

## IMPACT OF FDI REFORMS ON INDIAN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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### ABSTRACT

*Foreign direct investment (FDI) is a type of inter investment in which an entrepreneur who lives in one country progressively obtains a stake in and a significant amount of power over an enterprise located in a different country. Over the lengthy period, foreign direct investment (FDI) supports economic growth. The accounting information of the company is improved when FDI increases its assets. Money generated by corporations and productivity increases are both increasing. Consuming rates have gone up while personal income*

*rises. Consumption increases as per capita income rises. Tax revenues increase along with government spending. The GDP increases, and subsequent years' GDP tends to increase as well due to a lag impact. Furthermore, investments have a reproductive cycle and over time, gradually increase in returns. The best FDI strategy involves picking the important economic sectors with the greatest ROI. Corporations are pushed on a greater growth phase by FDI, which also boosts the economy. This is emphasized by the ideas of unbalanced and important balance in development economics. As also, Lilienstein's theory of the least effort is correct. Examining the trends and patterns of FDI inflows into India during the past two decades is the paper's main objective.*

**Key Words**-Economy, Growth, Investment, Foreign direct investment, Reform

### Introduction

A sum greater of non-debt monetary backing for economic growth is considered to be foreign direct investment (FDI). FDI into India has grown progressively since modernization and is a substantial chunk of foreign capitals since it deflates long-term financially viable capital in the economy and helps, among other things, with technology transfer, the development of strategic sectors, increased innovation, competition, and job creation. An equity investment in an Indian company that is not publicly traded or in 10% or more of the fully diluted post-issue paid-up equity capital of an Indian company that is publicly traded is referred to as a "FDI" if the investor is based outside of India.

If an existing investment made in equity instruments of a listed Indian business by a person residing outside of India drops to less than 10% of the firm's post-issue paid-up equity capital on a fully diluted basis, the investment will still be considered foreign direct investment (FDI).

The term "fully diluted basis" refers to the complete number of shares that would be in addition to being a significant non-

debt financial resource for India's economic development. One of the primary drivers of economic growth is this foreign direct investment

(FDI). International firms make investments in India to benefit from the country's distinct investment benefits, such as tax relief and relatively inexpensive wages. This helps India progress by having to cut technologies and create jobs, among other benefits. These investments have been arriving into India as a result of the government's beneficent policy regime, thriving business climate, rising global viability, and contribution to the economy. Circulation of all conversion-related potential sources.

### Eligible Investors

According to the FDI Policy, a quasi-entity may engage in India, with the exception of specific industries or activities that are prohibited. However, a country's organization that has a border crossing with India, where the beneficial owner of an investment in India is located, or whose citizenry falls under one of those categories can only engage through the government method. Additionally, a Pakistan national or an organization registered there may invest in any industry or industry other than defense, space, atomic energy, and those that are off-limits to foreign direct investment, but only through the governmental channel.

Perhaps an NRI or an OCI may participate as long as the subscriptions are paid through conventional banking methods and the Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA) is in charge of managing the National Pension System. NRIs who reside in Nepal and Bhutan, as well as Nepalese and Bhutanese residents, are allowed to invest in the capital of Indian companies on a family reunification basis, as long as the amount of consideration for such an invested capital is paid only by way of inward remittance in free foreign currency through traditional banking networks. The Foreign Exchange Management (Non-Debt Instruments) Rules, 2019 Schedule II outlines the policies and rules that must be adhered to for capital invested by Foreign Portfolio Investors (FPI). A business, trust, or partnership that was formed outside of India and is owned and controlled by NRIs is eligible to invest in India under the special dispensation provided under the FDI Policy for NRIs.

Indian businesses may raise money in exchange for

FDI Partnership Firm / Private Company

A Non-Resident Indian (NRI) may invest in the capital of a company or a proprietary business in India on a non-repatriation basis, provided that:

- (a) The amount is invested through an inward remittance or out of an NRE/FCNR
- (b) NRO account maintained with Authorized Dealers or Authorized banks.

(neither the company nor the proprietary concern is involved in the ag/plantation, real estate, or print media industries.

- (c) Investments made outside of India are not eligible for repatriation.

According to the PFRDA Act's provisions, a person may invest. The accrued savings/annuity will be returnable.

