

Q) India's source of remittances is heavily inclined towards the west Asian countries. Substantiate (200 words)

India's remittances are expected to reach \$100 billion in 2022. This is one of the highest in the world. Despite COVID-19 pandemic, Russia-Ukraine, India has seen increase in the remittances.

Is India's source of remittances heavily inclined towards the West Asian countries?

⇒ Recently, English speaking countries are contributing to major chunk of the remittances received by Indians.

⇒ But still, remittances received by the Gulf countries are one of the highest.

⇒ Gulf countries or west Asian countries are popular for Blue collar jobs and people from Kerala, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar migrate here.

⇒ But to countries like US, Australia and UK people from service sector move there.

They go in search of <sup>higher</sup> education and eventually get a job over there.

⇒ The trend of hiring Indian employees in the west Asian countries are declining and they are hiring cheap labours from African countries.

⇒ Saudi Arabia, UAE (especially Dubai, Sharjah), Qatar, Kuwait are the favourite destinations for the emigrants. People migrate here just to make money and come back for retirement.

⇒ But in countries like US, UK, Australia → people prefer to stay there.

### Issues

- ① Brain Drain from the country → Best talents move to other countries.
- ① Human rights issues are reported in the west Asian countries.
- ① Exploitation of Indian workers.
- ⇒ India's standard of living needs to be increased in order to stop huge migration from India. Remittances definitely can increase foreign currency reserves but huge emigration can also cause negative impact on India's future.