

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.320

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 20th JULY, 2016/ASHADHA 29, 1938 (SAKA)

CANCELLATION OF FCRA LICENCE OF NGOs

320. SHRI D. RAJA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has cancelled the FCRA licence of some NGOs including activist Teesta Setalvad's NGO Sabrang Trust;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is a fact that the United Nations human rights experts have urged India to repeal the Foreign Contribution Regulation Act (FCRA), as the law was increasingly obstructing civil society's access to foreign funding; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
(SHRI KIREN RIJJU)

(a)& (b): Yes Sir, Government has cancelled the registration under Foreign Contribution Regulation Act, 2010 (FCRA) of NGOs including Teesta Setalvad's NGO Sabrang Trust for violation of provisions of FCRA, 2010. Details of cancelled FCRA registration of NGOs is as under :-

Year	No. of FCRA registration cancelled
2012	4138
2013	4
2014	59
2015	10020
2016 (till date)	1

The names of associations against whom action of cancellation has been taken are available on the website www.fcraonline.nic.in of the Ministry of Home Affairs.

(c) & (d): Ministry of External Affairs has communicated a write up containing certain views of UN Human rights experts on FCRA provisions. The Government is also aware about the one sided and biased views expressed by certain persons / associations regarding the cancellation of FCRA Registration. Ministry of Home Affairs has clarified the position against these one sided views earlier. The Ministry of Home Affairs is mandated to administer the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act, 2010 (FCRA 2010), for regulating the receipt and utilization of foreign contribution by the associations. As and when reports are received against any association for alleged violation of the Act, action is initiated against the alleged violators after following due process as prescribed in the FCRA, 2010 and FCRR, 2011. Reasonable opportunities like furnishing of information to a standard questionnaire, inspection of records, issuing a show-cause notice, personal appearances, if required, are given to the associations before taking a final decision regarding cancellation of FCRA

registration. The cancellation order etc. are also subject to judicial scrutiny. Further for maintaining transparency all orders, Notifications etc., are placed on website www.fcraonline.nic.in of the Ministry of Home Affairs.
