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Government of India
Ministry of Home Affairs
Foreigners-II Division, Monitoring Unit

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## **PUBLIC NOTICE**

Subject:- Payment of compounding and fees from the FCRA bank account of the FCRA association whose validity has been expired – regarding.

The Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) administers the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act, 2010 (FCRA, 2010) and rules made thereunder which regulates the receipt of foreign contribution by NGOs/ Voluntary organizations / associations and its utilization for bonafide activities as per law.

- 2. As per Rule 12(5) of the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Rules, 2011 (FCRR, 2011), no person whose certificate of registration has ceased to exist shall either receive or utilize foreign contribution until the certificate is renewed. Accordingly, such NGOs/associations whose registration has ceased after expiry of validity period, are not able to make payment of compounding and fees from the FCRA bank account.
- 3. In view of above, this Ministry, in exercise of the powers conferred under section 50 of the FCRA, 2010, has now allowed association(s) whose FCRA registration validity has expired, to pay the compounding penalty and fees from the FCRA bank account held with State Bank of India, New Delhi Main Branch, through FCRA online portal by introducing "SBI Branch Payment". However, any other receipt/utilisation from FCRA bank account, during this period, would amount to the violation of FCRA, 2010 and liable for penal action.

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