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1. SUMMARY

- 1.01** The FC(R) A Rules, 2026, have inserted a new Rule 9(1B), which requires all organizations to specify the specific purpose(s) and the area(s) of operation. Prior to this amendment, u/s 11(1) of FCRA 2010, the certificate of registration was granted under 5 board definite categories viz. Cultural, Economic, Educational, Religious and Social. However, it did not specify the nature of activities or sub- purpose(s) under each of these categories or the State(s)/UT(s) for which it was granted -registration was, in this sense, general.
- 1.02** The new Rule 9(1B) departs from this existing mechanism and requires the certificate itself to specify the approved purpose(s), chosen from a closed Schedule of 105 specific activities, and the approved State(s)/UT(s) of operation — with the effect that an association's activities are now restricted to its approved purposes and approved States/UTs.
- 1.03** The Ministry of Home Affairs through press release posted on 22 July 2026 5:58PM by PIB Delhi has shared a FAQ on Transparency, Sovereignty, and Democratic Accountability of FCRA. In this FAQ a clarificatory explanation has been provided, which states that the purpose is to bring greater objectivity and transparency in the thematic as well as physical area of operation of each organization.
- 1.04** In addition to the amended rules, Notification No. S.O. 3287(E) dt. 22nd June, 2026 has been issued by the Ministry, which provides a corresponding compounding provision for violation of this rule. Therefore, utilisation of foreign contribution for a purpose or in a State or Union territory for which registration has not been granted attracts a compounding amount of 30% of the amount so utilised, or ¹ 1 lakh, whichever is higher.
- 1.05** It may be noted that organisations conducting workshops or training programmes in different States shall be required to obtain FCRA listing for each State, even when the activity is a one-time event.
- 1.06** It may be noted that organisations offering online courses or virtual training programmes with participants from across India, would be required to register for all States and Union Territories from which participants are enrolled.

- 1.07** It may be noted that organisations conducting workshops physically let say at Mumbai where participants from across India come and join, then such organizations are not required to register for all States and Union Territories from which participants are enrolled.
- 1.08** It may be noted that if an organisation's approved nature of registration is only 'Social' but its activities also fall under the nature 'Education,' then it must first change its nature of registration before listing the State and purpose in Form FC-6F.
- 1.09** It may be noted that an existing organisation must apply for listing of purpose and State independent of, and before, making the renewal application that may be falling due much before the one-year time limit.
- 1.10** The listed purposes include 'Formation and strengthening of farmer-producer organisations (FPOs), cooperatives, and self-help groups (SHGs).' Therefore, it seems that the bar under section 7 (which prohibits sub-granting of foreign contribution) will not operate in such cases.
- 1.11** If an organisation's activities do not fall under any of the 105 prescribed purposes, then such organizations must discontinue such activities and engage in prescribed and permissible activities.
- 1.12** If an association misses the one-year deadline to file Form FC-6F, then the organization shall be subject to the discretion of the FCRA authorities.

2. INTRODUCTION

- 2.01** The Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Amendment Rules, 2026, have inserted a new Rule 9(1B), which requires all organizations to specify the specific purpose(s) and the area(s) of operation. Prior to this amendment, under Section 11(1) of FCRA 2010, the certificate of registration was granted under the Five board definite categories viz. Cultural, Economic, Educational, Religious, and Social. Consequently, an association registered under one or more broad heads (Religious, Cultural, Economic, Educational,

or Social) could, in practice, undertake any activity falling within that head, anywhere in India, without the certificate itself recording which specific activities or which specific States were involved.

- 2.02** The new Rule 9(1B) departs from this existing mechanism and requires the certificate itself to specify the approved purpose(s), chosen from a closed Schedule of 105 specific activities, and the approved State(s)/UT(s) of operation — with the effect that an association’s activities are now restricted to its approved purposes and approved States/UTs. This chapter sets out the statutory text, the accompanying procedural architecture (Rule 17B, Form FC-6F, and the revised fee structure), works through a purpose-and-State matrix of practical questions.

3. THE STATED INTENT BEHIND THE NEW RULE

- 3.01** The Ministry of Home Affairs through press release posted on 22 July 2026 5:58PM by PIB Delhi has shared a FAQ on Transparency, Sovereignty, and Democratic Accountability of FCRA. In this FAQ a clarificatory explanation has been provided, which states that the purpose is to bring greater objectivity and transparency in the thematic as well as physical area of operation of each organization. The relevant extract from the said press release is reproduced as under:

“Q15. What changes have been made regarding the purposes and geographical areas of operation?”

Registration certificates will specify the purpose or purposes and the State or Union Territory for which registration is granted, based on the notified list of activities. Existing registered associations have been given one year to furnish this information through Form FC-6F and are not required to seek fresh registration merely for this purpose.

An association that subsequently wishes to add or change an approved purpose or geographical area may apply through the prescribed online process. The objective

is to give associations greater clarity regarding their permitted scope of work and to enable activity- and location-based monitoring.

Existing registered associations are not required to apply afresh merely because certificates will now specify purposes and States/ UTs. They have been provided with a transition period of one year to furnish the prescribed particulars through Form FC-6F.”

4. THE TEXT OF THE NEW RULE 9(1B)

4.01 The Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Amendment Rules, 2026 has inserted the following new sub-rule into Rule 9 of the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Rules, 2011:

“Rule 9(1B) —

(a) The certificate of registration shall specify the purpose or purposes and the States or Union territories for which registration is granted.

