

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY
DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL POLICY & PROMOTION**

LOK SABHA

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4879.
TO BE ANSWERED ON MONDAY, THE 26TH MARCH, 2018.**

MOBILE PHONE MANUFACTURING UNITS

4879. SHRI G. HARI:

Will the Minister of **COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY** be pleased to state:

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- (a) whether it is true that the Government is waiting for good proposals from iPhone manufacturers for setting up manufacturing base in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is also true that there were reports that leading iPhone manufacturers have shown keen interest to set up units in the country; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग मंत्रालय में राज्यमंत्री (श्री सी.आर. चौधरी)

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY
(SHRI C.R. CHAUDHARY)**

- (a) to (d):** Promoting manufacturing in the country has been one of the prime objectives of the Government. Accordingly, Government has permitted 100% Foreign Direct Investment(FDI) under the automatic route in manufacturing, except defence and pharmaceuticals manufacturing. As per extant FDI policy, foreign investment up to 100 percent is permitted for a company engaged in the business of manufacturing mobile phones. Under the automatic route, investment in the country can be made without prior approval either of the Government or the Reserve Bank of India. The Government has made enabling provisions for foreign investors to set up manufacturing base in India, including in the mobile phone sector.

However, FDI is largely a matter of private business decisions, and therefore, Government has no details regarding probable proposals of foreign companies. It is understood that Wistron (a Taiwanese contract manufacturer) has set up a manufacturing facility in Bengaluru to manufacture iPhones.
