

The **Joint Action Forum on Minorities (JAFM)** welcomes the decision of the Union Government to refer the **Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Amendment Bill, 2026** to a **Joint Parliamentary Committee (JPC)** for detailed examination.

Although the Government has not agreed to withdraw the **FCRA Amendment Bill, 2026** entirely, the Union Government's decision to refer the Bill to the Joint Parliamentary Committee is a **positive and constructive step**. The referral provides an important opportunity for detailed parliamentary scrutiny, wider stakeholder consultation and a comprehensive examination of the concerns raised by Churches, charitable organisations, educational institutions, healthcare institutions, legal experts, civil society organisations and minority representatives across the country.

JAFM has consistently maintained that the proposed amendments have serious implications for institutions engaged in charitable, educational, healthcare, humanitarian, social-service and religious activities. From the outset, JAFM has therefore demanded the **withdrawal of the Bill**. In the alternative, JAFM had urged the Government to refer the Bill to a **Joint Parliamentary Committee for comprehensive examination**, allowing all affected stakeholders to place their concerns and recommendations before Parliament.

The referral to the JPC now enables us to **engage constructively with the parliamentary process and receive further comments, representations and suggestions from stakeholders across the country**.

The campaign undertaken by JAFM over the past several months has been sustained, peaceful, democratic and constitutional.

## **BEGINNING OF THE NATIONAL CAMPAIGN**

On **3 April 2026**, **Thiru M.K. Stalin, then Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu and President of the DMK**, wrote to the Hon'ble Prime Minister expressing deep concern over the proposed FCRA Amendment Bill, 2026 and strongly urging its immediate withdrawal. Thiru Stalin highlighted the possible impact of the proposed amendments on charitable, educational and healthcare institutions and raised important constitutional concerns relating to **Articles 25, 29, 30 and 300A**.

On **16 April 2026**, JAFM, under the Chairmanship of **Thiru P. Wilson, Member of Parliament**, organised a major consultation at the **Constitution Club of India, New Delhi**. The consultation brought together Parliamentarians, Church leaders, legal experts and representatives of minority communities. The meeting helped establish a common understanding of the proposed amendments and the need for coordinated national action.

On **19 April 2026**, JAFM, under the leadership of **Thiru P. Wilson, MP**, met **Thiru M.K. Stalin, President of the DMK**, and apprised him of the concerns being raised by Churches, Christian organisations, institutions and minority representatives regarding the proposed legislation. Thiru Stalin assured his continued support for the campaign and for the concerns of the Christian community and minorities.

On **25 April 2026**, JAFM organised a **National Webinar** under the Chairmanship of Thiru P. Wilson, MP, with the participation of more than **150 Parliamentarians, Church leaders, legal experts and representatives of Christian organisations** from across the country. The

webinar enabled stakeholders from different States and denominations to deliberate on the implications of the proposed Bill and formulate a common national response.

## **NATIONAL CONSULTATIONS AND STRATEGIC ENGAGEMENT**

On **27 May 2026**, JAFM organised another **National Consultation** to expand the network and strengthen coordination across denominations, institutions and regions.

On **29 May 2026**, a **Strategic Consultation** was held under the Chairmanship of Thiru P. Wilson, MP. The consultation focused on legal advocacy, political outreach, media engagement and organisational coordination, with the objective of ensuring that the concerns of stakeholders were taken to every appropriate democratic forum.

On **30 May 2026**, JAFM met **Mr. N. Ram, Director, The Hindu Group**, as part of its wider public and media engagement. The meeting focused on the implications of the proposed legislation and the importance of ensuring that the concerns of affected institutions and communities received informed public attention.

On **17 June 2026**, JAFM conducted a major **National Leaders' Consultation from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.**, with more than **100 leaders** participating. The consultation discussed national, State and district-level coordination, legal strategy, media engagement, political outreach, prayer initiatives and the proposed National Protest Day.

On **23 June 2026**, JAFM conducted a dedicated **Healthcare Consultation**, engaging healthcare leaders and representatives regarding the implications of the proposed Bill for **hospitals, medical colleges and healthcare institutions**. The consultation highlighted the significant public-service role performed by such institutions and the need for any regulatory framework to take their practical realities into account.

On **24 June 2026**, the **National Core Committee of JAFM**, under the Chairmanship of Thiru P. Wilson, MP, met to coordinate the national strategy and finalise the forthcoming programmes.

