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Profiles of Top FC Receivers (1-16)

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Overview

The yearly MHA¹ report on foreign contribution gives a list of top 25 receivers. It also gives the amounts received by them. If you combine the lists for last three years, 37 such names emerge.

Who are these people? What kind of work do they carry out? The MHA report does not say anything on this. Therefore, a brief profile of each organization has been prepared from other sources. This issue carries the profiles of top 16 receivers. The next issue will contain the rest.

Please also read the fine print at the end. It provides a summary of the limitations on this analysis.



1. Maharishi Ved Vigyan...(MVVVV)

•Registered in Andhra Pradesh •Received Rs.40.3 crores, 56.5 crores and 64.4 crores in 96-97, 97-98, 98-99 •Annual growth rate: 26.4%
•www.maharishi-india.org

There is a global network of institutions and companies surrounding Maharishi Mahesh Yogi. The group is mainly working on health, spiritual, educational matters based on Hindu Vedic culture.

MVVVV (Maharishi Ved Vigyan Vishwa Vidyapeetham) is a part of this network and

runs a college in NOIDA, near Delhi. Another member of the network is the Maharishi Ayurved Trust, UK. Then again, there is the Maharishi Global Development Fund in New York. The Fund raised Rs.63 crores in 1998. On 31st December 1998, its assets (mainly investments, pledges and bank balances) were valued at Rs.2,400 crores.

In 96-97, four FC-3 were filed with similar names:

1. Maharishi Veda V V V Peetham, Andhra Pradesh
2. Maharishi Ayurveda Prathisthana, Delhi
3. Maharishi Gandharva Ved Vishwa Vidyapeth, Delhi
4. Maharishi Mahila Education Society, Delhi

Of these four, the first one's receipts are included in top 25 category.

2. Sri Sathya Sai Central Trust

•Registered in Andhra Pradesh •Received Rs. 47.7 crores, 42.9 crores and 39.8 crores in 96-97, 97-98, 98-99 •Annual growth rate: -8.6%
•www.sathysai.org
•http://saionline.org/service_projects/sathya_sai_central_trust.html

Hindu religious-spiritual organization built around Sri Sathya Sai Baba. Is involved in social and charitable work, mainly around Puttaparthi ashram in Andhra Pradesh.

In 96-97, six FC-3 were filed with similar names:

1. Sri Sathya Sai Central Trust, Andhra Pradesh
2. Shri Sathya Sai Health, Karnataka
3. Shri Sathya Sai Trust, Karnataka
4. Sri Sathya Sai Books & Publication Trust, Andhra Pradesh
5. Sri Sathya Sai Institute Of Higher Learning, Andhra Pradesh
6. Sri Sathya Sai Medical Trust, Andhra Pradesh

Of these six, the first one's receipts are included in top 25 category.

¹ Ministry of Home Affairs

3. Foster Parents Plan International

•Registered in Delhi •Received Rs. 35.9 crores, 44.3 crores and 42.9 crores in 96-97, 97-98, 98-99 •Annual growth rate 9.3% •www.plan-internaional.org/international/about/where/india.htm

Commonly known as Plan International. It started in UK in 1937. Working in India since 1979. The International network raises funds in USA, Canada, Europe, UK and Australia. Plan is a secular grant-making agency with a focus on deprived children. It raises funds through sponsorship but works with the community as well. It works with 16 NGOs in 17 states and nearly 80,000 children in India benefit directly.

4. World Vision of India

•Registered in Tamilnadu •Received Rs. 33.9 crores, 35.2 crores and 39.9 crores in 96-97, 97-98, 98-99 •Annual growth rate: 8.5% •www.worldvisionindia.org •www.worldvision.org

World Vision India is a Christian humanitarian organization. It works throughout India on relief, rehabilitation and development programs. It is part of the World Vision International, which started in 1950.

The Indian organization was started in 1976. Main source of funds is World Vision, USA. In recent years, the Indian office has also started raising funds in India.

