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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 amount of investment made in telecom sector during the last three years and the current year and the revenue generated as a result thereof;
- (b) the total Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) made in the sector during the said period, year-wise;
- (c) whether the telecom sector in the country is on an unabated growth;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government to provide world class telecom services in the country?

Answer

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

(a) The details of capital investment made in telecom sector and revenue generated by telecom service providers during the last three years are as under:

Year	Investment (in Rs Crores)	Revenue (in Rs Crores)
2010-11	62,849	1,66,752
2011-12	46,286	1,85,930
2012-13	30,937	2,02,074

Source: Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI)

The data for the current year is not available.

(b) The details of Foreign Direct Investment in telecom sector during the last three years and the current year are as under:

Year	FDI (in Rs Crores)
2010-11	7,542
2011-12	9,011
2012-13	1,654
2013-14 (April-October)	197

#Source: Department of Industrial Policy & Promotion (DIPP)

(c) & (d) The number of telecom subscribers (Wireless + Wire line) has risen from 846.33 million as on 31.03.2011 to 915.20 million as on 31.12.2013. The telecom sector has shown positive growth in revenue and investments during the last two years and the details are as under:

(Annual Growth in %)		
Year	Investment	Revenue
2011-12	9.66	11.50
2012-13	5.89	8.68

(e) The Government has approved National Telecom Policy-2012 (NTP-2012) [a copy available at Department of Telecommunications website 'www.dot.gov.in'] with a vision to provide secure, reliable, affordable and high quality converged telecommunication services anytime, anywhere for an accelerated inclusive socio-economic development. The NTP-2012 contains several strategies to achieve this vision.