(b) Every application for registration shall mention—

(i) the purpose or purposes for which registration is sought, chosen only from such list of purposes as specified in the Schedule appended to these rules; and

(ii) the States or Union territories in which the association proposes to undertake the activities.

(c) Every association registered before the commencement of the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Amendment Rules, 2026 shall, within one year of such commencement, submit to the Central Government an intimation in Form FC-6F specifying the purpose or purposes and the States or Union territories for which it seeks to retain its registration.”

4.02 A corresponding Schedule of Purposes for Registration has been inserted after Rule 23 and before Form FC-1, grouping permissible purposes under five heads

— Religious, Cultural, Economic, Educational, and Social — comprising 105 enumerated items in total (16, 18, 19, 22, and 30 respectively), with several religious-category items confined to activities “excluding proselytization.”

- 4.03** It may be noted that the existing associations must submit Form FC-6F within one year of 22 June 2026 — i.e., by 21 June 2027 — specifying the purpose(s) and State(s)/UT(s) for which they wish to retain registration. This is mandatory for all existing FCRA holders.

5. RULE 17B AND FORM FC-6F FOR ADDING OR REMOVING A PURPOSE OR STATE

- 5.01** The Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Amendment Rules, 2026 have inserted the following new sub-rule into Rule 17B for change of scope of registration, and it provides:

“(1) An association registered under the Act which intends to change its area of operation by including or deleting any purpose or any State or Union territory specified in its certificate of registration shall apply, in Form FC-6F, for such inclusion or deletion, along with—

(a) a resolution of the governing body approving such application;

(b) the prescribed fee.

(2) The fees payable for inclusion of additional purpose or State or Union territory under sub-rule (1) shall be in accordance with sub-rule (4) of rule 9 and the proviso thereof.

(3) The Central Government may, after such inquiry as it deems fit, approve or reject the application under sub-rule (1).”

- 5.02** The Rule 17B and Form FC-6F provide the mechanism for an association that wishes to add or delete any purpose or State/UT from its certificate. The rule prescribes a procedure to add or remove purpose(s) and/or State(s), allowing regulated expansion rather than an open-ended one.

6. THE FEE STRUCTURE FOR ADDING OR DELETING PURPOSE OR AREA

6.01 The Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Amendment Rules, 2026 has inserted a proviso to Rule 9(4), which is reproduced as under:

“Provided that the fee specified above shall be for registration to operate in one State or Union territory and to conduct activities for one purpose only; and where the application relates to more than one State or Union territory, an additional amount of rupees three hundred per State or Union territory shall be payable, and where the application relates to more than one purpose, an additional amount of rupees three hundred per purpose shall be payable.”

6.02 Accordingly, the fee structure is as follows:

Fee item	Earlier position	Amended position
Registration fee association	Single fee: Rs. 5,000	Fee for one purpose and one State/UT only
Additional purpose	Not applicable	+ Rs. 300 per additional purpose
Additional State/UT	Not applicable	+ Rs. 300 per additional State/UT

7. PENALTIES FOR COMPOSITION OF OFFENCE

7.01 In addition to the amended rules, a Notification No. S.O. 3287(E) dt. 22nd June, 2026 has been issued by the Ministry, which provides a corresponding compounding provision for violation of this rule. Therefore, the utilisation of foreign contribution for a purpose or in a State or Union territory for which registration has not been granted attracts a compounding amount of 30% of the amount so utilised, or Rs. 1 lakh, whichever is higher.

8. ORGANIZATIONS CONDUCTING TRAININGS/PROGRAMMES IN VARIOUS STATES

- 8.01** It may be noted that organisations conducting workshops or training programmes in different States shall be required to obtain FCRA listing for each State, even when the activity is a one-time event. The rule does not turn on frequency — whether an activity is undertaken once, twice, or repeatedly, any State in which beneficiaries are reached must be listed. The determining factor is where the beneficiary is located and receiving the activity (directly or indirectly, tangibly or intangibly), not where money is spent or where the eventual impact of the programme is felt.

9. ONLINE AND VIRTUAL PROGRAMMES WITH PARTICIPANTS FROM INDIA AND ABROAD

- 9.01** It may be noted that organisations offering online courses or virtual training programmes with participants from across India, would be required to register for all States and Union Territories from which participants are enrolled. If participants in a virtual programme are drawn from multiple States, each such State should be listed, since each beneficiary is receiving the activity in their own location, even though the activity is delivered virtually from a single physical location. Further, in our opinion, both under Income Tax and FCRA, activity outside India is not permissible and therefore technically participants or beneficiaries outside the country are not allowed even in online mode.

10. PROGRAMME IN ONE STATE BUT PHYSICALLY PARTICIPANTS COME FROM VARIOUS STATES

- 10.01** It may be noted that organisations conducting workshops physically let say at Mumbai where participants from across India come and join, then such organizations are not required to register for all States and Union Territories

from which participants are enrolled. In such cases the organization should be registered for the state of Maharashtra. Though participants are from multiple States but since each beneficiary is receiving the activity only at Mumbai and therefore place of implementation of activity shall be at Mumbai.

11. ORGANIZATION REGISTERED UNDER SOCIAL DOING EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITY

- 11.01** It may be noted that if an organisation's approved nature of registration is only 'Social' but its activities also fall under the nature 'Education,' then it must first change its nature of registration before listing the State and purpose in Form FC-6F.
- 11.02** This requires a two-step correction. First, the organisation must confirm that the additional nature e (e.g., education) is actually included in the registration certificate and therefore should submit form FC 6B for inclusion of the nature Education in its Registration certificate. Once the nature is included, the organisation can then select the specific purpose(s) from the Schedule of 105 through Form FC-6F.