### Policies of Government

Owing to high government policies, India has recently become a desirable location for FDI. India has created a number of programmes and policies that have aided in increasing FDI. These programmes have stimulated FDI investment in India, particularly in emerging

industries like defense, manufacture, real estate, and research and development. Major government programs include:

The Indian government expanded FDI by expanding it to 74% via the automatic route and 100% via the government route in the defense sector.

The Foreign Exchange Management Act (FEMA) has been revised by the government to permit up to 20% FDI in insurance business LIC via the automatic route. India now ranks among the top 100 nations for ease of doing business (EoDB). FDI inflows to India increased \$45.15 billion in 2014–15 and have been steadily rising since. Additionally, total FDI inflow increased by 65.3%, from \$266.21 billion in 2007–14 to \$440.01 billion in 2014–21, and FDI equity inflow rose by 68.6%, from \$185.03 billion in 2007–14 to \$312.05 billion in 2014–21. (2014-21). The first four months of FY 2021–22 saw a total FDI inflow of \$27.37 billion into India, a 62% increase over the same period in FY 2020–21 (\$16.92 billion). With an increase over the previous year to \$84,835 million, India saw the biggest yearly FDI inflows.

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### Regulated areas

- a) Lottery businesses, such as both public and private lotteries, internet lotteries, etc. Investment is not permitted.
- b) Betting and gambling, such as restaurants, etc.
- c) Chit funds
- d) The Nidhi Company
- e) Directly translatable Development Rights Trading (TDRs)
- f) The real estate industry or building farm houses  
Construction of townships, construction of homes or businesses, building of roads or tunnels, and Realty Investment Trusts (REITs) registered and regulated by the SEBI (REITs) Regulations 2014 are not considered to be part of the "property industry."
- g) The production of cigarettes, cigars, cheroots, cigarillos, and other tobacco products or tobacco alternatives
- h) Projects or sectors not accessible to private sector investment, such as

Atomic energy production and railroad operations (other than permitted activities mentioned in para 5.2).

Working with foreign technology in any form, including licensing, patent, and brand licensing.

## Recent Trends of FDI

Sensex Ends Down but Posts Weekly Gain  
India Trade Deficit Widens Slightly in January  
India Wholesale Inflation Eases to 23-Month Low  
India Passenger Vehicles Sales Rebound  
Indian Rupee Falls to 82.6  
India 10-Year Government Bond Yield Continues to Rise  
India Inflation Rate Rises More than Expected  
India Industrial Output Growth Slows  
India Hikes Rates by 25 bps to 6.5% as Expected  
Indian Private Sector Growth Stays Robust

## Challenges

Despite the clear benefits of FDIs, larger FDIs in India face a number of difficulties, such as: India is recognized to have enormous resources, which presents a resource dilemma. There are enough of workers and both fixed and working capital are readily available. In addition, some resources are either underutilized or untapped. There are also some Political Challenge and the political system must assist the foreign investment nations.

## Suggestions

In August 2001, the RBI established a Steering Committee of FDI to make recommendations for ways to increase FDI inflows to India as part of the continuous process of liberalizing FDI rules. The following were some of the major recommendations made by this steering committee:

1. The Indian government should pass a law promoting foreign direct investment that considers and integrates all pertinent factors.
2. States should be pressed to create unique investment legislation designed to hasten infrastructure investment.
3. To expedite the implementation process, the Foreign Investment Promotion Board (FIPB) should be given the authority to award initial Central-level registrations and approvals.
4. Administrative and policy clearances should be accelerated by the Foreign Investment Implementation Authority (FIIA).
5. For the 10th Plan, specific FDI targets should be established in terms of sectors, as well as in terms of pertinent administrative ministries and departments, etc.

## Conclusion

This essay focuses on the theoretical aspects of foreign direct investment (FDI) in India over the past ten years, as well as its drivers and necessity in the Indian context. Even throughout

the recession, one of the developing nations, India, was able to demonstrate positive GDP growth. Comparatively speaking, it has done better than the global GDP's average growth rate. In its World Investment Report 2010, UNCTAD stated that India "is anticipated to be among the most promising investor-home nations as well as the third highest economy for FDI" if the situation continues to improve. India possesses all the necessary elements, including excellent infrastructure, viable markets, plenty of labor, access to natural resources, and last but not least, sound economic and trade regulations.

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