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BUSINESS IN THE SHARE MARKET

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Will the Minister of

FINANCE

be pleased to state:-

(a) the total investment made by small investors of the country by March 2008, March 2009 and March 2010; and

(b) the steps taken to discourage confinement of the business in the share market in a few hands?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE(SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

(a) From the shareholding patterns submitted by the listed companies for holding as on March 31, 2008, March 31, 2009 and March 31, 2010 and valued as per the close prices as on those dates, the value of investments made by individuals holding nominal share capital value of upto of Rs.1 lakh is as follows:

Value of holdings  
(Amount in Rs. Crores)

Exchange	March 31,2008	March 31,2009	March 31,2010
BSE	364474.30	209894.57	427021.80
NSE	339663.29	196817.51	400563.2

(b) The market regulator Securities and Exchange Board of India -(SEBI)- protects the interest of investors in securities and promotes the development of and regulation of securities markets. SEBI has framed various regulations/guidelines / circulars to enable wider participation of investors in the securities market such as:

# Facilitating trading using wireless technology

# advising on reducing / waiving transaction charges in stock exchanges and waiving the account opening charges and the custody charges on demat accounts

# Introducing Call Auction mechanism in pre-open session in exchanges

# Enhanced disclosure of information

# quick redressal of investor grievances

# investor education

# taking deterrent enforcement actions against errant entities and compensating `wronged` investors