

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
FINANCE  
LOK SABHA**

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FOREIGN INVESTMENT IN WB NE STATES  
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**Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:**

- (a) Whether the Government has invited foreign companies to invest in different fields in West Bengal and North Eastern States under new economic reforms in the last three years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the total investment made by the said companies in West Bengal and each of the North Eastern States during the period, year-wise; and
- (c) the effective measures being taken by the Government to attract more foreign investment into the country?

**Answer**

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

- (a) The information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the house.
- (b) Investment details as available is as under:

Received FDI equity inflows#  
Rs. in crore

Name of the states##	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13
April - March	April - March	April - March	April - March
West Bengal, &	426.42	1816.81	1977.02
Sikkim, Andaman			
Nicobar Inlands			
North Eastern States	36.50	4.53	27.25

# includes equity components only ## Region-wise FDI inflows are classified as per RBI's - Regional Office received FDI inflows, furnished by RBI, Mumbai.

(c) Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) policy is reviewed on an ongoing basis, with a view to making it more investor friendly. Government has put in place an investor-friendly policy, under which FDI upto 100% is permitted, through 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 has also set up 'Invest India', a joint venture company between the Department of Industrial Policy & Promotion and Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI), as a not-for-profit, single window facilitator, for prospective overseas investors.