

When did the FCRA law become effective?

**Speaker:** In 2010, the FCRA Act was passed in both houses of Parliament in August. In September it received the President's assent and it became a law. Now one question that needs to be asked here is that when did the new law become effective?

**Speaker:** It became effective from 1st May, 2011. Why was there such a gap between the day it was passed and it being effective in May?

**Speaker:** The President gave his assent on 26th September, 2010 and the law became effective on May 2011. It was notified in the April 29<sup>th</sup> Gazette and brought into effect. When the Act was passed in both the houses, the rules were not framed. It took six months to frame the rules and put in the public domain. We had an interaction with the Joint Secretary of Home Affairs Ministry on these rules, after which they were put in the public domain for one month in March, 2011. Post 31st March, the Ministry took one month to finalize the rules and therefore, the Act was notified on 29th April and made effective from 1st May, 2011. Hence, the FCRA Act is 2010 but the rules are 2011.