

Foreigners Tribunal

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After the publication of the National Register of Citizens (NRC), 19 lakh people whose names are not in the list fear losing their citizenship. Now Foreigners Tribunals will deal with the cases of people who are excluded from the final list.

About Foreigners Tribunals

- These tribunals are **quasi-judicial courts mandated to hear appeals of those excluded from the final NRC.**
- People left out of the final NRC are not be detained under any circumstances till Foreigners Tribunals declare their decisions.
- These people can first approach the Foreigners' Tribunals (FT) and subsequently move higher courts if not satisfied with the FT ruling

Foreigners Act, 1946 and Foreigners Tribunal Order, 1964

- Under the provisions of the Foreigners Act, 1946 and Foreigners Tribunal Order, 1964, only Foreigner Tribunals are empowered to declare a person as a foreigner.
- Thus, non-inclusion of a person's name in the NRC does not by itself amount to him/her being declared a foreigner