

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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INVESTMENT IN TELECOM SECTOR  
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**Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:**

- (a) the details of the total Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) inflow in telecom sector during the last three years and the current year, State-wise;
- (b) whether the concurrence of the Ministry of Finance has been taken to attract more investment;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the action taken by the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI MILIND DEORA)

- (a) The details of the total Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) inflow in telecom sector during the last three years and the current year, State-wise is given in Annexure-I.
- (b)to(d) The investment in telecom sector is governed by Consolidated FDI Policy Circular No. 1 effective from 1st April 2011 of Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion. The current FDI Policy for Telecom sector is given at Annexure-II. For telecom services FDI upto 49% is under automatic route and beyond 49% & upto 74% through Foreign Investment Promotion Board(FIPB) in Department of Economic Affairs. For FDI covered under FIPB route, FIPB is the nodal body to approve foreign investment.