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Profiles of Top FC Receivers (17-37)

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If you look at the MHA (Ministry of Home Affairs) reports on foreign contribution for last three years, you find names of the top 25 receivers. The report also gives the amounts received by them. A total of 37 such names emerge on combining the lists for three years.

Who are these people? What kind of work do they carry out? The MHA report does not say anything on this.

AccountAble 64 provided a brief profile of the top 16 receivers. This issue continues the series, covering the rest (17 to 37). The profiles have been prepared from various sources.

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



17. Seventh Day Adventists

•Registered in Tamil Nadu •Received Rs. 19.6 crores, and 27.5 crores in 96-97 and 98-99. Figure for 97-98 not available •Annual growth rate: 18.5%

Registered as a company called Services Association of Seventh Day Adventists Pvt. Ltd. No information available on the Internet or other sources about this organization. Seventh Day Adventists are a 200-year-old Christian group who believe that Christ will return in person.

18. Caritas India

•Registered in Delhi •Received Rs. 14.7 crores, 15.5 crores and 16.8 crores in 96-97, 97-98, 98-99 •Annual growth rate: 7% •www.caritasindia.org

Set up by the Catholic Bishops Conference of India. Caritas means charity. It has twelve regional offices in India. It is part of the Caritas International (www.caritas.org). Caritas views itself as a socio-pastoral expression of the Church and is engaged in fighting poverty and for the rights of the poor.

19. Christian Children's Fund

•Registered in Bangalore •Received Rs. 22.2 crores and 24.2 crores in 96-97 and 97-98. Figures for 98-99 not available •www.christianchildrensfund.org

A secular grant-making agency with 114 projects in India. Part of an international network, with main fund-raising in USA. Funds are raised through sponsorship of children, though work extends to the entire community.

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

1. Christian Children Fund Inc., Karnataka
2. Christian Children Fund Inc., Delhi

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

20. Gospel for Asia

•Registered in Kerala •Received Rs. 26.1 crores and 14.4 crores in 96-97 and 97-98. Figures for 98-99 not available •www.gfa.org

Gospel for Asia is a Christian missionary organization based in USA. It was founded in 1979. Its aim is to spread the teachings of Jesus Christ. It also trains and supports missionaries and sets up churches. In 1999, it raised Rs.70 crores. Of this, about Rs.52 crores was spent on direct program.

The Indian branch receives around ¼ of the total budget.

21. Rural Development Trust

•Registered in Andhra Pradesh •Received Rs. 34.2 crores in 98-99. Figures for other years not available.

Based in Ananthapur. Headed by Fr. Vincent Ferrer. No other information available.

22. AMG India International

•Registered in Andhra Pradesh •Received Rs. 14.3 crores and 17.7 crores in 96-97 and 97-98. Figure for 98-99 not available
•www.gospelcom.net/amg/

Part of AMG International, an American organization, which was established in 1942. It started work in Greece; now works in 60 countries.

AMG originally meant American Mission to the Greeks. In 1974, this was reworded as 'Advancing the Ministries of Gospel'. AMG is involved in evangelization¹. At one point of time, it was accused of proselytism² in Greece.

The Indian branch was set up in 1970. It works mainly with leprosy patients and has also established an eye-hospital in Rajahmundry.

23. Lilavati Kirtilal Mehta Medical Trust

•Registered in Maharashtra •Received Rs. 14.7 crores and 17.1 crores in 96-97 and 98-99. Figure for 97-98 not available •Annual growth rate: 7.8% •www.lilavatihospital.com/about.htm

Has set up and runs the multi-super specialty Lilavati Hospital in Mumbai with 300 beds. Also has an outreach program.

24. India Campus Crusade for Christ

•Registered in Karnataka •Received Rs. 12.3 crores and 15.9 crores in 97-98 and 98-99. Figures for 96-97 not available •Annual growth rate: 29% •www.ccci.org

Indian associate of Campus Crusade for Christ, Inc., which is based in Orlando, USA. In 98-99, the US office raised around Rs.1,600 crores through several affiliated organizations. It is an evangelistic organization, working to promote Christianity in various ways, including through sports (Athletes in Action).

¹ Spreading Jesus Christ's teachings; converting to Christianity by preaching

² Religious conversion, often by inducement

25. Leprosy Mission Trust of India

•Registered in Delhi •Received Rs. 23.7 crores in 98-99. Figures for other years not available
•www.leprosymission.org/india.htm

Part of The Leprosy Mission, which is an international Christian charity started in 1874 and based in UK. Runs clinics, hospitals and community-support programs.

In 96-97, 19 FC-3 were filed with similar names:

1. Leprosy Mission Trust India, Delhi
2. Leprosy Mission Health Edn. Trg. Centre, W. B.
3. Leprosy Mission Hospital, Andhra
4. Leprosy Mission Hospital, Delhi
5. Leprosy Mission, U.P.
6. Leprosy Mission, W. B.
7. The Leprosy Mission Comprehensive H C U, Andhra
8. The Leprosy Mission Home And Hospital, Punjab
9. The Leprosy Mission Hospital, Andhra
10. The Leprosy Mission Hospital, Andhra
11. The Leprosy Mission Hospital, Bihar
12. The Leprosy Mission Hospital, U.P.
13. The Leprosy Mission Incorporation With..., Andhra
14. The Leprosy Mission Of India, Delhi
15. The Leprosy Mission Purulia, W. B.
16. The Leprosy Mission, Bihar
17. The Leprosy Mission, U.P.
18. The Leprosy Mission, U.P.
19. The Leprosy Mission, W. B.

Of these 19, the first one's receipts are included in top 25 category.

