

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

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3700
TO BE ANSWERED ON 3RD APRIL, 2025**

DECLINE IN FDI IN TELECOMMUNICATIONS SECTOR

3700 SHRI DIGVIJAYA SINGH:

Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

- (a) the reasons for the decline in Foreign Direct investment (FDI) in the Telecommunications sector during the first nine months of fiscal year 2024-25;
- (b) the impact of this decline on the expansion of 5G and other telecom infrastructure projects; and
- (c) the policy measures being considered to attract more FDI in the telecommunications sector?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT
(DR. PEMMASANI CHANDRA SEKHAR)**

(a) & (c) The Government of India aims to attract larger FDI in Telecommunications sector. The extant FDI policy permits up to 100% FDI in Telecommunications Sector through automatic route, subject to applicable laws/regulations, security and other conditions.

(b) 5G services in India were launched on 01-10-2022. Since its launch, 5G networks have been rolled out in all States/ UTs across the country and presently 5G services are available in 99.6% of districts in the country. 4.69 lakh 5G BTSs have been installed till 28.02.2025, which is among the fastest rollout of 5G network in the world.
