## GOVERNMENT OF INDIA COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:305 ANSWERED ON:16.08.2010 FDI INFLOWS Reddy Shri K. Jayasurya Prakash;Tarai Shri Bibhu Prasad

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

(a) the details of the Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) inflows in India as compared to countries like China;

(b) whether the growth of FDI inflows during the last two consecutive years and in the current quarter has come down;

(c) if so, the details thereof alongwith the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the Government proposes to further liberalise FDI regime; and

(e) if so, the details thereof alongwith the steps taken for accelerating the growth of FDI?

# Answer

#### THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY(SHRI ANAND SHARMA)

(a) to (e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN THE REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 305 FOR ANSWER ON MONDAY, 16TH AUGUST, 2010 ON 'FDI INFLOWS'

(a): Details of Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) inflows during the years 2007, 2008, and 2009, in respect of India, China and other countries, as per the UNCTAD's World Investment Report, 2010, are as under: FDI INFLOWS DURING 2009

(Amount in million US \$)

Rank Country FDI Inflows

- 1 U.S.A 129,883
- 2 China 95,000
- 3 France 59,628
- 4 Hong Kong 48,449
- 5 U.K 45,676
- 6 Russian Federation 38,722
- 7 Germany 35,606
- 8 Saudi Arabia 35,514
- 9 India 34,613

### FDI INFLOWS DURING 2008

(Amount in million US\$)

Rank Country FDI Inflows

1 United States 324,560

2 Belgium 109,956 3 China 108,312 4 U.K 91,487 5 Russian Federation 75,461 73,293 6 Spain 7 France 62**,**257 8 Hungary 61,993 9 Hong Kong 59,621 10 Canada 55,270 11 Australia 46,722 12 Brazil 45,058 13 British Virgin Islands 44,619 14 India 40,418

#### FDI INFLOWS DURING 2007

(Amount in million US\$)

Rank Country FDI Inflows

1 United States 265,957

2 United Kingdom 186,381

3 Belgium 118,403

4 Netherlands 115,365

- 5 Canada 108,414
- 6 France 96,221
- 7 China 83,521
- 8 Germany 76,543
- 9 Hungary 71,485
- 10 Spain 64,264
- 11 Russian Federation 55,073
- 12 Hong Kong, China 54,341
- 13 Switzerland 51,681
- 14 Australia 45,477
- 15 Italy 40,202
- 16 Singapore 35,778
- 17 Brazil 34,585
- 18 Austria 31,154
- 19 British Virgin Islands 28,547
- 20 Mexico 27,440
- 21 Sweden 27,157
- 22 India 25,001

(b) & (c): Notwithstanding the global slowdown in FDI inflows during 2008 and 2009, India's FDI inflows, as per UNCTAD's figures, which are compiled on a calendar-year basis, as per international practices for calculation of FDI, had shown a rise from US\$ 25.0 billion during 2007, to US\$ 40.4 billion in 2008 and remained over US\$ 34.6 billion in 2009. The FDI equity inflows, during the period from January, 2010 to June, 2010, have been US\$ 10.7 billion. These figures do not include reinvested earnings and are thus not

comparable to UNCTAD figures. India is the second most attractive destination for FDI for 2010-12, as per UNCTAD World Investment Report, 2010.

(d) & (e): Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) policy is reviewed on an ongoing basis through inter-Ministerial consultations. Government has put in place an investor-friendly policy on FDI, under which FDI, up to 100%, is permitted on the automatic route, in most sectors/activities. Significant changes have been made in the FDI policy regime in the recent times, to ensure that India remains increasingly attractive and investor-friendly.

The Government plays an active role in investment promotion, through dissemination of information on the investment climate and opportunities in India and by advising prospective investors about investment policies and procedures and opportunities. International Cooperation for industrial partnerships is achieved through both bilateral and multilateral arrangements. At bilateral level, this is achieved through a number of joint commissions and joint working groups, for promoting industrial, technical and scientific cooperation with select countries. The Government has also set up CEOs' Forums/Business Leaders' Forum with some countries for active business-to-business cooperation and for developing a road map for partnership and industrial cooperation. It also coordinates with apex industry associations, such as FICCI, CII and ASSOCHAM, in their activities relating to promotion of industrial cooperation, both through bilateral and multilateral initiatives intended to stimulate inflow of foreign direct investment into India, besides participating in the Joint Business Councils and other interactive sessions organized by them.