

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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US INVESTMENT IN INFRASTRUCTURE SECTOR  
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**Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government pitches for the US investment in infrastructure sector; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof and present position thereof ?

**Answer**

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

(a)& (b) Keeping in view the importance of the infrastructure for achieving a sustainable and inclusive growth, the Government has a very liberalized policy for attracting foreign investment in infrastructure sector from all countries including USA. In terms of current FDI Policy, foreign investment in most of the infrastructure sectors such as Power, Road and Highways, Ports, Greenfield Airports, Construction Development projects, Hospitals, are under automatic route upto 100%. Other initiatives to promote offshure investment in infrastructure include allowing additional limits for Qualified Foreign Investors (QFIs) by enabling them to invest in mutual fund debt schemes which invest in infrastructure sector; raising the limit for FII investment in long-term corporate bonds issued by the companies in the infrastructure sector; and liberalising External Commercial Borrowing norms to augment resources for infrastructure sector