

Net FDI dips to \$1.4 bn

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Net foreign direct investment (FDI) in India — inflows minus outflows — declined to \$1.4 billion during April 2024 -January 2025 from \$11.5 billion a year ago, owing to higher repatriation outward FDI from India.

Gross FDI during April 2024 -January 2025 increased by 12.4 per cent year-on-year (Y-o-Y) to \$67.7 billion from \$60.2 billion a year ago, according to the Reserve Bank of India's (RBI's) data (March 2025 bulletin).

Repatriation/disinvestment by those who made direct investments in India rose to \$46.1 billion during the 10-month period, up from \$36.9 billion in April 2023-January 2024, RBI data showed.

Overseas investments made by Indian firms, i.e., outward FDI, rose sharply to \$20.2 billion in April 2024-January 2025 from \$11.8 billion a year ago.

The State of the Economy report in the March 2025 bulletin of the RBI noted that, sector-wise, manufacturing received the highest share of equity inflows, followed by financial services, electricity and other energy, and communication services.

Over 75 per cent of the flows were from Singapore, Mauritius, the US, the UAE, and the Netherlands during the period.