No.II/21022/36(0025)/2025/FCRA-II Government of India Ministry of Home Affairs (Foreigners-II Division-FCRA)

1st Floor, Major Dhyan Chand National Stadium India Gate Circle, New Delhi Dated: 7th April, 2025

PUBLIC NOTICE

Subject: Proposal regarding processing of prior permission application under FCRA, 2010.

Under the FCRA, 2010, every person having a definite cultural, economic, educational, religious or social programme may, if it is not registered with the Central Government under section 11(1), accept any foreign contribution only after obtaining the prior permission of the Ministry of Home affairs by making an application in the prescribed format and such prior permission shall be valid for the specific activities or projects for which it is obtained and from the specific source

- 2. The Central Government in exercise of powers conferred under Section 46 of FCRA, 2010, hereby directs that validity period for receiving and utilising the foreign contribution through an application of prior permission shall be as follows:
 - a) The Validity period for receiving foreign contribution shall be 3 years from the date of approval of the application for prior permission.
 - b) The validity period for utilising the said foreign contribution shall be 4 years from the date of approval of the application for prior permission.
- 3. Further, in respect of prior permission applications which have already been approved and where the remaining period of the approved project/ activity in the prior permission is more than 3 years, the above time limit shall be reckoned from the date of issue of this order instead of the date of approval of the application for prior permission.
- 4. Notwithstanding the provisions at para 2 & 3 above, the competent authority in the Ministry of Home Affairs may allow for extension in the above

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mentioned validity period for an association/organisation on case to case basis, based on the merits of the case.

- 5. Any receipt or utilisation of the foreign contribution beyond the above said time limits shall be a violation of FCRA, 2010 and in case of any violation, necessary punitive action shall be taken.
- 6. This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

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