Government propose to allow FDI to come in; and

(c) the total quantum of FDI that has come in to the country during the last three years, year-wise and sector-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (DR. RAMAN SINGH): (a) and (b) The Government have already