FDI in Retail: Boon or Bane

As Indian Parliament has passed its verdict for FDI in Rajya Sabha and Lok Sabha, the Indian people are left amazed at how political parties that were opposing FDI have either not voted or have voted for the government. The popular opinion among the Indian public was against the FDI as government could not solve doubts relating to FDI of common people. There are also doubts that this will lead to foreign control of our economy. The government has defended its move by stating that it will help India as there will be investment from foreign retail chains. But, if that is the case then why has there been no real attempt to bring back black money, since they also have names of people that have their money stashed outside India. Also, the fact that these retail chains will generate jobs is also flawed as it will be market based and if there is a case of recession, they might as well cut jobs. They are not non-profit organization that will make investment and not make profit. They will only make investment where there are chances of maximum profit which means that the cost given to farmers will be kept as minimum if they will be sourcing from India (which is itself a doubt). So, rather than inflow of currency, it will be an outflow of currency from India.

“Any country cannot make progress by depending on others”

I think this would be agreed by all and if it is true than it is imperative that Indian businesses prosper. Now, even Tata’s Chairman Ratan Tata has hinted that India’s policy is not favourable for investment which has led them to look for markets outside India. It’s an oxymoron that government is looking for investment from foreign countries and Indian businesses are looking for investment to foreign countries. Another point that has led to FDI in retail is that they will bring better storage of goods which gives a sign to the world that India is incapable of storing its goods that gives a negative impact about India to the world.

Finally, Indian people now have two choices to help India prosper or to make foreign retail chains prosper at the cost of India. The choice is yours.