

**Overseas Market Information****The Netherlands****Major investments within and outside the country :**

The Netherlands ranks 5th in the list of countries in terms of cumulative FDI inflows into India during the period April 2000, to November 2009 with inflows amounting to US\$ 4.282 bln 4.15% of total inflows).

The sectors attracting investments from the Netherlands have been : Computer software & hardware; Services sector, financial and non-financial; Chemicals, other than fertilizers; Housing & real estate; Cement and gypsum products; Telecommunications and Food Processing Industry. The technical collaborations from the Netherlands have mainly been in the Hotel & Tourism Sector; Electrical equipment (including computer software & electronics), Chemicals (other than fertilizer), Industrial Machinery & Fuels (power & oil refinery).

A large number of Dutch majors - Philips, Royal Dutch/Shell, Unilever, the big three of Dutch banking - ABN AMRO, ING, and Rabobank - KLM, Akzo Nobel, IHC Holland, SHV, Stork, DHV and others have a major presence in India in important sectors of the economy and have been steadily planning additional investments to expand their operations. At present there are about 115 Dutch companies that have a presence in India.

**India's investment interests :**

The Netherlands is also gradually becoming an attractive destination for investments from India and figures amongst the top destinations. As per the Reserve Bank of India, the Government of India cleared proposals worth about • 2.38 bln (\$ 3.5 bln)(r.o.e. 1• = \$ 1.47) for investments by Indian organizations in the Netherlands during the financial year 2008-09 (April-March).

Some of the big corporate houses from India, like TCS, HCL, Wipro, Infosys, Satyam, Moser Baer, Safal, Suzlon, ONGC Videsh and Jet Airways, to name a few, have already based their Europe-wide operations and have impressive business portfolios in the Netherlands. A new milestone was crossed by the Indian business with the historic investment in steel giant Corus by Tatas. Indian companies with cutting-edge capabilities in the field of renewable energy and optical media have also established themselves in the Netherlands. Apollo Tyres in India acquired a majority stakeholding in the Dutch producer of tyres, Vredestein during 2009. Recently, a firm Nederlandse Radiateurs Fabriek (NRF), a producer of parts for trucks and earth moving machines had been taken over by the Indian firm Banco Products. At present there are approximately 40 Indian companies having establishments in the Netherlands.

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