'Registration of 14,800 NGOs nixed for FCRA violations in past 5 yrs'

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New Delhi: Over Rs 50,000 crore was received as foreign contributions by various NGOs and associations in India over a period of three years from 2015-16 to 2017-18, the home ministry said on Tuesday. Foreign contributions rose in 2017-18 to Rs 16,894 crore from Rs 15,343 crore in 2016-17, even though the government said it had cancelled the registration of over 14,800 associations under the Foreign Contributions (Regulation) Act in the past five years.

Junior home minister Nityanand Rai, in reply to a written question in Lok Sabha, said foreign donations received by FCRA-registered bodies fell from Rs 17,803 crore in 2015-16 to Rs 15,343 crore in 2016-17 but picked up in 2017-18. “Registration of more than 14,800 associations has been cancelled during the last five years because they committed violations of the provisions of FCRA, 2010,” he said.

Over 1L declared aliens in Assam till March: The government on Tuesday said 1.17 lakh people were declared foreigners by tribunals set up in Assam till March this year. At present, 100 foreigners’ tribunals are functional in different districts in Assam, junior home minister G Kishan Reddy informed LS.

Over 960 terrorists killed in past five yrs in J&K: Over 960 terrorists were neutralised in counter-terror operations in Jammu & Kashmir over the past five years, though this also led to the deaths of 413 security personnel, the home ministry informed the Lok Sabha on Tuesday.

41k Pak nationals living in India: As many as 41,331 Pakistan nationals and 4,193 Afghan nationals belonging to religious minorities in their respective countries were reported to be living in India on long-term visas as on December 31, 2018, the MHA told LS on Tuesday.