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# For Us Temporary Work Visa Issue India Moves to Wto (Download PDF)

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The United States has decided to impose high fees L-1 and H-1B categories of temporary working visas so India has filed complaint against US in the World Trade Organization (WTO). US had forced fees on L-1 and H-1B categories of non-immigrant temporary working visas category applicants into the country.

## According to India:

- With the global norms US measure are unpredictable and that would impact Indian IT professionals as it makes Indian IT companies less competitive in that market.
- These measures seem to be “inconsistent” with the terms, limitations and conditions agreed under the GATS.

## Background

- US President Barack Obama had inked into law of spending package which had introduced a hefty \$4, 000 fee for certain categories of H-1B visa and \$4, 500 for L1 visa in 2015.
- And as according to these low companies having more than more than 50 per cent of their US employees on H-1B and L1 visas were forced pay the new fee from April 1, 2016.
- H-1B and L1 visas are provisional work visas for expert IT professionals to work in US and India is the largest user of both H1B and L1 visas.

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