

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

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1266.
TO BE ANSWERED ON MONDAY, THE 24TH JULY, 2017.**

FDI IN FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES

**1266. SHRI RAM KUMAR SHARMA:
SHRI K. PARASURAMAN:
SHRI ANANTKUMAR HEGDE:**

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

वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग मंत्री

- (a) whether the Government proposes to allow 100 per cent Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in food processing industries and food retail markets in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof including the total FDI made therein during each of the last three years, company-wise;
- (c) whether this decision is likely to benefit many foreign companies which are operating in retail market of the country at present; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof, company-wise?

ANSWER

**वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग राज्यमंत्री (स्वतंत्र प्रभार)(श्रीमती निर्मला सीतारमण)
THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY
(SHRIMATI NIRMALA SITHARAMAN)**

- (a): As per extant Policy, FDI up to 100%, under the automatic route, is allowed in food processing industries. Further, 100% FDI under Government route for retail trading, including through e-commerce, is permitted in respect of food products manufactured and/or produced in India.
- (b): Data on foreign investment in India is maintained remittance wise, which is very voluminous and is available in public domain at the website of Department of Industrial Policy & Promotion at www.dipp.nic.in under the heading 'Publication' at 'SIA Newsletter'. However, the statement on financial year wise FDI equity inflows from April 2014 to May 2017 in food products sector and food processing industries, as maintained is as under

Food Products

SI No	Year	FDI in US\$ million
1	2014-15 Apr-Mar	342.50
2	2015-16	434.92
3	2016-17	562.40
4	2017-18 Apr-May	182.40
	Grand Total	1,522.23

Food Processing Industries

SI No	Year (Apr-March)	FDI in US\$ million
1	2014-15	515.86
2	2015-16	505.88
3	2016-17	727.22
4	2017-18 Apr-May	187.90
	Grand Total	1,936.86

- (c) & (d): The Government reviews FDI policy on an ongoing basis with a view to liberalise and simplify the FDI policy so as to provide ease of doing business in the country leading to larger FDI inflows. However, no such estimation/ assessment are possible, as FDI is largely a matter of private business decisions.
