

**Remittance by NRIs in dollar**

649. SHRI SYED NASIR HUSSAIN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has urged the NRIs to send money for their kith and kins in dollar; and

(b) if so, the details of total dollars sent by NRIs during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI V. MURALEEDHARAN): (a) Government encourages investment by Non-resident Indians (NRIs)/Persons of Indian Origin (PIOs)/Overseas Citizens of India (OCIs) in various sectors. Investment made by NRIs, PIOs and OCIs under Schedule 4 of FEMA (Transfer or Issue of Security by Persons Resident Outside India) Regulations on non-repatriation basis, is deemed to be domestic investment at par with the investment made by resident Indians.

(b) As per data obtained from RBI, the amount of remittances, year-wise, received by India from NRIs during the last three years, is as under:

Year	Remittance to India (US \$ Million)
2015-16	65592.1
2016-17	61296.0
2017-18 (P)	69129.1
2018-19*	58311.8

\*April-Dec. 2018-19.

P: Provisional.

**Vacant posts at diplomat level**

650. DR. ANIL AGRAWAL: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of vacant posts at diplomat level in the Ministry and the reasons therefor;

(b) by when Government would be able to achieve the target of IFS Expansion Plan;

(c) the steps taken by Government in this regard along with the achievements made, so far; and