On **26 June 2026**, JAFM held a **Press Conference** to publicly explain its concerns regarding the proposed legislation and announce a nationwide programme of prayer, peaceful protest, signature collection, submission of memoranda and political engagement.

## **NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER AND FASTING — 28 JUNE 2026**

On **28 June 2026**, JAFM called upon Churches, Christian families, mission organisations and believers across India to observe a **National Day of Prayer and Fasting**.

A national online prayer programme was conducted from **4:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.**, chaired by **Thiru P. Wilson, MP**, and convened by **Mr. John Samuel**. More than **500 participants** joined the online prayer programme, according to JAFM.

The National Day of Prayer and Fasting was a peaceful and collective expression of the community's concerns and its hope that the Government would reconsider the proposed legislation and safeguard constitutional freedoms.

## **NATIONAL PROTEST DAY — 3 JULY 2026**

On **3 July 2026**, JAFM organised a nationwide **National Protest Day**.

Peaceful demonstrations, signature collection campaigns and submission of memoranda were undertaken across the country. Memoranda were submitted through District Collectors for onward transmission to the Hon'ble Prime Minister.

In **Chennai, on 4 July 2026, Thiru P. Wilson, MP**, along with representatives of the community, met the District Collector and submitted a memorandum addressed to the Hon'ble Prime Minister seeking withdrawal of the proposed Bill.

The nationwide signature campaign received substantial participation:

- More than **7,500 digital signatures** were collected through the JAFM online campaign.
- More than **15,000 physical signatures** were collected through the nationwide campaign.
- Peaceful demonstrations and awareness programmes were conducted in all parts of the country.
- Memoranda were submitted through district authorities seeking the intervention of the Union Government.

The digital campaign was conducted through the JAFM platform: **[www.jacfoms.org/join-the-movement](http://www.jacfoms.org/join-the-movement)**.

## **NATIONAL CONSULTATION AT INDIA INTERNATIONAL CENTRE**

On **20 July 2026**, JAFM organised a major **National Consultation at the India International Centre, New Delhi**.

More than **100 Members of Parliament, Church leaders, healthcare professionals, educationists, civil society representatives and leaders of Christian organisations** participated.

The consultation reaffirmed JAFM's demand for withdrawal of the Bill and emphasised the need for meaningful consultation with all affected stakeholders before any substantial changes are made to the FCRA framework.

## **ENGAGEMENT WITH THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE AND MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS**

On **19 July 2026, Thiru P. Wilson, MP and Chairman of JAFM**, submitted a representation to the **Prime Minister's Office** seeking an appointment to place the concerns of JAFM and affected institutions directly before the Union Government.

The PMO subsequently forwarded the matter to the **Ministry of Home Affairs**.

On **31 July 2026**, a further representation was submitted to the **Hon'ble Union Home Minister**, reiterating JAFM's demand for withdrawal of the Bill and, alternatively, its referral to a Joint Parliamentary Committee for comprehensive examination.

## **MEETING WITH THE HON'BLE UNION HOME MINISTER - 6 AUGUST 2026**

On **6 August 2026**, **Thiru P. Wilson, MP**, led a delegation of senior Church leaders and representatives of Christian organisations in a meeting with the **Hon'ble Union Home Minister**.

The delegation placed before the Home Minister the concerns of the Christian community and institutions affected by the proposed legislation.

JAFM reiterated its principal demands:

1. **Immediate withdrawal of the FCRA Amendment Bill, 2026;**
2. In the alternative, **referral of the Bill to a Joint Parliamentary Committee for comprehensive and detailed examination;**
3. A comprehensive review of the **FCRA, 2010**, in consultation with affected stakeholders; and
4. Consideration of the concerns raised regarding **Section 15**.

JAFM made it clear that its concerns should not be understood as opposition to legitimate regulation or accountability. The demand has consistently been for a regulatory framework that is **constitutionally sound, proportionate, transparent, fair and sensitive to the public-service functions performed by charitable, educational, healthcare, humanitarian and religious institutions**.

## **MEETING WITH THIRU M.K. STALIN**

Following the meeting with the Union Home Minister, **Thiru P. Wilson, MP**, along with Christian community leaders, met **Thiru M.K. Stalin, President of the DMK**. Thiru P. Wilson briefed Thiru Stalin on the meeting with the Home Minister and the principal concerns that continue to arise from the proposed Bill. The delegation expressed its gratitude to Thiru M.K. Stalin for his continued support and for consistently raising his voice in support of the Christian community and minorities. The delegation sought the continued support of Thiru Stalin and the DMK for the withdrawal of the Bill or, alternatively, its referral to a Joint Parliamentary Committee.

