

in the range of Rs. 39-40 per Kilogram. No announcement of export of sugar during current sugar year (October, 2012-September, 2013) has been made so far.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) It is the endeavour of the Government to keep sugar prices under check through a policy of regulated release mechanism. The Government has taken following measures during the months of July to September, 2012 to control prices of sugar in the domestic market:

- (i) The unsold non-levy quota of about 2 lac tons from April to June quarter was allowed for sale in the open market upto 14.08.2012 on 13.07.2012;
- (ii) Sugar mills have been directed to sell at least 70% of July-September quota by August, 2012 *vide* order dated 24.07.2012;
- (iii) Additional quota of 2.66 lac tons has been released on 27th July, 2012 to be sold off by 31st August, 2012;
- (iv) Another additional quota of 4 lac tons has been released on 7th August, 2012 to be sold off by 31st August, 2012; and
- (v) Higher non-levy quota of 40 lac tons for the months of October, 2012 and November, 2012 has been released in the open market on 28.9.2012.

#### **Changes in investment rules to attract FDI**

†1263. SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government is contemplating to change the investment related rules to attract Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the quantum of Foreign Direct Investment likely to be made during the next five years as a result of this scheme; and
- (d) the countries which have shown interest therein?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (DR. S. JAGATHRAKSHAKAN): (a) and (b) Government has put in

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place an investor-friendly policy on FDI, under which FDI, up to 100%, is permitted, under the automatic route, in most sectors/activities. Significant changes have been made in the FDI policy regime in recent times, to ensure that India remains an increasingly and investor-friendly destination. Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) policy is reviewed on an ongoing basis, with a view to making it more investor friendly.

(c) No targets are fixed for FDI inflows, nor is an assessment of future inflows possible as FDI is largely a matter of private business decisions.

(d) During the calendar year 2011, FDI, into India, was received from various countries, including Mauritius, United Kingdom, Singapore, Japan and USA.

#### **Impact of FDI in multi-brand retail on small traders**

1264. SHRI OM PRAKASH MATHUR: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that 51 per cent FDI in multi-brand will result in huge job losses and hit lakhs of small traders in the country;

(b) whether foreign investors are likely to exploit poor farmers and may compel them to lose their fields and crops; and

(c) if so, whether Government propose to reconsider its decision on FDI in retail as India's small traders cannot match with high quality infrastructure of multinational companies like Walmart, Tesco and Carefour?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI ANAND SHARMA): (a) and (c) In formulating the policy for allowing 51 per cent FDI in multi-brand, the Government was conscious of the livelihood concerns of the millions of small retailers. Informed studies of global experience have revealed that even in developing economies like China, Brazil, Argentina, Singapore, Indonesia and Thailand, where FDI is permitted upto 100%, local retailers have found innovative ways to co-exist along with organized retail and are integral to the organized retail chain. In Indonesia, even after several years of emergence of supermarkets, 99% of the fresh food retail and 70% of all food retail continues to be controlled by traditional retailers. In any case organized retail through Indian corporate entities is already allowed in India. The experience of the last one decade has shown that the small retailers have flourished in harmony with the large