

Withdraw Citizenship (Amendment) Bill, 2016



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Appeal to withdraw the proposed Citizenship (Amendment) Bill, [2016](#).

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Subject: Request for Withdrawal of proposed Citizenship (Amendment) Bill, [2016](#)

To: jccab-lss@sansad.nic.in

To,

Satyapal Singh, MP

Chairman

Select Committee on Citizenship (Amendment) Bill, [2016](#)

Lok Sabha Secretariat,

[New Delhi](#)

Subject: Views and Suggestions on Citizenship (Amendment) Bill, [2016](#)

Sir,

As citizens of this country we register our deep anxiety and distress at the proposed amendment of the Citizenship [Act](#) under consideration of the Joint Select Committee of [Parliament](#). Whatever humanitarian consideration prompted the proposed amendment granting [citizenship](#) to persons belonging to minority communities namely [Hindus](#), Sikhs, Buddhists, Jains, Parsis and Christians from Afghanistan, Pakistan and [Bangladesh](#), it is going to be highly inimical to the [indigenous](#) people of Assam and to the federal structure of the [state](#).

At the moment, based on Assam [Accord](#), at the intervention of the Supreme Court of [India](#) and on the instruction of the Central government, the Government of Assam is engaged in intensive updating of the [National](#) Register for Citizens (NRC) to include people permanently residing in the [state](#) till 24th March 1971 and to treat them alone [as](#) genuine citizens of the country.

The present attempt of the Central Government to extend [citizenship](#) beyond the cutoff date of 24th March, 1971 is not acceptable to the people of Assam. The [state](#) of Assam is already overburdened with high [influx](#) of foreign nationals from [Bangladesh](#), causing serious economic and social distress and identity [crisis](#) for the [indigenous](#) communities of Assam. Under these circumstances, the proposed amendment poses an existential threat to the existing [indigenous](#) communities.

In view of the above, we request you to withdraw the proposed amendment, or at the very least to exempt the [state](#) of Assam from the purview of the proposed amendment to the Citizenship [Act](#).

Further, we request you to permit the people of Assam to submit their views in their own mother language in view of the fact that neither English nor Hindi is widely known among the [indigenous](#) communities of Assam.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,

Dr. Kamal Kumar Tanti.
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