

Q) The U.S. hike in H-1B visa fees exposes India's dependence on foreign job markets. Analyse its implications and suggest measures for India to reduce this reliance. [10Ms].

Ans.]

The US fee for H-1B visa is hiked to \$1,00,000 and upto 70% of H-1B visa applications are of Indian students. It has some implications as below —

- ↳ Reverse Brain Drain
 - ↳ The students which are now going to stay back in India can be

a human resource for India.

↳ On American firms -

↳ Smaller ones may struggle to absorb this shock and may have to compromise with employee quality.

▷ Measures for India to create new job markets -

↳ Innovation funding → As already done by GOI can create new avenues to explore.

↳ Promote domestic manufacturing
↳ Aligning with Make in India & Swadeshi wave.

↳ Skilling & ed. reform

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So, the visa fee hike is an opportunity to use the brilliant Indian brains for

Introduction:

Good – You began by mentioning the US fee hike and India's high share of applicants.

Improve – Instead of focusing only on numbers, add one clear line linking it to India's job market dependence to set the context strongly.

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Body:

Good – You covered brain drain, impact on American firms, and measures like innovation funding, domestic manufacturing, and skilling.

Improve – Try to organise the points more systematically under clear heads (Implications – Economic, Workforce, Geopolitical; Measures – Policy, Skill, Manufacturing). This would make the answer sharper and complete.

Conclusion:

Good – You ended on a positive note that India can use this as an opportunity for Viksit Bharat@2047.

Improve – Briefly add India's vulnerability and the need for migration policy reforms to directly match the demand of the question.