

Year	No. of FDI proposals approved.	Amount of FDI approved (Rs. in crores)
1993	785	8859.33
1994	1062*	14187.19
1995	975**	11513.88

(upto Sept.)

* inclusive of 22 approvals given for Euro Issue amounting to Rs. 5230.44 crores.

** inclusive of 2 approvals given for Euro Issue amounting to Rs.709.88 crores.

(e) to (f) : The Government have developed comprehensive guidelines for solicitation, negotiation and awarding of power projects and have circulated these to the States in January, 1995 which adequately address relevant procedural issues.

[Translation]

Investment by NRIs

1515. SHRI BRIJBHUSHAN SHARAN SINGH:
SHRI PANKAJ CHOWDHARY:
SHRI RAMPAL SINGH:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have envisaged plans to increase Non-resident Indians investment in India;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of the comparative figures during the last three years, year-wise;and

(d) the increase in their investment during the year 1995-96 as compared to the investment made during the year 1994-95?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ATOMIC ENERGY AND DEPARTMENT OF SPACE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI) : (a) and (b) : Government has taken a number of steps, including permission to invest upto 100% N.R.I. equity to boost NRI investment. This is an on going process and Government is making all out efforts to encourage NRI investment.

(c) NRI investment approved by the Government during last three years is as under:-

Year	(Rs. in lakhs)
1992	25.403.15
1993	96.977.60
1994	60.852.46

(d) : During the period April to October, 1995, NRI investment approved was about Rs. 1,48,963 lakhs compared to about Rs. 41,977 lakhs during the corresponding period of 1994, which represents an increase of about 254%.

[English]

Health Sector

1516. SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN. Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the proportion of gross domestic product spent by the Government on health sector in each of the last three

years;

(b) whether there is any decline in it; and

(c) if so, the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A.R. ANTULAY) : (a) The information is only available up to 1993-94 and accordingly the same given in the attached statement.

(b) There is no appreciable change in the proportion shown during 1991-92 to 1993-94.

(c) Does not arise.

STATEMENT

(Rs. in crores)

Year	Expenditure on		% Exp. in terms of			
	GNP	NDP	Health	SC&WS	Health	Health
1991-92	605984	61606	14888	5459	0.81	0.90
0.79	0.89					
1992-93	691026	702829	5624	6009	0.81	0.87
0.80	0.85					
1993-94	774552	786355	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
N.A.	N.A.					

Source : National Accounts Statistics

* Expenditure under the head 'Health' do not include govt. expenditure on Family Welfare services'. However this is included om 'Social Security and welfare services' alongwith other social welfare expenditures of the Government.

N.A. Not available

[Translation]

Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited

1517. SHRI RAMPAL SINGH:
SHRI BALRAJ PASSI:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL) has developed equipment for treatment of brine/sea-water so as to make it potable;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any tests have been conducted in this regard, and

(d) if so, the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DR. C. SILVERA) : (a) to (d) . BHEL is currently executing a contract for Tamil Nadu Water Supply and Drainage Board for building Desalination Plants (for treatment of brine/sea-water to make it potable) upto a capacity of 1 million Gallons per day using Reverse Osmosis (RO) Technology.

The desalination equipment is being designed and supplied by BHEL in association with one of the world leaders in the field of the Reverse Osmosis (RO) Technology.