In 96-97, seven FC-3 were filed with similar names:

1. World Vision of India, Tamilnadu
2. World Vision of India, Andhra Pradesh
3. World Vision of India, Maharashtra
4. World Vision of India, Meghalaya
5. World Vision of India, Nagaland
6. World Vision of India, Orissa
7. World Vision of India Delhi Branch, Delhi

Of these seven, the first one's receipts are included in top 25 category.

5. Actionaid

•Registered in Karnataka •Received Rs.24.8 crores, 32 crores and 36.4 crores in 96-97, 97-98, 98-99 •Annual growth rate: 21.1% •<http://actionaidindia.org/>

Actionaid is a secular grant-making Agency. It started working in India in 1972. It is registered as the branch office of Actionaid UK². It raises funds in UK and other European countries through sponsorship of children. However, the program approach is integrated development of the community. In India, it has also initiated other efforts such as Books for Change, Praxis and Partners in Change.

In 98-99, two FC-3 were filed with similar names:

1. Action Aid, Karnataka
2. Action Aid Karnataka Project, Karnataka

Of these two, the first one's receipts are included in top 25 category.

6. Mata Amritanandmayi Mission

•Registered in Kerala •Received Rs. 34.3 crores and 51.6 crores in 97-98 and 98-99. Figure for 96-97 not available •Annual growth rate: 50% •www.ammachi.org

The mission was started in Kollam in 1979. It is associated with Mata Amritanandamayi Devi, who is a Hindu Satguru³. The mission is mainly involved in spreading her teachings but has also undertaken several charitable and educational projects, including an orphanage, colleges, hospitals, housing for widows etc.

In 98-99, two FC-3 were filed with similar names:

1. Mata Amritanandamayi Mission, Kerala
2. Mata Amritnandmayi Math, Maharashtra

Of these two, the first one's receipts are included in top 25 category.

7. CSI Council for Child Care

•Registered in Karnataka •Received Rs. 23.3 crores, 24.7 crores and 22.2 crores in 96-97, 97-98, 98-99 •Annual growth rate: -2.4%

CSI⁴ Council for Child Care is involved in supervision of hostels, orphanages, schools and centers for the handicapped. Main office in Bangalore.

8. SIFPSA

•Registered in Uttar Pradesh •Received Rs. 42.8 crores and 27.1 crores in 97-98 and 98-99.



² A foreign company limited by guarantee

³ Spiritual teacher

⁴ Church of South India

No FC-3 filed in 96-97 •Annual growth rate: -37% •www.sifpsa.org (under construction)

SIFPSA stands for State Innovations in Family Planning Services Agency. It has been working since 1994 in Uttar Pradesh on family welfare and population control. It is working in 15 districts and has funded over 80 NGOs. It was set up and is mainly funded by USAID.

9. SOS Children's Village of India

•Registered in Delhi •Received Rs. 16.9 crores, 20.3 crores and 28 crores in 96-97, 97-98, 98-99
•Annual growth rate: 29% •www.soscvindia.org

This is a secular organization providing shelter and care to children all over India. Working in India since 1964. It runs 32 'villages', which are communities for orphaned or abandoned children. Also does fund-raising in India. It is a member of SOS Kinderdorf International.

In 96-97, five FC-3 were filed with similar names:

1. SOS Children's Village of India, Delhi
2. SOS Balgram Village, Delhi
3. SOS Children Village of India, T. N.
4. SOS Children's Village Association, Haryana
5. SOS Children's Village Jaipur, Rajasthan

Of these five, the first one's receipts are included in top 25 category.

10. FPAI

•Registered in Mumbai •Received Rs. 22.2 crores, 21.6 crores and 21.2 crores in 96-97, 97-98, 98-99 •Annual growth rate: -2.4%
•www.fpaindia.com

Family Planning Association of India was founded in 1949. It has 39 branches and works all over India. Its main area of work is family planning and reproductive health. It is also involved in policy-making in these matters. It is a Founder Member of the International Planned Parenthood Federation, UK.

