The long cherished dream of the people of Assam finally becomes a reality! The National Register of Citizens (NRC) shall be updated to include particulars of only the GENUINE CITIZENS. The updated NRC shall be free of names of any foreigners or non-citizens.

### What is National Register of Citizens (NRC)?

The National Register of Citizens (NRC) is the register containing details of all Indian CITIZENS. The only time that a National Register of Citizens (NRC) was prepared was in 1951 when after conduct of the Census of 1951, the NRC was prepared by recording particulars of all the persons enumerated during that Census.

#### How will the NRC be updated?

The NRC will be updated as per the provisions of The Citizenship Act, 1955 and The Citizenship (Registration of Citizens and Issue of National Identity Cards) Rules, 2003. As per the two statutes, the citizenship status would be ascertained based on the NRC, 1951, Electoral Rolls up to the midnight of 24th March, 1971 and in their absence the following documents of pre-1971 period:

- 1. Land & Tenancy records
- 2. Citizenship Certificate
- 3. Permanent Residential Certificate (PRC)
- 4. Refugee Registration certificate
- 5. Passport
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- 7. Govt issued License/Certificate
- 8. Govt Service/Employment certificate
- 9. Bank/Post Office Accounts
- 10. Birth Certificate
- 11. Board/ University Educational Certificate
- 12. Court Records/ Processes

In addition to above, 1.) Ration cards and 2.) Certificates issued by GP Secretary (certified by Circle Officer) in respect of women who have migrated after marriage shall also be admissible as supporting documents.

# **Process of NRC updation**

Publication of all the Pre 1971 Electoral Rolls and NRC 1951 in towns and villages, on the Internet & at NRC Seva Kendras (NSKs) where public can look up and search for linkages. (2500 NSKs are being set up across the state specially for the purpose of NRC updation) (February, 2015).

House to house distribution of Application Forms (February - March, 2015).

Receipt of filled up Application Forms & supporting documents from the public at the nearest NSK (March - July, 2015).

Verification of citizenship by Verification Teams consisting of Govt officials (June - September, 2015).

Draft Publication of the updated NRC (October - November, 2015).

Receipt and disposal of Claims & Objections on the Draft NRC (October - November, 2015).

Publication of the Final NRC (January, 2016).

## How to get your name enlisted?

- Application Forms will be distributed house to house.
- Forms will also be available at the NRC Seva Kendras (NSKs) or can be downloaded from the NRC Website.
- Photocopies of Blank Application Form can also be used.
- Application Forms can also be submitted online.
- Photographs of each family member and supporting documents should be enclosed along with the Application Form.

Once the Government publishes the notice inviting Application Forms, visit the nearest NRC Seva Kendra (NSK) and submit your duly completed Application Form. For any kind of assistance, the NRC Seva Kendra will be at your service.

## **Error-free NRC**

Using latest IT techniques, a Fool Proof System shall be put in place to ensure that the updated NRC is absolutely free of names of illegal migrants & foreigners. Strong documentary evidence of residence in Assam on or before 24th March (midnight), 1971 shall be must for inclusion in NRC. Scans of all documentary evidence shall be stored in a centralised database enabling their cross-checking at any point of time by senior Govt. officials at various levels state, district (Deputy Commissioner), circle (Circle Officer). This will help them to exercise a strong check on the activities of field officials carrying out verification. Sophisticated software designed for NRC shall generate family tree allowing for stringent verification of linkage claims. Alerts shall be issued to verifying officials wherever linkage claims appear doubtful.

Your role:

Assam is the first state in the entire country where NRC updation has been taken up; this has been done in deference to the long standing demand of the people of Assam for NRC updation. It is, therefore, incumbent upon all citizens of Assam to actively participate and get their names enrolled in it making it a meaningful document for citizenship reference for years and years to come. A little effort from you will make this chapter of history a reality. Start collecting all documentary proof entitling your citizenship. Let us all stand united and make NRC a success story for us and our future generations.

To know more and for assistance