26. Coummunity Aid Sponsorship Program

•Registered in Maharashtra •Received Rs. 20.1 crores, in 96-97. Figures for other years not available.

One of the first partners of Plan International, with partnership dating back to 1980s. Also known as CASP-PLAN. Also supported by USAID.

27. Bharat Soka Gakkai

•Registered in Delhi •Received Rs. 17.4 crores in 97-98. Figures for other years not available
•www.sgi.org



Part of Soka Gakkai International. This is a religious association based in Japan, which is committed to spreading the values of Nichiren Buddhism.

28. SRM Foundation of India

•Registered in Delhi •Received Rs. 16.9 crores in 98-99. Figures for other years not available.

No information available.

29. BAPS

•Registered in Gujarat •Received Rs. 16.5 crores in 96-97. Figures for other years not available •www.swaminarayan.org/

Bochasanwasi Akshar Purusottam Sanstha (BAPS) is a Hindu religious organization and part of the Swaminarayan sect. Also involved in charitable work.

30. The Assemblies of God Church

•Registered in Calcutta •Received Rs. 15.1 crores in 98-99. Figures for other years not available •www.missionofmercy.org •www.hillcrestchapel.com/missions/buntain/

Runs Churches, Hospital, 77 schools (sponsored by Mission of Mercy³) and Bible schools. Serves eleven states including the North-east. 'Assemblies of God' is the largest Pentecostal Church and is viewed as a fundamentalist Protestant group. Active in evangelism.

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

1. The Assemblies of God Church, West Bengal
2. The Assembly of God Church, West Bengal
3. Assembly of God Church School (Hindi...), West Bengal
4. The Assembly of God Church School, West Bengal
5. The Assembly of God of North India, West Bengal
6. Assembly of God Hospital and Research Centre, West Bengal
7. Assembly of God Church Vocational School, West Bengal
8. Assembly of God Church Vernacular School, WB

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

³ A part of Bethesda Ministries of Colorado Springs, Colorado, USA

31. Central Tibet Relief Committee

•Registered in Himachal •Received Rs. 14.9 crores in 98-99. Figures for other years not available •www.tibet.com/Paljour/ctrc.html

Headed by the Dalai Lama. CTCRC (HH Dalai Lama Central Tibetan Relief Committee) was registered as a society in 1981. It serves as the relief and development wing of the Central Tibetan administration. It provides relief, rehabilitation as also social, cultural and economic support to the Tibetan refugees.

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

1. H H Dalai Lama Central Tibetan Relief Committee, H.P.
2. H.H. The Dalai Lama (H.P.) Foundation, H.P.
3. His Holiness The Dalai Lamas Charitable..., H.P.

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



32. Watchtower Bible Tract Society of India

•Registered in Maharashtra •Received Rs. 14.6 crores in 97-98. Figures for other years not available •www.watchtower.org

Based in Lonavala. Linked to the Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society of Pennsylvania, USA. This is part of Jehovah's Witnesses (www.jw-media.org). It is an evangelical organization, which provides free Bible courses. Since 1926, JW have printed 10 crore copies of the Bible in 34 languages.

33. Lutheran World Service - India

•Registered in West Bengal •Received Rs. 13.6 crores in 96-97. Figures for other years not available.

Based in Calcutta. Works directly in the field. Linked to Department of World Service of the Lutheran World Federation (LWF) in Geneva (www.lutheranworld.org). LWF represents about 6 crore Lutherans, who make up the largest evangelical Protestant Church. It spends about Rs.360 crores annually on relief and welfare in 70 countries.

34. ASSEFA

•Registered in Tamilnadu •Received Rs. 12.9 crores in 96-97. Figures for other years not available •www.gdrc.org/icm/assefa.html

Called Association for Sarva Seva Farms. Based in Chennai. Formed in 1969 as an agency to help people who received land under 'Bhoodan'. Now works in six states on multiple issues including credit, child labor, education, health, environment, etc.

35. Holistic Child Development of India

•Registered in Delhi •Received Rs. 12.7 crores in 97-98. Figures for other years not available.

Offices in Pune and Delhi. Involved in residential child care and community based programs for children. Makes grants to other NGOs working on these issues. Programs mainly in North India.

HCDI was earlier a part of CNI⁴ Council for Child Care.

36. Indian Soc. of Church of Jesus Christ

•Registered in Delhi •Received Rs. 12.6 crores in 97-98. Figures for other years not available.

No other information available.

37. Aga Khan Foundation

•Registered in Delhi •Received Rs. 11.2 crores in 96-97. Figures for other years not available
•www.partnershipwalk.com/akf/akdn.htm

Established by Prince Aga Khan (49th Imam of Ismaili Muslims) in 1967. AKF is the Indian office of the main foundation, based in Geneva, Switzerland. It is also part of Aga Khan Development Network. Provides grants and supports various development projects on health, education, rural development and enhancement of NGOs.

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

1. Aga Khan Foundation, Delhi
2. Aga Khan Education Service India, Maharashtra
3. Aga Khan Health Service India, Maharashtra
4. Aga Khan Rural Support Programme (India), Gujarat

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

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There are also limitations on the analysis. Foreign contribution in kind (material) is sometimes not valued or reported by receiving NGOs. The figures and analysis will be distorted accordingly.

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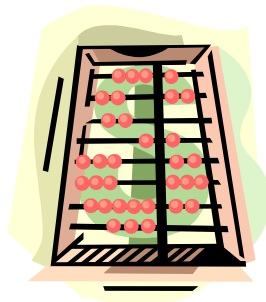
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⁴ Church of North India