PUBLIC NOTICE

Section 19 of Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act, 2010 provides that every person who has been granted a certificate or given prior approval under this Act shall maintain account of receipt and utilization of foreign contribution in such form and manner as may be prescribed. Further, Rule 17 of Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Rules, 2011 provides that every person who receives foreign contribution under the Act shall submit a signed or digitally signed report electronically online in form FC-4 with scanned copy of the income and expenditure statement, receipt and payment account and balance sheet for every financial year beginning on 1st day of April within 9 months of the closure of the financial year. A NIL report shall be furnished even if no foreign contribution is received during a financial year.

2. One month period was allowed from 15th May, 2017 to 14th June, 2017 to 18523 associations to upload their annual returns for FYs 2010-11 to 2014-15 without payment of penalty. While 13,681 associations responded either by filing the Annual Returns or replying to the show cause notices, 4842 associations (list enclosed) did not respond despite repeated opportunities. Registration of 4842 organizations was therefore, cancelled under Section 14 of Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act, 2010 (FCRA, 2010) for non-filing of annual returns (F.Y. 2010-11 to 2014-15). It is found that all these organizations have either not filed the annual returns for any year for the period FY 2010-11 to 2014-15 or filed annual returns for less than 03 years.

3. While the Government is committed to ensure compliance of the provisions of FCRA, 2010 and Rules made thereunder, all these organizations (4842) are given one more opportunity to file their Annual Returns for the missing years for the period 2010-11 to 2015-16 with penalty on our website fcraonline.nic.in within 30 days.

4. In case the organization has been granted exemption under Section 50 of the FCRA, 2010 and exempted from the operations of all the provisions of the FCRA, 2010 a copy of the order may be enclosed along with the representation.

5. Kindly note that representation, if any, shall be accepted online only at fcraenewal-mha@gov.in. Please also note that window opened for filing of annual returns by aforesaid cancelled organizations will be available for 30 days only i.e. till 18th October, 2017.

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