

## **Nippon to raise stake in Reliance Life Insurance post FDI hike**

With an aim to deepen its partnership, Japanese giant Nippon Life is in talks to increase its stake in India's leading private insurer Reliance Life, as soon as the government allows higher FDI in the sector. Nippon Life currently holds 26% stake in Reliance Life Insurance Company, which it had bought for Rs 3,062 crore. This deal was completed in October 2011 and it had valued the Indian insurer at over Rs 11,500 crore at that time. The Indian government has now proposed to hike FDI cap in insurance sector from 26% to 49%. The proposal was cleared by the Union Cabinet in July this year and the government has said it is hopeful of its passage in the Parliament.