

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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FOREIGN EXCHANGE REMITTANCE
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) the status of receipt of foreign exchange remittances by the country during the last three years, year-wise; and
- (b) the incentives given by the Government and banks for these remittances?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

- (a) Details of foreign exchange remittances received in India during last three years, year- wise, are given below:

Year	Net Remittances (Private Transfers) received in India (US\$ Million)
2009-10	51,791
2010-11	53,124
2011-12	63,469

Source: Reserve Bank of India (RBI)

- (b) The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has taken a number of measures to attract remittances which, inter-alia, includes the following:

Banks are allowed to have any number of tie-up arrangements, with prior approval of the Reserve Bank and any number of drawee branches, under Rupee Drawing Arrangement (RDA), subject to having sound risk management systems and regular monitoring of funds position to avoid concealed overdrafts in the vostro accounts.

Banks have been advised to put in place 'Awareness Programmes' to sensitize NRIs on the options available to them to minimize the cost of remittances and to make it more transparent.

Large banks are advised to examine the feasibility of setting up Centralized Remittance Receiving Centres for efficiency and better customer service.

Awareness campaigns have been arranged during Pravasi Bharatiya Divas etc. by the Reserve Bank of India.