12. CAN THE ORGANIZATION CHANGE THE AREA OR PURPOSE AT THE TIME OF RENEWAL

- 12.01** It may be noted that an existing organisation must apply for listing of purpose and State independent of, and before, making the renewal application that may be falling due much before the one-year time limit. Although the one-year window and the renewal cycle are legally independent processes, the recommended approach is to complete the Form FC-6F filing on or before renewal, rather than waiting out the full one-year period, since renewal cannot meaningfully be granted without an updated statement of purposes and States on record with the Department.

13. DOES THE NEW RULE ALLOW TRANSFER TO SHG AND FPOs

- 13.01** The listed purposes include ‘Formation and strengthening of farmer-producer organisations (FPOs), cooperatives, and self-help groups (SHGs).’ Therefore, it seems that the bar under section 7 (which prohibits sub-granting of foreign contribution) will not operate in such cases. Section 7 bars transferring foreign contribution to another person where the transfer would itself constitute ‘foreign contribution’ in the recipient’s hands. Support given directly to a beneficiary for self-consumption (cash, seeds, articles, etc.) is not treated as a further ‘transfer’ — it is an application of the contribution. The specific listing of FPOs, cooperatives, and SHGs as a purpose suggests that these institutions, when acting as end beneficiaries for self-consumption, may be treated similarly — i.e., outside the category of onward sub-grantees under Section 7. However, if such an entity is itself implementing a programme for members beyond simple self-consumption, or for persons outside its own membership, Section 7 would apply. Even where this is permissible under the FCRA, direct transfers to a registered entity such as an FPO may raise separate considerations under Income Tax law, which merit independent examination.

14. IF THE ACTIVITIES FALL BEYOND THE PRESCRIBED 105 PURPOSES

- 14.01** If an organisation’s activities do not fall under any of the 105 prescribed purposes, then such organizations must discontinue such activities and engage in prescribed and permissible activities. The one-year transition window applies only where the existing activity is otherwise a permissible FCRA purpose and simply needs to be formally listed. Where an activity does not fall within any of the 105 purposes at all, the one-year grace period is not available — the activity must be stopped or realigned immediately, since it was never a valid use of foreign contribution to begin with. The organisation should assess whether the activity can be repositioned under a different, permissible purpose (with a corresponding change to its stated objects, if necessary) or discontinued as an FC-funded activity.

15. IF AN ORGANIZATION MISSES THE ONE-YEAR DEADLINE TO FILE FORM FC-6F

- 15.01** If an association misses the one-year deadline to file Form FC-6F, then the organization shall be subject to the discretion of the FCRA authorities. There is no automatic, pre-determined consequence specified for a missed deadline. It is left to the discretion of the FCRA Department, and the organisation would be exposed to liability for compounding and prosecution as otherwise provided under the law.

16. WHY PURPOSE AND STATE ARE EXCLUDED FOR PRIOR PERMISSION CATEGORY

- 16.01** Prior Permission is inherently narrow — tied to a specific donor and a specific project already defined at the time of approval, with no general discretion for the recipient organisation to use funds beyond what was approved. Regular registration, by contrast, allows receipt of funds without prior departmental approval for each transaction, which is precisely why the purpose/State matrix is needed there — to define the boundaries of that discretion in advance. Since Prior Permission does not carry that discretion in the first place, a separate matrix serves no additional purpose.

17. CONSEQUENCES IF FORM FC-6F IS REJECTED

- 17.01** The FCRA Rules did not directly address the consequences of a rejected FC-6F application. What is clear is that approval is not automatic — Rule 17B expressly requires the Central Government to approve or reject the application ‘after such inquiry as it deems fit,’ meaning an organisation is not entitled to operate in an added State/purpose merely by filing; it must await approval. Where an

application is rejected, then the organisation would not be eligible to carry on this unapproved activity from FC fund or shall not implement program in state that is not approved.

- 17.02** If the approval is not granted, a general principle applicable to other FCRA rejections would apply — recourse through a revision application and, if unsuccessful, further recourse before the courts.

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The Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Amendment Rules, 2026

MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS

NOTIFICATION

New Delhi, the 22nd June, 2026

S.O. 3272(E).— In exercise of the powers conferred by section 48 of the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act, 2010 (42 of 2010), the Central Government hereby makes the following rules further to amend the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Rules, 2011, namely:—

1. (1) These rules may be called the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Rules, 2011.
2. (1), after clause (c), the following clause shall be inserted, namely:—

‘(ca) “key functionary”, in relation to a person other than an individual, includes—

- (i) the Director of a company;
- (ii) a partner in a firm;
- (iii) a trustee of a trust;
- (iv) the Karta of a Hindu undivided family;

- (v) an office bearer, member of the governing body, managing committee or other controlling authority of a society, trust, trade union or association of individuals; and
- (vi) any other officer or person, by whatever name called, who has control over, or responsibility for the management or affairs of such person;’.

3. In the said rules, in rule 5,—

- (a) in clause (i), for the words “Members of the Executive Committee or Governing Council of the person”, the words “key functionaries of the person” shall be substituted;
- (b) in clause (iii), for the words “Members of the Executive Committee or Governing Council”, the words “key functionaries” shall be substituted.

