

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2428**

**TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 09<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2021/ PHALGUNA 18, 1942 (SAKA)**

**NEW GUIDELINES TO BANKS ON FCRA**

**2428. SHRI V.K.SREEKANDAN:**

**Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

**(a) whether the Government has issued new guidelines to banks on Foreign Contributions Regulation Act (FCRA) rules recently;**

**(b) if so, the details thereof;**

**(c) whether it is true that the donations received in Indian rupees by non-governmental organisations and associations from any foreign source, even if that source is located in India at the time of such donation, should be treated as foreign contribution; and**

**(d) if so, the reasons that necessitated the Government to bring in such guidelines?**

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS  
(SHRI NITYANAND RAI)**

**(a) & (b): The Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Amendment Act, 2020 came into force on 29<sup>th</sup> September, 2020. Consequently, the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Rules, 2011 were also amended and notified in the Gazette on 10<sup>th</sup> November, 2020. A revised Charter for Banks in the context of the amended Section 17 of the FCRA, 2010 has been uploaded**

on the web portal of FCRA i.e [www.fcraonline.nic.in](http://www.fcraonline.nic.in) of the Ministry of Home Affairs.

**(c) & (d):** “Foreign Contribution” is defined under Section 2(1)(h) of the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act, 2010. Similarly, “foreign source” has also been defined in Section 2 (1)(j) of the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act, 2010.

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