

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

**LOK SABHA**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4918.  
TO BE ANSWERED ON MONDAY, THE 26<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2018.**

**FOREIGN INVESTMENT IN INFRASTRUCTURE SECTOR**

**4918. SHRI ANOOP MISHRA:**

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

**वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग मंत्री**

- (a) whether the Government proposes to sign agreements with other countries in order to meet the shortage of investment in the infrastructure sector in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the details of the projects which are likely to be affected by the shortage of foreign investment in the infrastructure sector of the country?

**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) & (b):** No such proposal is under consideration of the Government.
- (c):** Investments are made in the infrastructure sector of the country by both the Government and private players, as also from bilateral and multilateral funding agencies. However, no details of the projects in the infrastructure sector which are likely to be affected by the shortage of foreign investment are available. The Government of India has taken several steps to encourage investment for development of infrastructure. These include launching of innovative financial vehicles such as Infrastructure Debt Funds, Infrastructure Investment Trusts/Real Estate Investment Trusts, laying down a framework for issuance of municipal bonds, relaxation in External Commercial Borrowing (ECB) norms, mainstreaming of Public Private Partnerships (PPPs) across infrastructure sectors, periodical review of Harmonized Master List of Infrastructure Sub-sectors, establishment of National Investment and Infrastructure Fund (NIIF), relaxation of norms for Employees' Provident Funds Organization (EPFO)/pension funds for infrastructure sector, bringing in 5/25 scheme to extend long tenor loans to infrastructure projects, take-out finance and flexible structuring etc. Further, higher budgetary allocations to infrastructure sectors have been made in recent years. The total outlay for infrastructure in Budget 2018-19 stands at Rs 5.97 lakh crores.

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