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PUBLIC NOTICE

SUBMISSION OF ANNUAL RETURNS ONLINE

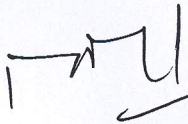
It is intimated that as per Rule 17 of Foreign Contribution Regulation (Amendment) Rules, 2015, every person who receives foreign contribution under the Act, shall submit a signed or digitally signed report electronically online in Form-4 with scanned copies of income and expenditure statement, receipt and payment account and balance sheet for every financial year beginning on the 1st day of April within nine months of the closure of the financial year.

“Provided that where foreign contribution has not been received or utilized during a financial year, it shall not be required to enclose certificate from Chartered Accountant or income and expenditure statement or receipt and payment account or balance sheet with Form-4”

2. This Ministry has issued three public notices dated 22.12.2015, 22.07.2016, 10.09.2016 and dated 28.11.2016, available on FCRA's website, wherein it was emphasized that all the persons who are either registered or have been granted prior permission to receive foreign contribution are required to file their annual returns for the financial year 2014-15 onwards online in form FC-4 through MHA's website: <https:fraonline.nic.in/home/index.aspx> and informed that hard copy of these returns would not be accepted.

3. However, it is seen that many persons have submitted hard copy of the said returns pertaining to the financial years 2014-15 & 2015-16 which have not been accepted and treated as if 'Not received'.

4. Therefore, all persons who are either registered or have been granted prior permission to receive foreign contribution, are once again advised to file their annual return for the financial year 2014-15 onwards online only and it is informed that hard copy, if received, will not be accepted and treated as if 'Not received'. All such persons will be liable for consequential penal action under the FCRA, 2010 and Rules made thereunder.

  
16/12/16

(Mukesh Mittal)  
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