Development banking has emerged in India as a post-independence phenomena. In the course of the last four decades, these institutions have made significant contribution to industrial development in a number of states. Though a few development banks and all India financial institutions have established their offices in Guwahati, in the mid-sixties, contribution of these institutions towards industrial development of the North Eastern Region is not at all impressive.

The present work is an attempt to highlight the industrial finance made available by the all India financial institutions, more particularly by the Industrial Development Bank of India in the North Eastern States. Though the development banking in N.E. India is a recent phenomena it has a definite and vital role to play in the economic development of the Region.

Besides direct financial assistance, to some relatively large projects in the Region, small and medium units in the region are receiving assistance from the IDBI. SIDBI which has its first office in the Region during 1943-47
has extended financial assistance to a few small scale industries.

The main objectives of this research investigation are to assess the availability of funds of IDBI and other All India financial institutions in the N.E. Region, to determine whether the funds are available in time and in required amount, and cost involved; to examine how far the IDBI has succeeded in achieving the task of providing industrial capital in this part of the country.

It is hoped that the present investigation will throw some light on the functioning of the development banks in the North Eastern Region. The chapter-wise contents of the thesis are given below:

CHAPTERISATION:

The subject matter of the thesis is covered in eight chapters. The introductory chapter concentrates on the historical background of the development banks. The objectives and hypothesis of the study have been incorporated in this chapter.
A detail study of infrastructure development of the North Eastern States have been explored in the second chapter with the help of the latest data available. While development banking in India and in the North Eastern Region are briefly discussed in the third chapter.

Financial operation of all India financial institutions, with special reference to the development bank, have been critically examined in the forth chapter. IDBI loan sanctioning procedure is the subject matter of chapter five.

Financial appraisal of IDBI and other major all India financial institutions, industries financed by IDBI, its present position, outstandings and recovery position etc. have been discussed in the sixth chapter.

Qualitative appraisal of an IDBI financed textile polyester mill has been analysed in the next chapter.

As is usually done a brief resume of issues raised and suggestions made during the course of study to enhance the financial effectiveness and goal oriented performance of IDBI have been included in the last chapter.
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