

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3042

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FOREIGN CONTRIBUTION REGULATION ACT

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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a large number of voluntary organisations are receiving foreign assistance under Foreign Contribution (Regulation Act), 1976;
- (b) if so, the total amount received by these organisations during the last three years;
- (c) whether there is any mechanism to keep a check on the funds;
- (d) the details of organisations receiving foreign contributions who failed to file their return; and
- (e) the action taken against them by the Government ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS

(SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Voluntary associations reported the receipt of foreign contribution amounting to Rs.2864.51 crores during the year 1997-98, Rs.2571.69 crores in 1996-97 and Rs.2168.85 crores in 1995-96, under the provisions of the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act, 1976. The data for 1998-99 is being compiled. The annual returns for the year 1999-2000 from the voluntary associations are not yet due.

(c) Under Rule 4(a) of the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Rules, 1976, associations coming under the purview of the said Act, are required to furnish intimation in regard to receipt and utilisation of foreign contribution by them, on yearly basis, duly certified by a Chartered Accountant, to the Ministry of Home Affairs. These returns are scrutinised.

The Government of India are empowered to order an inspection of accounts or records under section 14, or audit books of accounts of such associations under section 15-A, if it has any grounds to suspect that any provision of the Act has been or is being contravened.

(d)&(e) 919 associations, registered under the Act, were placed in the Prior Permission category during the period from 1996-97 to 1998-99, for their failure to submit the prescribed return.