

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF FINANCE  
DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3758**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 24.03.2025

**FOREIGN EXCHANGE INFLOW IN BIHAR AND UTTAR PRADESH**

**3758. Dr. Alok Kumar Suman:**

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is fact that the foreign exchange inflow through remittances, investments or other channels are an important indicator of economic activities and significantly contribute to the developmental works of the State of Bihar and Uttar Pradesh;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of foreign exchange inflow in districts Gopalganj, Siwan, Saran, East and West Champaran of the State of Bihar and in Deoria and Kushinagar districts of Uttar Pradesh;
- (d) the details of the volume of foreign remittances received during the last ten years in the above said districts;
- (e) the details of the contribution in foreign exchange inflow of Non-Resident Indians (NRIs) or Overseas Citizens of the country in the above said districts; and
- (f) whether these foreign exchange inflow are used for the development of the said districts, if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR FINANCE  
(SHRI PANKAJ CHAUDHARY)

(a) and (b): Foreign exchange inflows through various channels, such as foreign direct investment (FDI), foreign portfolio investment (FPI), and remittances, etc. contribute to economic activity in the country. In general, foreign investments contribute to the State-level development by improving the competitiveness of the recipient sectors. FDI results in enhanced economic activity through the transfer of capital, technical know-how and skills.

According to India's Balance of Payments, the gross inward remittances to India stood at US Dollar (USD) 118.7 billion. The Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) survey on remittances for the year 2023-24 shows that the shares of Uttar Pradesh and Bihar in India's inward remittances are 3.0 per cent and 1.3 per cent, respectively.

Total FDI inflow includes equity inflow, equity capital of unincorporated bodies, re-invested earnings, and other capital. Country/Sector/State/District-wise data is maintained only for the equity component of FDI inflow. The cumulative FDI equity inflow over the period October 2019 to December, 2024, into Uttar Pradesh and Bihar is USD 1941.82 million and USD 215.76 million, respectively.

(c) The FDI equity inflow data, district-wise, is given below.

(in USD million)							
S. No.	District Name	2019-20 (From OCT 2019)^	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	Cumulative FDI
1	East Champaran (Motihari), Bihar	0.11	0.14	0.02	-	-	<b>0.27</b>
2	West Champaran (Bettiah), Bihar	-		-	0.001	0.001	<b>0.002</b>

*^State and the district-wise data is maintained with effect from October, 2019*  
*Source: Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade*

No FDI equity inflow have been reported in the districts of Gopalganj, Siwan and Saran of Bihar and Deoria and Kushinagar of Uttar Pradesh.

(d) and (e): District-wise data of foreign remittances is not available from the RBI's survey on remittances.

(f): As per reply to parts (a) and (b) above.

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