4. In the said rules, in rule 9,—

(a) In sub-rule (1), in clause (a), for the words “each office bearer and key functionary and member”, the words “each key functionary” shall be substituted;

(b) after sub-rule (1A), the following sub-rule shall be inserted, namely:—

“(1B) (a) The certificate of registration shall specify the purpose or purposes and the States or Union territories for which registration is granted.

(b) Every application for registration shall mention—

- (i) the purpose or purposes for which registration is sought, chosen only from such list of purposes as specified in the Schedule appended to these rules; and
- (ii) the States or Union territories in which the association proposes to undertake the activities.

(c) Every association registered before the commencement of the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Amendment Rules, 2026 shall, within one year of such commencement, submit to the Central Government an intimation in Form FC-6F specifying the purpose or purposes and the States or Union territories for which it seeks to retain its registration.”.

(c) In sub-rule (2), in clause (f), in sub-clause (ii),—

- (i) in item (B), for the words “the office-bearers or members of the governing body”, the words “the key functionaries” shall be substituted;
- (ii) in item (C), for the words “the chief functionary or office bearer”, the words “the key functionary” shall be substituted;
- (iii) in item (D), for the words, “the office bearers or members of the governing body”, the words “the key functionaries” shall be substituted;

(d) in sub-rule (4), in clause (b), the following proviso shall be inserted, namely:—

“Provided that the fee specified above shall be for registration to operate in one State or Union territory and to conduct activities for one purpose only; and where the application relates to more than one State or Union territory, an additional amount of rupees three hundred per State or Union territory shall be payable, and where the application relates to more than one purpose, an additional amount of rupees three hundred per purpose shall be payable.”;

(e) after sub-rule (5), the following Explanations shall be inserted, namely:—

“Explanation 1.— It is hereby clarified that an association having foreign nationals, other than those of Indian origin, as its key functionaries shall ordinarily not be considered eligible for grant of registration or prior permission under the Act:

Provided that the Central Government may, by order, specify such cases or circumstances in which foreign nationals may be permitted to be key functionaries of an association for the purposes of consideration of registration or prior permission, and the conditions to be fulfilled for such consideration.

Explanation 2.— For the removal of doubts, it is hereby clarified that the foreign contribution so received shall be utilised only for activities carried out in India in accordance with the association’s stated objectives and for the purposes for which such contribution has been received.

5. In the said rules, in rule 9A, for the proviso, the following proviso shall be substituted, namely:-

“Provided that an association seeking release of the second or any subsequent instalment shall make an application in Form FC-3BB and the second or any subsequent instalment shall be released only after utilisation of seventy-five per cent. of the foreign contribution received in the previous instalment and after field inquiry of such utilisation.”

6. In the said rules, in rule 12, in sub-rule (2), for the words “each office bearer, key functionary and member”, the words “each key functionary” shall be substituted.

7. In the said rules, after rule 14, the following rule shall be inserted, namely:-

“14A. Utilisation of foreign contribution for reasonable activity.- For the purposes of cancellation under section 14 and renewal under section 16, an association shall be deemed to have undertaken reasonable activity in its chosen field for the benefit of society if it has utilised foreign contribution of not less than ten lakh rupees in the last two financial years for such purpose.

Explanation.— The expression “reasonable activity” shall be deemed to include only such activity as is undertaken out of, or by utilising, foreign contribution received in accordance with the Act.”.

8. In the said rules, in rule 17,-

(a) in sub-rule (1), after the words “scanned copies of”, the words “the detailed activity report,” shall be inserted.

(b) sub-rules (3), (4) and (5) shall be omitted.

9. In the said rules, in rule 17A, in clause (iv), for the words, “office bearers or key functionaries or members”, the words “key functionaries” shall be substituted.

10. In the said rules, after rule 17A, the following rule shall be inserted, namely:-

“17B. Change of scope of registration.- (1) An association registered under the Act which intends to change its area of operation by including or deleting any purpose or any State or Union territory specified in its certificate of registration shall apply, in Form FC-6F, for such inclusion or deletion, along with—

(a) a resolution of the governing body approving such application;

(b) the prescribed fee.

(2) The fees payable for inclusion of additional purpose or State or Union territory under sub-rule (1) shall be in accordance with sub-rule (4) of rule 9 and the proviso thereof.

(3) The Central Government may, after such inquiry as it deems fit, approve or reject the application under sub-rule (1).”.

11. In the said rules, after rule 23 and before Form FC-1, the following Schedule shall be inserted, namely:-

“ SCHEDULE

Purposes for Registration

[See rule 9 (1B)]

VI. Religious:

Sl.	Purposes/ Activities
1	Construction, renovation, and maintenance of temples, mosques, churches, gurudwaras, monasteries, synagogues, and other places of worship.
2	Preservation, printing, translation, and digitisation of sacred scriptures and commentaries used in liturgy.
3	Preservation and support of institutions engaged in the study, documentation, and preservation of religious philosophy, theology and religious history (excluding proselytisation).
4	Provision of amenities for pilgrims at heritage religious sites (drinking water, sanitation, shelter).
5	Setting up of dharamshalas, langars, annadans, and community kitchens under religious auspices.
6	Conduct of religious education, moral instruction, satsangs, discourses, and meditation retreats (excluding proselytisation).
7	Promotion of devotional music, chants, theatre, and liturgical arts.
8	Documentation, preservation, and revival of indigenous and tribal faith practices, rituals and systems of worship (excluding proselytisation).

