Centre to Refer FCRA Amendment Bill 2026 to Joint Parliamentary Committee

Union Government decided to move a resolution in Lok Sabha to refer the FCRA Amendment Bill 2026 to a Joint Parliamentary Committee.

The FCRA Amendment Bill 2026 seeks to modify rules regarding foreign contributions and the management of assets of non-registered entities.

KEY EXAM POINTS

- Union government decided to refer the **Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Amendment Bill, 2026** to a **Joint Parliamentary Committee**.
- A resolution to send the Bill to JPC is expected to be moved in **Lok Sabha** on **August 12, 2026**.
- Proposed amendments involve government control over **assets** of organisations that lose **FCRA registration**.
- Opposition parties demanded the complete **withdrawal** of the Bill, citing excessive **executive powers** .

STATICS & SYLLABUS FOCUS

The **Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act** (FCRA) was originally enacted in **1976** during Emergency to prevent foreign influence in national affairs.

Major reform to FCRA took place in **2010**, which consolidated regulations and mandated registration renewal every **5 years**.

FCRA is administered by the **Ministry of Home Affairs** (**MHA**) under the Central Government.

A **Joint Parliamentary Committee** (JPC) is an **ad hoc** parliamentary committee formed to scrutinize specific bills or issues.

A JPC usually has members from both **Lok Sabha** and **Rajya Sabha** in a **2:1 ratio**.

Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Amendment Act **2020** prohibited transfer of foreign funds to other persons/NGOs and made **Aadhaar** mandatory for key functionaries.

REVISION FLASHCARD

FCRA originally enacted in 1976; administered by Ministry of Home Affairs; JPC ratio usually 2:1 (LS:RS).

Syllabus Relevance: High relevance for Group 1 & 2 Prelims and Mains on Parliamentary processes (JPC) and FCRA provisions.