

Bengal Eastern Frontier Regulations

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The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister gave its ex-post facto approval to the Adaptation of Laws (Amendment) Order, 2019 issued by the President of India under clause (2) of Article 372 of the Constitution to amend the Bengal Eastern Frontier Regulations (BEFR), 1873.

Significance of the Move

The notification will extend BEFR to the State of Manipur to give its indigenous people protection from the provisions of Citizenship Amendment Act, 2019 and make necessary changes in the said Regulation

About Bengal Eastern Frontier Regulations (BEFR), 1873

- **The inner line regulations, commonly referred to as the Inner Line Permit system (ILP), first gained legal effect through, the Bengal Eastern Frontier Regulations (BEFR), 1873.**
- This regulation applied to the districts of Kamrup, Darrang, Nowgong (Naogaon), Sibsagar, Lakhimpur, Garo Hills, Khasi and Jaintia Hills, Naga Hills, and Cachar.
- It was further extended to the Eastern Dooars in Goalpara district, the Mokokchung subdivision in the Naga Hills, the Sadiya Frontier Tract, the Balipara Frontier Tract, and the Lakhimpur Frontier Tract along the then NEFA.
- The effect of this Regulation was to restrict the entry of persons who were non-native to the areas covered under it.