9	Protection of sacred relics, shrines, places of worship, and archaeological religious heritage primarily associated with religious practice.
10	Archiving, digitisation, and oral history recording of religious rituals, festivals, and traditions of faith communities.
11	Inter-faith dialogue, harmony-building programmes, and peace initiatives through religious institutions.
12	Religious publications, journals, and faith-based research.
13	Establishment of religious libraries, museums, and archives.
14	Faith-based counselling centres, addiction centres, and social care programmes operated through religious organisations.
15	Training in traditional sacred crafts: idol making, church art, calligraphy of scriptures, iconography, etc.
16	Burial/ cremation ground development and maintenance.

VII. Cultural:

Sl.	Purposes/ Activities
1	Archaeological exploration, excavation, conservation, and restoration of monuments, heritage sites, forts, and palaces.
2	Establishment and maintenance of museums, archives, libraries, cultural interpretation centres, and heritage walks.
3	Documentation, preservation, and promotion of folk songs, dances, oral epics, storytelling, and puppetry.
4	Support for classical performing arts: Bharatanatyam, Kathak, Odissi, Carnatic music, Hindustani music, Yakshagana, etc.
5	Promotion of contemporary arts inspired by Indian traditions (excluding political/ ideological content): visual arts, sculpture, cinema, photography, design.
6	Training and capacity-building for artisans, craftspersons, handloom weavers, potters, woodworkers, and metal workers.
7	Preservation of non-religious manuscripts, palm-leaf texts, paintings, frescoes, and rare cultural artefacts.
8	Promotion and preservation of regional languages, dialects, and scripts, including translation projects.
9	Establishment of literary academies, support to writers, poets, and translators, and organisation of book fairs.
10	Support to tribal and indigenous cultural heritage, including festivals, crafts, oral traditions, languages, and customs, excluding religious rituals and worship practices.
11	Organisation of national and international cultural festivals, fairs, and exhibitions.
12	Development of craft villages, heritage circuits, hubs, and cultural tourism facilities.
13	Promotion of traditional culinary practices, traditional sports, food festivals, and culinary heritage preservation.
14	Research in cultural anthropology, ethnography, and folk studies.
15	Archiving and digitisation of films, radio programmes, theatre scripts, and photographs.
16	Documentation and preservation of traditional knowledge systems as intangible cultural heritage (e.g., Ayurveda manuscripts, tribal medicine practices).
17	Preservation of scientific and knowledge heritage (astronomy, mathematics, metallurgy manuscripts, traditional technologies).
18	Documentation and archiving of modern historical movements and oral histories of national importance (freedom struggle, social reform, etc.).

VIII. Economic:

Sl.	Purposes/ Activities
1	Agricultural development programmes: farmer training, non-commercial input support, organic farming promotion.
2	Allied activities: dairy farming, animal husbandry, poultry, fisheries, apiculture (non-commercial).
3	Formation and strengthening of farmer-producer organisations (FPOs), cooperatives, and self-help groups (SHGs).
4	Microfinance, microcredit, and community savings institutions for poor households.

5	Vocational training and livelihood-linked short-term skilling programmes (non-formal) not leading to recognised educational qualifications.
6	Promotion of rural and cottage industries such as weaving, pottery, handicrafts, and agro-processing, undertaken with non-profit and community welfare orientation.
7	Support for socially-oriented micro, small, and medium enterprises operating on a non-profit or community-benefit basis.
8	Women's entrepreneurship promotion: tailoring, food processing, handicrafts, small-scale manufacturing.
9	Skill incubation centres and employability-oriented digital skilling programmes for youth (IT, coding, electronics).
10	Infrastructure creation for livelihoods: rural haats, cold storages, community processing units.
11	Promotion of fair-trade, ethical supply chains, and eco-friendly businesses.
12	Encouragement of sustainable community livelihood models in eco-tourism, and homestays.
13	Fisheries and aquaculture livelihood training for coastal and inland communities.
14	Green economy livelihoods: solar technicians, e-waste handlers, recycling units.
15	Job placement services, employment exchanges, and market linkages for trained youth.
16	Food processing and value addition units.
17	Digital literacy, financial literacy, technology access, and digital inclusion programmes for livelihood enhancement and economic inclusion of rural and marginalised communities.
18	Livelihood support for migrant workers and vulnerable groups, including temporary shelter-linked employment opportunities.
19	Community renewable energy enterprises (solar, biogas, micro-grids) generating local jobs.

IX. Educational:

Sl.	Purposes/ Activities
1	Establishment and management of educational institutions and facilities, including early childhood education centres, schools, colleges, universities, hostels, libraries, reading rooms, and community learning centres.
2	Scholarships, fellowships, stipends, and financial aid for disadvantaged students.
3	Adult literacy, continuing education, and night schools for workers.
4	Inclusive education for marginalized children and differently-abled children with Braille, sign language, and assistive technologies.
5	Teacher training institutes, refresher courses, and academic fellowships.
6	Establishment and running of technical, industrial, and vocational education institutions leading to recognised certification, diploma, degree, or accreditation.
7	Research institutions, think-tanks, innovation labs, and academic chairs.
8	Digital education platforms, smart classrooms, e-libraries, and distance learning.
9	Girls' education initiatives: residential schools, hostels, scholarships.
10	Education for children of migrant workers, refugees, and nomadic tribes.
11	Bridge courses, remedial coaching, and dropout reintegration programmes.
12	Environmental education (including climate change, biodiversity awareness etc.) programs in schools/ colleges.
13	STEM education programmes, science clubs, and innovation fairs.
14	Structured Sports education and training academies attached to schools/ colleges.
15	Language teaching, translation studies, and linguistic training.
16	Career counselling centres, mentorship programmes, and educational placement cells.
17	Higher academic fellowships abroad in government-recognised institutions for meritorious students from disadvantaged backgrounds
18	Value-based and ethics education in schools.
19	Awareness programmes on constitutional rights, fundamental duties, and civic responsibilities, strictly non-political in nature.
20	Disaster preparedness education: mock drills, safety training, and community insurance literacy.
21	Digital inclusion initiatives: assistive technologies for differently-abled students, rural e-learning hubs.
22	Youth leadership and civic engagement programmes.

