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FDI Inflows and Economic Growth in India: A Fusillade of Questions

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ABSTRACT

FDI inflows to India have been very small, averaging less than 0.1 percent of the GDP till 1991. The new export-oriented economic policy has played an exceptionally important role by bringing in reforms in the licensing facade and adoption of better technological means through FDI collaborations. There is a rich body of literature which emphasizes the importance of FDI as one of the principal determinants of economic growth. This research paper puts forward a theoretical open economy macro model to analyze the impact of FDI on the Indian economy, especially after two and a half decades of economic reforms. This is because recent trends suggest that FDI inflows require a certain amount of time for its dedicated contribution. Thus, our objective is to not only estimate the time interval till which FDI will effectively contribute to economic growth but also bring to the surface the issue of causality. It comes to a close by resolving the fusillade of questions that motivated this topic.

Keywords: Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) Inflows; Economic Growth; Causality.

1. Introduction

The intensifying resurgence of globalization over the last decade and a half has considerably influenced cross-border foreign direct investment (FDI) flows, which stood at \$1.37 trillion in 2015. Previously, FDI used to flow in from the developing nations both to