

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

**LOK SABHA  
STARRED QUESTION NO. 236  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 4<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST, 2021**

**FDI IN TELECOM SECTOR**

236. DR. HEENA GAVIT:  
SHRI UNMESH BHAIYYASAHEB PATIL:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in telecom sector during each of the last three years and the current year;
- (b) whether the new telecom policy envisages FDI in telecom sector to reach \$100 billion by 2022, if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government in this regard; and
- (c) whether huge investment is required to develop newer technologies which will be accessible to people at affordable rates and if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS &  
ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY  
(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)**

(a) to (c)      A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

**STATEMENT TO BE LAID ON THE TABLE OF THE LOK SABHA IN RESPECT OF PARTS (a) TO (c) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 236 FOR ANSWER ON 4<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST, 2021 REGARDING “FDI IN TELECOM SECTOR”**

(a) Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in Telecom sector during each of the last three years and the current year are as per the table below:

**FDI Equity Inflow in Telecom Sector**

| <b>Sr.No.</b> | <b>Financial Year<br/>(Apr-Mar)</b> | <b>FDI Equity Inflow<br/>(in US\$ million)</b> |
|---------------|-------------------------------------|--|
| <b>1.</b>     | 2018-19                             | 2,667.91                                       |
| <b>2.</b>     | 2019-20                             | 4,445.16                                       |
| <b>3.</b>     | 2020-21                             | 392.11   |
| <b>4.</b>     | 2021-22<br>(April, 2021)            | 295.92   |

(b) & (c) The National Digital Communications Policy (NDCP), 2018 has been notified on 22<sup>nd</sup> October, 2018 with a vision to support India's transition into a digitally empowered economy and society by fulfilling the information and communication needs of the citizens and enterprises through establishment of a ubiquitous, resilient and affordable Digital Communication Infrastructure and Services. In pursuit of accomplishing the strategic objectives, NDCCP-18 envisages three Missions:

**Connect India** - Creating Robust Digital Communications Infrastructure

**Propel India** - Enabling Next Generation Technologies and Services through Investments, Innovation and Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) generation

**Secure India** - Ensuring Sovereignty, Safety and Security of Digital Communications.

National Digital Communications Policy (NDCCP), 2018 inter-alia aims to attract investments of USD 100 billion in the digital communications sector. However, there is no specific target of attracting of FDI in the policy.

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