

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS
DEPARTMENT OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3465
TO BE ANSWERED ON 2ND JANUARY, 2019**

FDI IN TELECOM SECTOR

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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) the Foreign Direct Investment in telecom sector during each of the last three years and the current year;
- (b) whether the new telecom policy envisages the FDI in telecom sector to reach USD hundred billion by 2022 and if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government in this regard; and
- (c) whether massive investment is needed in developing newer technologies which are accessible to the people at affordable rates and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE (IC) OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS &
MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
(SHRI MANOJ SINHA)**

- (a) The Foreign Direct Investment in Telecom Sector during each of the last three years and the current year is tabulated below:

**Statement on Financial Year Wise FDI Equity Inflows
from April 2015 to June 2018 of Telecommunications Sector**

Sr. No.	Year	FDI in US \$ million
1.	2015-16 (Apr-Mar)	1,324.40
2.	2016-17 (Apr-Mar)	5,563.69
3.	2017-18(Apr-Mar)	6,211.84
4.	2018-19 (Apr-Jun)	1,593.29
	Grand Total	14,693.22

- (b) & (c) The recently notified National Digital Communications Policy (NDCP), 2018 *inter-alia* aims to attract investments of USD 100 billion in the digital communications sector. However, there is no specific target of attracting FDI in this Policy. The policy also aims to enable Next Generation Technologies and services through investments, innovation, indigenous manufacturing and IPR generation.
