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Q8

Examine critically the recent changes in the rule governing foreign funding of NGOs under the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act (FCRA), 1976.

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Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act, 1976

Original statute regulating foreign donations; repealed and replaced by the 2010 Act, which is the law administered in the 2010s.

Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act, 2010

Requires registration or prior permission, a designated bank account, annual returns, and bars specified persons from receiving foreign contribution.

Administrative-expense ceiling

The 2010 scheme limits the share of foreign contribution that may be spent on administration, hitting staff-heavy advocacy groups hardest.

Article 19(1)(c)

Freedom of association; FCRA does not repeal it, but licensing and cancellation can burden it and must still meet **Article 14** fairness.

Prior permission

Route for an organisation that is not registered, or that has been placed on a watch list, to take a specific foreign grant with Home Ministry clearance.

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