On **8 August 2026**, Thiru M.K. Stalin publicly endorsed the JAFM demand and urged the Union Government to withdraw the Bill or refer it to a Joint Parliamentary Committee for comprehensive review.

## **REFERRAL TO THE JOINT PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE**

JAFM welcomes the decision of the Union Government to refer the **FCRA Amendment Bill, 2026** to the **Joint Parliamentary Committee for detailed examination**.

While JAFM remains firm in its original demand for the **complete withdrawal of the Bill**, we recognise the referral to the JPC as a **positive step**.

This decision creates an opportunity for the proposed legislation to undergo detailed parliamentary scrutiny and for the concerns of stakeholders to be placed before the Committee in an organised and constructive manner.

JAFM will use this opportunity to engage constructively with the JPC process and to **receive further comments, representations and suggestions from Churches, Christian organisations, charitable institutions, healthcare institutions, educational institutions, legal experts, civil society organisations, minority representatives and other affected stakeholders**.

JAFM intends to place before the Committee a comprehensive representation incorporating the constitutional, legal, institutional, administrative and practical concerns raised during the nationwide campaign.

The Forum believes that the JPC should provide adequate opportunity for all affected stakeholders to depose before it and submit detailed written representations.

## **JAFM THANKS ALL THOSE WHO STOOD WITH THE CAMPAIGN**

JAFM places on record its **deepest gratitude to every leader, institution and individual who stood with us during these difficult months**.

We sincerely thank all the Opposition leaders and political parties in Parliament for their united and unwavering demand for the withdrawal of the FCRA Amendment Bill, 2026. Although the Government, by majority voice vote, decided to refer the Bill to the Joint Parliamentary Committee, the strong and collective opposition in Parliament reflects the serious concerns surrounding its constitutional validity and far-reaching implications for institutions and organisations across the country. We remain grateful to all Opposition leaders and Members of Parliament who stood together in defence of constitutional rights, institutional autonomy and the interests of civil society.

We sincerely thank the **Bishops, Archbishops, Church leaders, clergy, pastors, Christian organisations, healthcare professionals, educationists, legal experts, civil society representatives, and citizens** who raised their voices for the withdrawal of the FCRA Amendment Bill, 2026.

We thank everyone who participated in the national consultations and webinars, joined the National Day of Prayer and Fasting, participated in the National Protest Day, collected signatures, submitted memoranda, engaged with public representatives and helped communicate the concerns of the community across the country.

JAFM expresses its special gratitude to **Thiru M.K. Stalin, President of the DMK**, for his consistent support and for being a strong voice on behalf of the Christian community and minorities. His letter to the Prime Minister, continued engagement and public endorsement of the demand for withdrawal or JPC referral have been an important part of this democratic effort.

JAFM also places on record its appreciation for **Mr. N. Ram, Director, The Hindu Group**, for engaging with the Forum and hearing its concerns as part of the wider public discourse.

## **THE CAMPAIGN CONTINUES**

The referral of the Bill to the Joint Parliamentary Committee is an important development, but it is **not the end of the campaign**.

Our original position remains clear: **JAFM continues to believe that the FCRA Amendment Bill, 2026, in its present form, should be withdrawn.**

At the same time, we welcome the opportunity created by the JPC referral to engage constructively and place before Parliament the detailed concerns and recommendations of all stakeholders.

The coming period will therefore be one of **detailed constitutional, legal and institutional engagement**.

JAFM will continue to coordinate with Churches, Christian organisations, charitable institutions, educational institutions, healthcare institutions, legal experts, civil society organisations and other stakeholders and will invite further representations and comments so that every legitimate concern can be placed before the Joint Parliamentary Committee.

The Forum believes that democratic engagement does not end with raising a voice. It requires sustained participation in the constitutional and parliamentary process.

**The Government has not yet agreed to withdraw the Bill. Our demand for withdrawal therefore continues.**

However, the decision to refer the Bill to a Joint Parliamentary Committee is a **positive step**, because it gives Parliament and the people an opportunity to examine the proposed legislation in greater depth.

JAFM will approach this next stage with the same principles that have guided the campaign from the beginning: JAFM remains committed to ensuring that the voices of the people and institutions affected by the proposed amendments are heard fully and fairly before Parliament.