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 4TH 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:

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<th>Financial Year (Apr-Mar)</th>
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<td>2018-19</td>
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(b) & (c) The National Digital Communications Policy (NDCP), 2018 has been notified on 22nd 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, NDCP-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 (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 of FDI in the policy.

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