X. Social:

Sl.	Purposes/ Activities
1	Establishment and operation of hospitals, community health centres, dispensaries, mobile health clinics, ambulance services, patient transport facilities, and emergency medical response systems.
2	Preventive healthcare: vaccination drives, health awareness camps, vector-borne disease control.
3	Maternal and child healthcare, including maternity homes, neonatal care, nutrition supplementation, nutrition rehabilitation, and community-based management of malnutrition.
4	Nutrition and food security programmes, including midday meals, community kitchens, feeding programmes, grain banks, ration support, and hunger-relief initiatives.
5	Drinking water supply projects, community RO plants, and piped water schemes.
6	Sanitation: construction of toilets, hygiene awareness, menstrual health initiatives.
7	Orphanages, foster care, adoption support, and child protection homes.
8	Old-age homes, day-care centres, geriatric clinics, and pensions facilitation.
9	Disability care, including provision of assistive devices, rehabilitation services, therapy, vocational support, caregiver support, and community inclusion programmes.
10	Rehabilitation centres for drug addicts, alcoholics, and substance abusers.
11	Mental health counselling centres, suicide prevention helplines, and community psychiatry.
12	Women's safety and empowerment: shelters, legal aid, self-defence training.
13	Anti-trafficking programmes: rescue, rehabilitation, vocational reintegration.
14	Homeless shelters, night shelters, low-cost housing, and rehabilitation facilities for homeless, destitute, abandoned, and vulnerable persons.
15	Legal aid clinics, paralegal training, and access-to-justice programmes.
16	Disaster relief, emergency response, and post-disaster rehabilitation relating to floods, earthquakes, cyclones, pandemics, and similar calamities.
17	Provision of basic civic and community infrastructure such as electrification, rural roads, solar lighting, and community halls, strictly on a non-commercial, community-welfare basis.
18	Community-based environmental protection and restoration (afforestation, biodiversity parks, mangrove projects).
19	Water harvesting and watershed management for community welfare and drinking water security.
20	Waste management at community level (solid waste, e-waste, plastic-free campaigns, recycling units).
21	Road safety: awareness, trauma-care centres, first-aid training.
22	Operation of community radio stations, helplines, and awareness platforms, subject to compliance with applicable broadcasting, telecom, and IT regulations.
23	Rehabilitation and reintegration of released prisoners.
24	Support to victims of domestic violence, dowry harassment, and acid attacks.
25	Community-level sports and recreation facilities for underprivileged children and youth (non-institutional).
26	Animal Protection, Rescue and Rehabilitation
27	Public health research: disease mapping, epidemiology, and health data systems.
28	Palliative care and hospice services for terminally ill patients.
29	Community blood banks, eye banks, and organ donation awareness.
30	Pre-disaster risk reduction, mitigation, preparedness, and resilience programmes, including flood control works, cyclone shelters, early-warning dissemination, community drills, and community emergency response teams.”.

12. In the said rules, in Form FC-2, after serial number 8 and entries relating thereto, the following serial number shall be inserted, namely:-

“8A. Details of office and service particulars:

- Name of Legislature/ House, Constituency (*in case of member of legislature*)
- Designation, Name of party (*in case of office bearer of political party*)
- Designation, Name of Court (*in case of Judge*)
- Service, batch/ Year of joining of service, designation, office details (*in case of Government Servant*)

(e) Designation, office details and name of corporation/ body (in case of employee of corporation or body) ”.

13. In the said rules, in Form FC-3A,-

(a) against serial number 2,-

(i) in entry (e), the words “, if any” shall be omitted;

(ii) after entry (f), the following shall be inserted, namely:-

“(g) Social Media accounts of the association:”;

(b) after serial number 4 and entries relating thereto, the following serial number shall be inserted, namely:-

“4A. Scope of registration:

(a) Purpose of FCRA Registration (select activities)

(b) Geographical Area of operation (select states)”;

(c) after serial number 5 and entries relating thereto, the following serial number shall be inserted, namely:-

“5A. Details of activities undertaken in the last three financial years:

Sl.	Name of project/ activity	Address/ location	Amount utilised in FY1	Amount utilised in FY2	Amount utilised in FY3
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)”

(d) in serial number 10, in the entries under column (1) of the table, for the words ‘Another “FCRA Account”, if any’, the words ‘Another “FCRA Account” and utilisation accounts, if any’ shall be substituted;

(e) after serial number 12 and the entries relating thereto, the following serial number and entries shall be inserted, namely:-

“13. Whether:

(iv) The person/ association has been constituted or established by or under a Central Act or a State Act or by any administrative or executive order of the Central Government or any State Government;

(v) The person/ association is wholly owned by the respective Government;

(vi) The person/ association is required to have its accounts compulsorily audited by the Comptroller and Auditor General of India (CAG).”.

