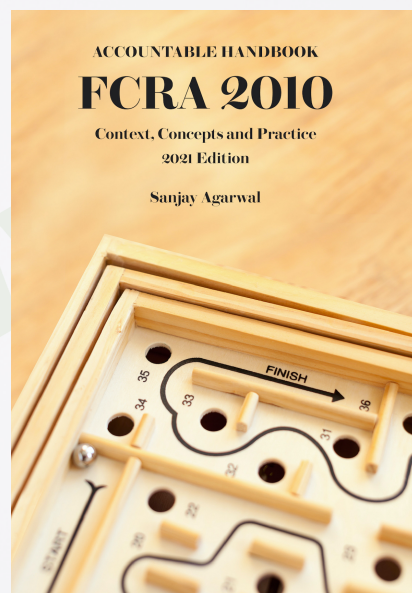


References:

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Frozen Bolt Pic Credit: Martin Vorel

NGOs whose FCRA registration has lapsed are facing a problem. They are unable to pay compounding fees using FCRA funds as their FCRA accounts are frozen.

Relaxation

FCRA Department has now announced a special relaxation. Such NGOs can use frozen FCRA funds for paying any FCRA penalty or compounding fees.

This concession does not cover use of frozen FC for other demands such as Income Tax. It also does not cover use of FC for other expenses (office rent, salaries, program expenses, etc.).

Making the Payment

The payment can only be made from NGO's designated FCRA account held with SBI NDMB. Apparently, 'Another FCRA Bank Account' or 'FCRA Utilisation Bank Accounts' can not be used for this.

Denial Cases?

Does this relaxation also cover cases where FCRA renewal has been denied or registration has been cancelled? Plain reading of the notice shows that it does not - but you should check with FCRA Department to make sure.