11. Tibetan Children's Village

•Registered in Himachal Pradesh •Received Rs. 18.9 crores, 16 crores and 27.4 crores in 96-97, 97-98, 98-99 •Annual growth rate: 20%
•www.tibetfund.org/
•<http://members.trivergent.net/~mepstein/tcvhome/>

Tibetan Children's Village was registered as a society in 1972. It is an integrated educational community for destitute Tibetan children in exile. It has established six branches in India extending from Ladakh in the North to Bylakuppe in South, with over 14,000 children under its care. It is also a full member of SOS Kinderdorf International.

In 96-97, five FC-3 were filed with similar names:

1. Tibetan Children Village, H.P
2. Tibetan SOS Children's Village, J & K
3. Tibetan Children Edn. & Welfare Fund, H.P
4. Tibetan Children's Welfare Association, Karnataka
5. SOS Tibetan Children Village, Karnataka

Of these five, the first one's receipts are included in top 25 category.

12. CASA

•Registered in Delhi •Received Rs. 17.3 crores, 20.1 crores and 24.3 crores in 96-97, 97-98, 98-99
•Annual growth rate: 18.5%

Churches' Auxiliary for Social Action is a Christian grant-making agency, but also carries out direct programs such as Food for Work. It receives food material under PL-480 from

USAID for this work.

13. Missionaries of Charity

•Registered in Calcutta •Received Rs. 14.8 crores, 17.3 crores and 29.2 crores in 96-97, 97-98, 98-99 •Annual growth rate: 40%
•www.tisv.be/mt/indmt.htm

Founded by Late Mother Teresa in 1950. A Christian missionary organization focusing on relief work with the sick, poor, children and women. Branches all over the world and in India. No information available on global fund-raising, though an article in STERN⁵ speculates that this may be Rs.450 crores annually.

In 96-97 and 97-98 two FC-3 were filed with similar names:

1. Missionaries Of Charity, W. B.
2. Missionary Of Charity, W. B.

In 98-99, two FC-3 were filed with similar names:



⁵ 10th September 1998

3. Missionaries Of Charity, W. B.
4. Missionary of Charity Brothers, West Bengal

Of these four, the first one's receipts are included in top 25 category.

14. Oxfam (India) Trust

- Registered in Delhi •Received Rs. 15.3 crores, 15.9 crores and 21.9 crores in 96-97, 97-98, 98-99
- Annual growth rate: 19.6%
- www.netecho.com/oxfam/
- www.oneworld.org/oxfam/

Oxfam India Trust is the program arm of Oxfam, Great Britain. It is a secular grant-making agency, working in India for several decades. Also involved in advocacy and disaster relief. Has several offices all over India.

15. IGSSS

- Registered in Delhi •Received Rs. 14.8 crores, 17 crores and 18.8 crores in 96-97, 97-98, 98-99
- Annual growth rate: 12.7%

IGSSS stands for Indo-German Social Service Society. This is a society established in India in 1961. It has regional and branch offices throughout the country. Receives funds mainly from Misereor, Germany. Working on tribal development and gender issues. Makes grants to NGOs across India.



16. MYRADA

- Registered in Karnataka •Received Rs. 17.2 crores, 15.6 crores and 15.2 crores in 96-97, 97-98, 98-99
- Annual growth rate: -6%
- www.myrada.org

MYRADA (Mysore Resettlement and Development Agency) is supported by 37 donors including Plan International, SDC, NOVIB, CHF, EZE and the Government. It is based in Bangalore and works mainly in Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh and Tamilnadu. It is involved in many activities, including micro-credit, watershed and education.

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There are also limitations on the present analysis.

- ❑ Foreign contribution in kind (material) is sometimes not valued or reported by receiving NGOs. The figures and analysis will be distorted accordingly.
- ❑ The FCRA dept. actually makes no real distinction between grant making agencies and NGOs. We have used the term Agency to indicate that an organization is mainly involved in making grants to other NGOs.

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