

India to top remittance inflows in 2023

India is expected to be the top recipient for remittances in 2023 with a 12.4 per cent increase in inflows to \$125 billion, according to data released by the World Bank. Declining inflation and strong labour markets in high-income source countries, which boosted remittances from highly skilled Indians in the United States, United Kingdom, and Singapore, are some of the contributing factors for this trend.

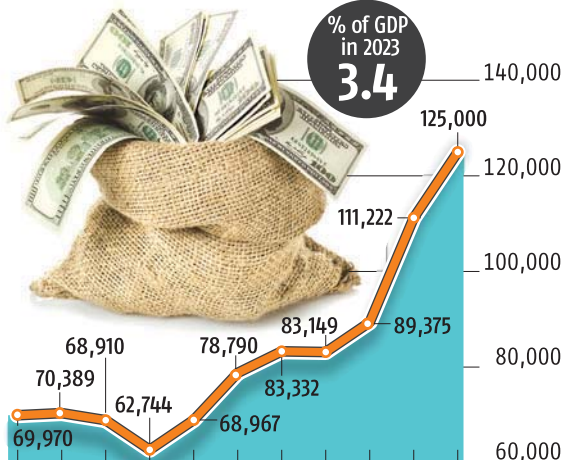
The World Bank report has stated that the remittance outlook for India for 2024 is strong, with growth expected to moderate to 8 per cent, taking remittance levels to \$135 billion in 2024.

The report also noted how mobile phones and digitisation have revolutionised India's financial technology ecosystem, which has positive spillovers for Indian migrants and how they remit funds to India.

The World Bank also highlighted that the growth in remittances to India will also hinge on developments in the Gulf Cooperation Council countries (GCC), as almost 29 per cent of the flows originate from its mostly less-skilled migrants employed in the GCC countries. **RUCHIKA CHITRAVANSHI**

IN NUMBERS

India's inward remittance inflows (\$ million)



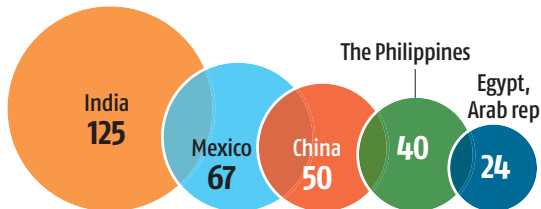
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Top remittance recipients in South Asia (\$ billion)

India	125	Bangladesh	23	Afghanistan	0.3
Pakistan	24	Nepal	11	Bhutan	0.1
		Sri Lanka	5.4	Maldives	0

STRONG SHOW

Top recipients of remittances among low-income and middle-income countries (\$ billion)



Source: World Bank KNOMAD December 2023