

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY  
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:304  
ANSWERED ON:22.12.2004  
LIFT IN TELECOM FDI CAP  
Mane Smt. Nivedita;Singh Shri Kirti Vardhan

**Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government proposes to lift the Telecom Foreign Direct Investment Cap from 49 per cent to 74 per cent; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI DAYANIDHI MARAN)

(a) & (b): 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) & (b) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 304 FOR 22ND DECEMBER, 2004 REGARDING LIFT IN TELECOM FDI CAP.

(a) & (b) There is a need for infusing substantial amount of capital in the telecom sector for its expansion. A proposal to hike Foreign Direct Investment limits in telecom sector from 49% to 74% was announced in the Budget 2004-05.