14. In the said rules, in Form FC-3B, after serial number 13 and entries relating thereto, the following serial number and entries shall be inserted, namely:-

“14. Whether:

(iv) The person/ association has been constituted or established by or under a Central Act or a State Act or by any administrative or executive order of the Central Government or any State Government;

(v) The person/ association is wholly owned by the respective Government;

(vi) The person/ association is required to have its accounts compulsorily audited by the Comptroller and Auditor General of India (CAG).”.

15. In the said rules, after Form FC-3B, the following form shall be inserted, namely:-

“FORM FC-3BB
[See rule 9A]

No. _____

Date: _____

Darpan ID: _____

The Secretary to the Government of India,
Ministry of Home Affairs,
Foreigners Division (FCRA Wing),
New Delhi-110002.

Subject: Application for release of second or subsequent instalment of foreign contribution permitted under prior permission granted under sub-section (2) of section 11 of the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act, 2010 (42 of 2010).

I/ We (*name of person/ association*), having been granted prior permission vide order No. dated for receipt of foreign contribution from (*name of foreign source*), furnish the following particulars for release of the next instalment under rule 9A of the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Rules, 2011.

1. Details of person/ association

- (a) Name in full:
- (b) Address:
- (c) FCRA Prior Permission number and date:
- (d) Telephone number:
- (e) E-mail address:
- (f) Darpan ID:

2. Details of prior permission

- (a) Name of foreign source:
- (b) Country of foreign source:
- (c) Value of foreign contribution permitted under prior permission (Rs.):
- (d) Purpose for which foreign contribution was permitted to be received:
- (e) Period for which prior permission was granted:
- (f) Number of instalments in which FC permitted:
- (g) Number of instalments already approved earlier:

3. Details of foreign contribution received and utilised

Particulars	Amount (Rs.)
(a) Value of foreign contribution permitted under prior permission	
(b) Foreign contribution received till date	
(c) Foreign contribution utilised till date	
(d) Balance foreign contribution available	

4. Details of previous instalment

Particulars	Amount (Rs.)
(a) Amount of previous instalment received	
(b) Year of receipt	
(c) Amount utilised out of previous instalment	
(d) Balance available	

Whether seventy-five per cent. or more of the foreign contribution received in the previous instalment has been utilised:
Yes / No

5. Activity-wise utilisation of foreign contribution received in the previous instalment

Sl. No. (1)	Name and location of project/ activity (2)	Amount received (Rs.) (3)	Amount utilised (Rs.) (4)	Balance (Rs.) (5)	Remarks (6)
1					
2					
3					
	Total				

6. Details of assets created out of foreign contribution received in previous instalment, if any

Sl. No.(1)	Details of asset (2)	Address/location (3)	Value (Rs.) (4)
1			
2			
3			

7. Whether during the period under report—

(a) any foreign contribution has been utilised for purposes other than those for which prior permission was granted;
Yes / No

(b) any foreign contribution has been received otherwise than in accordance with the prior permission; **Yes / No**

(c) any violation of the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act, 2010 or rules made thereunder has occurred; **Yes / No**

(d) any change in office bearers or key functionaries has taken place; **Yes / No**

(e) any asset created out of foreign contribution has been transferred, sold or otherwise disposed of. **Yes / No**

* Wherever the answer is 'Yes', brief details shall be provided.

8. Amount of foreign contribution sought to be released in the next instalment: Rs.:__

Declaration and Undertaking:

(a) I/We hereby declare that the information furnished above is true and correct;

(b) I/We undertake that the foreign contribution already received has been utilised only for the purpose for which prior permission was granted;

(c) I/We certify that not less than seventy-five per cent. of the foreign contribution received in the previous instalment has been utilised;

(d) I/We undertake that the foreign contribution released in the next instalment shall be utilised only in accordance with the terms and conditions of the prior permission granted by the Central Government.

Place:

Date:

Yours faithfully,
(Signature)

[Name of the Chief Functionary
(Chairperson/President/Secretary/CEO/MD)]
(Seal of the person/association)

Note: The applicant seeking release of second or subsequent instalment shall enclose the following documents, namely:—

- (a) utilisation statement of the previous instalment, duly certified by a Chartered Accountant;
- (b) copy of bank statement of the FCRA designated account and utilisation account(s) covering the period from receipt of previous instalment till the date of application;
- (c) brief report regarding utilisation of foreign contribution received in the previous instalment along with photographs of activities, if any;
- (d) such other documents as may be required by the Central Government.

Certificate to be given by Chartered Accountant

I have examined all relevant books and vouchers of *(name of person/association)* for the period from to , and certify the following particulars in respect of the foreign contribution received in the previous instalment:—

- (i) total foreign contribution received in the previous instalment was Rs.
- (ii) foreign contribution utilised out of the previous instalment was Rs.
- (iii) balance of unutilised foreign contribution as on date of certificate was Rs.
- (iv) the utilisation is not less than seventy-five per cent. of the foreign contribution received in the previous instalment: **Yes / No**

(v) Activity-wise and location-wise utilisation of foreign contribution received in the previous instalment is as under:—

Sl. No. (1)	Name and location of project/ activity (2)	Amount received (Rs.) (3)	Amount utilised (Rs.) (4)	Balance (Rs.) (5)	Remarks (6)
1					
2					

I have examined all relevant books and records, and to the best of my knowledge and belief *(name of the person/association)* has

(Strike out whichever is not applicable)

(i) not violated any provisions of the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act, 2010 or rules made thereunder or notifications issued thereunder;

or

(ii) violated the provisions of Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act, 2010 or rules made thereunder or notifications issued thereunder. The details of the violation(s) are as under:

Details of Chartered Accountant:

- (i) Name:
- (ii) Member registration number:
- (iii) Address:
- (iv) E-mail address:
- (v) Date of issue of certificate:

Place:

Date:

(Signature of Chartered Accountant)

Name:

Membership No.:

(Seal)".

