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Q. The US hike in H-1B visa fees exposes India's dependence on foreign job markets. Analyze its implications and suggest measures for India to reduce this reliance.

Ans The US decision to hike the H-1B visa fee to \$100,000 (Approx 90 Lakh)

would affect the mobility of

Introduction:

Good - Starts with US fee hike amount (\$100,000) and links it to mobility, workload, and layoffs. Shows awareness of the immediate economic impact.

Improve - Could add a statistic (e.g., ~70% of H-1B visas go to Indians or 27% of remittances from US) to strengthen context.

into increased work load, pay differences

Body:

Good - Balanced attempt, dividing implications into positive (reducing brain drain, boosting R&D, manufacturing) and negative (mobility issues, competitiveness of Indian firms, service sector slowdown). Mentions Atmanirbhar Bharat and Digital India initiatives.

Improve - Needs clearer structure (Economic, Social, Strategic). Some positive points (FDI inflow, service sector vibrancy) could be explained more. Also missing explicit mention of Indo-US relations/diplomatic strain.

Conclusion:

Good - Concludes with the need for diversification, innovation, and diplomacy to reduce dependence.

Improve - Could end with one sharp line: "This external shock should be leveraged to strengthen India's domestic workforce resilience and global competitiveness."

IMPLICATIONS

(A) Positive

2. Reduces the brain drain of highly qualified people to the foreign country.

↳ High research and development would boost the manufacturing and production

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2. Vibrant Service Sector

↳ The sector will accommodate approx 30 Lakh new jobs in the next 4 years with 21% per annum growth rate.

3. Induces FDI

↳ Hig FDI to build the human capital and assess for viable supply chain management.

Aatmanirbhar Bharat

through initiatives like Digital India.

Skill India mission.

Concerns

→ Mability Issue :- Around 60% of people applying for visas are earning less than \$100,000.

IF sector may show slid dip due to heavy reliance on the USA

↳ Increased costs will reduce the competitiveness of Indian firms.

Thus, India must blend diversification, innovation and diplomacy to mitigate this dependence on USA.