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Foreign Direct Investment in India: Prospects and Challenges

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ABSTRACT

Foreign direct investment is not a new concept for the Indian economy. In a general sense, FDI means direct investment of foreign capital or funds to enhance the production capacity of the economy. Basically, there are two types of foreign investment i.e. foreign direct investment and portfolio investment. Portfolio investment means investing the capital in buying equities, bonds, or other securities aboard. FDI plays a vital role as in the form of management technology or as a source of capital in the economic development of the economy. Furthermore, it enhances the production capacity or helps in transfer of latest technologies, strengthening infrastructure, generating employment opportunities, it improves the living standard of people by introducing new products in the market, and it will expand the infrastructure of the country. Now, the question arises whether FDI is beneficial for maintaining economic stability or worthwhile for the Indian economy. Therefore, a detailed discussion of the studies on FDI has been presented in this paper. Consequently, FDI is not beneficial for the developing countries. As, it has failed to generate employment opportunity, the elimination of poverty and also has a negative impact on balance of payment. Contribution in GDP of agriculture, industrial sectors have been continuously decreasing due to competition through the FDI. Overall, FDI has an adverse impact on Indian economy.

KEYWORDS: FDI, FII, FI, Poverty, Employment, Balance of Payment, Imports & Exports.

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