

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY  
LOK SABHA**

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BAN ON FDI IN E COMMERCE

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**Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:**

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- (a) whether the Associated Chamber of Commerce and Industry (ASSOCHAM) has asked the Government to remove ban on Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in retail e-Commerce;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) the reaction of the Government thereto;
- (d) whether e-Commerce is expected to generate revenue of about 15 billion dollars by 2015 and likely to help in wider reach of farmers and also other domestic product firms; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the projected additional jobs likely to be created by e-Commerce and IT enabled services during the 12 Plan period?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI MILIND DEORA)

- (a) and (b): As per the information provided by Ministry of Commerce & Industry, they have received a note from the Secretary General, ASSOCHAM, stating that some of the members of the Association have requested that 100% FDI in B2C e-Commerce be permitted. The note interalia states that, allowing 100% FDI in B2C e-Commerce will allow Indian manufacturers to reach global scale, enable home delivery of urban-rural choice at more competitive prices, thus benefiting the consumers.
- (c): As per existing FDI policy, FDI is prohibited in B2C e-Commerce.
- (d) and (e): No such data is maintained by Ministry of Commerce & Industry.