

Who is eligible/not eligible to receive Foreign Contribution?

The act says any association having a definite, cultural, economic, educational religious or social programme can receive foreign contribution after it obtains the prior permission of the central government, or gets itself registered with the central government. These are two separate things. An NGO in its formative stages cannot get registered under FCRA. So you have to go for what is called as prior permission.

Here is an NGO in the USA. It wants to send you 5,000 dollars. So you take prior permission to take only 5000 US dollars from this particular source. Get a commitment letter. And you apply to receive only 5000US dollars from that source. Till you are three years old, from case to case you go for prior permission. After you are three years old you will qualify for a permanent registration.

Speaker: Who cannot receive foreign contribution?

- A candidate for election
- Correspondent, columnist, cartoonist, editor, owner, printer or publisher of a registered newspaper.
- Judge, government servant or employee of any corporation
- Member of any legislation

Political party or office bearer