ANUSANDHAN NATIONAL RESEARCH FOUNDATION

(A Statutory Body created by an Act of Parliament)

Department of Science and Technology, Government of India

Technology Bhawan, New Mehrauli Road, New Delhi – 110016

G-29011/1/2026-ADMIN Dated: 1st September, 2026

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Exemption of Anusandhan National Research Foundation (ANRF) from the operation of the provisions of the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act, 2010

The undersigned is directed to say that the applicability of the provisions of the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act, 2010 (hereinafter referred to as 'the Act') to the Anusandhan National Research Foundation (ANRF) has been examined in the Foundation in consultation with MHA, which has rendered its advice vide its OM dated 27.08.2026(copy enclosed).

2. ANRF has been constituted as a statutory body of the Central Government under the *Anusandhan National Research Foundation Act, 2023* (Act No. 25 of 2023), which came into force with effect from 5th February, 2024. Under Section 16 of the said Act, the accounts of the Foundation are required to be audited annually by the Comptroller and Auditor-General of India (CAG), who has the same rights, privileges and authority in connection with such audit as in the audit of Government accounts.

3. The Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, vide Order No. S.O. 459(E) dated 30th January, 2020 [F. No. II/21022/23(37)/2019-FCRA-III], issued under Section 50 of the Act, has exempted from the operation of all the provisions of the Act, Organizations constituted or established under a Central Act or a State Act, wholly owned by the respective Government, and whose accounts are required to be compulsorily audited by the Comptroller and Auditor-General of India or any of its agencies.

4. ANRF fulfils all the conditions stipulated in the aforesaid Order, being (i) a statutory body constituted under a Central Act; (ii) wholly owned by the Central Government; and (iii) subject to mandatory annual audit by the Comptroller and Auditor-General of India. ANRF is, therefore, covered by the exemption granted vide Order No. S.O. 459(E) dated 30th January, 2020, and stands exempt from the operation of all the provisions of the Act with effect from the date of publication of the said Order in the Official Gazette.

5. It is further stated that Section 13(1)(b) of the ANRF Act, 2023 expressly empowers the Foundation to receive monies for research and development, including donations, grants and contributions from public sector enterprises, the private sector, philanthropic organizations, foundations and international bodies. Such funds will be deployed in approved programs for financing activities under the Act, including research, innovation, research infrastructure, and national and international collaboration.

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6. Receipt of foreign contribution by ANRF and the deployment of such funds in approved programs shall, accordingly, be governed by the provisions of the ANRF Act, 2023 and the financial and administrative rules and procedures applicable to the Foundation.

7. This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

(Saurabh Wadhwa)
Under Secretary(Admn.)
01.09.2026

To:

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2. Deputy Director, FCRA, Ministry of Home Affairs
3. Chief Vigilance Officer, ANRF
4. ANRF Officers
5. ANRF Online portal team — for uploading on the ANRF website
6. Guard File

F. No. II/21022/36(0001)/2025-FCRA-II
Government of India
Ministry of Home Affairs
Foreigners Division (FCRA Wing)
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Major Dhyan Chand National Stadium,
India Gate Circle, New Delhi – 110002
Dated: 27 August, 2026

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Sub: Statutory Position of ANRF under MHA Notification No. S.O. 459 (E) dated 30 January, 2020-reg.

The undersigned is directed to refer to D.O. letter No. CEO/ANRF/2026/16 dated 23.07.2026, on the subject cited above.

2. It is stated therein that the Anusandhan National Research Foundation (ANRF) has been established under the Anusandhan National Research Foundation Act, 2023 as a statutory body of the Government of India. It has also been stated that, in terms of Section 16 of the said Act, the accounts of the Foundation are required to be audited annually by the Comptroller and Auditor General of India.

3. In this regard, it is clarified that this Ministry has issued Notification No. S.O. 459(E) dated 30.01.2020 under Section 50 of the FCRA, 2010, providing exemption from the operation of the provisions of the Act to organisations which fulfill the conditions specified therein, inter alia, that the organisation is constituted under a Central or State Act, is wholly owned by the respective Government and its accounts are compulsorily audited by the Comptroller and Auditor General of India or any of its agencies.

4. It is further clarified that the assessment regarding fulfillment of the conditions specified in the aforesaid notification is to be undertaken by the concerned organisation itself. No separate exemption certificate is required to be issued by this Ministry in this regard.

5. Accordingly, if the Anusandhan National Research Foundation fulfills all the conditions prescribed in the aforesaid notification, it would be exempted from the operation of the provisions of the FCRA, 2010, in terms of the said notification.
6. This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

Yours faithfully,

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