

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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FDI IN BANKS
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to increase FDI in the Banking Sector;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and reasons therefor; and
- (c) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to safeguard the interests of the banks keeping in view the competition from foreign players?

Answer

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Finance (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

(a) & (b): No, Sir. There is no such proposal with the Government of India at present.

(c): The Public Sector Banks have taken many initiatives to remain competitive in a global economy which, inter-alia, include introduction and upgradation of technology, bringing their branch network under Core Banking Solutions (CBS), Installation of Automated Teller Machines (ATMs), simplification and improvement in processes, increased use of Real Time Gross Settlement (RTGS) system, Rationalisation of bank branches and use of advanced management techniques.