

2017-18 DATA

## Mauritius remains top source of FDI inflows

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year-ago period. However, FDI into communication services rose to \$8.8 billion in 2017-18 as compared to \$5.8 billion.

The inflows into retail and wholesale trade also shot up to \$4.47 billion as against \$2.77 billion, while financial services sector too witnessed a rise in inflows to \$4.07 billion from \$3.73 billion in the previous year. "The fact that these sectors have accounted for more than 50% of the total FDI of \$37.36 billion in 2017-18 reflects the kind of global interest being generated into the new areas of economy, including online marketplace, financial technologies or Fin-tech," said Assocham.

FDI in computer services was recorded at \$3.17 billion as against \$1.93 billion in the previous year. Inflows in real estate activities jumped four-fold to \$405 million as compared to \$105 million; while FDI in education and R&D (research and development) stood at \$347 million versus \$205 million in FY 2016-17.

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Sectors like construction and mining witnessed a decline in FDI inflows during 2017-18.

# Foreigners bet on tech space

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India's digital drive, riding on communication, IT and financial services has caught the fancy of foreign investors, as reflected in over \$20 billion foreign direct investment (FDI) flowing in these sectors in the fiscal, 2017-18, said an Assocham study on Sunday.

Quoting the RBI data, the Assocham study said that with the emergence of aggressive online market dominated by some of the strong home-grown entrepreneurs and overseas giants like Amazon and Walmart along with global private equity and venture funds, the entire pack of communication services, retail and wholesale, financial and computer services has emerged as one of the sought after areas of interest for foreign investors.

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**50%** of the total foreign direct investment has gone to four technology-driven sectors.

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In financial year 2017-18, the RBI data said communication services received \$8.8 billion of foreign direct investment, followed by \$7 billion in manufacturing, \$4.4 billion in retail and wholesale trade, \$4 billion in financial services,

\$3.16 billion in computer services, \$3 billion in business services, \$1.8 billion in electricity, \$1.3 billion in construction, \$1.2 billion in transport.

With a fast pace of financialisation of the Indian economy, the study noted that investment in the technology-driven trade in goods and services would only increase, both from the overseas and domestic services.

"Besides, a lot more new entrepreneurship is coming up in the

new economy which is set to encompass more areas of traditional sectors," said Assocham.

Despite a slow growth in the real estate sectors, the industry body said that the FDI interest in the realty activities showed a marked improvement.

"The inflows into the real estate sector saw an almost four-fold increase from \$105 million to \$405 million," said Assocham.

The hospitality which is one of the major employment generator in the country has received a paltry sum of foreign investment. According to RBI data, restaurants and hotels space has received \$452 million.

Another important area for the country — education and R&D — attracted negligible investment from foreign entities despite these sectors were liberalised years ago. Meanwhile, trading is the only major sector that attracted zero investment.

### संचार, आईटी और वित्तीय सेवा क्षेत्र में 20 अरब डॉलर से अधिक एफडीआई : एसोचैम रिपोर्ट

नई दिल्ली | संचार, सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी और वित्तीय सेवाओं ने विदेशी निवेशकों को सबसे अधिक आकर्षित किया है। 2017-18 में 20 अरब डॉलर एफडीआई इन्हीं क्षेत्रों में हुआ है। एसोचैम ने रिजर्व बैंक के आंकड़ों का हवाला देते हुए बात कही। 2016-17 में संचार क्षेत्र में 5.87 अरब डॉलर का निवेश हुआ था, जो 2017-18 में 8.80 अरब डॉलर हो गया। इस दौरान खुदरा और थोक कारोबार में एफडीआई 2.77 अरब डॉलर से 4.47 अरब डॉलर हो गया। वित्तीय सेवा में एफडीआई 3.73 अरब से बढ़कर 4.07 अरब डॉलर और कंप्यूटर सर्विस में 1.93 अरब डॉलर से बढ़कर 3.17 अरब डॉलर हुआ। 2017-18 में 37.36 अरब डॉलर की कुल एफडीआई का 50 प्रतिशत से अधिक हिस्सा इन क्षेत्रों में निवेश हुआ।

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