16. In the said rules, in Form FC-3C,-

(a) after serial number 11 and entries relating thereto, the following serial number and entries shall be inserted, namely:-

“12. Whether:

- (i) The person/ association has been constituted or established by or under a Central Act or a State Act or by any administrative or executive order of the Central Government or any State Government;
- (ii) The person/ association is wholly owned by the respective Government;
- (iii) The person/ association is required to have its accounts compulsorily audited by the Comptroller and Auditor General of India (CAG).”;

(b) in the note at the end of the form, after clause (b), the following clause shall be inserted, namely:-

“(c) year wise detailed activity report of last three financial years”.

17. In the said rules, in Form FC-4,

(a) against serial number 1, after clause (b), the following clauses shall be inserted, namely:-

“(c) Official website of the person/ association:

(d) Social media accounts of the person/ association.”;

(b) against serial number 2, in clause (ii),

(i) in sub-clause (a), in the table, in column (3), for the column heading “Institutional/ Individual”, the column heading “Institutional/ Individual/ Donor Advised Funds/ Other intermediary remittance vehicles” shall be substituted;

(ii) after sub-clause (a), the following sub-clause shall be inserted, namely:-

“(aa) Details of ultimate donors in case of Donor Advised Funds/ Other intermediary remittance vehicles:

Sl.	Name of intermediary	Nature of intermediary (Donor Advised Funds/ Other intermediary remittance vehicles)	Name of ultimate donor	Address of ultimate donor	Email Address of ultimate donor	Amount Rs.
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)

(c) against serial number 3, in clause (a),

(i) after the words and brackets “(in rupees)”, the words and brackets “[Detailed activity report shall be attached]” shall be inserted;

(ii) after the table and before sub-clause (i), the following shall be inserted, namely:-

“Sl.	Name of project/ activity	Address/ location	Amount utilised on		
			Project/ activity	Fresh Assets	Admin. Exp.
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)”

(d) after serial number 8 and the entries relating thereto, the following serial number and entries shall be inserted, namely:-

“ 8A. Details of publications brought out by the association:

(i) Whether the association or its key functionaries has brought out any publication during the year: Yes/ No

(ii) If yes, details of the publications:

Date of publication	Nature of mass communication (Book, magazine, Newspaper article etc.)	Title	Published in/ on (Name of newspaper/ website where it is hosted etc.)	Brief description of the article
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)

Note: As per Sec. 3(1)(g), the association shall not engage in production or broadcast of any news or current affairs related matters through any mode of mass communication”

(e) against serial number 9,

- (i) in clause (v), for the entry “date of issue of certificate;”, the following entry shall be substituted, namely:-
“date of issue and UDIN of certificate;”
- (ii) after clause (v), the following clause shall be inserted, namely:-
“(va) UDIN of the separate audited financial statements maintained for foreign contribution;”

18. In the said rules, after Form FC-6E, the following form shall be inserted, namely:-

“FORM FC-6F
[See rules 9(1B) and 17B]

To
The Secretary,
Government of India,
Ministry of Home Affairs,
Foreigners Division (FCRA Wing),
New Delhi – 110002

Subject: Application for inclusion of purpose / State / Union Territory in Certificate of Registration

1. Association Details

- 1.1 FCRA Registration Number: _____
- 1.2 Name of Association: _____
- 1.3 Address (as per FCRA records): _____
- 1.4 Nature of Association: (Society / Trust / Section 8 Company / Other) _____
- 1.5 Email ID: _____
- 1.6 Telephone Number: _____

2. Application for Inclusion/ deletion

- 2.1 Purpose to be added: _____
- 2.2 State/UT to be added: _____
- 2.3 Purpose to be deleted: _____
- 2.4 State/UT to be deleted: _____

3. Declaration

I, _____ (name), _____ (designation), authorised signatory of the association,
hereby declare that the information furnished above is true and correct.

[Name of the chief functionary
(Chairperson/ President/ Secretary/ CEO/ MD) in block letters]
(Seal of the person/ association)

Note: Applicant intimating change of state/ UT and/or purpose shall also enclose a copy of Resolution of the Governing body passed before effecting the change.”.

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GAYA PRASAD, Jt. Secy.

Note : The principal rules were published in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary, Part II, Section 3, Sub- section (i), *vide* notification number G.S.R. 349(E), dated the 29th April, 2011 and subsequently amended, *vide* G.S.R. 292(E), dated the 12th April, 2012, G.S.R. 966 (E), dated the 14th December, 2015, G.S.R. 199 (E), dated the 7th March, 2019, G.S.R. 659 (E), dated the 16th September, 2019, G.S.R. 695(E), dated the 10th November, 2020, G.S.R. 506(E), dated the 1st July, 2022, G.S.R. 683(E), dated the 22nd September, 2023, G.S.R. 790(E), dated the 31st December, 2024 and G.S.R. 342(E), dated the 26th May, 2025.