GOVERNMENT OF INDIA COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1700 ANSWERED ON:11.03.2008 FDI IN INFRASTRUCTURE SECTOR Patel Shri Kishanbhai Vestabhai;Singh Shri Sugrib

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether India ranks second among the world's favoured FDI destination;

(b) if so, the details and the reaction of the Government thereto;

(c) the details of FDI inflow in various sectors including infrastructure sector during each of the last three years; and

(d) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to encourage FDI in the country, especially in the infrastructure sector?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY(SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR)

(a) & (b): The UNCTAD World Investment Report (WIR) 2007, in its analysis of the global trends and sustained growth of FDI inflows, has reported India as the second most attractive location for FDI for 2007-2009. India has also retained the second place in AT.Kearney's 2007 Foreign Direct investment Index, a position it has held since 2005.

(c): A statement on FDI inflows in various sectors including infrastructure sector during the last three-years is at Annex-I.

(d): The extant policy for most of the infrastructure sectors permits FDI up to 100% on the automatic route. Statement showing Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) policy in the infrastructure sectors is at Annex-II.